



ACFA E-Newsletter

30 July 2021

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SUGAR INDUSTRY

Local Sugar Industry Partner Awarded at United Nations Food Systems Summit

28 July 2021 | Sunshine Sugar

Sunshine Sugar congratulates Nutrition Innovation on being officially recognised as one of the best SMEs in the world by the United Nations, as part of the Food Systems Summit 2021.

The summit was created to raise awareness of the critical role that agriculture and food systems play in achieving a sustainable future.“

We teamed up with Nutrition Innovation in 2018, with the partnership delivering a world-first Low GI sugar – Sunshine Sugar Low GI; said Sunshine Sugar CEO, Mr Chris Connors. “This partnership delivered one of the first of our diversification projects that are a key part of the strategic business plan underpinning the future sustainability of the NSW sugar industry.

This low GI sugar is made using the nucane® process, developed by Nutrition Innovation and made at the Condong sugar mill. The process produces a wholesome sugar that retains naturally occurring and beneficial antioxidants. Being low in GI (Glycaemic Index) means that it is more slowly digested, absorbed and metabolised – resulting in lower and slower rise in blood glucose. [More...](#)



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QSL Pool Prices, Shared Pool Values & Advances:

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- [Far Northern Milling](#)
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- [MSF Sugar](#)
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- [Wilmar Sugar](#)

Innisfail Show 2021

Michael Camilleri



Thank you to all the helpers at the Innisfail Show. It was a commendable effort by all to brave the inclement weather and produce an exhibit with over 200 entries of cane.

For a year with low productivity yield, it was an exceptionally good display.

The Sugar Cane Industry has been an integral part of the Innisfail community. We have been growing sugar

cane in this region for over 100 years! And it is something that growers have been doing extremely well. I would encourage local growers to become more involved in publicly displaying what we do so well.

Record Shared Pool caps season

28 July 2021 | QSL

Queensland Sugar Limited (QSL) has finalised its 2020-Season pricing results, with the industry-owned sugar marketer notching up a record weighted average Shared Pool result of +\$31 per tonne.

The Shared Pool captures QSL's operating costs, premiums, other revenue, and the Loyalty Bonus where applicable, and is applied to every tonne marketed through QSL.

QSL General Manager Marketing Mark Hampson, said the 2020 Shared Pool return for tonnage priced on the global ICE 11 raw sugar market was a new high for the marketer, which has been marketing sugar on behalf of Queensland cane growers and sugar millers for nearly a century. [More...](#)



New yield benchmark

23 July 2021 | SRA

Sugarcane growers in the Burdekin have a novel new variety to consider for their future farming operations.

The Burdekin Regional Variety Committee (RVC) met earlier this year to consider the commercial merit of the most advanced experimental clones in the Sugar Research Australia (SRA) breeding program and approved the release of SRA32. [More...](#)

Sandy Creek – On farm change for water quality improvement

July 2021 | Reef Catchments

The RP201C Sandy Creek – On farm change for water quality improvement project seeks to address the issue of unintended pesticide losses, predominantly from sugarcane farms, to manage the water quality impact pesticides pose to the receiving environment, both freshwater and marine including the Great Barrier Reef. [More...](#)

2022 Mackay Sugar Apprentice Intake

28 July 2021 | Mackay Sugar

Applications are now open for the 2022 Mackay Sugar Apprentice Intake, in the following areas:

- Fabrication (Boilermaker)
- Mechanical (Fitter & Turner)
- Mechanical (Fitter Machinist)
- Electrical (Electrical Fitter / Mechanic)
- Diesel Fitter (Rollingstock Fitter)



To apply, please visit [our website](#). Enquiries are to be directed to the Human Resources Department by emailing hr@mkysugar.com.au. Applications close at 4.00pm on Tuesday 17 August 2021

Job Opportunity: Field Extension Officer

Innisfail Babinda Cane Productivity Services

Innisfail Babinda Cane Productivity Services (IBPCS) is located across the Innisfail and Babinda region and is looking to employ a Field Extension Officer to deliver technical agronomic support to sugarcane growers. The role involves delivering targeted agronomic advice to improve productivity and profitability outcomes for growers across all aspects of the sugarcane production system. [More...](#)



Coffee, cane and orange crops at risk as temperatures plunge in Brazil

30 July 2021 | Reuters

Temperatures fell in swathes of Brazil on Thursday - with rare snowfall overnight in some places - as a polar air mass advanced toward the center-south of the global agricultural powerhouse, threatening coffee, sugarcane and orange crops with frosts. [More...](#)

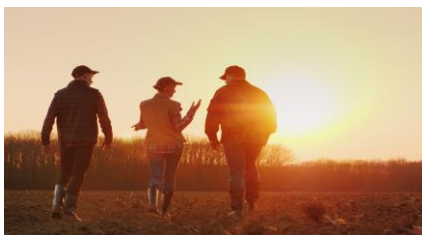
AGRICULTURE

Queensland farmers' gold medal performance

28 July 2021 | QFF

Athletes from Australia and all over the world are currently taking their mark on the track and field and diving into the pool at the Olympic Games in Tokyo. As Australian spectators cheer on our sporting stars, they should pause for a moment and consider our farmers who are quietly kicking goals.

Global food systems are expected to deliver on a daunting triple challenge: providing food security and nutrition, providing incomes to more than 500 million farmers and others in the food supply chain, and do so sustainably. Primary producers work in hectares, in winter's chill or summer's heat, in drought or flooding rains. Because of their dedication and resilience, agriculture touches the lives of all Australians, and we enjoy the fruits of their many labours through the food we eat, the natural fibres we wear, the amenity that surrounds us and the economic prosperity that follows. [More...](#)



Planning for agriculture's workforce of the future

28 July 2021 | QFF

The agriculture sector directly employed over 90,000 Queenslanders in February 2021, and it is anticipated to continue growing. Increasing by 44.3per cent since 2016, the agriculture sector is the 11th largest employer in Queensland and is responsible for 25 per cent of regional employment and 8.8per cent of the state's registered businesses. With increasing agricultural exports and strong farm gate and first stage processing figures, further high growth is anticipated in some agricultural regions and industries. However, these future opportunities are dependent on a highly skilled workforce. [More...](#)

Agriculture workforce service extended

28 July 2021 | Queensland Government

The highly-successful Queensland Agriculture Workforce Network (QAWN), which has facilitated the creation of hundreds of new jobs in the regions, is being extended to late 2022 with \$1.7M in funding.

Formed in 2016, QAWN is a regional network of industry-based agricultural workforce officers who work directly with producers and operators across the supply chain to assist in addressing recruitment and skilling issues. [More...](#)

Invasive insect fall armyworm on the march, but scientists fight back with an oozing virus and an egg-attacking wasp

25 July 2021 | ABC

A virus that oozes out through a caterpillar's skin before exterminating it is being investigated as a way to combat an invasive insect that is devastating some Australian crops.

Since fall armyworm was first found in the Torres Strait in January 2020, it has spread to every state and territory except South Australia. [More...](#)



Qld roll out "Farm Check-In" app to protect against biosecurity risks

29 July 2021 | Queensland Country Life

In the last eighteen months, QR codes have emerged as critical tech protection against the pandemic. Every pub, shop and restaurant requires you to leave your digital fingerprint to help contact tracers track down and suppress a potential outbreak.

Now, the state government is looking to the same line of defence to protect Queensland agriculture from the biosecurity risks that threaten the \$13b industry. [More...](#)



Queensland Government

Digital Farmhand ploughs farms of the future

28 July 2021 | Queensland Government

Farms of the future are being trialled at Gatton in a ground-breaking first for Queensland horticulture.

Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities Mark Furner said the Queensland Government had welcomed agricultural robotics company Agerris to establish its operations in Queensland and demonstrate its automated farming platform. [More...](#)

Agriculture workers, farmers exempt from NSW-Queensland border restrictions

27 July 2021 | ABC

The New South Wales government has confirmed agricultural workers will be exempt from the current border restrictions with Queensland.

Under the exemption, people who can prove they are employed in the agricultural sector will be able to move freely throughout the sunshine state with a permit. [More...](#)

NAB teams with Food Agility CRC to lift farmers' climate resilience

30 July 2021 | Queensland Country Life

The banking sector's rising enthusiasm for championing carbon conscious, sustainable agriculture has stepped up another gear as National Australia Bank aligns itself with specialist data research teams to help farmers become more environmentally resilient. [More...](#)



Philippines Becomes First Country to Approve GMO 'Golden Rice'

28 July 2021 | Modern Farmer

Genetically modified crops are common in countries such as the United States, but generally they're modified for two things: efficiency and profit.

Golden rice, which is a short-grain rice genetically modified to contain beta-carotene, was first developed in 1999, in Switzerland. But the rice's journey to federal approval has been slow and filled with opposition. This week, the government of the Philippines announced that it had approved golden rice, making it the first country to do so. [More...](#)

CRUSH STATISTICS

2021



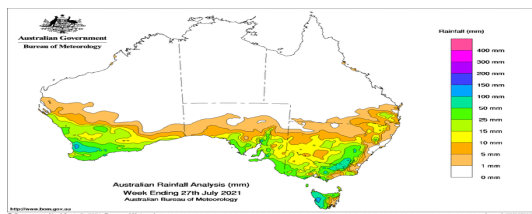
Week	Mill	Crush (t)	%CSS	
Date		STD	Week	STD
25 Jul 2021	Mossman	32,829		
25 Jul 2021	Tableland	220,527	14.35	13.77

25 Jul 2021	Mulgrave	287,304	11.54	11.15
25 Jul 2021	South Johnstone	218,221	11.54	11.15
30 Jul 2021	Tully	600,388	12,136	74,419
24 Jul 2021	Victoria	447,633	12.27	12.12
24 Jul 2021	Macknade	209,503		
24 Jul 2021	Invicta	977,865	14.62	13.92
24 Jul 2021	Pioneer	526,873	14.75	13.98
24 Jul 2021	Kalamia	477,703	14.30	13.58
24 Jul 2021	Inkerman	386,546	13.62	13.32
24 Jul 2021	Proserpine	256,771	13.85	13.71
25 Jul 2021	Mackay	1,139,520	13.54	12.78
24 Jul 2021	Plane Creek	318,920	13.75	12.97
25 Jul 2021	Bundaberg	179,978	13.32	13.03
	Isis			
	Maryborough			
	Rocky Point			
25 Jul 2021	Harwood	128,235	11.44	11.04
25 Jul 2021	Broadwater	164,679	12.11	11.42
25 Jul 2021	Condong	90,161	11.59	11.08

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Weekly Rainfall Update

for 7 days to 9 am 27 July 2021



[Weekly Rainfall Update](#)

[MetEye](#) - your eye on the environment

The latest [Drought Statement](#)

[BoM Agricultural Services](#)

[MyFireWatch](#)

Rainfall Statistics

Week Ending 30 July 2021

Town	Jul	YTD
Mossman	44.0	1294.4
Mareeba	3.8	790.6
Cairns	54.4	2230.0
Gordonvale	54.4	2230.0
Innisfail	199.6	4075.8
Tully	199.6	4075.8
Ingham	86.4	2964.2
Ayr	3.4	877.8
Proserpine	8.4	863.4
Mackay	4.2	897.4
Bundaberg	67.0	343.6
Maryborough	50.4	530.8
Beenleigh	52.3	900.7
Murwillumbah	103.5	1255.6
Ballina	100.2	1329.0
Yamba	86.4	1329.4



Queensland Government

Queensland launches climate action, jobs plan

30 July 2021 | Queensland Government

Queenslanders are set to benefit from a stronger focus on more jobs in more industries and cleaner, cheaper energy under the state's new climate and economic blueprint, released today.

Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk and Environment Minister Meaghan Scanlon unveiled the [online-based Climate Action Plan 2030](#), outlining the sunshine state's roadmap to reach its emissions and renewables targets, create jobs and drive economic recovery from COVID-19.

ABARES says changing climate is costing every farm, on average, \$30,000 every year

29 July 2021 | ABC

Australian farms have lost on average almost \$30,000 each a year in profits over the past 20 years due to climate change, relative to earnings in the latter part of last century, says the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES). [More...](#)

EVENTS

4 August 2021 - [Microgrids in Agriculture Webinar - Microgrid Tech: State of the Market](#) | Webinar



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