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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 19 April 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.

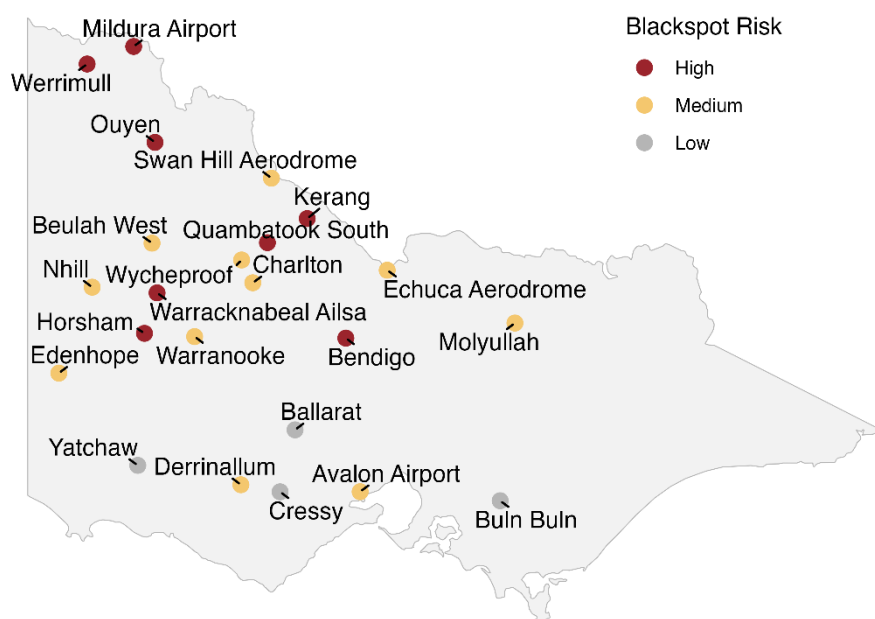
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Key to blackspot severity scores

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, 20 April 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: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 63.6 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 45

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Spores released	38%	43%	59%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Medium

Ballarat

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 106.6 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 59

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Spores released	70%	74%	85%
Blackspot risk	Low	Low	Low

Bendigo

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 188.4 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 37

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Spores released	25%	29%	46%
Blackspot risk	High	High	Medium

Beulah West

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 114 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 40

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Spores released	31%	36%	53%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Medium

Buln Buln

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 203.5 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 65

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Spores released	80%	88%	94%
Blackspot risk	Low	Low	Low

Charlton

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 160.8 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 48

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Spores released	50%	55%	70%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Low

Cressy

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 102.3 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 63

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Spores released	77%	85%	92%
Blackspot risk	Low	Low	Low

Derrinallum

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 99.8 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 50

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Spores released	50%	55%	70%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Low

Echuca Aerodrome

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 155.6 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 43

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Spores released	38%	43%	59%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Medium

Edenhope

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 101.2 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 50

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Spores released	55%	59%	74%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Low

Horsham

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 196 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 37

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Spores released	25%	29%	46%
Blackspot risk	High	High	Medium

Kerang

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 164.8 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 35

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Spores released	21%	25%	41%
Blackspot risk	High	High	Medium

Mildura Airport

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 184.2 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 29

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Spores released	10%	13%	27%
Blackspot risk	High	High	High

Molyullah

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 158.3 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 46

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Spores released	46%	50%	66%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Low

Nhill

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 111.4 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 40

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Spores released	31%	36%	53%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Medium

Ouyen Post Office

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 237.8 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 27

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Spores released	7%	10%	23%
Blackspot risk	High	High	High

Quambatook South

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 207.6 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 36

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Spores released	23%	27%	43%
Blackspot risk	High	High	Medium

Swan Hill Aerodrome

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 167.6 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 42

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Spores released	36%	41%	57%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Medium

Warracknabeal Ailsa

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 156.2 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 39

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Spores released	29%	34%	50%
Blackspot risk	High	Medium	Medium

Warranooke

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 136.2 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 49

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Spores released	53%	57%	72%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Low

Werrimull

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 156.8 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 23

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Spores released	3%	5%	15%
Blackspot risk	High	High	High

Wycheproof

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 153.1 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 41

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Spores released	34%	38%	55%
Blackspot risk	Medium	Medium	Medium

Yatchaw

Last date used for prediction: 19 April 2026

Rainfall to date: 97.1 mm

Days with significant stubble moisture: 62

Forecast for crops sown on	20 Apr	26 Apr	3 May
Spores released	75%	79%	88%
Blackspot risk	Low	Low	Low

More information

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