



# 1.7

The tonnes of sugar per hectare gained when comparing recommended harvesting practice to nominal practice for Chris Condon

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# \$3365

The net return per hectare for Glen Anderson following field trials assessing GPS-assisted laser-levelling

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## By the numbers

# 115

The number of farmers surveyed as part of an AgEcon project investigating opportunities for energy innovation in Australian sugarcane

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# 50%

The potential possible yield loss from Downy Mildew, which has been the subject of biosecurity research at SRA

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# 2000

The number of sugarcane germplasm lines maintained at the Yunnan Sugarcane Research Institute

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## Mr Ian McBean appointed Executive Manager, Regional Delivery



**SRA has appointed experienced sugar industry professional, Mr Ian McBean, as its Executive Manager, Regional Delivery.**

Mr McBean has had an extensive career in the sugar industry in Australia and internationally and was most recently employed at Sunshine Sugar in NSW, where he was part of the Executive Team and held the role of General Manager.

SRA has worked with the Australian sugarcane industry to develop a new strategy for industry-led adoption activities. As part of this process, the industry identified the need for SRA to appoint an Executive Manager, Regional Delivery, and Mr McBean will be the driving force behind the strategy in this newly-created role.

"Ian has extensive experience working with growers in Queensland and NSW,

he has an in-depth understanding of the needs of the milling sector, and he has been instrumental in delivering extension and adoption outcomes throughout his career. This has been an area of focus in recent years in NSW," SRA CEO, Mr Neil Fisher, said.

"He understands that the Australian sugarcane industry must be productive, profitable, and sustainable, and that a key component of this is ensuring that the research developed by SRA is adopted on-farm by growers.

"A large part of our industry operates adjacent to the Great Barrier Reef, and our industry is acutely aware that we must continue to make positive steps forward through research and adoption of best practices. The industry adoption strategy is a critical component of ensuring this future productivity, profitability, and sustainability."