



# ACFA E-Newsletter

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## SUGAR INDUSTRY

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### **Canegrowers hope to be part of the plastic waste solution**

1 September 2021 | North Queensland Register

Queensland sugarcane growers have today welcomed the state government's decision to ban the use of many single-use plastic items statewide.

Coming into effect on September 1, the ban is part of [Queensland's plan to tackle plastic pollution](#) and follows strong support from the community, retailers and industry organisations.

Following the ban of single-use plastic straws, stirrers, plates, bowls, cutlery and expanded polystyrene takeaway food containers and cups throughout Queensland, cane growers are taking the opportunity to provide a more alternative sustainable solution. [More...](#)

- [Final straw for single-use plastics in Queensland](#) | Queensland Government



[Weekly Update](#)  
[Market Update](#)  
[Market Snapshot](#)

QSL Pool Prices, Shared Pool Values & Advances:

- [Bundaberg Sugar & Isis](#)
- [Far Northern Milling](#)
- [Mackay Sugar](#)
- [MSF Sugar](#)

- [Tully Sugar](#)
- [Wilmar Sugar](#)



### **Third crushing update for 2021**

31 August 2021 | Wilmar Sugar

Today we reached the halfway mark for the 2021 crush. Our factories have collectively processed 7.44 million tonnes of cane, or 50 per cent of the estimated 14.88 million tonne crop. Unfortunately, widespread overnight rain has brought harvesting to a standstill in the Burdekin, Proserpine and Plane Creek regions. Limited harvesting is taking place today in the Herbert. [More...](#)

### **Webinar: Enhanced-efficiency nitrogen fertilisers: Potential benefits and selection of products for sugarcane**

9 September 2021 | SRA

Please join us as we hear from Dr Weijin Wang as he presents research findings of the project, Smart Blending of Enhanced Efficiency Fertilisers (EEFs) to maximise sugarcane profitability. [More...](#)

Click here to [join on the day](#).

### **Sarina producer prepares to convert cane to grazing in a unique way**

31 August 2021 | North Queensland Register

Sarina producer Beau North has challenged the norm with his plan to convert 30 hectares of sugar cane to grazing land using regenerative farming practices.

The 68 hectare (167 acres) block west of Sarina was purchased by Mr North and his fiancé Katherine in December last year in their attempt to secure land after a decade of leasing and agisting. [More...](#)



### **Planting for careers in the future**

1 September 2021 | CANEGROWERS

The harvest months in the sugar industry are as much about planning for the future crop as they are about cutting mature sugarcane. Similarly, the final months of school are as much about making career and job choices as they are about graduation. [More...](#)

# AGRICULTURE

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## Safety must be the foundation for Queensland farms

1 September 2021 | QFF

Queensland farmers bear the important responsibility of ensuring they, their workers and other people on-farm are clear about their health and safety responsibilities and building a safety culture. It's a duty they take very seriously with the agriculture, forestry and fishing sector recording an average of six fatalities each year between 2015-16 to 2019-20. It was the third highest number of fatalities in Queensland over the same period compared to approximately 59 each year across all Queensland industries. [More...](#)

- [What if a limited use registered farm vehicle is in an accident?](#) | Queensland Country Life
- [Tougher quad bike safety standards from October](#) | Work Safe

## Telehandler Safety Book guides farm safety

31 August 2021 | QFF

A new safety resource is now available for farmers utilising telehandlers on their properties to increase awareness of their machinery's operation and prevent accidents while in use.

Developed by the Queensland Farmers' Federation (QFF), in conjunction with the Telescopic Handler Association (TSHA), Safe Ag Systems, Holding Redlich and supported by the Queensland Government, the Telehandler Safety Book highlights a range of considerations that serve to improve the 'state of knowledge' on telehandler safety. [More...](#)



## Irrigators lobby for ag energy concerns to be addressed

29 August 2021 | QFF

The National Irrigators' Council continues to lobby hard to ensure energy market is not distorted against big agricultural energy users. The NIC welcomed this week's release of the Energy Security Board's final advice to relevant energy ministers on how a post-2025 market design for the National Energy Market could look. [More...](#)



## Farmers support new govt agency to spread renewable energy wealth

31 August 2021 | Queensland Country Life

Dozens of community energy groups, along with the National Farmers' Federation, have endorsed a bill that would help regional towns develop their own small-scale renewable projects.

The proposal, put forward by independent Indi MP Helen Haines, to [establish the Australian Local Power Agency](#) had its merits examined by a parliamentary inquiry. [More...](#)



## Hort Innovation puts \$28 million into lifting tree crop productivity

1 September 2021 | Farm Online

Almonds, avocados, citrus, macadamias and mangoes will be the first crops to benefit from a major Hort Innovation productivity project.

The five-year \$28 million [National Tree Crop Intensification in Horticulture Program](#) aims to give growers the tools needed to produce more fruit and nuts per hectare. [More...](#)

## Researchers reveal fall armyworm showing no more resistance

26 August 2021 | Good Fruit & Vegetables

A chink may have been found in the armour of fall armyworm with researchers confirming no further genetic resistance to pesticides - other than Group 1 resistance identified in 2020.

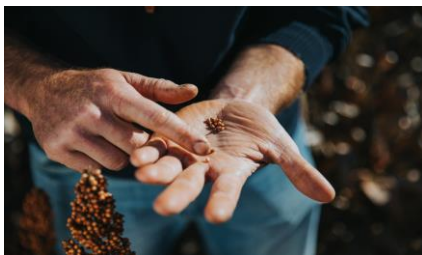
A collaboration between the [WA Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development](#) (DPIRD) and the [New South Wales Department of Primary Industries](#) (NSWDPI), supported by the [Ord River District Co-operative](#) (ORDCO) put through 158 samples collected from maize crops in the Ord River Irrigation Area and Broome. [More...](#)

## Grain grower Dan's goal to leave a legacy for future generations

2 September 2021 | Source

There's a quiet revolution taking place on farms across Australia thanks to people like Dan Fox – one of thousands of Australian farmers taking action on climate change by transforming the health of their soils.

Over the past 20 years Australian farmers have redefined conventional farming methods, with an overriding focus on soil health allowing farmers to store and sequester large amounts of carbon in their land. [More...](#)



## Can Human Waste Work as Fertilizer?

27 August 2021 | Modern Farmer

It depends on where you're located, according to a new study.

When we think of using human waste as fertilizer—don't you?—we tend to think of biosolids. But solids aren't the only human waste products that could be used in an agricultural setting. [More...](#)

- [Researcher takes a trip into world of Australian native "magic mushrooms"](#) | Farm Weekly

- [The secret to sorghum's adaptability](#) | UQ

## CRUSH STATISTICS

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2021



Week	Mill	Crush (t)	%CSS	
Date		STD	Week	STD
29 Aug 2021	Mossman	289,117		
29 Aug 2021	Tableland	359,710	14.52	14.10
29 Aug 2021	Mulgrave	577,459	11.71	11.36

29 Aug 2021	South Johnstone	477,669	11.69	11.48
3 Sep 2021	Tully	1,079,148	12.71	12.71
28 Aug 2021	Victoria	1,075,760		
28 Aug 2021	Macknade	519,464	12.96	12.56
28 Aug 2021	Invicta	1,758,849	15.35	14.45
28 Aug 2021	Pioneer	949,379	15.44	14.49
28 Aug 2021	Kalamia	878,663	14.68	14.04
28 Aug 2021	Inkerman	774,549	15.22	14.12
28 Aug 2021	Proserpine	651,822	14.95	14.26
29 Aug 2021	Mackay	2,256,511	14.69	13.52
28 Aug 2021	Plane Creek	625,120	15.22	13.78
29 Aug 2021	Bundaberg	422,760	14.42	13.61
22 Aug 2021	Isis	358,135	13.90	13.35

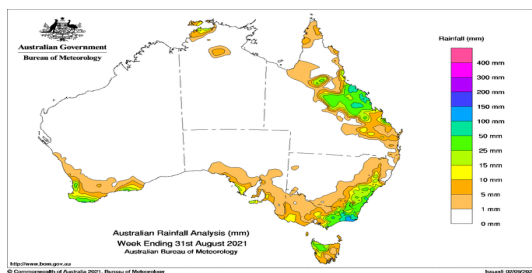
#### Maryborough

22 Aug 2021	Rocky Point	70,062	13.72	13.42
29 Aug 2021	Harwood	246,647	12.60	11.66
29 Aug 2021	Broadwater	310,294	12.81	12.03
29 Aug 2021	Condong	207,700	12.91	11.76

## WEATHER AND CLIMATE

### Weekly Rainfall Update

for 7 days to 9 am 31 August 2021



[Weekly Rainfall Update](#)

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

The latest [Drought Statement](#)

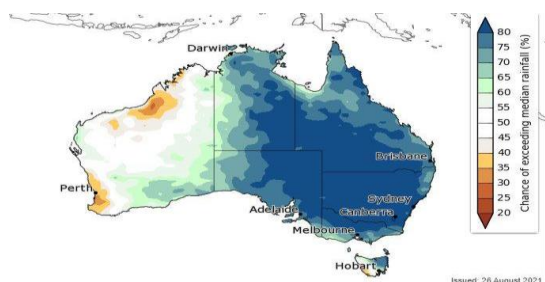
[BoM Agricultural Services](#)

[MyFireWatch](#)

## Rainfall Statistics

Week Ending 3 September 2021

Town	Sep	YTD
Mossman	5.6	1330.6
Mareeba	18.8	810.0
Cairns	1.2	2252.4
Gordonvale	1.2	2252.4
Innisfail	65.0	4254.0
Tully	65.0	4254.0
Ingham	16.7	3037.3
Ayr	4.0	942.0
Proserpine	9.4	976.6
Mackay	3.2	985.4
Bundaberg	0.2	350.0
Maryborough	0.4	552.0
Beenleigh	6.3	935.7
Murwillumbah	31.0	1302.6
Ballina	0.0	1356.0
Yamba	1.2	1339.4



## Wet for the east, dry for the west in near ideal spring outlook

27 August 2021 | Farm Weekly

Farmers across Australia got the forecast they wanted to hear when the Bureau of Meteorology released its spring outlook this week.

The BOM has predicted a wetter spring across much of the country, music to the ears of grain growers. [More...](#)

- [Climate change impact on agriculture a national security issue: military leaders](#) | Farm Online

- [Drought-stricken Emerald farmers hope for spring rain salvation](#) | ABC

## Australian scientists want to help farmers from space

1 September 2021 | Farm Weekly

Australia wants to muscle in on the space race to keep a closer watch on farmers.

Plans have been developed to build our own satellites over the next few years which would fine tune the vague pictures of land use relied on today. [More...](#)

## EVENTS

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