2. CEREAL VARIETY TRIALS

2.1 Long Season Barley Trial

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Aim

To evaluate a number of long season Barley varieties to assess their yield potential and quality aspects for growing in the high rainfall zone.

VARIETY INFORMATION

Franklin

Very late maturing malting variety that has excellent characteristics that the brewers like. It is classified as moderately resistant to scald although it did suffer badly from scald at a number of locations including Streatham. It has a high yield potential when sown early in the high rainfall zone on well drained soils, although it has a tendency to produce small grain with high screenings especially in a dry spring. Franklin is very intolerant of waterlogging.

Yerong A six row Barley suitable for feed only. Can be high yielding if sown early. Also has potential as a grazing variety

Gairdner

A new variety that is derived from Franklin. Appears to be higher yielding than Franklin with a larger grain size and is resistant to scald. Unlike Franklin it is susceptible to BYDV and leaf rust. Check suitability for malt production.

Tantangara

A scald resistant skiff variety suited to the early planting's in the high rainfall zone. Feed quality only. Very susceptible to powdery mildew.

Yambla

Feed variety. Good acid soils tolerance. Similar scald resistance to Skiff.

YIELD RESULTS

| | Hamilton Yield T/Ha | Hamilton % site mean | Hamilton % Franklin | Streatham Yield T/Ha | Streatham % site mean | Streatham % Franklin |
|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| | | | | | | |
| 82S:505 | 6.36 | 113 | 100 | 2.83 | 100 | 103 |
| FRANKLIN | 6.36 | 113 | 100 | 2.75 | 97 | 100 |
| GAIRDNER | 6.47 | 115 | 102 | 2.68 | 95 | 98 |
| TANTANGARA | 6.08 | 108 | 96 | 2.80 | 99 | 102 |
| VB9947 | 5.43 | 96 | 85 | 2.53 | 89 | 92 |
| WB217 | 5.64 | 100 | 89 | 2.84 | 100 | 103 |
| WB233 | 4.71 | 83 | 74 | 2.77 | 98 | 101 |
| WB234 | 4.88 | 86 | 77 | 2.68 | 95 | 98 |
| WB235 | 5.57 | 99 | 88 | 2.54 | 90 | 93 |
| WB236 | 6.08 | 108 | 96 | 2.40 | 85 | 87 |
| YAMBLA | 6.33 | 112 | 99 | 4.36 | 154 | 159 |
| YERONG | 3.91 | 69 | 61 | A Company of the Company | | 4 4 |
| mean: (t/ha) | 5.65 | 177 E | | 2.84 | 1.0 | |
| CV | 5.70 | 119 | | 10.90 | 0.00 | |
| LSD: (t/ha) | 0.56 | | | 0.54 | 75 | |

| | Overall Mean Yield T/Ha | % Franklin | % Overall Mean |
|--------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------|
| YAMBLA | 5.34 | 117 | 124 |
| 82S:505 | 4.60 | 101 | 106 |
| GAIRDNER | 4.58 | 101 | 106 |
| FRANKLIN | 4.55 | 100 | 105 |
| TANTANGARA | 4.44 | 98 | 103 |
| WB217 | 4.24 | 93 | 98 |
| WB236 | 4.24 | 93 | 98 |
| WB235 | 4.06 | 89 | 94 |
| VB9947 | 3.98 | 87 | 92 |
| WB234 | 3.78 | 83 | 87 |
| WB233 | 3.74 | 82 | 87 |
| Overall Mean | 4.32 | | |

Some of these varieties are feed varieties and some are suitable for malt production. Please check with your seed supplier for this information. Also check on maturity and disease resistance before making a decision.