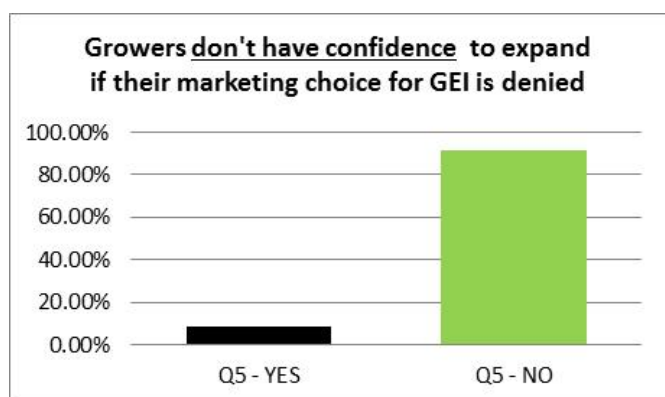
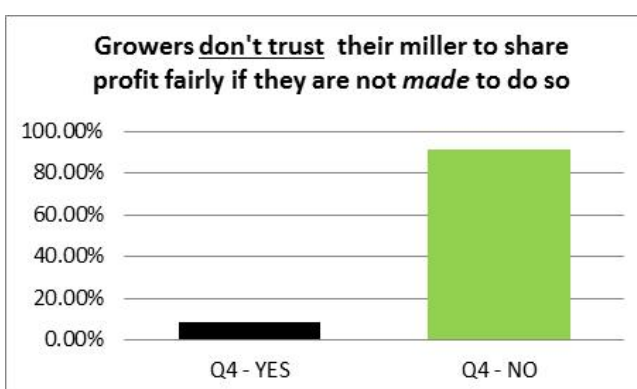
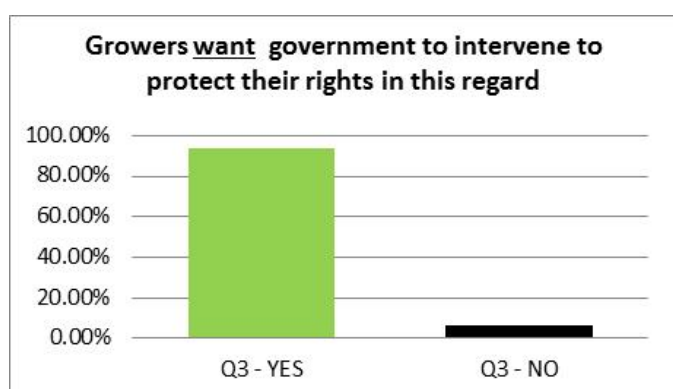
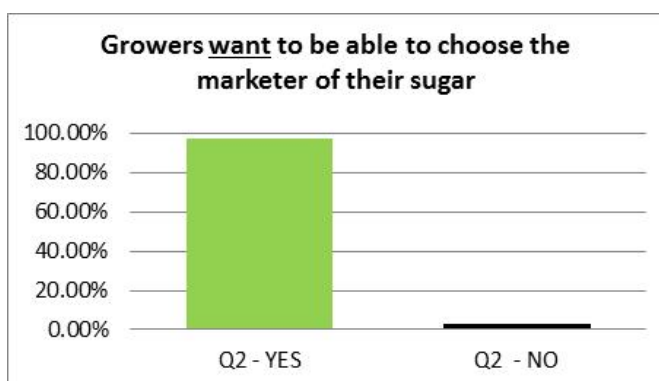
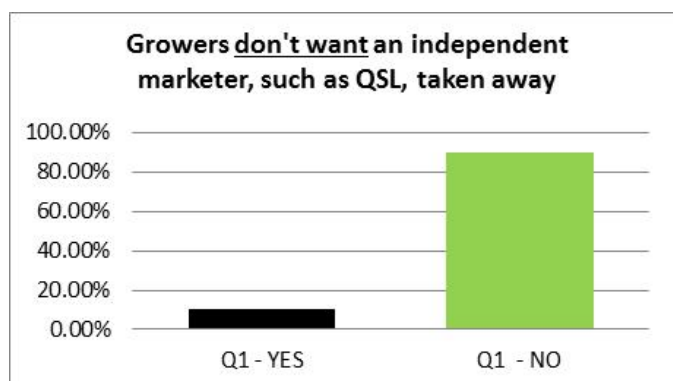


Sugarcane grower survey results (Jan 2015)



Below are the objections received up until (but NOT including the grower census above)

Total objections received (to Dec 2014)

3592

letters of objection

1828

growers condemning this action in unanimous motions at 6 meetings

646

Petition - <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/saynotowilmar>

298

facebook "Say No To Wilmar" click here

269

facebook "Wilmar's Marketing Proposal!" click here

551

3592

Farmers send clear marketing message

The grower sugar marketing survey results have been tallied and the results are overwhelming!

Members of both CANEGROWERS and the Australian Cane Farmers Association (ACFA) have sent government at both the state and federal levels a resounding message - that they must move to safeguard the right of farmers to choose how their share of the sugar produced in Queensland is sold.

Growers have rejected absolutely the future being forced on them by three of Australia's largest millers. It would be a future in which the milling companies would take on marketing all of the sugar themselves.

"Up until now, growers have had a say over how two-thirds of their sugar was marketed – growers take two thirds of the risk in the production of the sugar and the systems in place had given them a say over the very mechanism by which they are paid," explains CANEGROWERS Chairman **Paul Schembri**.

Mr Schembri says that the mills' moves to take all sugar marketing on themselves would also open the door for mills to be able to move costs around inside their companies, a concern for growers who will no

longer have certainty they are getting their fair share of the profits.

He says this worry was demonstrated in the results of the survey which show clearly where growers concerns are and what action they need to give them confidence in their future.

"The results of the survey were decisive," he says. Mr Schembri thanked all the growers who had completed and returned the survey.

ACFA says the issue affects every grower right across the industry, not just those in the areas whose mills have given notice to leave the industry-owned marketer QSL.

"The actions of the few will leave the whole industry exposed," says **Don Murday**, ACFA Chairman.

"The results of this survey clearly show that growers overwhelmingly want and need government to step in and swiftly rectify the market imbalance. It would be perilous for any future government to ignore such a strong message." ■

Moving farm machines on roads?

On page 12 **Burn Ashburner**, CANEGROWERS Senior Manager – Industry, outlines the rules as they stand now and why a more workable solution must be found.

"Technically, growers have access to travel on and cross public roads but in practice to do so legally and be able to effectively run a world-competitive business is difficult with the current systems and regulations," says Burn.

A solution must be found and a significant amount of work and effort is being put in to have practical, economic and safe access to the public roads." ■

Grower marketing survey results

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Paul Schembri, CANEGROWERS Chairman



want to be able to choose the marketer of their sugar



said government needs to intervene to protect their rights



don't trust their miller to share profits fairly (if they are not made to)



said they didn't want access to an independent marketer taken away



say they will not have confidence to expand if their marketing choice is denied