

2026 Wheat Condition Report

How Australia's wheat crop is tracking, region by region. August 2026.

68.8/100

National **Condition Index**, August 2026

▲ **+5.6** index points since July

▲ **+0.3** index points vs last year (actual)

Worst possible crop (0)

Best possible crop (100)

The dot is this August (68.8). The faint marks show July (63.2) and last year's actual (68.6).

Australia's wheat crop improved over the past month. The national Condition Index is 68.8 out of 100, up from 63.2 in July and a fraction ahead of the 68.6 actual last year. Most of the crop, 59%, is rated Fair, and the share rated Good or Excellent rose to 39%. South Australia and Victoria hold the strongest crops, while Queensland is the weakest.

SA
88.8
INDEX

VIC
86.5
INDEX

NSW
66.0
INDEX

WA
60.4
INDEX

QLD
37.8
INDEX

HOW TO READ THIS REPORT

Octopusbot's AI forecasts the yield in every wheat-growing region, then compares it with what that region usually grows. Each region gets one of five ratings, each mapping to a band of the 0 to 100 Condition Index:

Very Poor

0-10

over 40% below usual

Poor

10-30

20 to 40% below

Fair

30-70

within 20% of usual

Good

70-90

20 to 40% above

Excellent

90-100

over 40% above usual

COMMODITY

Wheat

COVERAGE

5 States, 19 Regions

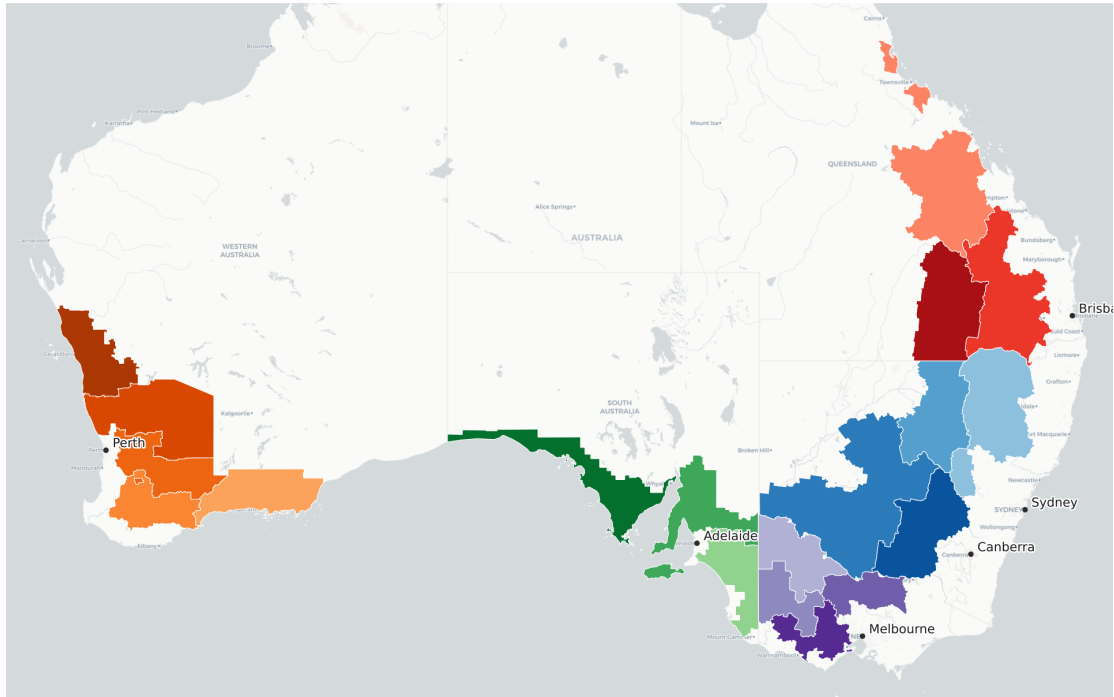
AS AT

August 2026

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Condition by region

The growing regions, colour coded. Condition Index and areas for each are listed below



REGION	INDEX	GRDC REGIONS
NEW SOUTH WALES		
NSW Slopes	67	Central and South East NSW
NSW Central	82	Central and South West NSW
NSW Northwest Plains	54	North West NSW
NSW Northern Slopes	49	North East NSW
QUEENSLAND		
QLD South West	44	South West QLD
QLD Darling Downs	38	Darling Downs and South East QLD
QLD Central	33	Central QLD
SOUTH AUSTRALIA		
SA Western	96	Eyre Peninsula
SA Central	86	Mid North, Yorke Peninsula and Riverland SA
SA Eastern	74	Murray Mallee, Coorong and South East SA
VICTORIA		
VIC South West	69	South West VIC
VIC Slopes	83	North East and North Central VIC
VIC Wimmera	86	Wimmera VIC
VIC Mallee	90	North and South VIC Mallee
WESTERN AUSTRALIA		
WA Geraldton	63	Geraldton
WA Kwinana North	65	Kwinana North
WA Kwinana South	52	Kwinana South
WA Albany	55	Albany
WA Esperance	56	Esperance

Condition Index Weaker Stronger

Condition by region

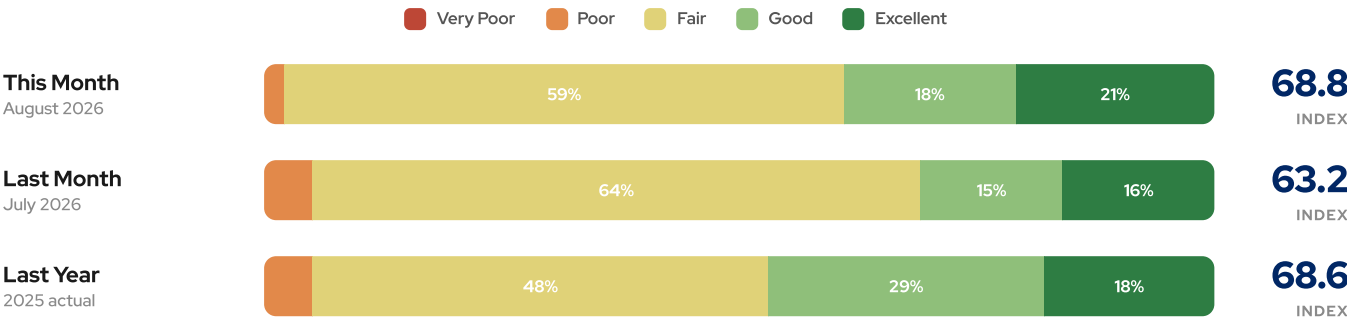
Each state broken into its growing regions, rated red (poor) to green (excellent)

REGION	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT	CONDITION INDEX	
New South Wales	0%	2%	54%	33%	11%	66.0	
NSW Slopes	0%	0%	66%	27%	7%	66.6	
NSW Central	0%	0%	6%	65%	29%	81.6	
NSW Northwest Plains	0%	14%	76%	10%	0%	53.9	
NSW Northern Slopes	0%	1%	86%	13%	0%	49.0	
Queensland	1%	22%	75%	2%	0%	37.8	
QLD South West	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	44.4	
QLD Darling Downs	2%	13%	85%	0%	0%	37.5	
QLD Central	0%	57%	37%	6%	0%	33.2	
South Australia	0%	0%	13%	24%	63%	88.8	
SA Western	0%	0%	0%	14%	86%	95.6	
SA Central	0%	0%	20%	29%	51%	85.7	
SA Eastern	0%	0%	38%	42%	20%	74.3	
Victoria	0%	0%	10%	37%	53%	86.5	
VIC South West	0%	0%	70%	21%	9%	68.6	
VIC Slopes	0%	0%	23%	32%	45%	83.0	
VIC Wimmera	0%	0%	12%	32%	56%	85.7	
VIC Mallee	0%	0%	0%	41%	59%	89.6	
Western Australia	0%	0%	99%	1%	0%	60.4	
WA Geraldton	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	63.1	
WA Kwinana North	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	64.7	
WA Kwinana South	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	52.2	
WA Albany	0%	1%	85%	14%	0%	55.2	
WA Esperance	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	55.9	

Shaded rows show the whole-state result; the regions beneath show how it breaks down, weighted by planted area. Region names carry their state for clarity. The Condition Index rescales each area's forecast yield to a figure from 0 to 100, based on how it compares with that area's usual yield, taken as its ten-year average. An average year scores 50, and each 1 percent above or below moves the score by 1 point, so a forecast 20 percent below scores 30 and one 20 percent above scores 70. The bands run Very Poor 0 to 10, Poor 10 to 30, Fair 30 to 70, Good 70 to 90 and Excellent 90 to 100. Each state and region figure is the planted-area weighted average of the areas within it.

How the crop changed

This month compared with last month and last year



The national Condition Index rose 5.6 points to 68.8, and South Australia leads all states at 88.8.

The national wheat Condition Index climbed 5.6 points from July to 68.8 in August. The share of crop rated Good or Excellent increased from 31% to 39%.

South Australia

South Australia's Condition Index is 88.8, and 63% of its crop is rated Excellent.

Victoria

Victoria's Condition Index is 86.5, with 53% of its crop rated Excellent.

New South Wales

New South Wales has a Condition Index of 66.0, and 54% of its crop is rated Fair.

Western Australia

Western Australia's Condition Index is 60.4, with 99% of its crop rated Fair.

Queensland

Queensland recorded a Condition Index of 37.8, and 75% of its crop is rated Fair.

Methodology

The data and AI models behind the forecast

Octopusbot runs thousands of interconnected proprietary AI models that continuously simulate global grain and oilseed markets. For this report, the yield models estimate the wheat crop in every Australian growing region each month, by combining detailed historical yield records for each region with extensive historical weather patterns.

The models analyse more than **200 localised weather variables**, including rainfall, soil moisture, temperature and wind speeds, alongside satellite imagery, and can forecast yields **seven months ahead of the market**. Production estimates combine these regional yield forecasts with AI planted-area estimates, which weigh commodity prices, farmer profitability and seasonal weather.

Ratings are produced at local statistical level and rolled up to growing regions, states and the nation using estimated planted area as the weight, so larger growing areas count for more in each combined figure. The whole pipeline is automated end to end and refreshes every month as new weather and satellite data arrive. Because it is built entirely on data, the platform is independent and free of bias, and each model produces a range of likely outcomes rather than a single number.



Crop forecasting by Octopusbot, prepared for Elders.

FORECAST ACCURACY

97.4%	forecast accuracy, 2024/25 season
95%	accuracy seven months ahead
5,000+	interconnected AI models
200+	localised weather variables

HOW THE ESTIMATE IS BUILT

1 · Regional yield history + weather	inputs
2 · AI yield forecast per region	yield
3 · AI planted-area estimate	area
4 · Yield × area	production
5 · Forecast vs usual yield	rating
6 · Roll-up weighted by planted area	totals

About the ratings: each region's forecast yield is compared with its usual result. Excellent is more than 40% above usual, Good 20 to 40% above, Fair within 20%, Poor 20 to 40% below, Very Poor more than 40% below. The five ratings map onto the Condition Index, a single figure from 0 to 100: Very Poor 0 to 10, Poor 10 to 30, Fair 30 to 70, Good 70 to 90 and Excellent 90 to 100, with a forecast in line with usual sitting near 50.