

Mill stats show the results of solid 2015 harvest

An analysis of mill data from the 2015 harvest has shown the strong yields achieved in 2015 and an overall crop of 34.83 million tonne.

The 2015 Australian harvest totalled 34.83 million tonnes, which was the biggest crop since 2006. The average tonnes of cane per hectare was 91.2, which was the highest in more than 10 years, and the CCS of the 2015 Australian crop was 13.81.

With favourable seasonal conditions, several regions set records or harvested crops that were the biggest in several years.

A breakdown of the varieties grown in 2015 showed that the top four varieties account for over 70 percent of the Australian crop. These varieties are Q208[®], Q183[®], KQ228[®], and Q200[®].

Q208[®] has maintained the number one position as the most dominant variety with just over 11Mt harvested in the 2015 season.

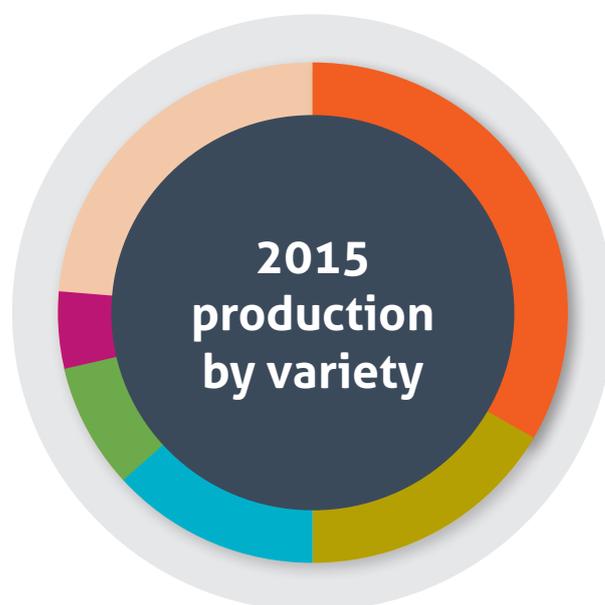
In 2015, 56 varieties with plant breeders rights (PBR) were delivered to Queensland mills, accounting for 31.8 Mt or 98 percent of production.

The promising aspect of the variety composition in 2015 is that many of the new SRA varieties are making their way toward greater adoption by the industry, and these varieties are demonstrating results in trials that are comparable to or greater than many of the current dominant varieties.

SRA sees that the new SRA varieties are all showing promise for the industry and will have a strong role to play in the future.

The SRA plant breeding program is the single biggest area of investment by SRA for Australian sugarcane growers and millers, and SRA is committed to continuing to deliver new and improved varieties for industry.

More information on varieties is available via SRA's online tool, QCANESelect™.



Variety	%
Q208 [®]	33.3%
Q183 [®]	16.9%
KQ228 [®]	13.7%
Q200 [®]	7.5%
Q232 [®]	5.4%
Other varieties	23.3%