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Canegrowers fear operator shortage will impact harvest

1 October 2021 | Queensland Country Life



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Despite recent set backs due to wet weather and mechanical breakdowns, canegrowers in the Mackay region fear a shortage of haulout operators may cause further disruptions to the 2021 harvest.

Canegrowers Mackay chief executive officer Kerry Latter said the issue emerged last year with COVID restricting the movement of Australians, but this year the problem had become more urgent. [More...](#)

Grower Pricing Update

27 September 2021 | QSL

It has been a volatile month for the October 2021 ICE 11 contract in the lead up to its expiry, with both macroeconomic and fundamental factors playing parts in shifting raw sugar prices around in a broader 18.50 USc/lb – 20.50 USc/lb range. [More...](#)

2021 Annual General Meeting

30 September 2021 | QSL

Queensland Sugar Limited will hold its 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) at 10am on Friday 22 October 2020 at the Christie Conference Centre, 320 Adelaide Street, Brisbane. [More...](#)

Fourth crushing update for 2021

24 September 2021 | Wilmar Sugar

We've made good headway with the crush and our eight mills have now passed the 60 per cent mark. Our factories have processed a total of 9.07 million tonnes of sugarcane, representing 62 per cent of the total estimated crop.

Unfavourable weather conditions this season have led to a downward revision in our crop estimates for the Herbert, Burdekin and Proserpine regions. Plane Creek has seen a slight increase. The total crop estimate for the Wilmar group of mills is now 14.68 million tonnes. [More...](#)



Partners in Safety

21 September 2021 | Wilmar Sugar

Wife and husband team, Maddy and Aldert Portwig, are passionate about safety in the workplace.

Their big personalities and cheery dispositions make them purpose fit to help drive positive safety change in a workplace.

Always up for a chat and a joke, the pair love the engagement aspect of their respective safety roles for Wilmar ANZ and are dedicated to going above and beyond to keep their colleagues safe. [More...](#)

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safe. | **safe.** | **safe.**

National Safe Work Month **starts today!**



Dam frustration compounded by drought

23 September 2021 | CANEGROWERS

Two years on from the decision to lower the wall of the Paradise Dam, CANEGROWERS says a lack of direction for the future of the water storage is adding insult to the injury of the region's drought and pushing the impact into 2022 and beyond. [More...](#)

ALDI to Range Home Grown Low GI Sugar

27 September 2021 | Sunshine Sugar

From the 29th September, Sunshine Sugar's Low GI sugar will be available in ALDI stores across Australia.

This particular sugar has been in high demand since the product featured in a United Nations award for best SMEs (Small Medium Enterprise) in the world as part of the Food Systems Summit 2021.

The nu cane™ process is an Australian innovation that has been implemented by the only 100% Australian owned sugar brand, Sunshine Sugar. [More...](#)





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MACKAY HARVESTING DEMONSTRATION TRIALS

2021 Mackay area harvesting demonstration trials showcasing the latest technologies to improve harvesting efficiency and grower and contractor economics.

When: 6 October 2021, 7.30am
Where: Anthony Ferlazzo's farm (just across the John Cook Bridge at Pleystowe, almost opposite Doyles Road)

When: 7 October 2021, 10am
Where: Rob Craig's farm, Markeys Road (follow the sign to demonstration trial)

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AGRICULTURE

Organics the way to grow

24 September 2021 | QFF

Organic matter contributes significantly to the waste stream by weight, making up around half of what Queenslanders throw away each week. Although often seen as a natural waste stream, there are potential adverse environmental, social and economic impacts associated with poor management and disposal of organic wastes. However, organic materials are a valuable resource that can be used for a variety of purposes with benefits for the agriculture sector in particular through their valorisation into the production of animal feed, composts and soil improvers, as well as for the creation of bioproducts, bioenergy and biofuels. [More...](#)

Ag irrigators powering up with electricity tariff research study

22 September 2021 | QFF

Australia has gone from having a competitive advantage in energy costs to being one of the most expensive countries in the world. This significant change has impacted the productivity and profitability of many irrigated and intensified farm businesses. [More...](#)



Irrigation an Energy Saver opportunity for dairy

25 September 2021 | Queensland Country Life

A dairy on the Sunshine Coast has implemented an irrigation energy management opportunity from the energy audit report they received through the Energy Savers Plus Program Extension. Through the program the business received a dairy shed energy audit, carried out by AgVet Energy, as well as an irrigation energy audit, completed by The Energy Guys, both engaged by QDO. [More...](#)



Audacious plan to power Singapore from the NT outback passes another milestone

27 September 2021 | Farm Online

A renewable energy plan so big many believe it couldn't possibly succeed keeps passing key milestones.

The audacious scheme to use excess sunshine from the Australian outback to power Singapore did that last week when the Indonesian government importantly approved the subsea cable route linking Australia with its intended customer. [More...](#)



Funding for microgrid pilot projects across Australia opens

24 September 2021 | Farm Online

A \$50 million program to support microgrid pilot projects across regional Australia, announced in the 2020-21 federal budget, was launched by the Australian Renewable Energy Agency on Friday.

The Regional Australia Microgrid Pilots Program aims to improve the resilience and reliability of electricity supply in regional communities and demonstrate solutions to technical, regulatory or commercial barriers to the use of the technologies. [More...](#)

- [Your household power bills could be 15% cheaper, if Australia's energy regulator was doing its job](#) | The Conversation

Internet of Things uptake within the agricultural sector rapidly increasing

30 September 2021 | Farm Online

The uptake of Internet of Things technology in the agricultural sector is at an inflection point.

But many in the sector are still wondering what exactly is IoT.

In a nutshell, IoT is where objects like weather stations and soil moisture monitors are fitted with sensors and software. These objects can then be connected to other devices to exchange data via the internet or other communications networks. [More...](#)



'Too little too late': Major storms frustrate farmers on brink of harvest, delight others

10 September 2021 | ABC

The heavens have opened over Queensland's southern border region, but it couldn't have come at a worse time for grain growers – right at the start of harvest time.

For other farmers, however, it's been an unexpected delight to see rain gauges fill up. [More...](#)

Insurance hikes hit contract harvesters

28 September 2021 | The Land

Professional contract harvesters say they're being hit by massive insurance price hikes, adding to ongoing concerns over labour shortages ahead of the upcoming season.

Custom Harvesters president Rod Gribble, Yenda, NSW, said it appeared insurance companies had somehow deemed contractors to be a higher risk than farmers. [More...](#)

CSIRO buys Qld farm to continue push into alternative proteins

30 September 2021 | Farm Online

Improved crop varieties will be the focus of CSIRO with the purchase of a 77 hectare property in the Lockyer Valley west of Brisbane.

The national science agency will establish its sub-tropical agricultural research station at Forest Hill after quitting its leased site at the nearby University of Queensland's Gatton campus. [More...](#)



- [CSIRO mission to add \\$10 billion to agrifood exports by 2030](#) | Farm Online

Sorghum researchers find genes which could increase grain size

29 September 2021 | The Land

Queensland researchers have discovered genes in sorghum which could increase grain size without any penalty. Bigger grains could mean higher yields, fewer screenings, improved digestibility and better milling efficiency. [More...](#)

- [Chromosome discovery could reduce nitrogen fertiliser demand in wheat](#) | Grain Central



China expected to stop phosphate exports, food production prices set to rise

1 October 2021 | ABC

The cost of producing food is set to increase with the Chinese government expected to restrict the production and export of a crucial agricultural fertiliser.

China's economic planning body, the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC), is moving to restrict the production and export of phosphates until the middle of next year. [More...](#)

An advertisement featuring a woman in a green plaid shirt standing in a field. Overlaid on the image is a red banner with white text that reads "Scholarships available for women in the Farming and Agriculture Sector". Below the banner is a black box with the URL "wla.edu.au/farmingagriculture" in white. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for "WOMEN & LEADERSHIP AUSTRALIA" with a red and white stylized graphic.

CRUSH STATISTICS

2021



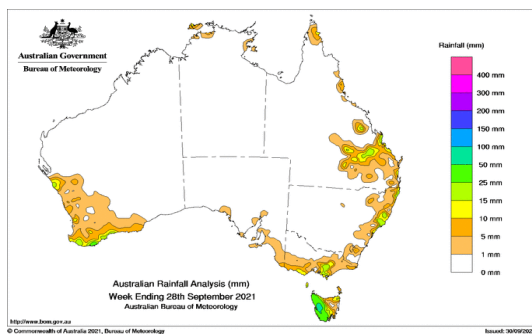
Week	Mill	Crush (t)	%CSS	
Date		STD	Week	STD
26 Sep 2021	Mossman	447,710		
26 Sep 2021	Tableland	463,667	13.90	14.15
26 Sep 2021	Mulgrave	805,921	11.84	11.44

26 Sep 2021	South Johnstone	677,157	11.61	11.50
24 Sep 2021	Tully	1,400,924	12.80	12.71
25 Sep 2021	Victoria	1,552,267	12.85	12.64
25 Sep 2021	Macknade	723,428		
25 Sep 2021	Invicta	2,104,692	14.75	14.48
25 Sep 2021	Pioneer	1,119,668	15.12	14.56
25 Sep 2021	Kalamia	1,086,479	14.58	14.09
25 Sep 2021	Inkerman	1,003,031	15.06	14.28
25 Sep 2021	Proserpine	918,193	14.59	14.37
26 Sep 2021	Mackay	2,949,850	14.92	13.79
25 Sep 2021	Plane Creek	798,363	15.45	14.10
26 Sep 2021	Bundaberg	595,579	15.54	14.02
12 Sep 2021	Isis	533,437	14.37	13.59
Maryborough				
12 Sep 2021	Rocky Point	102,651	14.35	13.69
26 Sep 2021	Harwood	367,363	13.46	12.12
26 Sep 2021	Broadwater	430,223	13.71	12.43
26 Sep 2021	Condong	298,642	13.16	12.13

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Weekly Rainfall Update

for 7 days to 9 am 28 September 2021



[Weekly Rainfall Update](#)

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

The latest [Drought Statement](#)

[BoM Agricultural Services](#)

Rainfall Statistics

Week Ending 1 October 2021

Town	Oct	YTD
Mossman	0.0	1365.2
Mareeba	0.0	810.2
Cairns	0.2	2264.2
Gordonvale	0.2	2264.2
Innisfail	0.0	4311.8
Tully	0.0	4311.8
Ingham	0.0	3047.0
Ayr	0.0	942.0
Proserpine	0.0	981.2
Mackay	0.0	987.8
Bundaberg	5.6	368.6
Maryborough	14.8	582.2
Beenleigh	17.0	963.8
Murwillumbah	98.3	1312.1
Ballina	3.2	1411.2
Yamba	4.6	1378.0

Sunrise storms portend another dangerous day in eastern Australia

1 October 2021 | Weatherzone

As the sun rose above eastern Australia on Friday morning, thunderstorms were bubbling away above Queensland and NSW. The early-morning storms made for some mesmerising satellite images when viewed from space.

However, the picturesque dawn storms are also a sign that more dangerous weather is on the way for eastern Australia today. [More...](#)

BOM confirms tornado near Bathurst

30 September 2021 | The Land

A tornado has ripped through the central west causing damage in a 30 kilometre line, the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) has reported. BOM has confirmed a tornado has occurred in the Central West of NSW this afternoon.

In a statement BOM said there were reports of damage to houses, powerlines and trees around the Clear

Creek area, north north-east of Bathurst "From current reports, we have indications of damage over a 25 to 30 kilometre line, running roughly north-west," the statement said. [More...](#)

EVENTS

6 October 2021 - [ISCC Certification - What, Why and How? Webinar](#)

6 October 2021 - [Mackay harvesting demonstration trials](#)

7 October 2021 - [Webinar: Screening for disease resistance and SRA's improved disease rating system](#)



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