

### Key Features

- ✓ Early maturity
- ✓ Broad adaptation
- ✓ Strong disease resistance including CCN
- ✓ Very low screenings similar to Maritime
- ✓ Higher test weight than Fleet
- ✓ Consistently high grain yield

### Breeding History

Fathom was tested as the breeding line WI4483 and produced from a cross between a 'wild barley' derivative and WI3806 which is a sister line to Fleet. The wild barley was used to improve stress tolerance and water use efficiency. Fathom has been bred as a dedicated feed variety with very reliable high grain yield and stable physical grain quality.



### Grain Yield

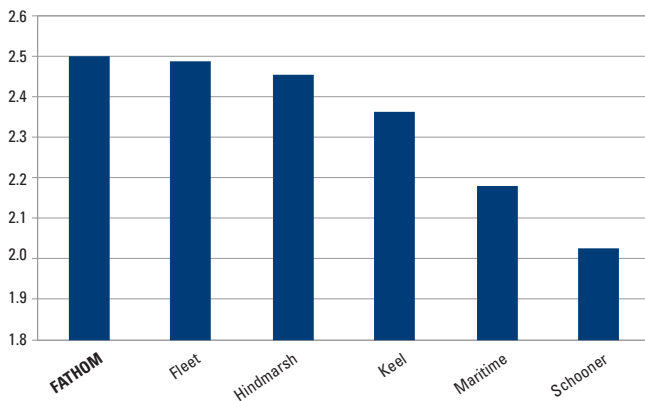


Figure 1: Predicted grain yield from analysis of long term NVT results on Upper Eyre Peninsula.

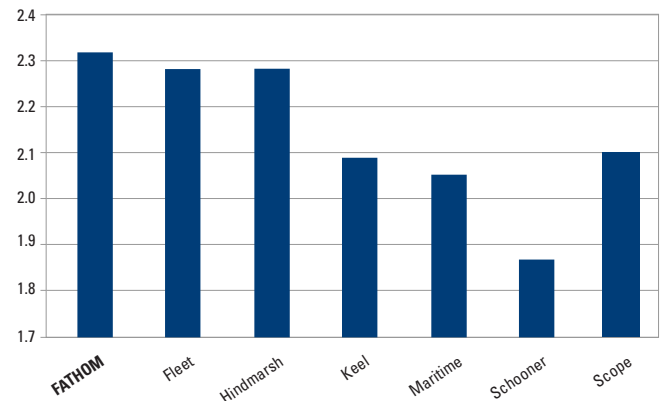


Figure 2: Predicted grain yield from analysis of long term NVT results in the Murray Mallee.

### Physical Grain Quality

Table 3: Mean screenings (% < 2.2mm) performance of current feed varieties in 2010 and 2011 SA NVT. Data is from all NVT trials and individual trial data is available from <http://www.nvtonline.com.au>.

	2010	2011	Mean
<b>Fathom</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.4</b>
Fleet	2.6	2.7	2.7
Hindmarsh	3.5	6.7	5.1
Keel	4.2	12.4	8.3
Maritime	2.3	2.5	2.4
Oxford	4.0	3.5	3.8
Scope	5.1	6.7	5.9

Table 4: Mean test weight (kg/hL) performance of current varieties in 2010 and 2011 SA NVT. Data is from all NVT trials and individual trial data is available from <http://www.nvtonline.com.au>.

	2010	2011	Mean
<b>Fathom</b>	<b>66.4</b>	<b>66.4</b>	<b>66.4</b>
Fleet	65.7	66.4	66.1
Hindmarsh	67.8	67.2	67.5
Keel	66.3	65.3	65.8
Maritime	65.9	67.0	66.5
Oxford	66.8	68.3	67.6
Scope	66.5	66.3	66.4

## Disease Resistance

**Table 1:** Disease resistance profile of Fathom compared to other feed varieties.

	Powdery mildew	Leaf Rust	Scald	SFNB	CCN	NFNB	Covered Smut
<b>Fathom</b>	<b>MR</b>	<b>MR-S/VS</b>	<b>MR</b>	<b>MR</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>MS/S</b>	<b>R/MR</b>
<b>Keel</b>	MR/MS	VS	MS	R/MR	R	MS	R
<b>Fleet</b>	MR/MS	MR/MS-S	MR/MS	R/MR	R	MR	MR
<b>Hindmarsh</b>	MS	MR/MS-S	R-S	S	R	MR	MS
<b>Barque</b>	MR	MR/MS-S	S/VS	R/MR	R	MS/S	MS/S

R=Resistant; MR=Moderately Resistant; MS=Moderately Susceptible; S=Susceptible; VS=Very Susceptible.

Ratings reproduced from the SARDI Cereal Variety Disease Guide 2012

\* Due to multiple strains of leaf rust and scald, the table provides a range of reactions that may be observed. Different ratings are separated by “/”.

**Table 2:** Plant profile of Fathom compared to other feed barley varieties

	Maturity	Coleoptile length	Early vigour	Early growth habit	Tillering ability	Plant height	Standing ability	Head retention	Boron leaf symptoms
<b>Fathom</b>	<b>early</b>	<b>long</b>	<b>moderate high</b>	<b>semi prostrate</b>	<b>moderate high</b>	<b>medium tall</b>	<b>good</b>	<b>moderate</b>	<b>moderate low</b>
<b>Keel</b>	early	medium	moderate high	erect	moderate	medium	moderate	moderate	moderate
<b>Fleet</b>	mid	long	moderate high	semi prostrate	moderate high	medium tall	moderate poor	moderate	moderate low
<b>Hindmarsh</b>	early	short	low	erect	moderate low	short medium	good	moderate high	high
<b>Barque</b>	mid	medium	moderate high	semi prostrate	moderate high	tall	moderate poor	moderate	moderate low

## Contact & Seed Purchasing

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