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WHEAT VARIETIES RECOMMENDED FOR 1968

GAMENYA all times of sowing

FALCON in May
GAMENYA after June 1

FALCON to June 7
GAMENYA after June 7

FALCON to June 14
GAMENYA after June 14

Geraldton
FALCON for May planting in coastal strip

Carnamah
Perenjori

Kalgoorlie
Merredin

Brookton
Katanning

L. King

Esperance

Albany
THE wheat varieties Falcon and Gamenya are the only varieties recommended by the State Wheat Advisory Committee for sowing in 1968.

FALCON is recommended for May sowings in the coastal strip in the northern wheatbelt and generally in the medium rainfall areas and for May to early June sowings in the wetter areas. It is not recommended in areas which receive less than about 13 in. annual rainfall because in these areas it does not yield as well as Gamenya even if planted early.

The early maturing GAMENYA is recommended for sowing in all areas. May and June sowings are suggested in the northern and eastern wheatbelt. June and early July sowings are suggested in the wetter areas. Gamenya is resistant to the prevalent strain of rust.

Approximate dates to start sowing Gamenya instead of Falcon in different areas are shown in the map.

In making its recommendations the Committee considered the results from 35 variety trials carried out by the Department of Agriculture in the 1966-67 season. These showed that Gamenya was generally the highest yielding wheat variety. In the high rainfall areas of the central and southern wheatbelt it was outyielded by Falcon only in May sowings.

Four other wheats gave good results in specific areas during 1966 but their general performance was not good enough for them to be placed on the recommended list. These varieties are—

GABO—for May sowing in the northern wheatbelt.

KONDUT—for May sowing in the West Midlands, as farmer experience suggests better bushel weight than other varieties in this area.

RAVEN—for early May sowing along the south coast.

MENGAVI—for late sowing in the northern and south-eastern areas because of its rust resistance.

Details of the variety trials on which the Committee's recommendations are based were published in the September issue of the Journal of Agriculture.
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