



Welcome to the Autumn edition of *CaneConnection* magazine

In our cover story for this edition, we take a look at the results of a survey conducted by ABARES and funded by SRA and the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, looking at cane farm productivity and profitability.

This includes some observations from northern NSW grower Kevin Twohill, pictured on our cover in his ratoon cane in December 2015. He shares his thoughts about the importance of productivity in relation to a sustainable business operation. The survey highlighted a number of important issues and it will be one of a number of resources that will be used by SRA to help inform research investment decisions in the future.

In this edition, we also look at a newly-funded research project that is part of fast-tracking a new sampling and analysis method for Ratoon Stunting Disease. The new method is hoped to deliver significant labour savings for productivity services organisations.

This edition also looks at a number of other research activities occurring through SRA and chats with some growers who are using research and best practice activities to boost their bottom line.

You will also receive within the magazine SRA's latest updates on Yellow Canopy Syndrome and varieties and plant breeding. We hope you find this magazine useful and if you have any comments please contact me on 0419 175 815 or bpfeffer@sugarresearch.com.au

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