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# Sowing date effects on yield of fodder beet

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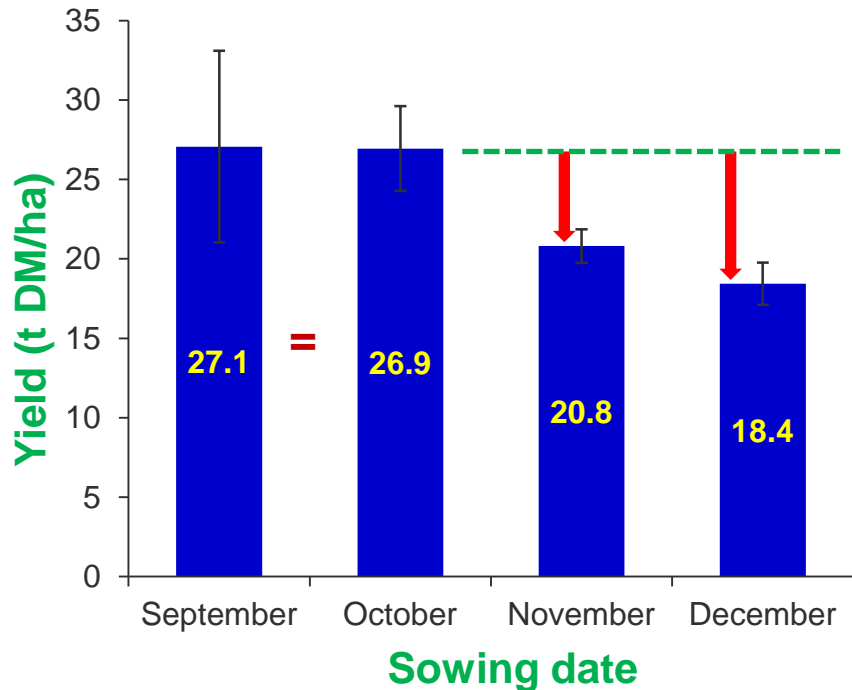
# Fodder beet sowing date experiment



- Commonly sown in October;
- Sowing earlier or later;
- Yield gains/losses;
- Evaluated in a sowing date trial;
- All crops harvested 15 June 2015.



# Results



- No gains from early sowing: canopy development limited by temperature.
- Yield loss with delayed sowing: **-23 & -32%** for Nov & Dec.

## Limitations of late sowing

- Risk of low yields or failed crops under dryland conditions;
- Water restrictions – for irrigated crops.

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