

PEA STORY

(June - early)

Growth Stage - flower buds

First visible florets but no open flowers

(June - mid)

Growth stage – flowers

Good, vigorously growing crop of peas, full flower with visible pods.



(July - early)

Growth Stage “Out of flower” Peas have completed flowering .

Pollination was good with some plants having up to five pairs of pods



(July - mid)

Growth Stage -“Ripening of peas”

Pea plants begin to change colour from green to yellow to brown.

Peas in the pods are fully formed and begin to ripen.



(July - mid)

Growth Stage “Senescence”

Pea plants are dry, peas harden as the moisture content in the seed continues to reduce (drying out).

Harvest – July (end)/August (begin)

Timing of harvest is critical for growers to maximise on a good green colour, quality and yield, especially peas grown for human consumption and micronizing.



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Moisture meters are used by growers to ensure they harvest their pea crop at the optimum moisture content of 15 – 17%.

Growth Stage–Harvested product “Combining”



harvester (Claas)

Combine



harvester (John Deere)

Combine



Combine harvester (New Holland)

The harvested peas are transported in trailers to the farm and stored in an environmentally controlled food building until sold.

