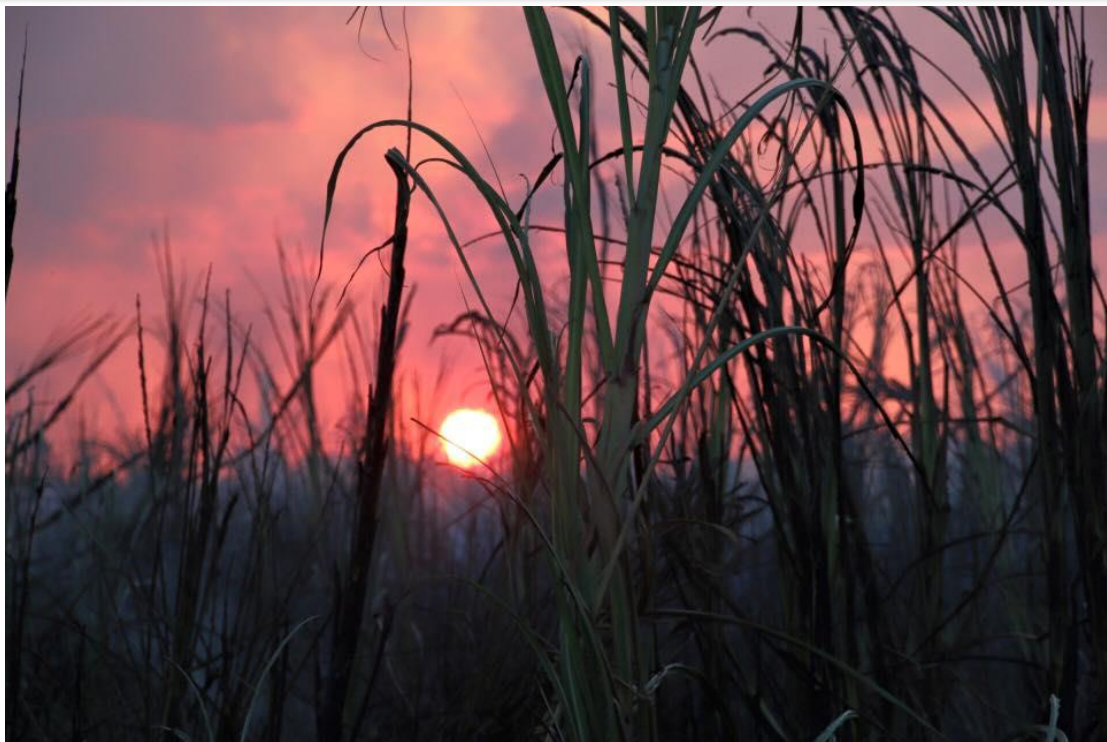


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**KALAMIA CANE GROWERS
ORGANISATION LTD**



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FRIDAY, 20TH MAY 2022

Kalagro Fuel Price

DIESEL - \$1.91566 including GST

UNLEADED - \$1.89213 including GST

Fuel Delivery Days – Monday, Wednesday & Friday



1. REMINDER** - KCGO MEMBER DISCOUNTED HEALTH INSURANCE OFFER



Corporate Health Insurance

Working together with Kalamia Cane Growers, we are excited to offer you a healthy corporate discount on your health insurance under the Kalamia Cane Growers Corporate Health Plan. Experience the Queensland Country difference with:

- ✓ **Healthy savings**
A 6% discount* on your annual policy premium.
- ✓ **A dedicated Corporate Partnership Manager**
Kim Anderson, your dedicated Corporate Partnership Manager will be happy to help you with any questions you may have.
- ✓ **Easy to understand products**
Our products are easy to understand and provide our Members with great value for money and peace of mind.
- ✓ **Excellent service**
We're here to help. Our commitment to helping our Members is second to none with fast and friendly service both face to face or over the phone.
- ✓ **National Coverage**
We provide coverage anywhere in Australia, giving you peace of mind wherever you work, live or play.
- ✓ **95% Member satisfaction rating^**
- ✓ **Generous benefits**
Our benefits help promote a healthy lifestyle and based on direct Member feedback, are regularly reviewed to ensure they remain competitive.
- ✓ **Easy claiming**
Claim easily anywhere, anytime through our Mobile App by simply uploading a photo of your receipt or via our Online Member Services portal.

If you have any questions or for more information contact your dedicated Corporate Partnership Manager, Kim today!



**Queensland
Country
Health Fund**

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* The corporate discount is provided under the Kalamia Cane Growers Corporate Health Plan and is applied to the gross premiums at the chosen level of cover.
**Source: January 2021 Member Satisfaction Survey, 63% were very satisfied and 32% were somewhat satisfied from 1,494 respondents.

Already a Member with Queensland Country?

We'll give you a
\$100*
Gift Card!

If they take out an eligible singles policy

We'll double it for a couple or family!



Great news if you're already a Member you'll now be eligible to receive a **corporate discount*** on your premium! To receive this discount simply complete the Apply Discount Form on your health insurance portal. Once you have submitted the request form, we will confirm via email or post that the discount has been applied.

ALSO, don't forget to **refer a friend, family member, colleague or work mate** to Queensland Country and if they take out an eligible singles policy during the promotional period you'll receive a \$100 Visa Gift Card*. And we'll double it for couples or family policies!

Make sure you tell your friend when joining to provide us with your name and contact details, so we can send you your gift card.

There is no gift card limit, so tell as many friends as you like!!



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2. BCAS Job Vacancies – Posted – 3/5/22



Seasonal Laboratory Positions Available

Cane Analyst / Auditor

Overview:

Burdekin Cane Audit Services (BCAS) are currently looking for new personnel to come and join their auditing team. BCAS auditors operate out of the four Burdekin Sugar Mills – Invicta, Pioneer, Kalamia and Inkerman – and their primary objective is to oversee and audit the Cane Analysis Program (CAP) which forms an integral part of cane payment for the Burdekin cane farming community.

The Role:

As part of the sugar production process, there are many different types of samples and analysis techniques required to ensure accurate cane payment. In particular, the cane auditing function specialises in cane weighing, sugar juice collection/analysis and cane fibre collection/analysis. The cane auditing team consists of day auditors, night auditors, advanced auditors and a workplace coordinator. Positions generally involve collection of samples with accurate and timely analysis. All of these positions are laboratory based and involve a shift work roster. We ask that all applicants be committed to completing an entire crushing season which generally runs from June through to December, subject to weather conditions and other factors.

Qualifications:

Preferably competency at least a level equivalent to a Certificate III in Laboratory Skills, but not essential.

Employee Benefits:

- Attractive shift work remuneration and superannuation
- Seasonal positions available with promotion opportunities
- Ability to rotate between all four sugar mills in the Burdekin region
- Training in Certificate III in Laboratory Skills over a two year period if already not achieved
- Work as part of a small friendly team where employee wellbeing is valued
- Great first industry job for university students or for those who are looking for a laboratory job with flexibility
- Job share opportunities may be available

How to Apply:

Online applications are encouraged. Please send your application to bcas@outlook.com or alternatively drop in a hard copy to Lauren at Findex Burdekin (167 Queen Street, Ayr). If you have any questions regarding these positions or applications please contact Megan Wyburg on 0438158740. Applications close Friday 20th May 2022.

BCAS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and has a smoke, drug and alcohol free working environment.

3. KCGO Levy Letter – Mailchimp – 11/5/22



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Re: 2022 Membership Levy

The Kalamia board recently discussed and reviewed the 2022 Membership Levy. Of course, as Kalamia Cane Growers Organisation Ltd is a not-for-profit organisation, the Board is always mindful that levies raised are used to benefit members directly or in the form of levy reduction.

Based on the 2021 season actual tonnage, considering (a) known farm purchases and sales, (b) profit distribution from the related entities P & K farming and Kalagro Limited the budget forecast has indicated a nominal cashflow surplus. Accordingly, the Directors have agreed that the levy will be maintained at the same rate as 2021 of 33 cents per tonne with levy cap of 40,000 tonnes to continue.

So, for tonnage in excess of 40,000, members will only pay the insurance levies. Given that Wilmar can only deduct one rate, as has been the case in the past, the levy that is deducted over the 40,000 tonne figure will be reimbursed at the end of the season, minus the insurance levies.

The breakdown of the 2022 levy is as follows:

Membership (Administration) -	25.00 cents
Fire Insurance -	7.00 cents
Self-funded Rain Insurance -	1.00 cents
<u>Total Levy 2022</u>	<u>33.00 cents</u>



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

**The Annual General Meeting of
Kalamia Cane Growers Organisation Limited
will be held at**

VENUE: Burdekin PCYC

DATE: Thursday 2nd June 2022

TIME: 7.30pm

(Doors open at 7.00pm)

RSVP for catering purposes is required by 30TH May 2022
A light supper & refreshments will be provided after meeting

****The Agenda and Meeting Reminder
will be sent to Members by
Thursday 26th May 2022****

**Any members wishing to raise matters of General Business at the Meeting are
requested to advise the Company Secretary 24 hours prior to the meeting.**



Grower Update

ISSUE 44 – APRIL 2022

Welcome to the April issue of our BPS newsletter. We hope you find the articles contained in this issue informative.



This issue contains:

BPS Activities

RSD Update

Shed Meeting Summary

- Productivity data
- Variety distribution
- Variety trials
- Wild sorghum management
- Fall armyworm
- AutoWeed
- Burdekin Irrigation Project
- Spray technology and label updates

Staff Contacts

BPS ACTIVITIES

Through the first part of the year, staff have been busy RSD testing, conducting plant source inspections, assisting with variety selection and providing planting advice. There has also been a considerable amount of time spent soil sampling and analysing results. The BPS board introduced a short term soil testing subsidy for members around 3 years ago, however with increasing costs, the board has decided to remove the subsidy which will bring the price back in line with other service providers in the region. The subsidy will remain until 30th June 2022, after which the price will revert to cost recovery.

By the end of February 2022, BPS staff had received orders for approved seed cane of around 8000 t. Across all plots and all varieties, there is only around 7000 t available. To manage this, an allocation system has been implemented to ensure distribution is fair and equitable. Many growers who pre-ordered may have their allocation of KQ228 and Q240 limited. Allocations are based on hectares of BPS levies paid.

With a fair proportion of planting already completed across the district, approved seed cane sales have been just over 2000 t. This means that there is potential that some growers may not take their pre-ordered approved seed cane. *Could any member who no longer requires approved seed cane, or has changed their mind with variety orders, please contact their BPS Field Officer as soon as possible.* We do not want to be left in a situation where we restrict approved seed cane sales early in the season by holding cane for growers who ordered, then be left with approved seed cane in plots at the end of the year due to many growers not taking their pre-ordered cane.

Please note that BPS does not set prices for approved seed cane, these are set by the plot owner/manager.

RSD UPDATE

BPS staff have been incredibly busy with RSD testing for both approved seed plots and growers. RSD testing has occurred almost every day since the start of the year, apart from when rain did not allow us access to paddocks. To date, over 1500 RSD samples have been collected and analysed. It is worth noting that these samples can only be taken up until around 9:30-10 am. Past that time the xylem sap is unable to be pumped from the stalk.

To date, over 300 individual blocks have been tested. Of these around 7% have tested positive to RSD. Remember, when we are testing for RSD, only a tiny proportion of the block is actually tested. If we look at the total number of stalks in a 20 Ha block, we are only testing 1 in 115,000 stalks. So if there is a low level of RSD in the block, it is very unlikely it will be detected. For this reason, a lot more focus should be on management rather than testing. In terms of management, ensure the following steps are taken:

- Regularly purchase approved seed cane
- Ensure fallows are free from volunteers. RSD can only survive in cane plants, not soil – so if all plants/volunteers are eradicated, the bacteria will not remain in the block.
- Clean and sterilise all equipment when moving between blocks and farms.

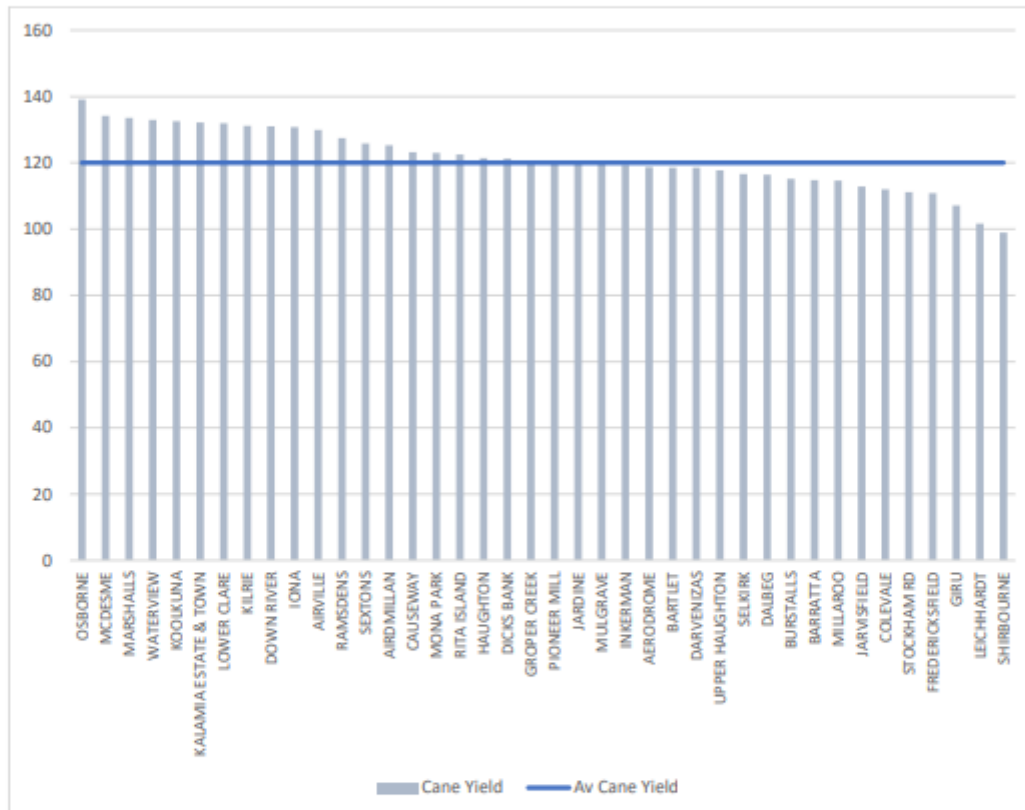
The last dot point is particularly important with planting season in full swing – RSD bacteria can survive in dip planters, or anywhere water from fungicide sprays collects. So please ensure dips are dropped, and planters are washed down, cleaned and sterilised between blocks. Sterimax is still available from BPS at a subsidised price to assist members in managing this disease on farm.

SHED MEETING SUMMARY

During the March shed meetings many topics were covered by presenters from BPS, Farmacist and SRA. The following is a summary of these topics.

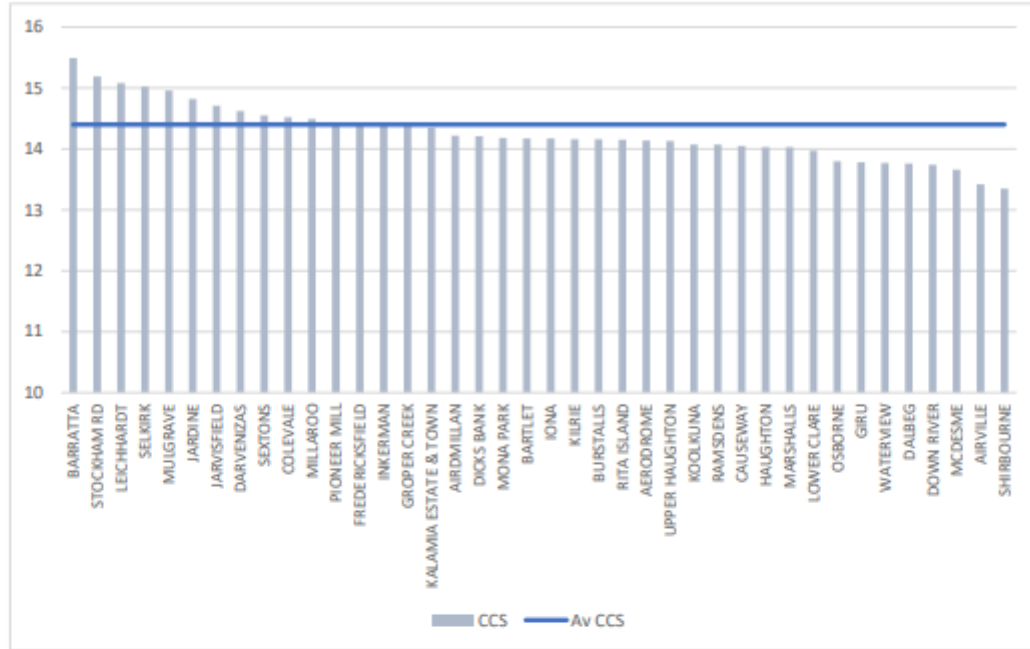
Productivity Data

Tonnes cane/ha



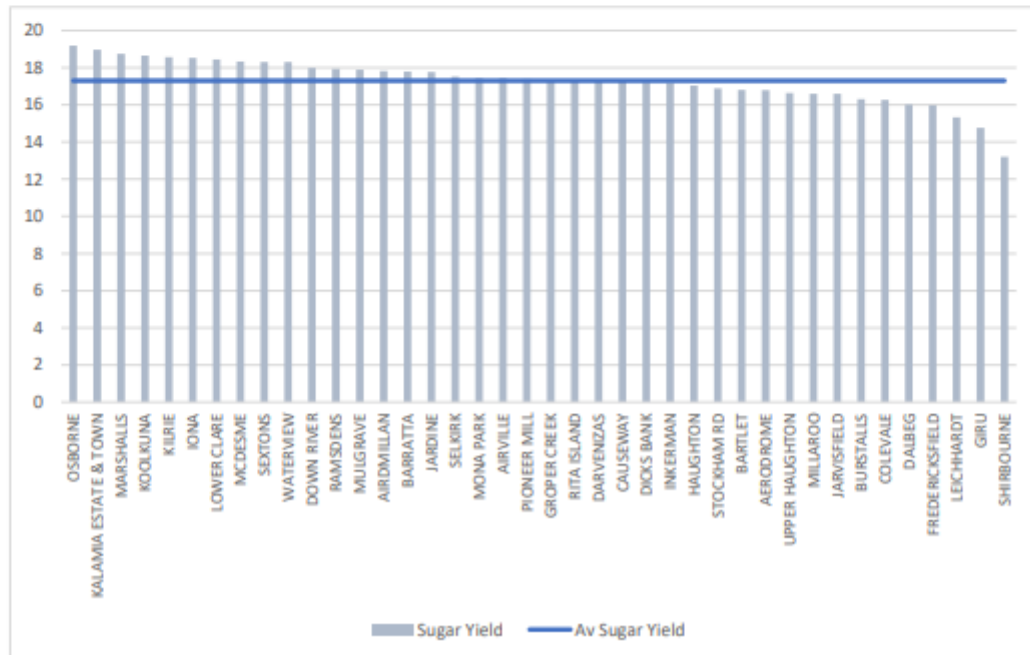
- Cane yields ranged from 99 t/ha at Shirbourne up to 139 t/ha at Osborne.
- Average cane yield in 2021 was 120 t/ha, which was slightly higher than 2020 (119 t/ha). This continues a trend that we've seen since 2018 where there has been a gradual (1 t/ha) increase in yield each year.
- Koolkuna was the big improver last season, moving from an average TCH of 115 t/ha in 2020 to 133 t/ha in 2021. Why this has occurred is unclear, but it isn't due to an increase in plant cane area as there was 27% plant cane in 2020 and 24% in 2021

CCS



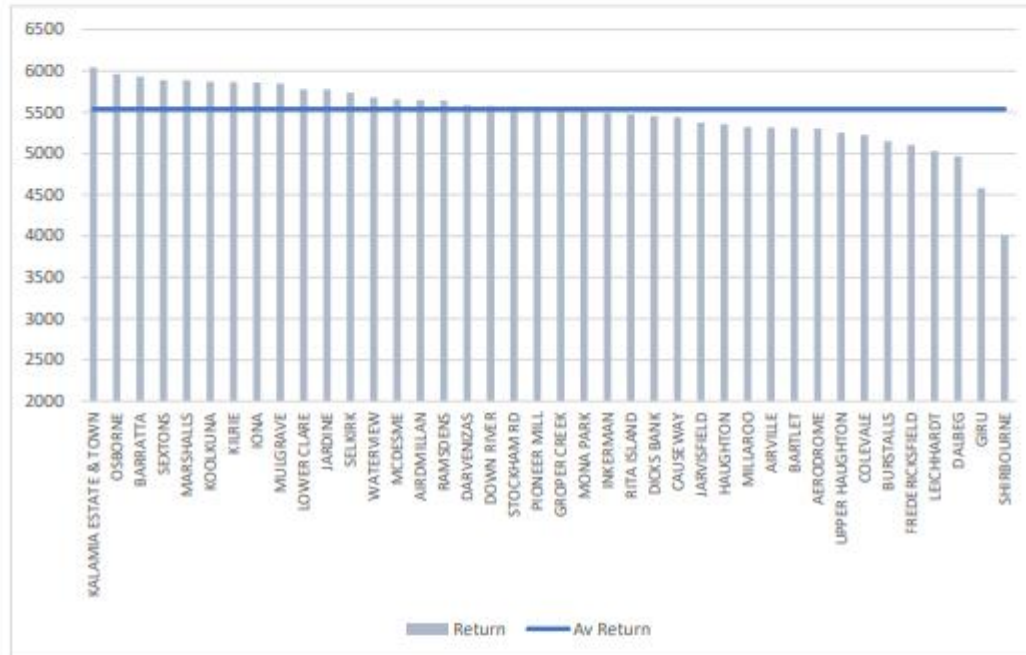
- The average CCS for 2021 was 14.4 which was slightly lower than 2020 (14.6). This is consistent with trends over the last few years, where as cane yields have increased, CCS has slightly decreased.
- The highest CCS was 15.5 for the Barratta group, with the lowest being 13.4 at Shirbourne.

Tonnes sugar/ha



- In 2021 the average sugar yields ranged from 13.2 at Shirbourne, up to 19.2 for Osborne. The Burdekin average was 17.3 t/ha, slightly lower than the 17.5 t/ha average that we've seen for the previous 3 years.
- The big increase in tonnes of cane/ha in Koolkuna has translated into an extra 2 t/ha of sugar in 2021 when compared to 2020.

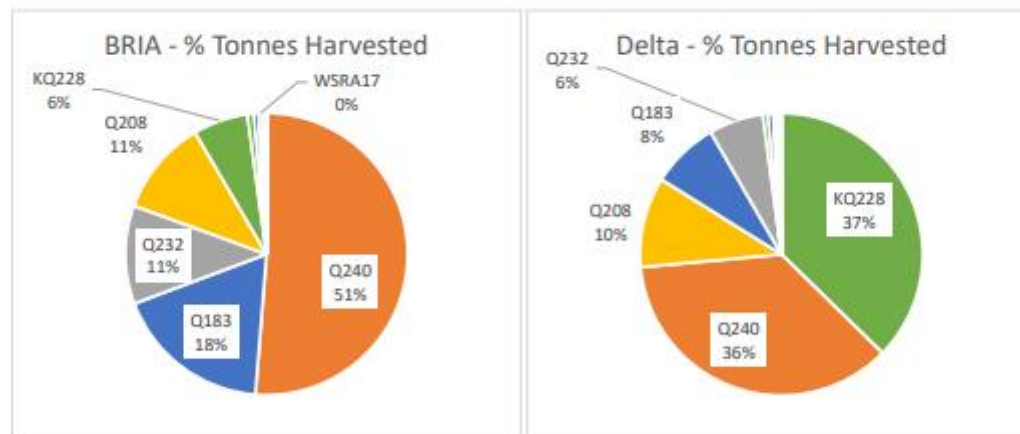
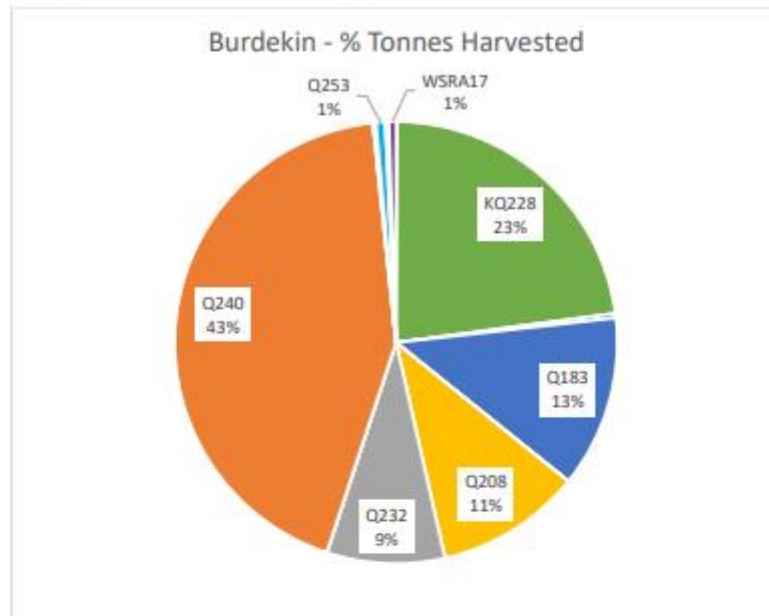
Return (based on a sugar price of \$575/t and harvesting and levies of \$8.50/t)



- \$/ha return averaged \$5536; ranging from \$6042/ha for Kalamia Estate and Town to \$4008/ha for Shirbourne.
- It is interesting to observe and compare the \$ returns/ha (which accounts for the cane price formula and harvesting and levies) and TSH graphs. Often it is commented that growers are paid on TSH, but it is more accurate to say that growers are paid on TCH and CCS applied to the cane price formula. For example, Barratta was ranked 15th for tonnes of sugar, but was the 3rd highest for return.

If you were unable to attend the shed meetings, but would like a copy of your group productivity report, please contact any of the BPS staff to arrange this.

Variety Distribution



Q240 is the main variety being grown in the Burdekin, making up 43% of the tonnes harvested in 2021. In the BRIA this increases to over 50% of the tonnes delivered. In the Delta KQ228 had the greatest tonnes delivered in 2021, followed closely by Q240. Q183, Q208 and Q232 made up the majority of the rest of the tonnes delivered.

While the amount of Q240 being grown reflects its broad adaptation to a range of soil types and harvesting times, it is worth remembering that over-reliance on a single variety can be risky from a biosecurity perspective. For example if there was a disease or pest incursion that only affected Q240, then potentially half of the district's cane supply could be at risk. This is why we recommend that growers plant a mix of varieties.

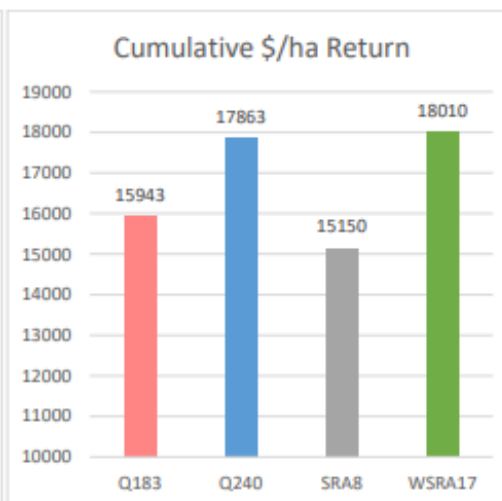
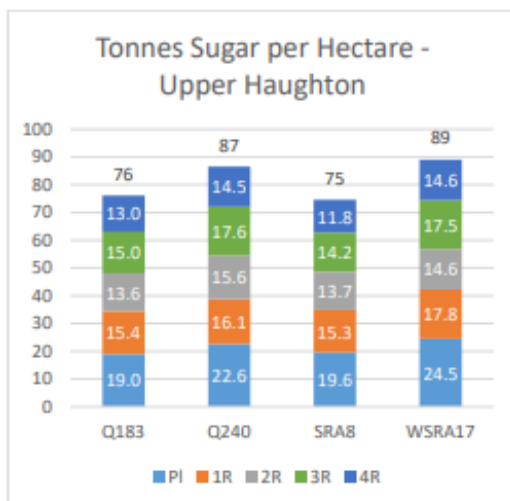
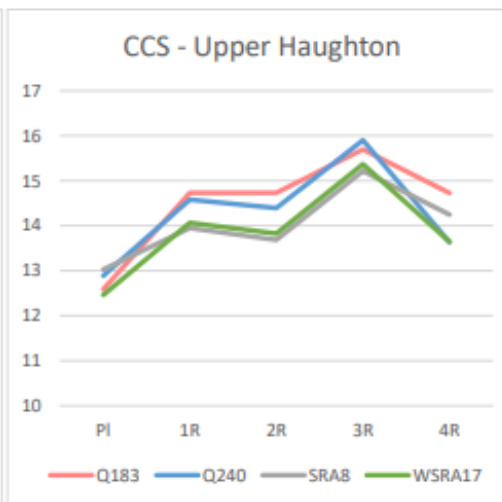
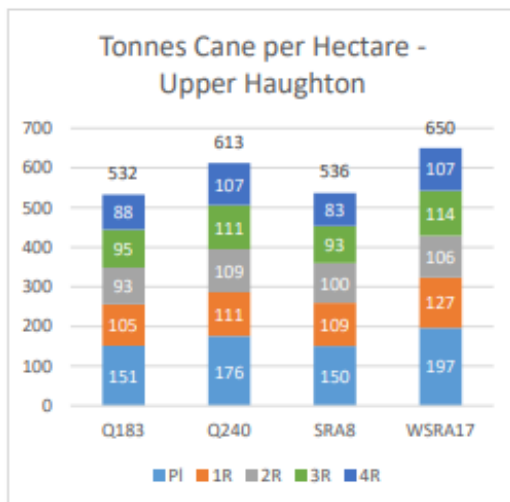
Variety Trials

Upper Houghton

This trial site gives us the best indication of how WSRA17 will perform as we have data from plant cane through to 4th ratoon. Soils at this site are mostly clay duplex with patches of light cracking clay.

WSRA17 had the best overall performance in terms of \$/ha return, tonnes of cane and tonnes of sugar per hectare. However the CCS was generally lower than the other varieties in the trial.

Q240 was the second best performing variety overall. Total tonnes of cane were a bit lower than the WSRA17, but this was counteracted by a better CCS.

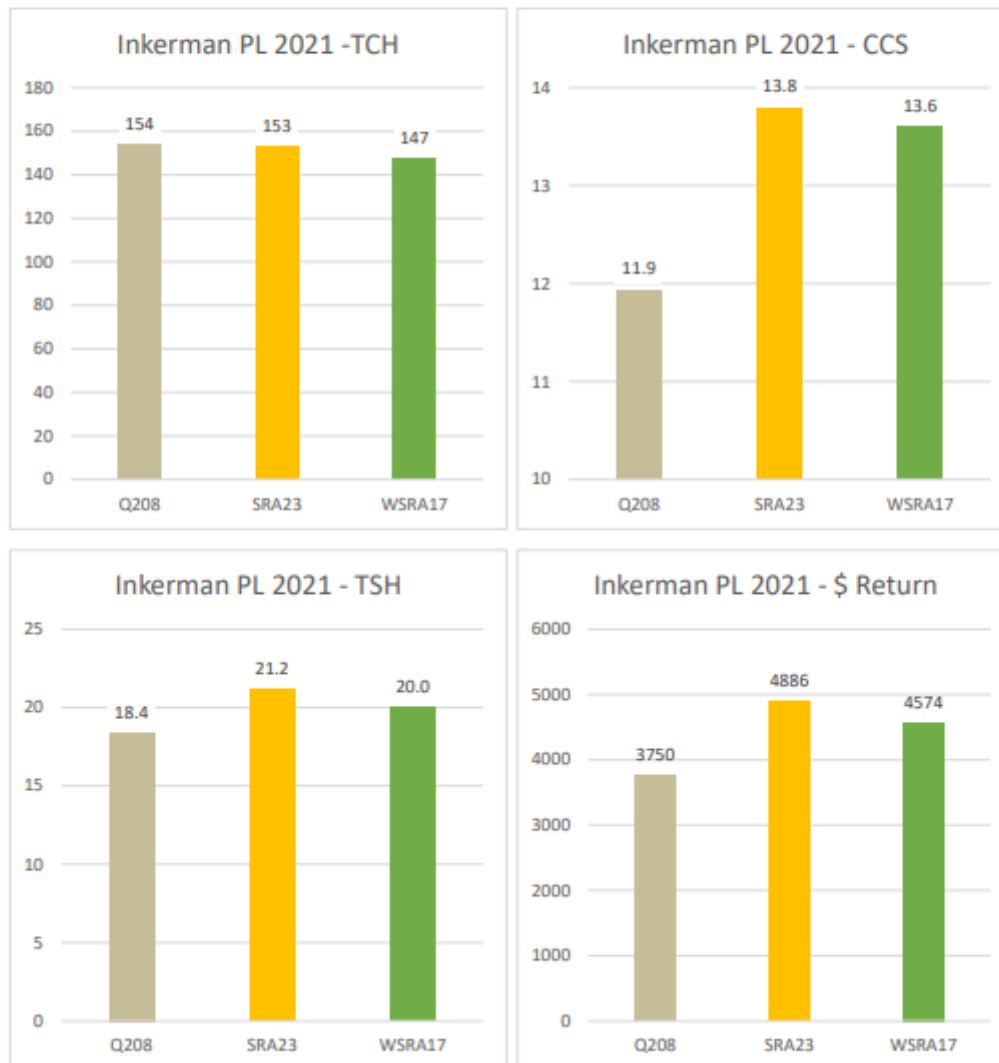


\$/ha Return calculated using a sugar price of \$400/t and harvesting and levies of \$8.50/t

Inkerman

This trial site is on a non-cracking clay and has the two most recently released varieties in it – SRA23 and WSRA17. Planting occurred in May, 2020. Despite some challenges at harvest with mill break-downs and wet weather we were still able to get reasonable results. By the final day of the trial the block had been burnt for 4 days, and all varieties suffered a CCS penalty because of this.

The commercial standard variety for this trial was Q208 and it had the highest tonnes cane per hectare, but the worst CCS – being almost 2 units behind SRA23. The trial was harvested at the end of July, which may have had some effect on the CCS for Q208. SRA23 had almost the same tonnes cane per hectare as the Q208, but was nearly a unit higher in CCS; giving it the highest overall tonnes of sugar and \$ return.



\$/ha return calculated using a sugar price of \$450/t and harvesting and levies of \$8.50/t

Wild Sorghum Management

Wild sorghum is a weed that many growers within the Burdekin are struggling to control. This prolific weed can produce seeds that are viable for an extended period, meaning that the seeds produced this season could reappear within a paddock for the next 5-7 years. The key to controlling sorghum is limiting the seed bank within the soil. Evan Shannon from Farmacist provided key messages and suggestions for sorghum control.

The fallow period is an ideal time to manage weeds such as sorghum. Growers can access blocks with ease and are able to use a variety of methods to control wild sorghum. Some suggestions for sorghum control in fallow paddocks include utilising a bare fallow so that knock-down chemicals may be used or a legume fallow where growers can take advantage of the crop being a broad leaf to control grass weeds.

In plant cane, pendimethalin (e.g. Stomp Xtra®) or S-metolachlor (e.g. Dual Gold®) are post plant pre-emergent residual options that will help to control germinating weeds, but not plants that have already emerged. Small plants (less than 5 leaf) can be controlled with paraquat in mixtures with diuron or metribuzin (Mentor®). Isoxaflutole (e.g. Balance®) can be used as a directed spray once the cane is out of hand to control late germinations.

Wild sorghum will ratoon similarly to sugarcane and these plants can be particularly difficult to control. Evan recommends that growers spot spray these plants as soon as they are evident within the ratooning sugarcane crop with either glufosinate (Basta®) or glyphosate. Glufosinate will be less damaging to the emerged sugarcane.

Key points:

- Fallow management
 - Keep on top of spray applications in bare fallows to keep the plant population down, or
 - Plant a legume crop where specific grass herbicides can be used.
- In plant cane use residual products such as pendimethalin or S metolachlor; or isoxaflutole as a directed spray at out of hand.
- In severely infested paddocks, even with the best herbicide strategy, there will still be some escapes in plant cane so a chipping regime will need to be employed.
- Knockdown products are effective on small weeds but won't control larger ones
- In ratoons spot spray with glufosinate or glyphosate.

This is general advice only and may not be suitable for your situation. For specific advice contact your agronomist.



Fall Armyworm (FAW)

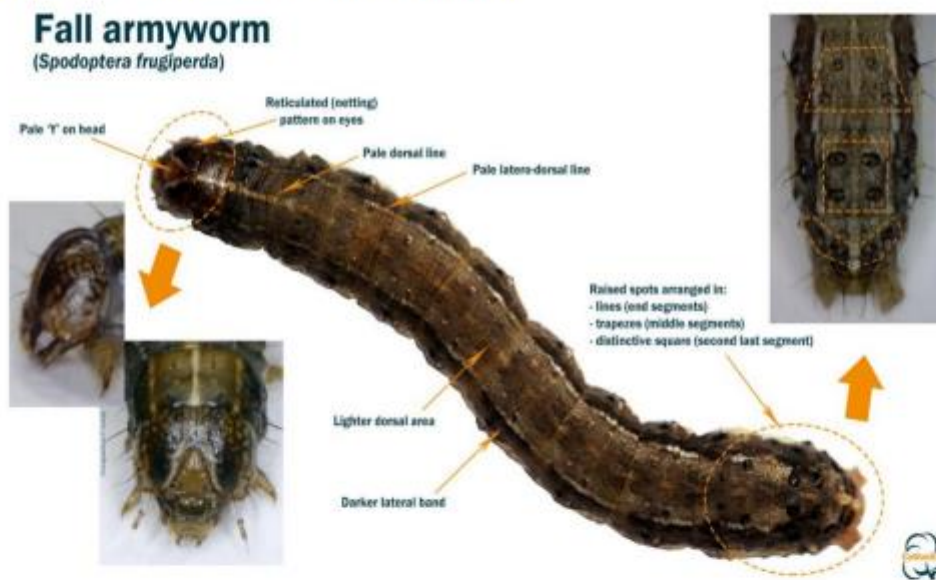
Fall armyworm is present in the Burdekin, where it is predominantly affecting corn crops. While sugarcane is a food source for FAW it is not the preferred choice. When FAW has been found in sugarcane in the Burdekin there has been no indication of loss of production at this stage.

When FAW has been found in sugarcane it has been young plant cane that has been affected. The common factor in these blocks has been ineffective control of grass weed populations, creating a viable food source for the FAW.

In sugarcane control with insecticides is typically not necessary as in most cases FAW will be controlled by natural predators and diseases. Spraying will disrupt these biocontrol agents and chemical control should be used as a last resort.

Fall armyworm is similar in appearance to a number of other caterpillar pests. If you suspect you have FAW, contact BPS, Farmacist, an agronomist or DAF for identification advice.

Identifying Fall armyworm (Image credit: Paul Grundy)



AutoWeed

Townsville based robotic spray technology company, AutoWeed, is working in conjunction with JCU and SRA to develop new automated spraying technology. This "green-on-green" technology is an example of the next generation of farming where growers will be able to use less chemical per spray event whilst having the same efficacy on current weed populations.

The technology utilises a camera-computer combination that uses artificial intelligence to learn and identify different plants in the ground by their shape, texture and colour. Once the system has been "trained" to recognise weeds, the computer system can turn on and off individual nozzles to target specific plants within a crop. This technology aims to reduce the volume of chemicals needed to spray weeds within a paddock. This will in turn reduce the cost of chemical applications and reduce the chances of resistance build up.

The technology has been adapted to standard 4 row and 13 row spray booms. Trials are continuing in the Burdekin to compare the efficacy of robotic spot spraying and standard blanket spraying systems under different spraying conditions and with different configurations. Speeds of 8 to 10 km/h are currently being trialled and recommended for the use of this technology. This is comparable to current spray speeds.

Burdekin Irrigation Project

The purpose of the Burdekin Irrigation Project (BIP) is to help growers reduce water and energy use. There are currently over 50 growers involved in the project. Further opportunities to participate are coming up in the next few months with round three expressions of interest to be opened later in the year.

Terry from SRA gave two examples of growers who are participating in the project. The two examples showed how both over-irrigating and under-irrigating can affect grower profitability and productivity. In the over-irrigating example and using the BIP baseline assessment calculations, it was suggested that the grower reduce their application time by 4 hours. This resulted in the grower saving 360 hrs in pumping time, a reduction in energy use of 2316 kWh, and water savings of 174 ML.

In the under-irrigating example, the BIP baseline identified that the crop was being underwatered, i.e. that less water was being applied with each irrigation event than was being used by the crop. The plan for this farm is to irrigate more frequently.

Through the project, many areas for improvement have been identified on all the participating farms. Solutions have ranged from reducing irrigation time, improving infrastructure, applying ameliorants and much more.

Spray Technology and Label Updates

Droplet Requirements for 2,4-D with Irvin Legs

Since 2018, the APVMA has mandated a very coarse (VC) droplet with the use of 2,4-D. Over the last couple of shed meetings Mika Rowston from Farmacist has discussed converting in-crop sprayers to be in line with 2,4-D regulations. Most of the recommendations have been around switching to floodjets, which can be a costly option if it involves installing brass fittings and fabrication. A new range of low-drift nozzles are available for broadacre sprayers that should provide a cheaper option for growers with existing Irvin legs with spider systems who are not using air-induced (AI) nozzles.

ASJ® has released a 100° nozzle that is non-air induced, with a low profile and specifically designed for 2,4-D application. This nozzle will produce an extra coarse droplet @ 3 bar and ultra coarse droplet @ 2 bar, but it is not recommended to run below 3 bar.

These nozzles will directly fit into spider leg brass fitting or Teejet bodies, and cost around \$11 each. A whole leg conversion should cost less than \$70, compared to a floodjet conversion which costs a minimum of \$200/leg. This is also an option for growers running AI nozzles on legs to reduce blockages.

Changes to Impose® (Imazapic) Label

Recently the Impose® label has had an amendment that changes the buffer zone requirements, to make its use more flexible for the industry.

Impose used to have a hard 50 m mandatory buffer to wetlands and waterways; this has been updated to a 50 m DOWNWIND buffer only (to natural aquatic areas). *Note, this change applies to the Impose label only; other imazapic products - Flame®, Spark® etc. - continue to have the mandatory 50 m buffer.*

Use of Verdict® (Haloxypop 520g/L) in Fallow

Pulse Australia has a minor use permit (PER12941) for the use of Verdict® in fallow (prior to planting mungbeans) for control of Rhodes grass with rates from 150-300 mL/ha. ADAMA have a similar product registered for use in summer fallow situations – Firepower 900® (haloxypop 900 g/L).

Given the availability, cost and use pattern of glyphosate this could be a good double knock option on problem paddocks i.e. use glyphose as the first fallow spray and follow up with Verdict® and Starane® (fluroxypyr). This mixes modes of action for hard-to-control weeds (such as Rhodes Grass) that may be tolerant to glyphosate. Coverage and weed growth stage is important when using Verdict®, ensure you target young actively growing weeds. Droplet sizes should be medium to coarse depending on conditions as there is the risk of drift onto sensitive crops, including surrounding cane. A few drift issues have been reported in the Wet Tropics. Spray water quality can also affect Verdict®, avoid high pH (greater than 8) or alkaline water.

Verdict® is a group 1 herbicide. Continuous use of it will easily lead to resistance and this has occurred widely in broadacre cropping and also in Crowsfoot grass in the Burdekin. We need to be aware of this as use increases in the region.

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6. SRA e-Newsletter – Posted – 13/5/22



The current weather system has brought some welcome finishing rain for the crop in regions where the wet season has previously been lacklustre. In southern areas too much lingering rain on already saturated soils may see losses where cane is under water too long. At SRA, Woodford Station has had to close until next week and the MAPS/SRA Field Day has been rescheduled. But our farmers will tell us "that's the nature of our industry". So we square our shoulders and power on.



Thank you for joining us in Ingham, Tully and Meringa



Mackay Maps/SRA Field Day rescheduled 2 June 2-5pm



Through sunshine and showers growers came together

In recent weeks field days were held at the Herbert, Tully and Meringa stations where SRA researchers and variety team members welcomed growers from across northern Queensland for a day of presentations and conversations.

All agreed that the events were a great opportunity to hear all about progress in SRA's work and how it can be implemented in the field; and at the same time to catch up with peers over a great feed. But the conversations don't stop there.

SRA Agronomist Danielle Skocaj presented at all three field days on *optimising nutrient inputs during high fertiliser prices* and is looking forward to visiting growers she met at the field days.

"I had some great questions at the events and have already received follow up requests to visit growers and discuss their specific circumstances," Danielle said.

If you've got a question that you'd like to put to an SRA researcher, please contact your SRA District Manager or email sra@sugarresearch.com.au

Photos from top left – clockwise: SRA Pathologist Rob Magarey focused his talk on Pachymetra root rot. Variety officers Rhylee Pendrigh and Felicity Atkin launched the 2022/23 Northern Region Variety Guide. Growers Paul Rossi and Jason Salvetti were wet but smiling at the Meringa event. Kevin Powell talked about current and emerging insect threats; and growers were keen to learn about new varieties in Ingham.

[New date for Mackay MAPS/SRA Field Day. More here.](#)



Encouraging sugar women to gain greater farm business skills

A special 'for women by women' Farm Business Management Skill Set is now on offer.

The course has been brought about through a partnership between Queensland Agriculture Workforce Network (QAWN), CANEGROWERS Mackay and the Queensland Government's Rural Jobs and Skills alliance through UQ Skills.

The aim is to encourage women in sugar to participate in agriculture through gaining skills and knowledge in rural business development and management.

For Mackay and Plane Creek cane farming women the set dates are 31 May-3 June with QAWN fully-funding the \$120 co-contribution fee for eligible non-concessional participants.

If there is enough interest from women in sugar, UQ Skills may run face-to-face classes in other regions.

To express your interest contact Central Queensland QAWN Officer:

Peter_Albertson@canegrowers.com.au

Image credit: Women in Sugar Australia Conference 2021 Mackay (Robyn Devine CANEGROWERS). The Women in Sugar Australia Conference is on this year from 26-27 May in the Burdekin: <https://bit.ly/3wq0vIQ>

The screenshot displays the 'Warnings current' page from the Australian Bureau of Meteorology. The header includes a warning icon and navigation links for various states: NSW, VIC, QLD, WA, SA, TAS, ACT, and NT. A 'Warning services' dropdown menu is visible on the right. The main content area features a satellite map of Australia with state abbreviations. A sidebar on the right contains links to 'Rain radars', 'Satellite images', 'Weather maps', and 'MetEye'. Below these links is a video player showing a 'Severe Weather Update' with the text 'Intense rainfall has cleared the Qld coast, but flood risk remains'. To the right of the video is an advertisement for the National Recovery and Resilience Agency, titled 'Information about disaster recovery'. At the bottom, a blue banner displays 'Weather for Thursday 12 May' and a 'City observations' dropdown menu.

Keeping an eye on the weather

With heavy rainfall continuing in some regions, the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) is encouraging producers to stay up-to-date with the current weather warnings and alerts through the [Bureau of Meteorology](#) and [Queensland Fire and Emergency Services - QFES](#).

If cane growers experience any losses or damage to their property, they can fill in a [Natural Disaster Impact Survey](#) to help DAF understand the scale of any impacts.

If producers are in an area that has been through multiple events this season, please remember to keep good records of any impacts including date-stamped photos. This will help support and confirm eligibility for assistance as different natural disaster events have different types of assistance. And remember, if it's flooded, forget it!



Change of leadership for raw sugar ops

Wilmar Sugar Australia has announced a senior leadership transition within its Australian raw sugar operations.

After a career spanning more than 45 years in the raw sugar business John Pratt, Executive General Manager North Queensland will retire in the second half of this year. Shayne Rutherford will be appointed as *Head of Sugar and Renewables* in his position.

Mr Rutherford (pictured left) has 20 years' experience in Wilmar's sugar business and has been Executive General Manager Strategy and Business Development since 2010.

And farewell to CANEGROWERS Chairman

Paul Schembri (pictured right), CANEGROWERS Chairman since 2013 has retired after just shy of 40 years representing Mackay, Queensland and Australian sugarcane growers.

A Farleigh sugarcane grower since the age of 17, Paul took up a representative role on the local area mill suppliers' committee in 1983 and was elected to the Queensland Cane Growers Council six years later.

CANEGROWERS held triennial elections this year and a new Chair is expected to be announced later this month.



Zoom event next week

As part of National Careers Week, SRA is a program partner in a virtual event on 18 May: Excited 4 Careers in Agriculture. The discussion will be about how to give students a compass to guide

them on their career path into agriculture which will be presented by CQUniversity Australia Agriculture Education and Extension.

The workshop will look at how young people's interests, strengths, and values can be better connected to the diverse range of career opportunities in agriculture. It is aimed at teachers, parents, and passionate ag industry members who are interested in learning more about practical ways to discuss careers with the next generation, ensuring they have the tools to explore and navigate their way into the ever changing world of agricultural work. The 30 minute workshop will be followed by a Q&A discussion.

[Register here for the webinar](#)



AgTech Roadmap

A new AgTech Roadmap for Queensland is being developed by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries with the aim of setting direction for development and accelerating uptake. You can help shape developments by completing the AgTech survey, participating in the online collaboration hub or attending a face-to-face forum:

- Toowoomba (Thursday 19 May 2022)
- Bundaberg (Friday 20 May 2022)
- Cairns (Monday 23 May 2022)
- Mackay (Tuesday 24 May 2022)
- Emerald (Wednesday 25 May 2022)
- Longreach (Thursday 26 May 2022)
- Brisbane (Tuesday 7 June 2022)

Emergency permit for vines granted

The aerial application of MCPA products containing 750 g/L MCPA to sugarcane crops in central, north and far north Queensland is allowed until 31 August under an emergency permit granted by the Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) to CANEGROWERS.

The permit enables the control of vine weeds such as bellvine, pink convolvulus, red convolvulus, morning glory, Star of Bethlehem and stinking passionflower in the leadup to the harvest.

In addition, an application has been submitted to the APVMA from a commercial company seeking to vary the label conditions for a 750 MCPA product, as a longer-term solution.

[Find out more](#)

Technical update - Nufarm products

Nufarm Australia is providing technical presentations this month in central and north Queensland.

Topics include:

- 2,4-D updates and latest sugar industry guidelines
- New products: Drop Zone, Terrador and Terrain Flow
- Label extensions and changes
- Grub control – imidacloprid developments.

Dates and venues

Mackay - Tuesday 17 May 9.30am - 11.30am,
Pavilion Room, Shamrock Hotel, 165 Nebo Road, Mackay

Proserpine - Tuesday 17 May 3pm - 5pm,
Metropole Hotel, 80-82 Main Street, Proserpine

Burdekin - Wednesday 18 May 9am - 11am,
Burdekin Theatre (foyer), 161 Queen Street, Ayr

Ingham - Wednesday 18 May 3pm - 5pm,
HCPSL, 181 Fairford Road Ingham

Innisfail - Thursday 19 May 10am - 12pm
Australian Sugar Heritage Centre conference room, 18-24 Bruce Highway, Mourilyan

RSVP to Nufarm Australia: Courtney – 0400 693 260 or Mark – 0409 200 993.
COVID restrictions apply.

SRA Upcoming Events

[CANEGROWERS Rocky Point/SRA Productivity Workshop](#)

Thursday 19 May, 1281 Stapylton Jacobs Well Road, Woongoolba

[Impact of harvesting practices on cane and sugar yields](#)

Wednesday 25 May, SRA Bundaberg, 314 Pashleys Road, Welcome Creek

[Making informed decisions when input costs are high](#)

Thursday 26 May, SRA Mackay, 26135 Peak Downs Highway, Te Kowai

[Women in Sugar Australia Conference, Dinner, Bus Tour](#)

Thursday/Friday, 26-27 May, Burdekin Theatre, Ayr

[Precision Agriculture Workshop - Proserpine](#)

Wednesday 1 June, Proserpine Showgrounds, Anzac Road, Proserpine

SRA Field Days:

[MAPS/SRA Field Day](#)

Thursday 2 June, Victoria Plains Clean Seed Plot, Neilson Drive, Victoria Plains

[See details of all SRA events](#)

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BIOSECURITY NEWS

May 2022

Foot-and-mouth disease in Indonesia

Foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) has been confirmed in Indonesia. FMD is a highly infectious viral infection of domestic and wild cloven-hooved animals, including cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, camelids, and buffalo. It does not infect horses.

The disease is not present in Australia and we all need to work together to keep it that way. Livestock owners should take steps to prevent introducing or spreading FMD, be aware of the signs in animals and report suspect cases immediately. Clinical signs include:

- vesicles and ulcers in the mouth, feet and teats
- lameness
- fever
- unwillingness to eat
- excessive salivation
- abortion
- drop in milk production
- sudden death in young animals.



If you suspect the presence of this disease you must report it to **Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23** or contact the **Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888**.

More information about FMD is available on our [website](#) and from the Australian Government [Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment](#).

Protect your horse from Japanese encephalitis

Horse owners can reduce the risk of Japanese encephalitis (JE) infection in horses by minimising their exposure to mosquitoes.

To protect your horses, consider:

- rugging and hooding horses with a rug and fly mask
- stabling horses between dusk and dawn
- applying a safe insect repellent (avoiding around and above the eyes)
- eliminating mosquito breeding sites on horse properties by checking ponds, rainwater tanks and small stagnant water sources for signs of breeding
- turning off lights inside stables during the night
- using fluorescent lights in stables that do not attract mosquitoes
- ensuring all screens and mesh at building openings are intact and any holes or tears are fully repaired
- using fans and if possible, fogging to eliminate mosquitoes within and around stable.



Learn more about [JE and horses](#).

If you suspect JE in any of your animals, call us immediately on 13 25 23.

Have you seen this plant?

With rainfall over much of Queensland, now is the time to be looking for unusual plants.

Hudson pear (*Cylindropuntia pallida*) is a thorny cactus native to Mexico and, if left uncontrolled, it can overrun grazing land and impact outdoor activities like bushwalking and camping. Hudson pear's reverse-barbed spines can also harm native wildlife.

If you see a plant that looks like Hudson pear, contact us on 13 25 23, or report it through our online reporting portal.

Find out how you can [report a biosecurity pest or disease](#).



Is your cattle registration up-to-date?

The spread of Lumpy skin disease through Asia and detection in Indonesia this year are important reminders to ensure your biosecurity entity registration for cattle is up to date.

Lumpy skin disease is a highly infectious skin disease of cattle and water buffalo. It causes painful body lesions and impacts animal production.

Lumpy skin disease is not present in Australia. Its introduction would trigger a cattle biosecurity emergency. Having accurate information about where all cattle are located will be critical to a response effort and allow us to respond quickly and notify you of the outbreak.

If you keep one or more head of cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, bison, buffalo, deer, camelids or equines (horses, ponies, donkeys, mules), 100 or more captive birds or a beehive — you must be registered.

You can check to see if you're registered, renew your registration, and confirm your contact details through the [Biosecurity entity registration portal](#).

Learn more about [Lumpy skin disease](#).



Is your pet emergency ready?

Your pets are an important member of your family and need to be included in your family's emergency plans. To prepare for the unexpected, follow these tips with your pets in mind:

- Pets are identifiable with a collar, council registration tag and are microchipped with your current contact details.
- Pet vaccinations are up-to-date (you will likely need a current vaccination certificate if you need to leave your pet at a boarding facility).
- You have a kit stocked with pet food, water, bowls, leads, blankets, bedding, medication, documentation, and a travel carrier.
- An evacuation plan, including where you could go if you need to leave your home and what routes are safe in an emergency.



Learn more about [preparing animals, including livestock, for natural disasters](#).

Don't let electric ants hitch a free ride!

Electric ants are an invasive pest ant found in Far North Queensland around the Cairns region.

They are tiny at just 1-1.5mm long, but have a powerful, venomous sting. Being so small, they are hard to spot and can be accidentally moved around in things like pot plants, plant cuttings, soil, mulch and even garden furniture.

Find out more about [electric ants](#).



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AGRICULTURE NEWS

May 2022

Taste farm life on the school hols!

Before we know it, the mid-year school holidays will be here and there's no better way to escape than a trip to the country!

Queensland farms offer so many adventures, like fruit picking, farm stays, farmers' markets and animal interactions.

Here's some holiday inspiration from Families Magazine:

- [Bundaberg and North Burnett](#)
- [Longreach and surrounds](#)
- [South-western Queensland](#)
- [Townsville and west](#)

Treat your family to a taste of farm life with a getaway to regional Queensland.

Visit our website for more holiday and event ideas. Head to qld.gov.au/tastefarmlife.



Natural disaster impact survey

With rainfall continuing throughout the state, we encourage you to stay up-to-date with the current weather warnings and alerts through the [Bureau of Meteorology](#) and [Queensland Fire and Emergency Services - QFES](#).

If you are a primary producer and experience any loss or damage to your property, please fill in our [Natural Disaster Impact Survey](#) or use this QR code to help us understand the scale of any impacts.





If you're in an area that has been through multiple events this season, please remember to keep good records of any impacts including date-stamped photos. This will help support and confirm eligibility and determine forms of assistance.

And remember, if it's flooded, forget it!

Tasting the food of the future

Our plant breeding success was on show at the 16th Australasian Plant Breeding Conference held on the Gold Coast.

The conference brought plant breeders, scientists, innovators and experts together to examine the essential role plant breeding plays in ensuring the sustainability of our food and fibre industries.

The event celebrated our leadership in developing disease-resistant, sustainable, productive and delicious new varieties and breeds of plants. Strawberries, custard apples, mangoes and mungbeans were just some of the fruit on display and incorporated in the conference menu.



New research into fertilisers reveals good news for farmers

A report examining the use of enhanced efficiency fertilisers (EEFs) has been released, and it's good news for sugarcane farmers!

Support of cane farmer trials of enhanced efficiency fertiliser in the catchments of the Great Barrier Reef (EEF60) report summarises the results of an extensive research project into new fertilisers in the sugarcane industry.

The report reveals that using EEF products in a range of circumstances is good practice and will not impact productivity or profitability. They also improve the efficiency of nitrogen-use and water quality—a great outcome for local waterways and the Great Barrier Reef.

The project was a joint initiative between [Sugar Research Australia](#), [CANEGROWERS](#), regional productivity services and the department's agricultural economists who are part of our [extension](#)



[service for producers.](#)

Read the [full report](#).

Get involved in Queensland Smart Farms

Interested in AgTech? Get involved in [Queensland Smart Farms](#). It's a network of farms dedicated to advancing Australia's agriculture and food industries through innovation.

We're pleased to announce that [Gatton Smart Farm](#) and [Central Queensland Smart Cropping Centre](#) are taking Expressions of Interest from AgTech providers, Australian producers and supply chain businesses across horticulture and broad-acre industries.

[Submit your interest.](#)



Mapping Queensland's soybean industry

We're working with the University of New England to map Queensland's soybean industry.

The mapping will help industry plan supply chain logistics and support adoption of soybean in cropping rotations.

Incorporating grain legumes into sugarcane crop rotations will improve productivity and increase efficiency of fertilisers. This helps both the grower's bottom line and reduces the risk of environmental harm.

The maps not only map the area and distribution of crops, but track changes over time, monitor the effects of natural disasters, contribute to biosecurity preparedness, water security and traceability, and help predict labour requirements.



Unite and Recover

Close contacts no longer need to quarantine, provided they have no COVID-19 symptoms.

Agribusinesses and veterinarians in the agri-food supply chain will not need to submit critically essential worker roles to government.

If workers remain symptom free they can leave home for any reason, provided they meet the requirements under the new [Queensland Health direction](#). Testing of close contacts is required before returning to work on the first day and every second day after—on day 2, 4 and 6.

Information for agribusinesses is available on our [Agribusiness continuity planning eHub](#).



Attract. Train. Retain. your workforce

The Queensland Agricultural Workforce Network (QAWN) is an industry-led, Queensland Government funded initiative. The network provides free support and assistance to all agribusinesses with operations in Queensland, regardless of commodity or organisation membership.

QAWN officers are located across the state and provide the following services and support:

- workforce planning advice
- sourcing labour and skilled workers
- recruitment
- induction requirements
- funded training opportunities.

Find out more about [agriculture workforce assistance](#).



Natural disasters and COVID-19 has disrupted the way we go about our day-to-day lives and run our businesses.

Sometimes we need to talk about it.

Call us

Lifeline 13 11 14
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9. QFF 10 Things to Know – 16th May 2022 – Posted – 17th May 2022

HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

FROM QFF QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

1.

Securing the Future of Queensland Farmers - you can read QFF's 2022 Federal Election position [here](#).

2.

"It was Einstein who famously said that 'insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result.' And this week as we move into another week of electioneering, I found myself drawing some parallels to Einstein's thinking." QFF President. [Read more here](#)

3.

Jo Sheppard, CEO of QFF, says many young farmers are “enjoying the diversity modern farming can offer ...the opportunity to create a sustainable farming enterprise and (venture into) emerging areas such as agritourism and natural capital.” <http://ow.ly/3cfC50IXywt>

4.

QFF has partnered with [ErgonEnergy](#) & [Energex](#) to offer farmers belonging to any of QFF’s 20 industry members a 50 per cent co-contribution a maximum of \$500 to match the funds of installing up to 10 rotamarkers on their properties. [More info here:](#)

5.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION is now open for the Queensland AgWorkforce Summit on 3 - 5 August 2022. You can save \$50 per registration during early bird so act fast! For more info, go to the [Summit website](#).

6.

Consultation has opened on an AgTech Roadmap for Queensland to drive digital and technological transformation of Queensland’s agriculture sector. The roadmap will be created through collaboration and input from stakeholders across the AgTech network, including industry, business, research organisations and government. [Have your say here](#)

7.

Queensland is leading the way by supporting drought preparedness activities for a broader range of primary producers. QRIDA has been hosting forums throughout Queensland and you can register for your local [event here](#). Can’t make the forum? You can access a

webinar series on Queensland drought assistance, including grants, loans, workshops and training [here](#).

8.

QRIDA have extended the closure dates for Disaster Assistance Grants. The new dates are:

- 5 December 2022 for the SEQ Rainfall and Flooding grants
- 28 October 2022 Ex-tropical cyclone Seth 7-10 January 2022
- 30 September 2022 – Central, Southern and Western Qld Rainfall and Flooding event of 10 November – 3 December 2021. For more information, [go to QRIDA](#)

9.

The Energy Savers team would like to speak to 70 farmers from across Queensland and New South Wales in a 30-minute interview with a researcher. To encourage more farmers to get involved, they are offering every farmer who gets involved a \$40 gift card and, if they do so before the end of May, they'll go into a draw to **win one of two \$500 energy bill payments!** All they need to do is fill out the [survey](#) and upload a recent energy bill to get the ball rolling. Farms can call Dr Stephen Snow on 0417 079 392 if they would like to start the interview straight away!

10.

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) is predicting showers and thunderstorms to develop across a large section of the state over the next few days. Keep up to date with weather warnings via [BoM](#) and remember, if it's flooded, forget it!



Media release

Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services

The Honourable Mark Ryan

DISASTER ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOLLOWING NORTHERN AND CENTRAL-WESTERN QUEENSLAND FLOODS

Disaster assistance is now available in ten Local Government Areas after intense rainfall resulted in widespread flooding throughout much of Northern and Central-Western Queensland in April.

The assistance, provided through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), covers clean up and repair of roads and other public infrastructure damaged by the severe rain and wind event from 21 to 28 April.

DRFA relief measures have been activated for: Barcaldine Regional Council, Barcoo Regional Council, Blackall-Tambo Regional Council, Boulia Shire Council, **Burdekin Shire Council**, Cook Shire Council, Longreach Regional Council, Mornington Shire Council, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council and Winton Shire Council.

Minister for Emergency Management and National Recovery and Resilience Bridget McKenzie said that heavy rainfall caused flooding which damaged essential public infrastructure across Northern and Central-Western Queensland.

“The activation of the DRFA for the ten impacted Councils will ensure damaged public infrastructure can be restored so that residents can get back to normal as soon as possible,” Minister McKenzie said.

Minister for Fire and Emergency Services Mark Ryan said the activation of the DRFA will ensure these councils have the support they need to recover from the recent floods.

“The activation of the DRFA will ensure councils will be reimbursed for clean-up activities and reconstruction costs in the long-term,” he said.

“This heavy downpour comes as Queensland deals with the aftermath from multiple weather events since November last year.

“Winton recorded its wettest day on Anzac Day this year, with 91.6mm at the airport.

“Roads to tourist meccas such as Winton’s world famous Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum were cut as the usually arid region quickly transformed into great lakes with raging waterfalls.

“We want to ensure every local government area is catered for as wild weather leaves roads and other essential public infrastructure smashed.

“The Australian and Queensland governments continue working closely to support ongoing recovery efforts and identify where further assistance can be provided to ensure all of those affected have the best possible support.”

Information on disaster assistance can be found on the Queensland Reconstruction Authority’s website at www.qra.qld.gov.au

Media contacts:

Minister McKenzie: David Edghill 0447 417 516

Minister Ryan: Phil Willmington 0411 535 180 3

11. DAF Online Grant Writing Workshop – Posted – 17/5/22

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Participants at the recent Grant Writing Workshop in Ingham with Samantha Morris

Online Grant Writing Workshop now available

Did you miss out on the recent face-to-face grant writing workshops?

Enrol now for an online grant writing workshop on Tuesday 7 June.

Time: 9.30am to 12 noon.

If you've ever been bamboozled by a funding application form, or not known where to start when it comes to seeking grants, or you've written grants for years but lost all motivation to try again, then this event is for you.

This interactive workshop will lead participants through a logical and light-hearted process for assessing eligibility, reality-checking likelihood of receiving funding and turning a project idea into a solid plan that funders will love. Facilitator Samantha Morris is a professional grant writer with 30 years' experience working on projects just like yours.

Places are funded by the Enhanced Extension Coordination in GBR program. Enrolment applications can be made through the [Reef T&D database](#). Once logged in, look for the new enrolment tab then click on the course you wish to apply for. If you are not already registered, you will need to set up an account.

For more information contact Linda Souter linda.souter@daf.qld.gov.au

The Enhanced Extension Coordination in GBR project provides a coordinated and collaborative approach to enhance on-ground delivery of extension services in the six NRM regions of the Great Barrier Reef catchment. Funded by the Queensland Government Reef Water Quality Program.



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- To promote help-seeking behaviour before a crisis occurs
- Each participant will learn to identify their own self-care strategies.

Where: Hospitality Centre
Burdekin Catholic High School
Gibson Street Ayr

Cost: Free

When: 1 June and 2 June (two half days)

Time: 3.30 - 5.30pm (both days)

Enquiries: adminqld@kentishrc.com.au

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13. Wilmar Burdekin Grower Update – Start of Crushing - Posted – 17/5/22



Tuesday, 17 May 2022

- We have consulted harvesting groups and grower representatives to discuss the impact of wet ground conditions on the start of crushing.
- It was agreed that the planned start date of 7 June be delayed by one week.
- We now plan to start the season on Tuesday 14 June.
- We will review the start date weekly, in consultation with harvesting operators and grower representatives.
- We will keep you updated.

Best regards

JOHN TAIT

Burdekin Cane Supply Manager

14. QSL Information Brief – Posted – 18/5/22



- **Farming in Focus Forum** – QSL is the proud sponsor of the **Farming In Focus** 1-day forum to be held at the Ayr Showgrounds on **Friday 27 May**.
Forum topics will provide insights into:
 - Diversification opportunities
 - Supply chain information
 - Carbon farming opportunities
 - Building business resilience
 - Practical experiences and case studies
- **Adjusting your estimate?**
This week's rain event has caused some growers to reassess their production estimates. QSL has a range of mechanisms available to help address the implications of an in-season reduction to your crop. Should you have concerns about your ability to deliver your committed tonnage, please contact your local QSL representative for assistance.
- **Your 2022 – season pricing options**
Nominations for QSL's 2022-Season pricing options are now closed.
However, QSL Direct growers can still choose to transfer their Harvest Pool tonnage into the Self-Managed Harvest Contract by using our new Harvest Pool Opt Out function.
Growers considering this option should contact their local QSL team for more information.
- **New 'Balancing Order' feature**
QSL Direct growers using the Self-Managed Harvest Contract can now price the remainder of their unpriced tonnage against individual contracts by using our new 'Balancing Order' feature.
This allows you to place an order for all of the remaining unpriced tonnage against that contract – down to the last tonne – rather than limiting the order size to a multiple of 10 tonnes.
To access this feature in the QSL Direct portal, just click on the **Balancing Order** button now featured on the order screen for this product.
When using the QSL App, type the full balance figure into the 'tonnes' field when placing an order and it will be accepted.

Key Dates 2022

- 20 June: **2022 Target Price Contract Roll**. Last day to achieve 2022-Season Target Price Contract orders before your pricing window is automatically extended and roll adjustments apply.
- 20 June: **July 2022 ICE 11 Contract Pricing Completion Date**. Last day to achieve or roll pricing allocated to the July 2022 ICE 11 contract.

If members have any questions in regards to the above, please don't hesitate to get in contact with:

- Russell Campbell - Grower Relationship Manager – 0408 248 385
- Kristen Paterson - Grower Relationship Officer– 0438 470 235
- Rebecca Love – Grower Relationship Officer – 0429 054 330 (Mon-Wed)

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A green banner with white text. The text reads "HARVEST POOL OPT OUT" in large, bold, uppercase letters. Below it, in smaller white text, is "NEW FROM 1 MAY 2022". At the bottom left, there is a dark blue button with white text that says "Click here for more information" followed by a white right-pointing arrow. On the right side of the banner, there is a stylized graphic of a sugar cane field with a white curved line representing a path or a field boundary.

15. BPS Chemical Certification Course – Posted – 18/5/22

Burdekin Productivity Services will be hosting a chemical certification course on the 24th of May at the Ayr PCYC 8am-4pm. this course will cover off on:

- **AHCCHM304 Transport & Store chemicals**
- **AHCCHM307 Prepare & apply chemicals to control pests, weeds and diseases**
- **AHCPMG301 Control weeds**

BPS will subsidise 50% for members.

If you are interested please call John Nancarrow on 0447 069 887 to enquire or book a spot.

Rob Milla

Manager

Burdekin Productivity Services

HERE'S 10 THINGS TO KNOW.

FROM  QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

1.

With less than 2 weeks until election day, QFF is becoming increasingly concerned at the lack of detail in key policy announcements relating to Queensland agriculture. QFF has outlined what we consider our [key policy pillars for the 2022 Federal Election](#) to be and are calling on all parties to articulate their position on each of these important areas. Read the QFF President's Column for more [info here](#)

2.

Some regions are experiencing significant flooding due to the current sustained rainfall.

Producers who experience losses or damage to their property are encouraged to fill in our [Natural Disaster Impact Survey](#) to help the Queensland Government and industry quickly assess the regions for financial recovery assistance.

Keep records of any impacts, including date-stamped photos. This will inform eligibility for assistance as each natural disaster event is a separate claim. Producers will need to assess and document damages and losses from this event to submit a claim once Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements are activated.

3.

The Warwick and Dalby Drought Forums 18 - 19 May postponed due to the flooding. New dates are:

Warwick – 15 June 2022

Dalby – 16 June 2022

More info to come shortly.

4.

QFF has partnered with [ErgonEnergy](#) & [Energex](#) to offer farmers belonging to any of QFF's 20 industry members a 50 per cent co-contribution a maximum of \$500 to match the funds of installing up to 10 rotamarkers on their properties. [More info here:](#)

5.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION is now open for the Queensland AgWorkforce Summit on 3 - 5 August 2022. You can save \$50 per registration during early bird so act fast! For more info, go to the [Summit website](#).

6.

Consultation has opened on an AgTech Roadmap for Queensland to drive digital and technological transformation of Queensland's agriculture sector. The roadmap will be created through collaboration and input from stakeholders across the AgTech network, including industry, business, research organisations and government. [Have your say here](#)

7.

Taste farm life on the school hols! The Qld Gov has launched a new marketing program that encourages families to Taste Farm Life and visit/stay at Queensland farms. The program is designed to educate consumers about farm life and also support revenue diversification for the emerging agri-tourism sector. Head to qld.gov.au/tastefarmlife to learn more.

8.

Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities Mark Furner said Local Drought Committees (LDCs) recommended the drought revocation of another six shires and one part-shire after a good wet season in some areas. [Read the media statement here](#)

9.

Bundaberg Producers - Water demand and needs survey. We are encouraging Bundaberg producers to have input into the BBRWA by completing the NCEconomics survey by **Friday 17 June**. Link to survey: <https://alluviumgroup.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/rwa-bundaberg-burnett/home>

10.

FMD has been detected in Indonesia and it is critical that Queensland farmers are vigilant. If you suspect the presence of this disease you must report it to **Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23** or contact the **Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888**. More information about FMD is available on the Biosecurity Queensland [website](#) and from the Australian Government [Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment](#).





QUEENSLAND FARMERS' FEDERATION

MEDIA RELEASE

18 May 2022

**Workforce Planning Tools to Assist Farming Enterprises Plan
for the Future**

The Queensland Farmers' Federation (QFF) has partnered with Jobs Queensland to help small to medium enterprises plan for the future and grow their capability in workforce planning to position their business to succeed in a changing environment.

Launched today, Workforce Planning Connect is a set of tools and resources that will support the agriculture sector build business capability and capacity in workforce planning in Queensland.

Queensland Farmers' Federation CEO, Ms Jo Sheppard, said workforce planning and development is an important part of any farming enterprise's future sustainability and a key component of any business plan.

"The agricultural sector continues to grapple with the challenge of attracting and retaining staff. The global pandemic has added to an already challenging workforce development environment and the current housing shortage is making the situation even more difficult."

"These resources will provide farmers with a practical resource to support their ability to plan ahead and develop ways to build a sustainable workforce for their

enterprise and also the agricultural sector more broadly.”

“The agricultural sector is a key foundation of the Queensland economy, the Australian economy and critical to the future success of our regions. In Queensland the agricultural sector is worth well over \$23B and growing.”

“A strong workforce plan and the capacity to attract and retain skilled staff is critical for any farming enterprise positioning their business for growth and a sustainable future.” said Ms Sheppard.

The Workforce Planning Connect tools have been developed in partnership by QFF and Jobs Queensland specifically for small to medium size farming enterprises and are being launched as part of Small Business Month 2022.

The tools are free and aim to help business cover topics such as understanding the benefits and advantages of workforce planning; building knowledge and understanding of workforce planning and, tools to grow their capability and skills in workforce planning. The free suite of tools can be found at www.qff.org.au/resources/

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About QFF

- The Queensland Farmers’ Federation (QFF) is the united voice of intensive, semi-intensive and irrigated agriculture in Queensland. It is a federation that represents the interests of peak state and national agriculture industry organisations.
- QFF represents 21 peak bodies including Canegrowers, Cotton Australia and Growcom to name a few.
- We represent 13,000 Queensland farms who through their hard work contribute some \$21.4 billion to the Australian economy.
- For more info go to www.qff.org.au

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