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In our new-look eNewsletter, we bring you a new report on variety adoption, we visit Proserpine for shed meetings, and introduce you to SRA's new Executive Manager, Industry Services.



Variety Adoption Report

The Variety Adoption Report provides an overview of clean seed programs and adoption of new varieties in the Australian sugarcane industry. The data sets a baseline for comparing clean seed programs across regions and for monitoring improvements over time as changes are made to the operation of these programs. The report also provides lead indicators of new variety adoption that are part of the metrics used to assess the performance of SRA's investment in plant breeding.

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Recent final reports: Small Milling Research Program

We have recently published three final reports in the SRA eLibrary, completed through the Small Milling Research Program. These reports are from the projects:

- Evaluate the performance of the falling film tube evaporator at Bingera Mill
- Evaluate the suitability of the fixed element crystalliser for widespread adoption in Australian sugar factories
- Reducing in surging in shredders

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Final shed meetings: Water quality improvement in Myrtle Creek catchment (Proserpine)

Earlier this week, Molly O'Dea presented at the final shed meetings for the project, Pathways to Water Quality Improvement in the Myrtle Creek sub-catchment. At the meetings, Molly presented results from the 2020/21 wet season, including discussion on liquid vs granular imidacloprid; dual herbicide trial using knockdown herbicides in the interrow, using the dual herbicide sprayer; and weekly Myrtle Creek samples. Allan Blair from DAF also presented weed and cane growth measurement data taken from the herbicide trial applied using the Dual Herbicide Sprayer. Information sheets from the project are available at the link below.

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The project is funded by the Queensland Government's Reef Water Quality Program and delivered by Sugar Research Australia and Sugar Services Proserpine.



SRA welcomes Executive Manager, Industry Services

Mr Hywel Cook commenced with SRA this week in the new position of Executive Manager, Industry Services.

He comes to this role with extensive experience in the sugar industry nationally and internationally, having held prominent positions at MSF Sugar and Queensland Sugar Limited. He will play a key role in delivering value for the Australian industry through SRA's new strategic direction, and especially through the new Industry Services business unit within SRA.

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Events

[Webinar - Adoption of practices to mitigate harvest losses](#) - 28 May, 8:30am

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