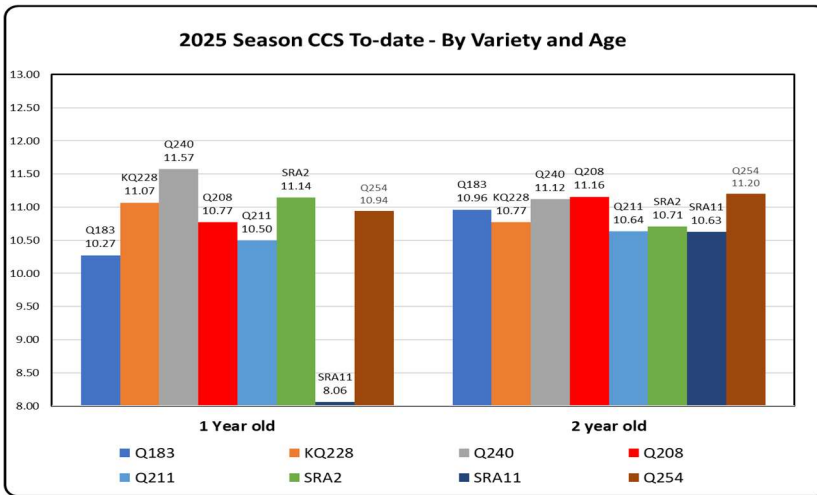


2025 Season Variety Performance to-Date

The 2025 season is well under way and the variety performance to-date is summarised below.



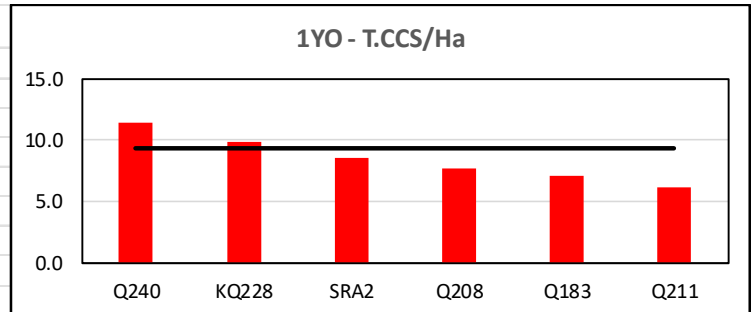
Q240 has the highest CCS in the 1YO crops followed by SRA2 and KQ228.

The 2YO varieties are much closer but Q254, Q208 and Q240 are just ahead of the rest of the pack. It is still early in the season and the situation could change, but it is good to see Q240 performing up to expectations.

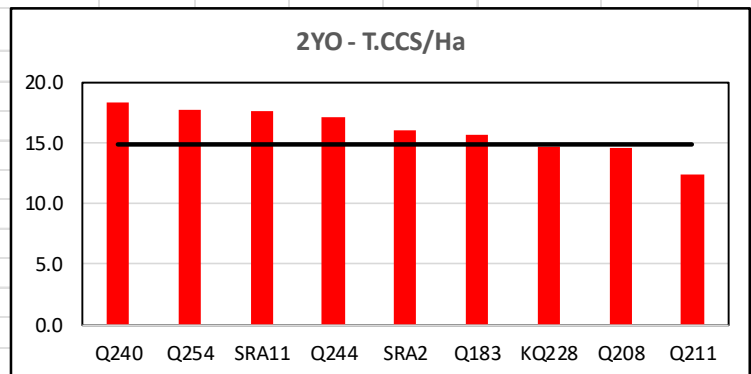
In terms of productivity, the picture is similar:

The majority of the cane cut to-date has been 2YO, but there has been some 1YO harvested as well.

| One Year old | | | | | |
|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| Variety | Ha | Tonnes | T/Ha | CCS | T.CCS/Ha |
| Q240 | 92 | 9038 | 99 | 11.6 | 11.4 |
| KQ228 | 25 | 2265 | 89 | 11.1 | 9.9 |
| SRA2 | 18 | 1390 | 77 | 11.1 | 8.6 |
| Q208 | 52 | 3756 | 72 | 10.8 | 7.7 |
| Q183 | 30 | 2056 | 69 | 10.3 | 7.1 |
| Q211 | 10 | 606 | 59 | 10.5 | 6.2 |
| Total | 228 | 19112 | 84 | 11.2 | 9.4 |



| Two Year old | | | | | |
|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Variety | Ha | Tonnes | T/Ha | CCS | T.CCS/Ha |
| Q240 | 42 | 6964 | 165 | 11.1 | 18.3 |
| Q254 | 9 | 1403 | 158 | 11.2 | 17.7 |
| SRA11 | 16 | 2722 | 166 | 10.6 | 17.7 |
| Q244 | 13 | 1965 | 150 | 11.4 | 17.1 |
| SRA2 | 7 | 1068 | 150 | 10.7 | 16.0 |
| Q183 | 72 | 10321 | 143 | 11.0 | 15.7 |
| KQ228 | 36 | 4866 | 136 | 10.8 | 14.7 |
| Q208 | 89 | 11727 | 131 | 11.2 | 14.6 |
| Q211 | 105 | 12335 | 117 | 10.6 | 12.4 |
| Total | 391 | 53370 | 137 | 10.9 | 14.9 |



Harvesting conditions have not been the best so far as was to be expected. However, this does not mean that the standard of the harvesting operation should be ignored. Always be aware of the cutting height, the amount of cane left behind and the billet length to ensure that cane loss is kept to minimum. If you have a problem with the quality of the job, discuss it with the crew or the group captain.

NSW Approved Variety List

The Agricultural Advisory committee has reviewed the approved variety list for 2025. The approved list has not changed from last year. The full list will be sent as a separate attachment.

RSD sampling

Ged has started sampling the blocks that growers have nominated as potential seed sources. If you haven't submitted your RSD sampling request form yet, please do so ASAP.

Weather Stations

Ag Services have installed a few weather stations on some of the Corp Farms in the past year. The stations are a valuable management tool for their operations, especially for decisions around spraying and burning. If you want to know more about what is involved and how to access the information, please give me a call.

GPS auto-steer on tracked buggies

Auto-steer tracked buggies has been an elusive goal for many years and now Banks Estate Harvesting Cooperative have successfully installed this tech into their two machines. The system they installed has the following notable features:

1. It can be installed on buggies with "cable" or "electronic" steering sticks.
2. It can steer in both the forward and reverse directions at all typical speeds
3. A-B lines can be uploaded by USB stick or created in the paddock.
4. The GPS screen and controller can be transferred to a tractor when dry enough to run rubber



Banks Estate hosted a demonstration this month and invited directors from other harvesting groups. The general sentiment was very positive, with comments on the finishing, and ease of operation. This is a step change in the move towards full controlled traffic. However, if your row spacing doesn't closely match the wheel spacing, you will still get compaction and stool damage, just in a nice straight line!



Natural Disaster Relief Grants

The NSW and Australian governments have announced Natural Disaster Relief Grants of up to \$25,000 to assist communities affected by the Tropical Cyclone Alfred Severe Weather event. To find out more, go to: www.raa.nsw.gov.au/disaster-assistance/storm-flood/natural-disaster-relief-grants

Last Word

Good luck for the season and let's hope we can get some better weather.