

## Case IH launches new Austoft® 8010 and 8810 sugarcane harvesters in Africa and Middle East

*The release of the Austoft 8010 and 8810 models is a major update to Case IH product offering in Africa and Middle East markets. With 28 new features and improvements that came out of more than 18,000 hours of field-testing, Case IH now offers a full range of harvesting equipment for all types of sugarcane cultivation in those countries.*

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With 75 years of expertise in the field of mechanised sugarcane harvesting and an enviable reputation for bringing success to sugarcane farmers worldwide, Case IH has expanded its product offerings upgrading its last Austoft Series with two new models: the **8010** and **8810 single-row and multi-row sugarcane harvesters**.

The new Austoft models combine the best of its predecessors and the most advanced solutions to the sugarcane harvesting sector to create a machine that offers **easier operation, improved harvest quality** and **increased productivity**.

The Austoft 8010 and 8810 sugarcane harvesters, with a raft of new features and improvements, were introduced in Australia, South East Asia and China last year after 18,000 hours of testing on the field. The two models are now ready to be commercialised also in Africa and Middle East.

Marcin Ruppert, Case IH Marketing Manager Middle East and Africa, commented: “The new Austoft 8010 and 8810 models further extend our product offering, meeting an increasing demand for innovation in the sugarcane harvesting industry. We are confident sugarcane growers will appreciate the improvements in these new machines which will lead to more profit for the farmers and increased output for sugar mills.”

Among the new features are LED work lights, a raised cab position for better operator visibility which doesn't add to the overall height of the harvester and new rearview mirrors, footrests and operator seat to improve driver comfort.

Other features and improvements include:

- Optional 'Auto Float' function (crop divider height control): This function automates the control of both crop divider lift cylinders, keeping the toe in contact with the soil at all times, while also preventing 'ploughing'. It can stop inexperienced operators from accidentally lowering the crop

dividers too deep, while letting experienced operators focus more attention on other harvesting functions. Activation has been integrated into the Auto Tracker control, so no additional operator actions are needed to use the system.

- Larger diesel fuel tank: The tank has 29 per cent more capacity and an adjusted position within the machine to increase the number of hours in the field, reduce maintenance costs and improve serviceability.
- Three operational video cameras: These are now standard, positioned on the sides and lower part of the machine and able to be easily monitored on the AFS® Pro700, with adjustable screens that provide easy interaction and switching of views.
- Improved engine protection software: This software improvement is designed to reduce the risk of engine damage due to a high cooling system temperature, and these events are now recorded to help identify issues with improper operation or inadequate maintenance.

### **World-class sugarcane harvesters**

The new Austoft 8010 and 8810 models are the latest arrival in the Case IH product family. The Austoft Series has a long history of leading the world in cane-harvesting technology, promoting excellent cane quality and ultra-clean samples. It has also earned a solid reputation for its advanced solutions, performance and high levels of customer satisfaction which have been proven the world-over.

With this release, Case IH now offers a full range of harvesting equipment for all sugarcane varieties and growing conditions in the world. Today, Case IH's sugarcane harvesting solutions are:

- The Austoft 4000 Series: specifically designed for small to medium landholdings or big plantations with reduced row spacing. This harvester is a superb option for sugarcane fields with reduced spacings of 1.0 and 1.1 meters, and for those cane growers who need or wish to start harvesting mechanically, or for big plantation areas where the Austoft 4000 can harvest short rows or low productivity soils.
- The Austoft 8000 Series: capable of harvesting up to 100 tonnes per hour. Its output, and the cleanness of the sugarcane billets delivered to the mill, enable the exceptionally efficient production of high quality sugar. The high performance and reduced cane loss are due to a combination of factors: a powerful yet efficient engine, industry-leading cutter, chopper and extractor design, and operator-friendly features that make driving easier and more precise.

To complement its product offerings, Case IH also offers extensive training for operators and customers, plus unrivalled technical support and after-sales service. For bigger agricultural businesses Case IH expert advisers also help formulate mechanisation plans tailored to their individual needs, taking into account variations in climate, soil type and terrain.

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