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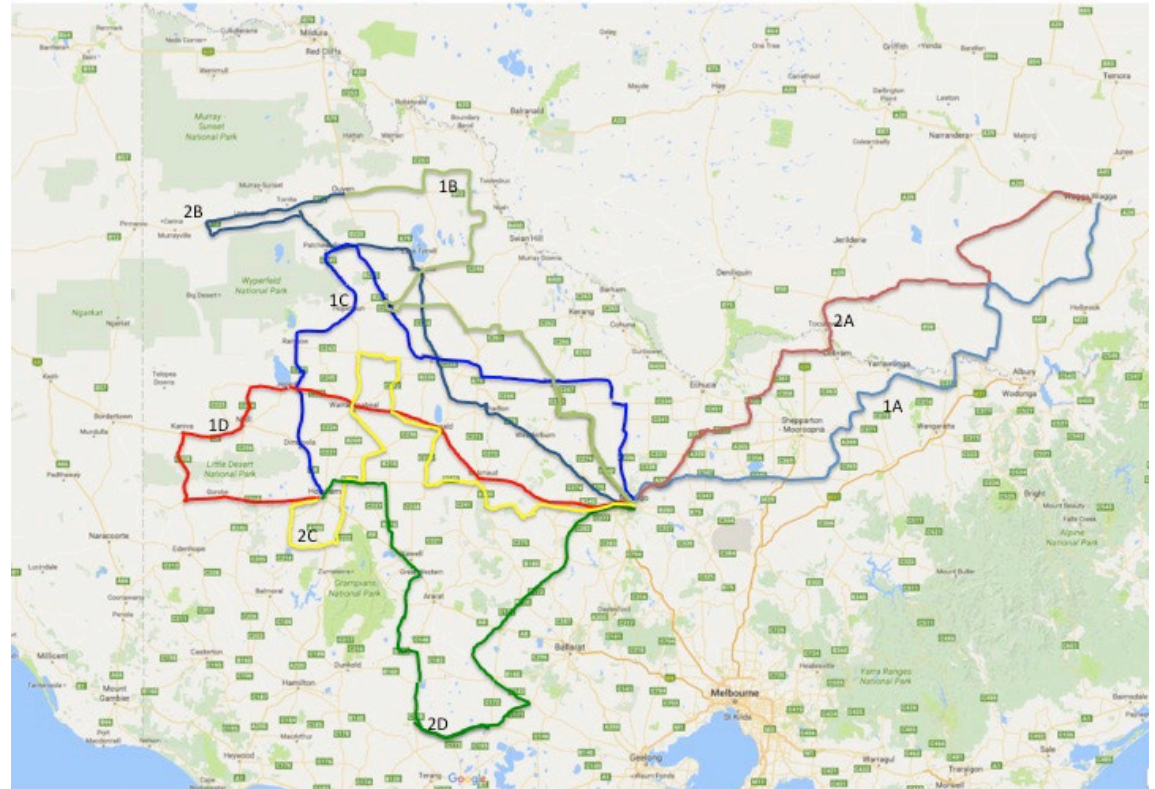
Special mention to our incredible drivers and their bosses for letting them come and join us during a work week.

We really appreciate everyone getting behind the tour and giving us the people we need to provide you with a great data set.

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Tour Routes



How the calculations were made

State yields are weighted averages using regional area estimated provided by Digital Agricultural Services

These are the yield estimates from the crops visited using factors that are used commonly by agronomists

Wheat yields south of the Divide not assessed and assumed to the same proportion of the Glenelg Hopkins yield as the 2021 census

Barley yields for the North East and south of the Divide (not assessed) are assumed to be the same proportion as the Wimmera census median

Grain weights used are 0.028 g for wheat and 0.035 g for barley which are not the highest possible but do assume good moisture for grain fill

Wheat yield has been corrected with a 0.82 floret factor to account for fewer florets in other spikelets higher in each head

Mallee and North Central numbers may be elevated due to limited randomisation the paddock choice (one car had a set paddock route). Numbers of cut for hay paddocks are not line with paddock count data.

Yields are medians of the estimates for each region

Results may include elements of bias and transcription errors but all reasonable attempts have been made to avoid them

Bias may enter in terms of the paddocks that were selected for assessment, the portions of the paddock assessed and the heads that were assessed

2025 Wheat Results



Location	2024 Yield Est (t/ha)	2025 Yield Est (t/ha)	YOY Change	Assessments 2024	Assessments 2025
Victoria					
Corangamite	5.32	4.96	-7%	5	9
Glenelg Hopkins	3.29	4.23	29%	10	13
Goulburn Broken	2.75	2.40	-13%	40	46
Mallee	1.46	1.85	26%	81	79
North Central	2.5	2.71	9%	101	87
North East	2.75	2.71	-1%	0	0
Port Phillip & Western Pt	2.58	2.71	5%	0	0
Wimmera	2.13	2.50	17%	49	95
West Gippsland	2.72	2.87	5%	0	0
East Gippsland	2.28	2.40	5%	0	0
NSW					
Murray	2.41	2.16	-11%	26	45
Riverina	3.1	2.92	-6%	21	15
Total				333	389

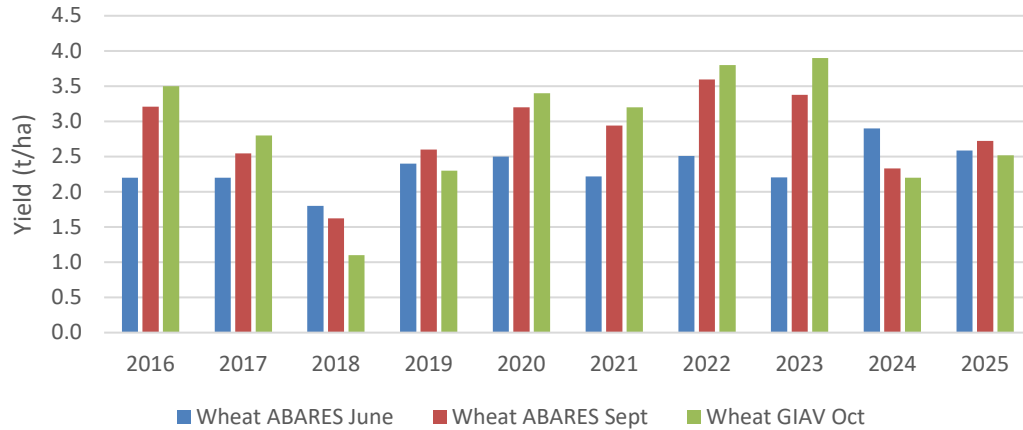
NB* shaded cells are estimates for regions not assessed.

Wheat Summary - Yield (t/ha)	2024	2025	YOY Change
VIC GIAV Tour Estimates	2.2	2.52	15%
VIC ABARES Sep 25 Estimates	2.6	2.72	5%
VIC GIAV Tour Estimates production (t) using DAS area data	3,416,343	3,955,805	16%

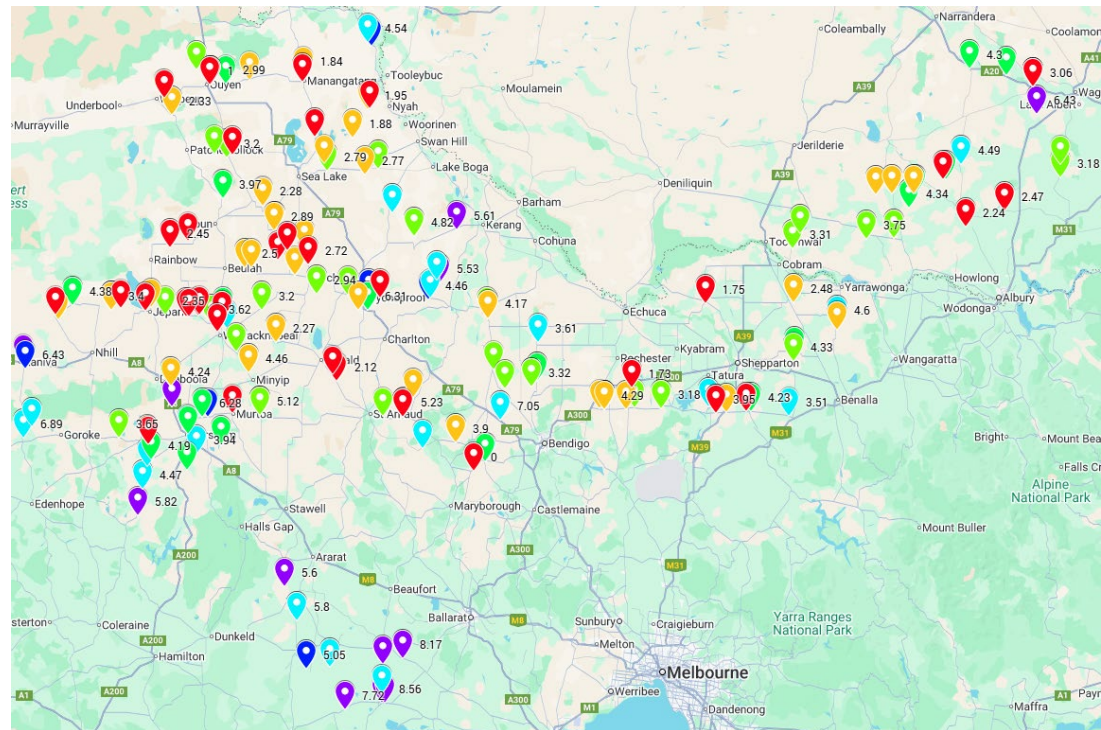
Thank you to DAS and ABARES for providing us with a consistent reference point for our data.

Victorian est. wheat yield 2016-2025

GIAV tour Comparison with ABARES



- 0 - 1.78 (54)
- 1.79 - 2.29 (68)
- 2.3 - 2.8 (74)
- 2.82 - 3.33 (64)
- 3.34 - 3.89 (54)
- 3.9 - 4.88 (42)
- 4.97 - 8.56 (39)



2025 Barley Results

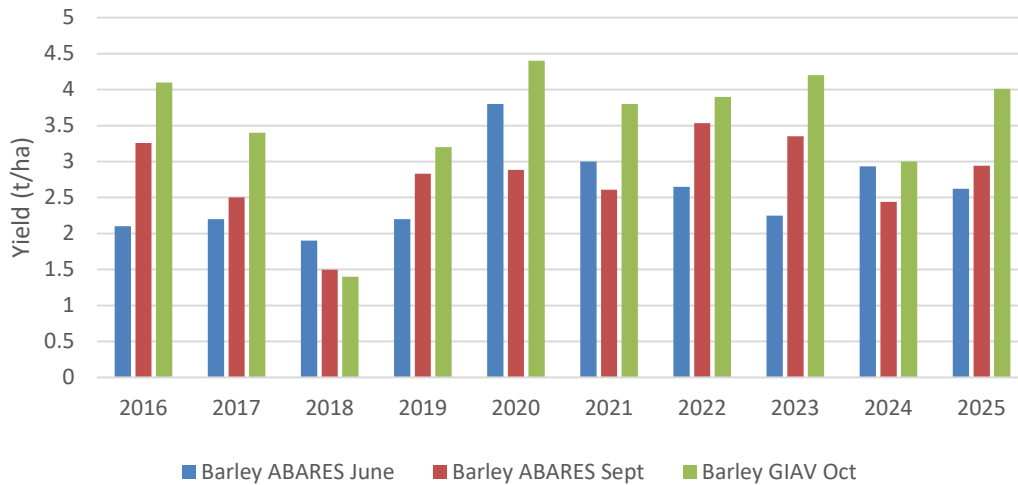
Location	2024 Yield Est (t/ha)	2025 Yield Est (t/ha)	YOY Change	Assessments 2024	Assessments 2025
Victoria					
Corangamite	9.49	7.97	-16%	4	2
Glenelg Hopkins	6.86	6.89	0%	4	18
Goulburn Broken	5.02	4.85	-3%	26	23
Mallee	2.06	3.24	57%	92	88
North Central	4.26	4.66	9%	66	77
North East	4.46	4.70	5%	0	0
Port Phillip & Western Pt	4.47	4.70	5%	0	0
Wimmera	3.73	4.7	26%	48	91
West Gippsland	2.73	2.88	5%	0	0
East Gippsland	5.24	5.5	5%	0	0
NSW					
Murray	4.34	5.21	20%	33	33
Riverina	4.42	6.25	41%	23	26
Total				296	358

NB shaded cells are estimates for regions not assessed*

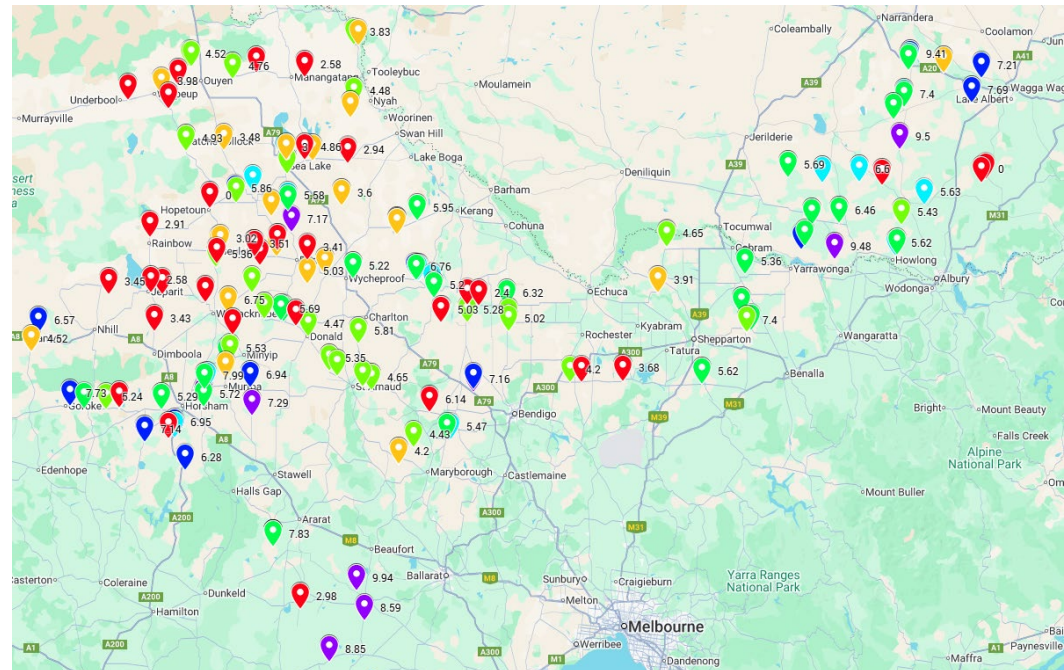
Barley Summary - Yield (t/ha)	2024	2025	YOY Change
VIC GIAV Tour Estimates	3.05	4.01	31%
VIC ABARES Sep 25 Estimates	2.93	2.9	-1%
VIC GIAV Tour Estimates production (t) using DAS area data	2,579,660	3,533,155	37%

Victorian est. barley yield 2016-2025

GIAV Comparison with ABARES



- 0 - 2.84 (62)
- 2.85 - 3.61 (59)
- 3.62 - 4.52 (54)
- 4.53 - 5.21 (57)
- 5.22 - 5.81 (47)
- 5.83 - 6.94 (42)
- 6.95 - 9.94 (43)



	Notes to results:
	<p>With a late start, short spring and minimal rain the crop is on the tipping point currently filling two wide with rain required to fully fill. Our data is counted by a variety of people, some without the knowledge to fully assess fill. This may potentially increase the crop size in our data as or hardened experts were having trouble counting the florets.</p>
	<p>Our crops were a patchwork quilt this year</p>
<p>Barley</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Better than expected in the Riverina - Resilience of the crop is showing - Secondary tillering out in the row spacing, maturing top canopy with lower maturing crops still in the running but may result in a harvest delay - Dominating the yield over wheat - Seeing smut – some crops will have to be “seed only”
<p>Wheat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wide spread low yielding crops - Eastern Riverina trying to fill three wide, but wondering of the third one is actually going to get to the bin. Doesn't look like it - Farmer sentiment from discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They have put a lot into the crop but its not going to be realized - Incentive to cut to hay – can get 10-11 tones for hay vs 3-4 if they keep the wheat - Lots of cutting around the fence lines and 20-30m into the crop as a tactical way to reduce weed seeds for following years (and get hay) - Crop is on the tipping point, is it two? is it three? It doesn't need much to fill but it does need something - Lots of crop cut for hay last week, more this week (passed cutting prime) - Small grain high protein – High screening likely, already seeing some of the top grains aborting so it can fill lower down - Near Wagga – 10mm wont do anything, barley will get there but wheat needs the rain this week

	Notes to results:
Ouyen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4.2 average for barley (2.8-5.2 range) – 2/3 of the way there, getting to above average yields - 226 wheat paddocks vs 139 barley – 7.3% wheat being cut for hay but barley going through - Decent density for barley and up to 12-13 grains a half head - Central Mallee has solid crops
Wimmera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saw a 7 ton barley crop - Even, getting home, ground was starting to get dry - High soil moisture at the start, although wheat would benefit from more to fill out the grain
Wagga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disappointing crops in Rushworth in general - Dookie solid - 30% wheat, 44% barley (5% of wheat cut to hay vs 3% barley) - Central Riverina – Quite a bit of barley – dominating the yields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tiller counts up to 280-300 - Pretty much finished - Found a crop just flowering south of the river
WD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looking average – reasonable rainfall but not enough in winter to bank - Farmer sentiment near Lake Bolac – Rain this week and they will get 6ton, if no rain, 5 ton, it has been a drier year but usually they are too wet so thinking they will get a better yield - Lots of canola crops
Pulses / Lentils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heaps of them, more lentils than expected - Bean crops looked like they had lower yields - Mallee – lentils 25%, canola 3%

Drive by paddock survey

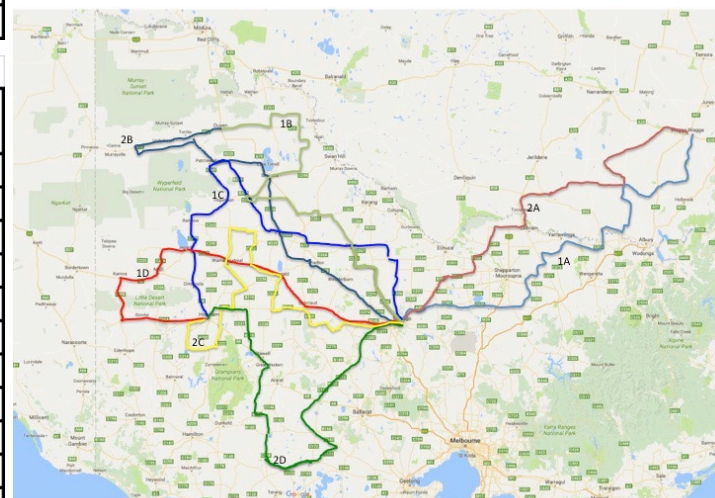


With the aid of Ag Vic staff, GIAV scouts participated in gathering data of paddock counts while travelling during the crop tour this year.

This involved counting the number of paddocks by crop type, typically wheat, barley, canola and lentils while travelling. 1314 paddocks in Victoria were counted. The routes travelled are mapped here:

The paddocks survey results are:

	North Central	North East	Northern (NC+NE)	Mallee	Wimmera	Southwest	Victoria	Southern NSW
Total	406	165	571	546	140	57	1314	320
% Cut for Hay								
	North Central	North East	Northern (NC+NE)	Mallee	Wimmera	Southwest	Victoria	Southern NSW
Wheat	34	52	39	41	22	19	37	38
Hay	6.5	4.7	5.8	5	9.7		5.5	5
Fail		1.2	0.4	1.4			0.8	
Barley	34	7	26	31	31	18	28	35
Hay	5.8	33.3	8.1	3.1			4.6	5.7
Fail	0.7		0.7	0.6	2.3		0.8	
Canola	24	41	29	4	27	63	20	26
Hay	1		0.6				0.4	
Fail								
Lentils	8		6	24	20		15	2
Hay				0.8			0.5	
Fail	3.1		3.1		3.6		1	



Not all regions had enough measurements for accurate crop mix assessments.

Hay cutting rates are higher than normal but not as high as last year in the Mallee. Barley hay is currently double last year. Five percent of the Victorian wheat and five percent of the Victorian barley had been dropped for hay. Crop failure rates were low. The Victorian hay cutting percentage is likely to have risen from the time we took these observations.



Sincere thank you to my co tour leaders!

Huge thanks to Colin Peace, Dale Boyd, and Dale Grey for stepping in with their superpowers of patience and agricultural wizardry to make sure our tourists left knowing how to count crops properly!





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