



Changes to Concessional Contributions Cap

The government announced a suite of changes to superannuation legislation in the 2017 Budget. One of these changes involved the lowering of the annual concessional contributions cap from 1 July 2017 to \$25,000. (Previously it was \$35,000 for people 49 years and older at the end the previous financial year and \$30,000 for everyone else.)

Concessional (pre-tax) contributions to your super include:

- employer contributions
- any amount you salary sacrifice into super
- Personal contributions you claim as a personal super contributions deduction

From 1 July 2017, the 10% maximum earnings condition for personal contributions deductions no longer applies. The introduced changes now mean that from 1 July 2017, all eligible individuals will be able to claim a personal tax deduction when making personal concessional contributions to super up to their concessional cap.

As concessional contributions are paid before tax is applied, it means that your super fund pays tax on the contributions at 15%.

It is important that you bear in mind this reduction in the contribution cap, particularly if you have a salary sacrifice arrangement in place. Adjustments may be required to ensure that you do not exceed the allowable limits otherwise excess contributions tax may apply.

If you would like more information on the contribution caps or on how the new rules may affect you please call us for an appointment.

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## Kalamia Sweet Notes

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Well the month of June has proven to be a hectic one with negotiations of Collective Cane Supply Agreement (CSA) reaching its conclusion, the sudden rush of assisting our members in electronically signing their CSA's in order for them to undertake their pool/pricing nominations whilst at the same time watching the price of sugar continue to tumble.

The rain that the district received in May resulted in delayed crush start with Kalamia the first mill to come on line commencing operations on 14th June with the other mills following within a week. As of the time of writing this article it was also disappointing to note that Invicta within a week of starting has had a major breakdown when a 15 metre section of their cold water main pipe has collapsed under vacuum, resulting in milling operations ceasing for approx. 60 hours. Mild weather conditions since the May rain have been conducive to the 2017 crop with dry cool weather hopefully to continue.

I had the opportunity recently to attend a "Climate Adaptation Workshop" hosted by Dept of Agriculture and Fisheries. This workshop involved participants in recognising impacts climate change can have on our region and industry, adaptation to change and impacts be it positive or negative. Long term climate projections for NQ region include:

» Higher temperatures – Maximum, minimum and average temperatures are projected to rise between 0.5° and 1.5°C by 2030

- » Substantial increase in the temperature reached on the hottest days and an increase in the frequency of hot days.
- » More intense downpours
- » Less frequent but more intense tropical cyclones
- » Sea levels will continue to rise
- » Warmer and more acidic ocean.

What does this mean for the sugar industry... well it is not all bad news. Increased temperatures and carbon dioxide are likely to lead to accelerated crop development and increased yield. On the down side increased temperatures may also result in increase in pest and diseases through better survival of populations during winter periods. Changes in rainfall, more intense storms and rising sea levels impacting in limited supply and quality of irrigation water as well as saltwater intrusion into coastal aquifers and physical damage to crops. I found the workshop to be informative and thought provoking, highlighting the need to consider future actions to better manage our climate risks.

Earlier this month I attended Sugar Research Australia's RP20 Burdekin Nitrogen Trail Grower Update which has proven that the SIX EASY STEPS method for determining nitrogen application rates provides adequate levels of nitrogen to maintain productivity and maximise profitability over a crop cycle. A total of 23 growers participated in having different nitrogen fertiliser rates tested across different soil types on plant, first and second ratoon cane throughout the Burdekin district.

Growers who participated were generally sceptical at first however, at the end of the trials could not argue with the results delivered from their own farm. By adopting best practice nitrogen rates compared with using higher rates traditionally used,



growers have been able to maintain comparable yield and CCS levels, reduce input costs thereby improving profitability without adversely influencing soil fertility. The other positive in the eyes of various state government departments is improved environmental footprint with less nitrogen being lost in local waterways and ultimately reduced impact on reef catchment areas. Anybody interested in hearing the results first hand from participant growers, please find link to video presentation. https://www. voutube.com/watch?v=dPoI9zWmc3w Well that is about all from me this month with the exception of a date claimer. Kalamia Cane Growers Organisation Ltd's Annual General Meeting is to be held on Thursday 13th July commencing at 7.00pm, venue is Burdekin PCYC. Guest speakers for the evening will be Alison Treston from Achmea Australia, specialist in Agri Insurance and Greg Beashel from Qld Sugar Limited.

Hope to catch up with you all there. Cheers until next month.



# QSL Update



#### QSL GROWER REP MEMBER NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

By QSL CEO and Managing Director Greg Beashel



Greg Beashel

Nominations are now open for candidates interested in serving their local growing communities as a QSL Grower Representative Member.

QSL's 23 Grower Representative Members are the voice of Queensland's 4000+ cane growers, with one elected representative for each of the 21 mills in Queensland – including four (4) in the Burdekin Region (representing the Kalamia, Invicta, Pioneer and Inkerman mills) – as well as two additional appointments representing

CANEGROWERS and the Australian Cane Farmers Association.

The 21 elected grower representatives hold their positions for a three-year period and during this time are expected to attend QSL Annual General Meetings and other special members' meetings as required in order to vote on matters of significance to the Queensland sugar industry. In addition to this they also act as a vital communication link between QSL and growers throughout Queensland, providing direct feedback to QSL on behalf of the growers they serve while also keeping them abreast of QSL activities and important information.

I encourage you to nominate a representative from your mill area who is connected to their fellow growers, understands the needs of growers in your region and has the enthusiasm and desire to be your voice. You may even feel this is a role you'd like to take on yourself.

Nomination forms and other information about the election process are available from QSL's Burdekin office, the Kalamia Cane Growers office and the QSL website (www.qsl.com.au). To nominate as a representative for a mill area, you must be a sugar cane grower who supplies sugar cane under contract to a mill in your relevant mill area. Nominations close on Friday 5pm QLD time Friday 28 July 2017.

If QSL receives more nominations than the designated number of Grower Representative Member positions available in a particular milling district, growers in that district will be advised that a vote is to take place and voting papers will be made available.

It should be noted that there is no remuneration paid for this position. It will be up to the individual Grower Representative Member as to how active they want to be in their role, but we encourage them to participate to ensure QSL's ongoing success. In return for taking on this task, QSL commits to listening to their feedback and keeping them updated on our efforts as we work to maximise the value we deliver to the Queensland sugar industry.

For more information about the QSL Grower Representative Member election process, please visit www.qsl.com.au or contact your local QSL Industry Relationship Manager Carla Keith on 0409 372 305 or via email at carla.keith@qsl.com.au.

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## THE QSL PAYMENT STATEMENT

#### YOUR PAYMENT FROM QSL

- You will be issued with a QSL GEI Sugar Payment Statement for each payment from QSL. These statements are only available through your account on the QSL Direct online grower portal.
- How much you have been paid by QSL is identified as the 'Total' listed near the bottom of your QSL payment statement (see attached example to locate this on your statement).
- This payment figure is based on the weighted average of your individual pricing position and reflects the current QSL Advance Rate (e.g. 60%) and incorporates the net deductions/allowances advised by Wilmar as well as a payment for GST.
- Please note that your QSL payment is in no way aligned to the 'Cane Payable Redirected to QSL' figure or the 'Cane Value' quoted on your Wilmar RCTI.
- Wilmar has no insight into your pricing arrangements with QSL and so is not privy to the value of your Grower's Economic Interest in sugar (GEI Sugar) based on your pricing choices. Instead, they have used a nominated rate defined in their On Supply Agreement with QSL as the ICE 11 spot price on a set day each week. Under the terms of your Grower Pricing Agreement (GPA) with QSL, you are exchanging this nominated sugar value for values determined under the QSL GPA so that's why the net value of cane payables on your Wilmar RCTI is re-directed to QSL. This Wilmar value does not recognise your pricing choices or the current Advances rate and so does not reflect how much you will be paid by QSL.
- Growers should also be aware that due to the late Pricing Declaration Date for Wilmar Growers this year (23 June 2017), QSL's June Advances payments will be based on the 2017 Harvest Pool indicative price and will be adjusted to reflect growers' individual pricing positions from July.

#### YOUR DEDUCTIONS AND ALLOWANCES

- QSL is not advised of your individual allowances and deductions, just the net amount that must be applied to your QSL payment.
- Please refer to your Wilmar RCTI for details of each deduction and allowance incurred and paid under your Cane Supply Agreement (CSA).

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#### YOUR GST COMPONENT

- Under the terms of your Grower Pricing Agreement with QSL, you are exchanging the amount payable for your GEI Sugar on the Wilmar RCTI for the sugar value as determined under the QSL Pricing Pool Terms (i.e. the result of your pricing decisions using QSL). This transaction is deemed to be a 'financial supply' for the purposes of GST, and so your payment from QSL is not subject to GST.
- However, the payment stream for cane under your CSA is considered a GST-taxable supply. As a result, you should use your Wilmar RCTI and the GST details it contains for your Business Activity Statement (BAS).
- The only figure that growers need for their BAS from their QSL GEI Sugar Payment Statement is the total payment figure from QSL. (See attached example to locate this on your statement).
- QSL is not advised of your individual allowances and deductions or the GST that applies to these just the net amount that must be applied to your QSL payment.
- The GST and the CSA deduction amounts itemised on your QSL payment statements are intended to help the
  reconciliation of your payment. Currently this net deduction figure provided to QSL by Wilmar does not identify
  the GST applicable. As a result, growers will need to refer to their Wilmar RCTI for the GST applicable for
  each deduction/allowance. Variances in the QSL payment statements associated with the GST and net
  deductions will be adjusted as soon as this additional information is obtained from Wilmar.

#### YOUR LEASE/LIEN PAYMENTS

- Your QSL statement shows the **Cane Constant** applied and a **Gross Cane Value** based on the prices achieved as a result of your QSL pool choices.
- These two values are used to calculate any lien and lease payments you have requested in your QSL Grower Pricing Agreement (GPA).
- Such payments, as well as any other payments you've requested QSL make to additional bank accounts, are detailed in the **Farm Payments** section of your QSL statement.

#### YOUR CANE TONNES

- QSL is not informed of how many tonnes of cane you have delivered to your mill. Instead, we are advised how
  much GEI Sugar has been allocated to QSL on your behalf as a result of your cane delivery. QSL then uses
  the Relative CCS figure also provided by Wilmar to calculate the 'Cane Tonnes (Year To Date)' line item on
  your statement from QSL.
- We have been advised that there have been cases where the cane tonnes quoted in the RCTI and the QSL statement have not aligned. We have contacted Wilmar to identify why this may occur. Please contact QSL if you have experienced this issue and we will flag it with Wilmar.

#### THE CANE CONSTANT

- The Cane Constant is part of the cane formula and is an additional cents/tonne payment made to growers by their miller for the supply of cane.
- For transparency, we identify the Cane Constant in both the **Cane Tonnes and Gross Cane Price** and **Payments by Farm** sections of your QSL statement. For more information about your local Cane Constant, please contact your local collective.

#### **COMPLETING YOUR BUSINESS ACTIVITY STATEMENT (BAS)**

- Growers preparing their BAS will source the majority of the information from their Wilmar RCTI.
- The RCTI itemises each grower's deductions and allowances along with the associated GST.
- The only figure that growers need for their BAS from their QSL GEI Sugar Payment Statement is the **total payment figure** from QSL. (See attached example to locate this on your statement).

#### **NEED HELP?**

For assistance regarding your QSL payment, please call the QSL Direct team on 1800 870 756.

#### **QSL PAYMENT STATEMENT EXAMPLE**

#### For 2017 Season Cane Received to Midnight Saturday, June 3, 2017

FARMS					1	
Sugar Received (Year to Date)						
Actual tonnes					1,070.00	Sugar received during the week
Year to Date Actual tonnes					4,009.68	
IPS Conversion Factor (Current Estimate)					1.036750	
Year to Date IPS Tonnes					4,157.04	<ul><li>How much sugar this payment is</li><li>based on</li></ul>
Cane Tonnes and Gross Cane Price						based on
CCS (Relative)					14.58	_
Cane Tonnes (Year to Date)					43,657.18	Your QSL Advances rate for
Advance rate					\$285.67	this payment
Cane Constant					\$0.635300	and paymont
Cane Price					\$27.84	Your Gross Cane Value for the
Gross Cane Value Amount (GCV) current week					\$324,299.05	<ul><li>week based on your QSL</li><li>Advances rate</li></ul>
Payments by Farm						7.6.7.6.7.6.6
Advance rate					\$285.67	
Total payments due to date					\$1,187,528.69	
Less previous pool payments					-\$870,630.97	
Advance Payment due					\$316,897.73	
Less mill deductibles					-\$37,735.41	<ul> <li>Total deductions from Wilmar</li> </ul>
Plus cane constant					\$27,735.41	Payment for Cane Constant
Total mill deductibles and cane constant					-\$10,000.00	
Goods & Services Tax						
GST for Sale Price Value					\$68,885.70	
Less GST for Mill deductibles					-\$3,773.54	
Plus GST for Cane Constant					\$2,773.54	
Total Goods & Services Tax					\$67,885.70	<ul> <li>Total GST as per Wilmar RCTI</li> </ul>
Total					\$374,783.43	
Farm Payments	BSB	Account No.	GCV	% of GCV	1	_
Third Party Payment	123-456	123456789	\$2.00	2.0%	\$6,485.98	Payment to additional account
Balance	123-456	136082673	\$0.00	0.0%	\$368,297.45	(i.e. liens/leases)
Banking Details			_			
BSB	Account No.	Payment				
123-456	123456789	\$6,485	_			
123-456	136082673	\$368,297				
Total		\$374,782	<b>&gt;</b>	- <u>TO</u> 1	AL PAYMENT FRO	OM QSL
Pool Price Information - W	hole of Season	Forecast				
QSL Pricing Pool	IPS Tonnes	\$/IPS Tonne	Advance %	Advar Rate S/IPS Tonne		
AMP_CSG - Actively Managed Pool	593.86	\$476.11	60.0%	\$285.6		
HPS - Harvest Pool Sugar	3,268.23	\$476.11	60.0%	\$285.6	your pool c	hoices and Advances rate for each
USQ - US Quota	294.94	\$476.11	60.0%	\$285.6	7	
Total	4,155					

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# IMENTBERS INFORMATION NOTICE BOARD

# NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Kalamia Cane Growers Organisation Limited will be held at VENUE: Burdekin PCYC DATE: Thursday 13th July 2017 TIME: 7.00pm

A light supper & refreshments provided after meeting.

Any members wishing to raise matters of General Business at the Meeting are requested to advise the Company Secretary 24 hours prior to the meeting.

#### REMINDERS TO KCGO MEMBERS

The daily loadings, sugar price and fuel price is emailed to all members each day for your benefit to keep in touch of the crushing season and Kalagro fuel savings.

Kalagro Fuel Prices have been giving great savings to our current customers.

Throughout the Crushing season, Puma (Kalagro's supplier) will be delivering daily throughout the week days. Monday - Friday.

A reminder that to place orders, please ring the Kalamia Cane Growers office.

Our Kalagro customer's cannot ring direct to Puma and receive the Kalagro discounted rate.

# Advances and payments by pricing category



#### 2016 SEASON: HERBERT, BURDEKIN & PLANE CREEK

8 June 2017											
				US Quota	Wilmar Managed Pool	FSP 2 - 2 Season Forward Pool	FSP 3 - 3 Season Forward Pool	Actively Managed Pool	Guaranteed Floor Price Pool	Harvest Pool	Totals & Averages
POOL PRICES											
Previous Net Pool Price Estimates			A/t IPS								
25 Mar 2016				\$683.12	\$461.45	\$467.72	\$482.58	\$466.35	\$430.06	\$450.12	
29 Apr 2016				\$690.61	\$440.38	\$469.34	\$485.51	\$477.02	\$434.61	\$456.50	
27 May 2016				\$678.06	\$472.58	\$478.59	\$494.70	\$523.84	\$455.59	\$501.29	
30 Jun 2016				\$668.04	\$470.14	\$477.97	\$497.80	\$556.89	\$466.45	\$525.41	
29 Jul 2016				\$669.99	\$470.40	\$475.44	\$493.92	\$541.85	\$456.79	\$508.86	
26 Aug 2016				\$664.97	\$471.00	\$476.47	\$498.09	\$558.88	\$464.76	\$527.68	
30 Sep 2016				\$662.94	\$475.33	\$477.92	\$502.37	\$579.97	\$470.25	\$551.07	
28 Oct 2016				\$663.86	\$478.16	\$478.20	\$501.03	\$575.51	\$469.46	\$545.03	
25 Nov 2016				\$670.75	\$479.19	\$479.66	\$497.30	\$561.70	\$465.58	\$522.10	
30 Dec 2016				\$684.77	\$484.48	\$480.70	\$497.15	\$559.89	\$465.79	\$525.93	
27 Jan 2017				\$672.42	\$481.62	\$479.38	\$498.58	\$560.69	\$466.13	\$526.82	
24 Feb 2017				\$667.67	\$480.37	\$479.64	\$498.38	\$561.29	\$466.49	\$522.16	
31 Mar 2017				\$672.41	\$481.71	\$480.22	\$498.00	\$560.18	\$466.31	\$512.67	
28 Apr 2017				\$673.34	\$482.94	\$481.00	\$498.29	\$561.16	\$466.57	\$513.75	
Current Gross Pool Estimate			A/t IPS	\$778.21	\$481.77	\$479.87	\$497.12	\$560.27	\$465.40	\$513.03	
Shared Pool Premiums			A/t IPS	-\$69.99	\$36.58	\$36.58	\$36.58	\$36.58	\$36.58	\$36.58	
Shared Pool Charges			A/t IPS	-\$33.99	-\$33.97	-\$33.97	-\$33.97	-\$33.97	-\$33.97	-\$33.97	
Net Pool Price Estimate 26 May 2017 Pool Reports		A/t IPS	\$674.23	\$484.38	\$482.48	\$499.73	\$562.88	\$468.01	\$515.64		
ADVANCE RATES	A\$/t IPS	% Advance	Status								
In-Season \$ Rates	S										
Initial	\$267.00		Paid	\$267.00	\$267.00	\$267.00	\$267.00	\$267.00	\$267.00	\$267.00	
18 Aug 2016	\$326.00		Paid	\$326.00	\$326.00	\$326.00	\$326.00	\$326.00	\$326.00	\$326.00	
20 Oct 2016	\$368.00		Paid	\$368.00	\$368.00	\$368.00	\$368.00	\$368.00	\$368.00	\$368.00	
15 Dec 2016	\$383.00		Paid	\$383.00	\$383.00	\$383.00	\$383.00	\$383.00	\$419.02	\$383.00	
Post-Season Diffe	erential Rates										
26 Jan 2017		80.00%	Paid	\$547.82	\$387.58	\$384.56	\$397.72	\$447.91	\$419.21	\$420.74	
23 Feb 2017		82.50%	Paid	\$554.75	\$397.34	\$395.49	\$411.33	\$462.57	\$419.52	\$434.63	
23 Mar 2017		87.50%	Paid	\$584.21	\$420.32	\$419.68	\$436.08	\$491.13	\$419.84	\$456.89	
20 Apr 2017		90.00%	Paid	\$605.17	\$433.54	\$432.20	\$448.20	\$504.16	\$419.68	\$461.40	
18 May 2017		95.00%	Paid	\$639.67	\$458.79	\$456.95	\$473.38	\$533.10	\$443.24	\$488.06	
22 Jun 2017		97.50%	Scheduled	\$657.38	\$472.27	\$470.42	\$487.24	\$548.81	\$456.31	\$502.75	
Final		100.00%	Scheduled	\$674.23	\$484.38	\$482.48	\$499.73	-	\$468.01	\$515.64	
FORECAST RETU	RN FOR A 'DEFA	ULT GROWE	R' (i.e. A grow	er with no F	orward Pric	cing or QSL	Fixed Ton	nage Pools	)		
% Allocation to US Quota and Harvest Pools				2.54%						97.46%	100.00%
Advances to be Paid as from 22 June 2017			A/t IPS	\$657.38						\$502.75	\$506.67
Final Forecast Advances to be Paid			A/t IPS	\$674.23						\$515.64	\$519.66
% Paid Season-to-Date				97.50%						97.50%	97.50%

#### Notes to Advances Program

#### **Forward Pricing pools**

In addition to the above pools, many growers have undertaken pricing via Wilmar's Forward Pricing program, namely under the Target Pricing and Call Pricing mechanisms. The final returns from these pools are subject to the same Shared Pool adjustment as for the ICE No.11 pools referred to above.

#### **Shared Pool Element**

The 'Shared Pool Premiums' and the 'Shared Pool Charges', as shown above, together comprise the 'Shared Pool Element' as defined in the Forward Price and Pooling Agreement (FPPA).

#### **General information**

Advances are quoted EXCLUSIVE of GST. All advances are subject to QSL Board approvals, final returns for each price category, Wilmar's final sugar production for the season and tonnage allocations to various pricing methods. All growers who have used any form of Forward Pricing will have different advances depending on their price outcomes and tonnages fixed.

# KCGO News



# KCGO MEMBER TAKES OUT OVERALL GRAND FINAL WINNER IN HAND CUTTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Kalamia Canegrowers Member, Mr Frank Covolo showed the Burdekin how to hand cut cane in the recent Australian Hand Cane Cutting Championships which drew strong numbers eager to enter the competitions competing for great prizes. Frank was the winner of the 'over 55's' and was also granted the overall grand final winner.

#### Congratulations Frank!

The Australian Hand Cane Cutting Championships which relives the days before the introduction of mechanical harvesting continually brings huge crowds to the Gudjuda Home Hill Showgrounds annually. Organiser Tonia Rossato has again worked tirelessly to create this iconic attraction which represents the Primary Rural Industry in the region. Kalamia Cane Growers Organisation Limited proudly supports the Australian Hand Cane Cutting Championships each year by donating sponsorship to this unique community based event.



Mr Frank Covolo, winner of the 'over 55's' and granted the 'Overall Grand Final' winner at the recent Australian Hand Cane Cutting Championships.

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## KCGO News



#### INCENTIVE TO KCGO MEMBERS

Members that have recently electronically signed their collective Cane Supply Agreement need to be aware of incentive payments negotiated with Wilmar to encourage growers to become Smartcane BMP and Bonsucro Accredited. Clause 11 of Schedule 4, pages 77 and 78 of CSA has been replicated below for your information. Any grower interested in participating should contact Terry Granshaw at BPS Office on 0437553149.

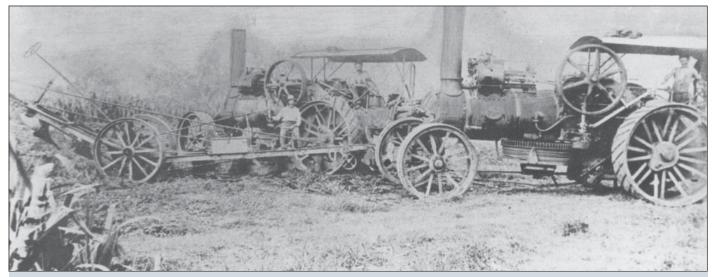
- (a) The Parties recognise the increasing expectations of customers and society generally in relation to environmental stewardship and social responsibility. The Parties also acknowledge the Smartcane Best Management Practice (BMP) program and Bonsucro accreditation as the appropriate pathway for demonstrating sound environmental stewardship and social responsibility across the raw sugar value chain.
- (b) To encourage the rapid uptake of Smartcane BMP and Bonsucro accreditation, the Mill Owner will make available the following one-off incentive payments to the Grower.
  - (i) A payment of 15 cents per tonne, subject to paragraph 11 (b)(ii) of this schedule 4, for all Cane Delivery Tonnes in the Relevant Season in which the Grower first achieves Smartcane BMP accreditation for all three of the core Smartcane BMP modules:
    - (A) Module 1 Soil Health and Nutrition Management;
    - (B) Module 2 Irrigation and Drainage Management; and
    - (C) Module 3 Weed, Pest and Disease management.
  - (ii) Regardless of the number of cane supply agreements to which the Grower is a party, a cap of 25,000 tonnes of cane per legal entity (ABN/ACN) will apply to Grower payments pursuant to paragraph 11 (b)(i) of this schedule 4. (For clarity, and by way of example, if the Grower is a party to two or more cane supply agreements under the same ABN number, the maximum aggregate total of tonnes from the applicable farms to which an incentive payment under this schedule 4 can be made is 25,000 tonnes. The same limit applies if the Grower holds only one cane supply agreement under a single ABN).

- (iii) A payment of 10 cents per tonne for all Bonsucro accredited Cane Delivery Tonnes in the Relevant Season in which the Grower is first awarded Bonsucro accreditation after.
  - (A) completing Smartcane BMP Module 8 Managing People and the Environment (Bonsucro bridging module) in addition to modules 1, 2 and 3 referred to in paragraph 11 (b)(i) of this schedule 4; or
  - (B) completing Smartcane BMP Modules 4, 5, 6 and 7 and any other necessary requirements in addition to modules 1, 2 and 3 referred to in paragraph 11 (b)(i) of this schedule 4; or
  - (C) satisfying the necessary Bonsucro requirements via a pathway that is independent of Smartcane BMP.
- (iv) Incentive payments available pursuant to paragraph 11 (b)(i) of this schedule 4 Smartcane BMP Modules 1 3 shall only be available for the 2017 and 2018 Relevant Seasons, whilst payments pursuant to paragraph 11 (b) (iii) of this schedule 4 Bonsucro accreditation shall be available for the Initial Term of this Agreement (2017 to 2019 Relevant Seasons).
- (v) Payments to the Grower will be made to the Grower after the conclusion of the relevant Crushing Season and within 30 Business Days following receipt of satisfactory documentary evidence of BMP or Bonsucro accreditation and the Mill Owner's verification of the Cane Delivery Tonnes to which the Bonsucro accreditation relates.

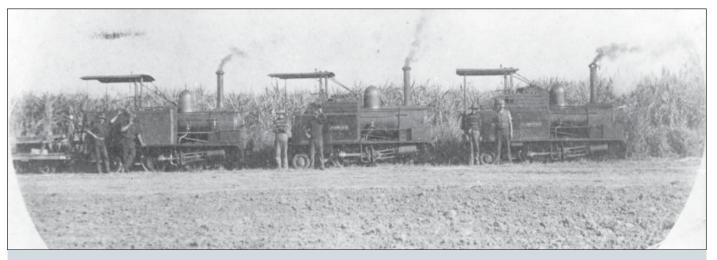




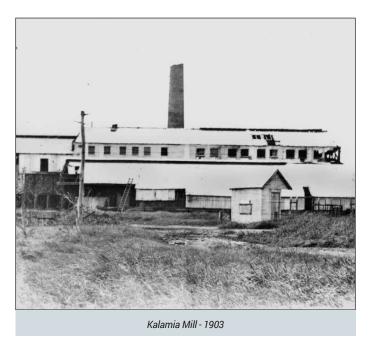
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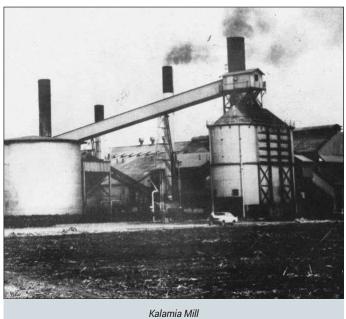


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# Sweet Industry Media Releases

# APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR SRATRAVEL AND I FARNING AWARDS

Sugar industry participants are encouraged to apply for a Sugar Industry Travel and Learning Award (STLA) through Sugar Research Australia (SRA).

The awards offer up to \$5,000 for an individual award, or \$10,000 towards a workshop or event, or up to \$30,000 as a contribution towards a longer term staff placement or learning opportunity.

The STLA are part of SRA's investment in building the Australian sugarcane industry's knowledge and capability.

Dr Michael O'Shea, General Manager of the Research Funding Unit at SRA, said that applications for the awards are open and that SRA was seeking applications for innovative learning ideas.

"The awards cover a range of possible activities that will deliver benefits throughout the Australian sugarcane industry," Dr O'Shea said. "This includes, for example, skills-development activities that could

include visiting farm trials and assessing new farming methods, visiting other mills, wineries, or paper mills, and then sharing this information back with industry via an adoption activity.

"These awards are on offer to all industry participants, including growers, millers, and service providers including researchers.

"The Awards recognise that it is crucial that the Australian sugarcane industry continue in developing its skills and expertise, which includes looking at other industries and even other countries to ensure that we keep our ideas and innovation at the leading edge.

"SRA is committed to investing in research that can be adopted on farm or in the mill, providing a tangible outcome for sugarcane growers and millers. All applications will be assessed in that context of their benefit to the industry.

SRA Adoption Officer for harvesting, Mr



Phil Patane, participated in an SRA STLA in 2016 to visit the major sugarcane harvesting manufacturers in the United States and Brazil. Mr Patane said that it was a valuable experience that provided professional development and also benefit to the Australian industry by building relationships with the major harvesting manufacturers.

"SRA is currently running a major integrated research and adoption program to improve harvesting efficiency, and the information I learned through this STLA is assisting me to optimise harvesting outcomes for the Australian industry," Mr Patane said. "I encourage people with innovative ideas that have a direct benefit for the Australian sugarcane industry to apply."

Applications close August 31, 2017. Find out more at https://sugarresearch.com.au/research-investment/travel-learning-awards/.

#### DR JASON EGLINTON TO LEAD SRA SUGARCANE PLANT BREEDING

26 June, 2017 | Brad Pfeffer

Sugar Research Australia (SRA) has appointed Dr Jason Eglinton to lead the Australian sugarcane breeding program in the role of Key Focus Area Leader for Optimally Adapted Varieties, Plant Breeding, and Release.

Dr Eglinton joined SRA earlier this year and has extensive experience in modern plant breeding technology and innovation including genetic tools such as genome sequencing, molecular markers, and high-throughput phenotyping.

He was formerly Professor of Plant Breeding at the University of Adelaide, where he led the development and commercialisation of new feed and malting barley varieties.

SRA CEO Mr Neil Fisher said that Dr Eglinton would continue to deliver on SRA investors' requests for SRA to innovate within the Australian sugarcane breeding program.

"He will work with SRA's existing plant breeders and all our research scientists, as well as external researchers, to bring innovation to the breeding program and deliver positive outcomes for Australian sugarcane growers and millers," Mr Fisher said.

"The breeding program continues to be the



single biggest investment area for SRA on behalf of our investors, delivering new and improved varieties with optimum traits and that suit the local conditions."

Dr Eglinton's appointment follows the resignation of Dr Bert Collard. Mr Fisher thanked Dr Collard for his contribution at SRA and the work he had undertaken to integrate introgression and molecular markers into the breeding program.

"Dr Eglinton will continue this work to accelerate genetic gain and deliver improvements to the Australian sugarcane industry through new varieties."

# Sweet Industry Media Releases



#### Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

# CANE GROWERS GET TOGETHER TO LEARN ABOUT NEW TOOLS, TRIALS AND SAVING COSTS

20-Jun-2017

Cane growers in the Burdekin met in Home Hill last week to look at a new trial that has been initiated by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) and Burdekin Productivity Services (BPS).

Thirteen growers from the Burdekin District attended the get together to find out about alternative fallow crops, inter row spacing trials and tools that can assist them to improve profitability.

"These tools are designed to help growers manage their finances on the farm and make calculated decisions as to what crops to grow, or assess which practice changes are economically viable," said DAF Economist Sam Cook.

Growers were shown a newly implemented trial that will evaluate the benefits of increasing inter row spacing from 1.5m to

1.8m, as well as a number of other difference such as planting configuration, irrigation efficiency and water quality outcomes. DAF agronomist Brock Dembowski said plant strike between the different treatments was of most interest to the growers and considering the block received 230mm of rain just days after planting, all treatments had a great strike.

"Growers were particularly impressed with the strike in the 1.8m single row which utilised a standard plough planter with a modified chute to compensate for the extra width of the bed," said Brock.

"Winter fallow options can be a major consideration for growers and contracts for alternative crops that suit the winter climate can be difficult to attain at times.

"Most of these crops are not commonly grown in the Burdekin, so information on

how to grow them is limited. Growers were keen to have a look at a freshly planted sweet corn crop and talk about management options with different crops during the cooler months."

Brock explained that the grower group is designed to be run by farmers, for farmers, with DAF, BPS and Sugar Research Australia (SRA) supporting the group by providing specialist speakers and information to help facilitate discussion around the desired topic.

"The group will meet on a regular basis, with the next meeting likely to be held during the crush. If other growers are interested in joining, get in touch with their local Extension Officer from DAF, BPS or SRA," he said.

For more information on FEAT http://bit.ly/FEAT\_Regional\_Scenarios



# Sweet Industry News

#### THE U.S. IS BUYING AUSTRALIA'S AGRICULTURAL LAND

Natalie Kotsios | www.ruralweekly.com.au

The U.S is the biggest international investor into Australian agricultural land. Jamie Brown

INVESTMENT in Australia's agricultural land has soared to \$4.6 billion, with the bulk of that coming from the US.

American investors spent \$1.3 billion buying Aussie farmland in 2015-16, with China hot on their heels with investments totalling \$996 million.

The figures were revealed in the Foreign Investment ¬Review Board's annual report for 2015-16, released last week.

It shows investment in Aussie farms has jumped to \$4.6 billion - almost double the \$2.5 billion recorded in the previous year.

The increase was due to the Government lowering the FIRB's agricultural land screening thresholds in March 2015, from \$252 million to \$15 million for agricultural land and \$55 million for agribusinesses.

"Due to this change, around 110 proposals for agricultural land, valued at approximately \$1.4 billion, were screened in 2015-16 that otherwise would not have been screened previously," the report read. China's investments ¬included the \$280 million purchase of Tasmania's Van Diemen's Dairy.

The UK invested \$338 million - well behind the US and China - to be the third-largest source country in 2015-16, followed by Singapore with \$264 million.

CBRE regional director for agribusiness Danny Thomas said the figures were not surprising and expected the growth in agricultural investment to continue.

"We're seen by the rest of the world as a politically stable environment, and with the ¬exchange rates ... we look like good value," Mr Thomas said.

He said CBBF had seen a slowdown in inquiries from mainland China but he expec-ted capital to continue coming from Hong Kong.

invested \$240 million for 2015-16.

"There's a whole lot of pension funds, institutional investors that are used to investing in natural resources and agriculture on



North and South America," Mr Thomas said. "It's simply a natural extension of their investment programs that they're now starting to look at Australia and New Zealand." The FIRB report showed there were 227 One to watch, however, was Canada, which agricultural sector approvals - a fraction of the 41,445 approvals across all sectors, and accounting for just 2 per cent of the \$247.9 billion investment across Australia.



# Sweet Industry News

# US COMPANY PLANS REGIONAL QUEENSLAND BIOREFINERY TO MAKE COSMETICS FROM SUGAR CANE

QLD Country Hour – www.abc.net.au/rural By Kallee Buchanan

A United States biotechnology company has announced it will build a biorefinery in Queensland to make cosmetics out of sugar cane.

Amyris Biotechnologies is a renewable products company that engineers organisms to make alternatives to petroleum, plant and animal-based products, such as specialty chemicals, flavours and fragrances, cosmetics ingredients and pharmaceuticals.

Based in San Diego, it was the first company to develop a process to convert plant sugars into a cheap anti-malarial, and already has a biorefinery in Brazil.

Chief executive John Melo said the company planned to make Queensland the base for its industrial biotechnology hub in Southeast Asia.

"Our growing demand in China for vitamins and the Asian demand for cosmetics and fragrances supports a new specialty farnesene fermentation factory in Queensland," he said.

"Like all our new projects, this factory is expected to be sold out when it starts operating with agreements to supply our current partners in China and other Asian markets. "Queensland offers an excellent location option for Amyris with its favourable business climate, extensive sugar industry and

Bundaberg, Mackay and Townsville are on the shortlist of potential locations for the plant, which will be decided in the next six months.

geographic proximity to these markets."

The company aims to produce 23,000

tonnes a year of its sugar cane-based ingredient called farnesene, which is used in a range products including cosmetics, fragrances, nutraceuticals, polymers, and lubricants.

It will be supported through funding from the Queensland Government, as part its push to develop a \$1 billion export-oriented biotechnology and bioproducts sector.

"The funding from the Queensland Government along with the operating expertise and sugar cane base of our local partner make this factory possible and enable savings from our current production in Brazil and the associated shipping costs," Mr Melo said.

He said if the plant began producing in 2020 for Southeast Asian markets, could generate \$60-\$80 million in annual revenue, paying back investors in two to three years. In San Diego for the BIO2017 International Convention, Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk said it could create as many as 70 jobs.

"Amyris is seeking to replicate its successful biorefinery in Brazil and sees Queensland as an ideal location due to the abundance of sugarcane and close proximity to Asia," she said.

"The Queensland Government's funding and support for biorefinery projects will create high-value jobs and investment in regional Queensland by using renewable feedstocks to create biofuel and other bioproducts."

'Tremendous opportunity' for regional economies

Canegrowers Queensland Chairman Paul Schembri said while he did not have a lot of detail about the project, on face-value it was



Sugar cane will be converted into a product that can be used in cosmetics, fragrances and lubricants.

a 'tremendous opportunity' for the regions.

"They are talking about locating the biorefinery at either Bundaberg, Mackay or Townsville, so there's an opportunity for a regional economy," he said.

"It is also a potential positive for the sugar industry, the company involved has a large global reach and I understand that they are well established in these types of technologies.

"It's consistent with our view that the sugar industry in the future will not only provide sugar crystal for export to the world, but we see unlimited opportunities for value adding and diversification out of the cane plant."





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# Sweet Recipe

#### **JOKE OF THE MONTH**

- Q: Why couldn't the leopard play hide and seek?
- A: Because he was always spotted
- O: What does a lawver wear to work?
- A: A law suit.
- Q: What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary?
- A: A thesaurus.

#### **DID YOU KNOW...?**

- » Did you know a cat has 32 muscles in each ear
- » Did you know 1 nautical knot equates to 1.852 Kph (1.150 mph)
- » Did you know the word laser stands for 'Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation'
- » Did you know the average golf ball has 336 dimples

#### WORD OF THE MONTH

aegis

noun [ee-jis]

protection; support

'We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses.'

ABRAHAM LINCOLN





# CHICKEN, PEA & MINT FETTUCCINE

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- » 375g fettuccine
- » 1/3 cup dry white wine
- » 300ml thickened cream
- » 1/2 cooked chicken, flesh shredded
- » 100g snow peas, trimmed and halved
- » 1 cup frozen peas
- » 1/3 cup fresh mint leaves, finely shredded
- » Shaved parmesan, to serve
- » Crusty bread, to serve

#### **METHOD**

#### Step 1

Cook pasta in a large saucepan of boiling salted water, following packet instructions.

#### Step 2

Meanwhile, in a large saucepan, bring wine to the boil. Reduce heat and simmer until reduced by half. Stir in cream. Simmer 2–3 minutes to thicken slightly.

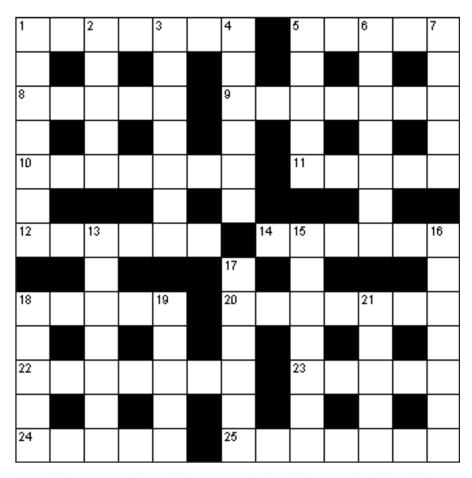
#### Step 3

Stir chicken, snow peas and peas through. Simmer 2–3 minutes, until chicken is heated.

#### Step 4

Add drained pasta to sauce and toss well. Season to taste. Serve topped with mint and parmesan. Accompany with crusty bread, if you like.

# Crossword



#### **ACROSS**

- 1 Defamation (7) 5 Sea-birds (5)
- 8 Small light boat (5)
- 9 Scapegoat (4,3)
- 10 Everlasting (7)
- Cavalry sword (5) 11 Main meal (6) 12
- 14 Evaluate (6)
- 18 Leader (5)
- Gross mistake (7) 20
- 22 Desecrate (7) 23 Capital of Japan (5)
- 24 Bring up (5)
- 25 Treachery (7)

#### **DOWN**

- Hang (7) 1
- 2 Sprightly (5) 3
  - Protection (7)
- 4 Lottery with goods as prizes (6)
- 5 Fierce winds (5)
- 6 Able to be read (7)
- 7 Fashion (5)
- 13 Capital of Kenya (7)
- 15 Move to and fro (7)
- 16 Cut of beef (7)
- 17 Most proficient (6)
- 18 Frolic (5)
- 19 Distress signal (5)
- 21 Noblemen (5)

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