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Field pea blackspot risk forecast for New South Wales

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 2025 to 4 May 2025 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 NSW, 4 May 2025.



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

Cootamundra

Last date used for prediction: 4 May 2025

Rainfall to date: 116.8 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 45

Forecast for crops sown on	5 May	12 May	19 May
Sowing guide (based on agronomic suitability)	Too early to sow before 20 May	Too early to sow before 20 May	Too early to sow before 20 May
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Low

Forbes

Last date used for prediction: 4 May 2025

Rainfall to date: 106.5 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 50

Forecast for crops sown on	5 May	12 May	19 May
Sowing guide (based on agronomic suitability)	Too early to sow before 13 May	Too early to sow before 13 May	Marginally too early to sow - 13 to 19 May
Blackspot risk	Medium	Low	Low

Griffith

Last date used for prediction: 4 May 2025

Rainfall to date: 65.4 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 42

Forecast for crops sown on	5 May	12 May	19 May
Sowing guide (based on agronomic suitability)	Marginally too early to sow - 5 to 12 May	Marginally too early to sow - 5 to 12 May	OK to sow
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Medium

Temora

Last date used for prediction: 4 May 2025

Rainfall to date: 124.8 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 44

Forecast for crops sown on	5 May	12 May	19 May
Sowing guide (based on agronomic suitability)	Too early to sow before 12 May	Too early to sow before 12 May	Marginally too early to sow - 13 to 19 May
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Low

Wagga Wagga AMO

Last date used for prediction: 4 May 2025

Rainfall to date: 155.6 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 52

Forecast for crops sown on	5 May	12 May	19 May
Sowing guide (based on agronomic suitability)	Too early to sow before 20 May	Too early to sow before 20 May	Too early to sow before 20 May
Blackspot risk	Medium	Low	Low

More information

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