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# Field pea blackspot risk forecast for South Australia

Field Pea Blackspot Risk forecast is a location and season specific weekly forecast. It accounts for varietal resistance and chemical options, agronomic yield potentials, agronomic constraints (frost and terminal drought), risks of spore showers, disease severity, and disease related yield loss. It then weighs agronomic yield loss and disease yield loss and suggests a window of sowing dates.

This prediction is based on DPIRD's Blackspot Manager model using weather data from 1st January 2026 to 17 May 2026 from the nearest weather station.

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Sowing time can depend on a range of factors and it is recommended to consult an agronomist to determine the optimal sowing window for your situation. For more information on blackspot in South Australia contact Mohsen Khani at SARDI on +61 (8) 8429 2285 or email [mohsen.khani@sa.gov.au](mailto:mohsen.khani@sa.gov.au)

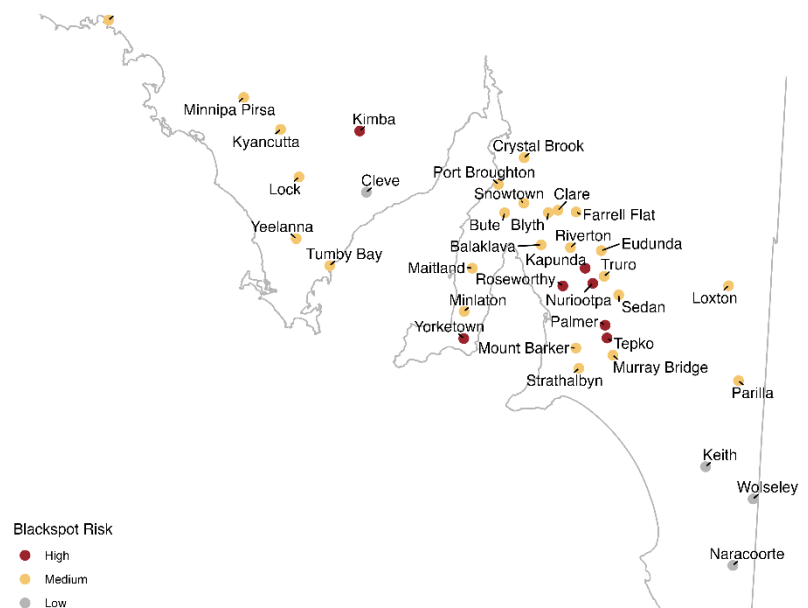
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## Key to blackspot severity scores

The aim is to delay sowing of field pea crops, where agronomically possible, until the majority of blackspot spores (approximately 60%) have been released prior to the crop emergence. This strategy reduces yield losses from blackspot.

*Map showing the relative current risk of spores based upon blackspot model outputs for various location in South Australia, 18 May 2026.*



Blackspot risk	Spores released (%)	Range of yield loss for different levels of blackspot risk (%)
Low	60 - 100	2 - 15
Medium	30 - 59	20 - 35
High	0 - 29	25 - 50

**Note. Locations have been listed A-Z**

### Balaklava

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 114.6 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 44

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	41%	57%	72%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Low

### Blyth

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 128.4 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 45

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	43%	57%	72%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Low

### Bute

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 165 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 42

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	36%	53%	68%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Low

### Ceduna

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 159.4 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 45

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	43%	48%	64%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Low

## Clare

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026  
 Rainfall to date: 176 mm  
 Days with significant stubble moisture: 52

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	59%	72%	83%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Low	Low

## Cleve

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026  
 Rainfall to date: 185.5 mm  
 Days with significant stubble moisture: 68

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	87%	94%	97%
Blackspot risk	Low	Low	Low

## Crystal Brook

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026  
 Rainfall to date: 126.1 mm  
 Days with significant stubble moisture: 49

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	53%	68%	80%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Low	Low

## Eudunda

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026  
 Rainfall to date: 131.4 mm  
 Days with significant stubble moisture: 52

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	59%	74%	85%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Low	Low

## Farrell Flat

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 121.4 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 48

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	50%	64%	77%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Low	Low

## Kapunda

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 87.2 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 37

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	25%	41%	57%
Blackspot risk	High	Medium	Medium

## Keith

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 115.1 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 54

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	64%	75%	86%
Blackspot risk	Low	Low	Low

## Kimba

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 167.6 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 39

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	29%	43%	59%
Blackspot risk	High	Medium	Medium

## Kyancutta

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 177.6 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 43

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
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Spores released	38%	55%	70%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Low

## Lock

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 150.6 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 51

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	57%	70%	82%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Low	Low

## Loxton

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 213.4 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 43

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	38%	55%	70%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Low

## Maitland

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 176.7 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 44

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	41%	57%	72%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Low

## Minlaton

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 102.2 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 48

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	50%	64%	77%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Low	Low

## Minnipa PIRSA

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 272.4 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 50

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	55%	68%	80%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Low	Low

## Mount Barker

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 135.5 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 42

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	36%	50%	66%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Low

## Murray Bridge

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 149.7 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 43

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	38%	43%	59%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Medium

## Naracoorte

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 175.8 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 65

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	82%	90%	96%
Blackspot risk	Low	Low	Low

## Nuriootpa

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 95 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 39

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
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Spores released	29%	46%	62%
Blackspot risk	High	Medium	Low

### Palmer

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 95.9 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 36

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	23%	36%	53%
Blackspot risk	High	Medium	Medium

### Parilla

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 119.8 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 44

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	41%	57%	72%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Low

### Port Broughton

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 134.9 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 41

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	34%	50%	66%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Low

### Riverton

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 114.4 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 48

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	50%	64%	77%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Low	Low

## Roseworthy

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 88.2 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 39

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	29%	43%	59%
Blackspot risk	High	Medium	Medium

## Sedan

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 101.8 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 45

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	43%	57%	72%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Low

## Snowtown

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 154.2 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 41

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	34%	48%	64%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Low

## Strathalbyn

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 79.3 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 41

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	34%	38%	55%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Medium

## Tepko

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 98.6 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 37

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
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Spores released	25%	38%	55%
Blackspot risk	High	Medium	Medium

## Truro

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 109.2 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 51

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	57%	70%	82%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Low	Low

## Tumby Bay

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 117.3 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 42

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	36%	50%	66%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Low

## Wolseley

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 122.5 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 57

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	70%	82%	90%
Blackspot risk	Low	Low	Low

## Yeelanna

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 122.8 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 47

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	48%	62%	75%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Low	Low

## Yorketown

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 106.4 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 38

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	27%	41%	57%
Blackspot risk	High	Medium	Medium

## More information

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