



Sugar Research
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eNewsletter

Dear Dave

In our final eNewsletter for 2021, we share two new short videos and let you know about a workshop on disease identification scheduled for March. As we all continue to adjust to COVID-19, we share the link to the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries engagement hub, which is a useful source of information and resources for agribusinesses.



Best wishes for the festive season

The team at SRA wishes our valued members and everyone involved in the sugarcane industry a very happy and peaceful Christmas and new year.

SRA will close for the holiday period from close of business on Friday 24 December, re-opening from Tuesday 4 January 2022.

Our eNewsletter will also be on a short recess, returning from 20 January 2022.

Identifying sugarcane diseases workshops scheduled for March

SRA will conduct the two-day workshops that will include information about sugarcane diseases and training to identify diseases.

The workshops will be delivered by the biosecurity team and pathologists at SRA's Woodford site in South East Queensland.

There will be two workshops held, with the first workshop tailored for more experienced advisors and industry staff, and the second for newcomers to the sugarcane industry.

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Research investment planning underway

The first in a series of workshops to formulate SRA's research investment plans was held last week.

The day-long session brought together members of SRA, industry representatives, government and research partners.

Over the months ahead, participants will identify future programs of research to deliver maximum impact and value for industry.

Read more about SRA's revised [research investment planning](#) approach in our latest online news.

Help for agribusinesses to prepare for a COVID-19 safe future

It is expected that COVID-19 cases will appear throughout Queensland as borders start to open up to domestic and international visitors. This presents an increased risk to agribusinesses due to potential staff absences and lockdowns to manage cases.

It is important to put measures in place now, including business continuity planning, to minimise the impacts on your operations.

The Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries engagement hub is the source of information and resources to help you prepare.

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Yellow canopy syndrome and fallow crops – 2 new short videos

Find out from Dr Kevin Powell, SRA's Entomology Leader, about the work underway to better understand whether [insects play a role in yellow canopy syndrome](#).

Hear from Dr Danielle Skocaj, SRA's Agronomist, about [the benefits of fallow crops](#).

Summer CaneConnection out now

The final edition of *CaneConnection* for 2021 is landing in letterboxes for subscribers, and is available on our [website](#).

It's a bumper edition with articles on ratoon stunting disease, soil health, pest management and much more.

Feedback on *CaneConnection* is always welcome and can be sent to sra@sugarresearch.com.au

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