Variety snapshot

- Dual purpose winter wheat for grazing and grain production
- A higher yielding alternative to EGA Wedgetail\(^{(b)}\) and LRPB Kittyhawk\(^{(b)}\)
- AH quality classification in Victoria and SA
- Mid-quick winter maturity, 2-3 days quicker than EGA Wedgetail\(^{(b)}\)
- Improved resistance to stripe rust and black point over EGA Wedgetail\(^{(b)}\)
Breeder’s comments
Mixed farming has traditionally had a strong presence in many regions of SA and Victoria. The mixture of cropping and livestock has benefited farmers, helping to improve profits while also assisting in risk management. Dual purpose wheats offer many benefits to farmers in a mixed enterprise, and EGA Wedgetail™ has been the variety of choice for many seasons now.

Illabo™ is the first variety to be released from our dedicated winter wheat breeding program at Wagga Wagga, and has been bred with the intent of offering growers an improved version of EGA Wedgetail™. The main improvement that Illabo™ offers over EGA Wedgetail™ is yield. In high rainfall long term NVT early sown and long season trials across Victoria and SA, Illabo™ has outperformed both EGA Wedgetail™ and LRPB Kittyhawk™ by at least 6% and 7% respectively. Illabo™ also offers an improved disease resistance package over EGA Wedgetail™, with better stripe rust and black point resistance.

Like its parent EGA Wedgetail™, Illabo™ requires a period of cold temperatures (vernalisation) before moving from vegetative to reproductive growth, and this maturity trigger allows Illabo™ to be sown early in the cropping program with the aim of producing increased dry matter to fill early feed gaps.

To maximise grain only yield, Illabo™ appears ideally suited to mid-late April sowing in high yield environments, and mid-April planting in low yield environments.

Seed availability
Commercial quantities of Illabo™ may be available through AGT Affiliates, or your local retailer. Please consult the AGT website for AGT Affiliate contact details. Illabo™ is able to be traded between growers upon the completion of a License Agreement as part of AGT’s Seed Sharing™ initiative.

PBR and EPR
Illabo™ is protected by Plant Breeders Rights (PBR) and all production (except seed saved for planting) is liable to an End Point Royalty (EPR), which funds future plant breeding. Illabo™ growers will be subject to a Growers License Agreement that acknowledges that an EPR of $3.50/tonne + GST has to be paid on all production other than seed saved for planting.
Grain yield

In NVT grain only trials, Illabo® has displayed a significant yield advantage over competitor varieties (Figure 1).

Figure 1  Grain yield of Illabo® across environments

Source NVT long term MET analysis early sown* and long season * trial series 2015-2019
[ ] Total number of trials per region
( ) Number of trials that each variety was present in across this dataset [31]
Dry matter production
AGT grazing trial data has demonstrated that up to the appearance of first node, Illabo® produced equivalent amounts of dry matter to that of EGA Wedgetail®, and consistently more than LRPB Kittyhawk® (Figure 2).

**Figure 2**  Dry matter production of Illabo® in response to sowing date.

Source: AGT grazing trials, Collingullie NSW, 2017-2019
Maturity

Data collected in the 2018 season showed that the safe grazing period of Illabo\textsuperscript{a} (growth stages leading up to detection of first node) was comparable to EGA Wedgetail\textsuperscript{b}, however, Illabo\textsuperscript{a} was slightly quicker to reach head emergence than EGA Wedgetail\textsuperscript{b} (Figures 3 & 4).

**Figure 3** Detection of first node of Illabo\textsuperscript{a} in response to sowing time

**Figure 4** Heading date of Illabo\textsuperscript{a} in response to sowing time

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Source AGT Time of Sowing (TOS) trial, Collingullie NSW 2018

Note RGT Accroc (slow maturing winter) and Longsword\textsuperscript{a} (quick maturing winter) have been included in Figures 3 & 4 to highlight the full range of maturities within the winter wheat market
Table 1  Disease, agronomic and grain quality ratings for Illabo® and control varieties.

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R  Resistant
MR Moderately Resistant
MS Moderately Susceptible
S Susceptible
VS Very Susceptible
T Tolerant
MT Moderately Tolerant
MI Moderately Intolerant
I Intolerant
VI Very Intolerant
* Provisional rating

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