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*Caption: Brett Corish of Goondiwindi Qld has been impressed by the performance of his new Case IH Rowtrac tractor.*

Rowtrac fuels cotton productivity

**Latest Case IH tractor combines fuel efficiency with high horsepower**

Brett Corish received his Case IH Rowtrac 450 tractor in mid-May and by early June had completed about 150 hours on it. His property, Mundine Farming, is about 40km west of Goondiwindi in Queensland. It primarily grows cotton and he is hoping the extra horsepower will help him handle pupae destruction more efficiently as part of his cotton accreditation.

“At the moment we’re currently completing that in three passes, but I expect we can get it down to a two-pass operation,” Brett explains.

He says the Rowtrac is a multipurpose tractor that will give his operations a lot more flexibility.

“It's a higher horsepower tractor that lets us do heavier work, but it’s also more fuel-efficient as well. And with the hitch set up on two metre centres, we can easily run up and down our rows maintaining the same tracks.”

This helps with soil compaction as well, which Brett says is an issue for all primary producers.

“The Rowtrac definitely moves across the country a lot better than wheel tractors. It comes down to being able to put all your horsepower into the ground - you get more surface coverage with the tracks.”

He has also been impressed by the fuel efficiency, as he can now complete the same operations with less fuel, compared with his previous tractor.

“The other week, we were pulling a 40 foot offset at 7 km/hour on the new Rowtrac, and the fuel use was about 65 litres per hour. On different operations it’s less – about 50 litres to the hour.”

“For our operations, it seems to me Case IH is coming out with better tractors at this higher horsepower end,” he says. “The Case IH dealer up here is very good to deal with, and reliable, which is obviously another factor. And it’s great to now have the flexibility of higher horsepower, and reliability, in one tractor.”

Brett will be using his Rowtrac across his 25,000 acre mixed farming operation – cereals as well as cotton, and he recently had it hooked to the planter sowing wheat crops. “We haven't been able to do a lot of cotton row crop work with it yet, due to the weather, but when it dries up we’ll be moving it out there.”

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