

Climate Smart Pilots Horticulture

Ian Pearce | Apples and Cherries | Orange NSW

AgTech helped apple producer Ian Pearce improve his decision making and adapt his management practices for a future climate.





Increased rainfall



More extreme weather events





Autumn/winter rainfall to increase Summer/Spring rainfall to decrease Sun damage to fruit to more than double

Automatic weather stations and temperature sensors provide:

Real-time data across the farm

- Help plan spray activities
 - Better understand future changes



6 The data from the sensors motivated me to change my irrigation to drip. Had I changed earlier, it would have saved some of the blocks sacrificed in the drought. - Ian Pearce, Producer



Soil Moisture Sensors:

- Tell you how much water is in the soil
- Help you irrigate where it is needed
- Improving water use efficiency
- Allow for better drought preparation

Digital technology can monitor, predict and automate some decisions, ... leading to economic and environmental sustainability improvements. - Jessica Fearnley Temperate Fruits and Horticulture **Development Officer**

Depth and temperature sensors in tanks and Flow Sensors:

- Shows how much water is stored
- Shows how much water is moving



- Allows for more efficient water usage
- Increasing awareness of leaks or wastage





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