



## QSL Update week ending 22.08.14

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### Information session and distribution list

Growers in the Burdekin can catch a briefing from Carla on QSL's estimated 2014 pool returns and current sugar and currency market themes at Canegrowers Burdekin's Grower Information Session tomorrow, Friday 22 August. The information session is open to all cane farmers and their guests, and kicks off at 10am at the Giru Bowls Club.

For those unable to make it, you can find our regular market updates, pool prices and other announcements on our website. We also encourage you to sign up for our distribution list to have the latest QSL information delivered straight to your inbox where you can read it when it suits you best. Here is what you need to do:

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### 2014 QSL Pool Performance

Please note that all prices quoted below are indicative only and don't include a firm value from the QSL Shared Pool. Growers should always consult their mill for information about their individual cane payments.

| QSL Pool - as at 15 August 2014 | Net \$A per mt IPS |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| QSL Harvest Pool                | \$412              |
| QSL Discretionary Pool          | \$424              |
| QSL Actively Managed Pool       | \$428              |
| QSL Guaranteed Floor Pool       | \$425              |
| QSL Growth Pool                 | \$428              |
| QSL Forward Season Pool (2014)  | \$420              |
| QSL US Quota Pool               | \$489              |



## **Market Update**

**Ginette Barrett, QSL Liquidity Manager**  
**Current as of 18 August 2014**

### **Sugar**

The raw sugar market has continued its downward trend. Although the market traded over a 100 point range it only ended up ultimately moving 40 points with the October14 contract closing the fortnight at 15.92 c/lb while the March and May closed at 17.77 and 18.05 c/lb.

Physical demand for sugar remains low with over 1 million raws yet to be sold out of Thailand. This now poses the threat of these sugars being delivered to the October tape rolling the problem forward to the first quarter of 2015.

The second half July UNICA numbers for Brazil show sugar production and yields down. This could be an indication that the crop will come in well under expectations.

QSL's view remains that we expect prices to continue to trend low while the surplus is in tow. We anticipate sugar prices to move higher once surplus has fed into the supply chain.

### **Currency**

The Australian dollar has remained relatively stable over the fortnight with the range trading between 93.70 US cents and 92.40 US cents with mixed data out of the US.

Geo-political issues have heightened once again weighing on the risk appetite of the market. The Aussie seems to be determined to hold at these levels for now but our view remains that we expect to see the Australian dollar come down later this year. We remain of the view the US will move forward with its economic recovery giving some relief to the Australian exporters later in the year with a lower dollar.

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