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Field pea blackspot risk forecast for Victoria

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.

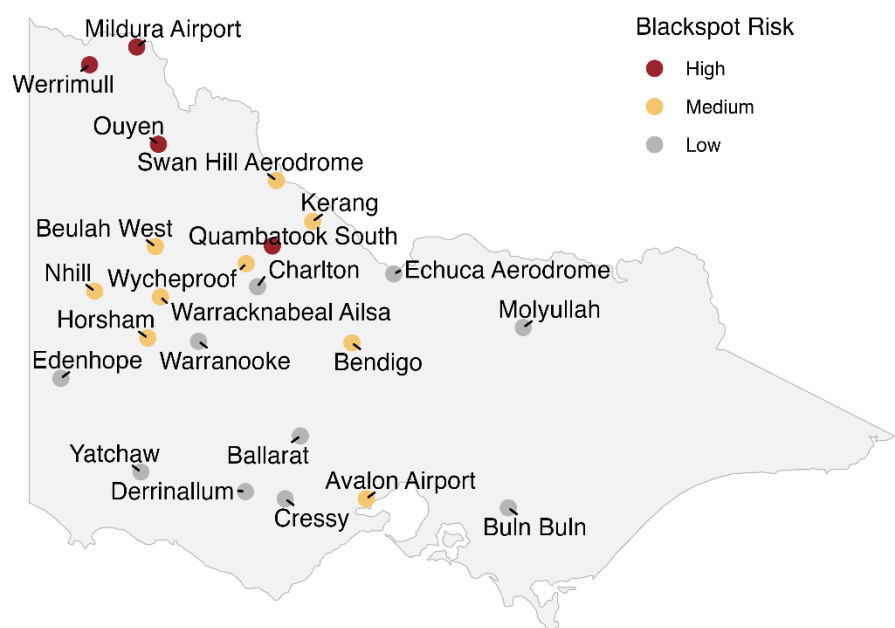
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Key to blackspot severity scores

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 Victoria, 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

Avalon Airport

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 77.2 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 54

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

Ballarat

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 158.6 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 73

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	90%	96%	98%
Blackspot risk	Low	Low	Low

Bendigo

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 228.6 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 46

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	46%	62%	75%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Low	Low

Beulah West

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 151.4 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

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Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026
 Rainfall to date: 259.8 mm
 Days with significant stubble moisture: 81

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	96%	97%	99%
Blackspot risk	Low	Low	Low

Charlton

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026
 Rainfall to date: 195.8 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

Cressy

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026
 Rainfall to date: 143.5 mm
 Days with significant stubble moisture: 80

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	96%	98%	100%
Blackspot risk	Low	Low	Low

Derrinallum

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026
 Rainfall to date: 145 mm
 Days with significant stubble moisture: 63

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	77%	87%	94%
Blackspot risk	Low	Low	Low

Echuca Aerodrome

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 177.3 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 53

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	62%	75%	86%
Blackspot risk	Low	Low	Low

Edenhope

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 149.7 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 63

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	80%	89%	95%
Blackspot risk	Low	Low	Low

Horsham

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 248.2 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 46

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	46%	62%	75%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Low	Low

Kerang

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 206.8 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 46

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	46%	62%	75%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Low	Low

Mildura Airport

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 212.4 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 38

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
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Spores released	27%	43%	59%
Blackspot risk	High	Medium	Medium

Molyullah

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 195.6 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

Nhill

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 153.4 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

Ouyen Post Office

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 271.4 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 36

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	23%	38%	55%
Blackspot risk	High	Medium	Medium

Quambatook South

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 242.2 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 38

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	27%	43%	59%
Blackspot risk	High	Medium	Medium

Swan Hill Aerodrome

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 191.6 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 51

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	57%	72%	83%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Low	Low

Warracknabeal Ailsa

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 196.5 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 48

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	50%	66%	79%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Low	Low

Warranooke

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 169.7 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 58

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	72%	83%	91%
Blackspot risk	Low	Low	Low

Werrimull

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 193.5 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 33

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	17%	31%	48%
Blackspot risk	High	Medium	Medium

Wycheproof

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 184.7 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 45

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
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Spores released	43%	59%	74%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Low

Yatchaw

Last date used for prediction: 17 May 2026

Rainfall to date: 165.8 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 83

Forecast for crops sown on	18 May	24 May	31 May
Spores released	97%	99%	100%
Blackspot risk	Low	Low	Low

More information

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