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In this eNewsletter we visit the Southern Region demo farm, we talk milling research, and we link to the recordings of this week's webinars on renewable energy options in the cane industry.

Southern Region demo farm

In this CaneClip, SRA Southern Region Adoption Coordinator, James Ogden-Brown, talks with Ian Dart from Bundaberg Sugar regarding the demonstration farm being used to examine farming practices within the region.

This demonstration farm was identified as a useful tool by the Southern Region Group and Farming Systems Go-to Group.

Ian Dart kindly volunteered to host this demonstration farm to see how different farm practices may positively influence productivity, profitability and sustainability. Ian talks about the process so far, and the decisions made in the face of drought, water availability, and economic value. This video was produced by Hannah Russell, SRA.





Small Milling Research Program enhances collaboration between millers and researchers

SRA has announced new investment in the Small Milling Research Program for 2020, which will see several milling companies partner with research organisations to undertake projects that benefit the Australian sugarcane industry.



Webinar recordings: Renewable energy options in the sugar industry

This week SRA hosted a two-part webinar series presented by AgEcon. Tuesday's webinar covered the key findings from the renewable energy case studies examined as part of this research project. It gave an overview of which technology works best, and when it works, under a range of irrigation scenarios. It also discussed in detail an on-farm energy case study in the Isis region. Wednesday's webinar looked at the decision process to purchase solar PV, finance options for funding



renewable energy on farm, as well as the key drivers and barriers to adoption of this technology.

The recordings for both these webinars and many other project outputs are available on our Energy Portal of the SRA website. This project is supported by investment from the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

New Farm Economic Analysis Tool released by DAF

Agricultural economists at the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries have developed a new online tool that helps sugarcane growers to measure farm profitability and planning. The Farm Economic Analysis Tool (FEAT) streamlines data entry, allows growers to access regional scenarios and can be used on phones, tablets or computers.

FEAT is free for the Australian Sugarcane Industry and growers can sign up online at <https://featonline.com.au>. FEAT online was developed by economists from the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries with project partners GP One and is an initiative of the Queensland Government Reef Water Quality program.



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