

## Part 1 – Summary Project Details

## CRDC Final Report

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CRDC Project Number: **CSP109C**

Project Title: **Purchase of new tractor for CSIRO Cotton Research**

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### **Part 3 – Final Report on equipment purchase**

CSIRO Cotton Research Unit conducts field research on ACRI and on leased land adjacent to ACRI (Leitches) where large scale experiments have been run for several years. However, with increasing strain on land resources on ACRI we have been forced to progressively relocate more of our small scale research to the Leitch fields. In particular we now use approximately 50% of the area for cotton breeding plots since the breeding program has expanded dramatically with the increase in transgenic lines.

Historically CSIRO has provided all farming equipment (tractors and implements), labour and running costs for experimental work on Leitches in addition to substantial lease payments. This project received funds to allow the purchase of a new tractor capable of handling the increased general farming operations on Leitches used for research and cotton breeding.

Following standard CSIRO Tender Procedures, a new John Deere 8100 Tractor was purchased from Peel Valley Machinery Service, Narrabri against CSIRO purchase order number BP004778 dated 9 September 1999 at a cost of \$121,781.51. This tractor met all our specifications and can handle all our farm equipment that it is needed for. Already, this tractor has proven to be a valuable asset.