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15 July 2024

SIX EASY STEPS[®] Burdekin Workshop - face-to-face and online



Join SRA Principal Agronomist Dr Danielle Skocaj to gain a better understanding of:

- soil properties, processes and nutrient loss pathways
- the importance of balanced nutrition;

and how to:

- collect soil and leaf samples
- interpret soil test results
- identify nutrient requirements
- develop nutrient management plans and
- create nitrogen and phosphorous (N&P) budgets.

At the workshop you will also have the chance to try out SRA's Online Sugarcane Nutrient Management program.

When: 8.30-4.00pm Wednesday 24 July

Where: SRA Burdekin, 30962 Bruce Highway, Brandon

Please RSVP by 19 July: SRA Burdekin District Manager Terry Granshaw

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Register for the Burdekin soils workshop



Central district growers - Host an on-farm agtech demo site

Growers in the Central district are invited to phone or email [SRA District Manager Central Dylan Wedel](#) to express their interest in hosting an on-farm agtech demo site on their farms.

Thanks to the [Greater Whitsunday AgTech Hub](#), the nine growers selected will in return receive a rebate of up to \$2,750 for purchasing a remote/automatic pump control system to be installed by November this year.

Participating growers will host a field walk in early 2025 and must be prepared to share the results of the project with other growers and local groups.

EOI - Host an on-farm agtech demo site

Drums of Nufarm DROPZONE are on their way to our first 10 winners!



HELP US TO HELP YOU WITH FUTURE STRATEGIES FOR WEED CONTROL

Complete the online survey to help SRA prioritise research investment

Help our Weed Scientist Emilie Fillols reach her goal of 1000 completed surveys to support her research into weed mitigation in sugarcane crops. Use a tablet, laptop or computer to complete the weed distribution survey and be in the running to win a drum of DROPZONE.

Click on the link below and follow the steps to get started or contact your SRA District Manager if you need a hand. Thanks to all growers for participating in the interests of industry biosecurity and effective weed control.

[Complete the Weed Survey to win. More information here](#)

SRA Webinar: Save the date - 2pm-3:15pm Friday 13 September



Webinar Series
13 September 2024

Adventures in crop biotechnology with sorghum: Sugarcane's less complicated sister crop

Professor Ian Godwin
Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation

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Professor Godwin's 30-year career in plant biotechnology research has led to a focus on sustainable production and crop improvement for food, feed and bio-industrial end-uses, including bio-fuels and bio-materials. He has led field experimentation with transgenic sorghum plants with larger grain, higher protein content and digestibility, including a number of private and public partnerships, and projects funded by aid and development agencies in Ethiopia, India and Pacific Island countries.

Find out about sorghum's relationship to sugarcane and much more at an upcoming webinar with Professor Godwin on Friday 13 September. Learn how biotechnological research in sorghum can lead to sustainable production and crop improvement for sugarcane.

[Register today](#)



2024/25 Variety Guides are now available online

Variety Guides for 2024 have been mailed to stakeholders and are now also available online on the SRA website:

[New variety guides 2024/25](#)

Catch up on what you've missed

Watch the webinar

From Barley to Sugarcane, Challenges and Prospects

Speaker: Dr Jason Eglinton
Chaired by Nathalie Piperidis

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If you missed the webinar featuring Dr Jason Eglinton discussing the sugarcane industry's breeding program it is now available for you to watch online at your convenience.

[Watch online](#)

District productivity plans - learn what's happening on the ground

If you want to know more about the SRA projects happening on the ground in sugarcane growing districts every year, a good place to look is the District Productivity Plans page on the SRA website.

The District Productivity Plans are developed through consultation and engagement with stakeholders across the sugar industry supply chain to drive investment at a local, applied level.

Each plan is reviewed and updated annually by SRA's Industry Services team. The plans for 2024 are now available.

[2024 District Productivity Plans](#)

Please visit us at the Brisbane Ekka (10-18 August)



Visit the Australian Sugar Industry team from SRA, CANEGROWERS and Sunshine Sugar at the Brisbane Exhibition this year.

We will be celebrating the cracking of the genome code of the modern sugarcane hybrid R570 with its 114 chromosomes. SRA's cytogeneticist, Dr Nathalie Piperidis (*left*) will be available on the stand to explain why sugarcane is so complex, on 15/16 August to explain why sugarcane is so complex.

The popular VR journey of sugar, from the cane stalk to the shop, will also be available every day. This is fun for adults and children alike so please join us, and grab a free helix tattoo!

The Winter edition of Cane Matters is out now



[Read online](#)

Research awards & scholarship funding rounds closing soon

SRA's research awards and postgraduate scholarships are now open for applications.

The deadline for applying is 31 August 2024.

[Research Awards 2024/2025](#)

[Postgraduate Research Scholarship funding round](#)

Read SRA's Annual Operating Plan 2024-2025

Sugar Research Australia's (SRA's) Annual Operating Plan 2024-25 has been released and is now on the website.

[Read about the latest AOP](#)

Current vacancies

We are recruiting for the following positions:

- [Casual Field Hands - Bundaberg](#)
- [Plant Pathology Technician - Tully](#)
- [Plant Breeder - Burdekin](#)
- [Casual Field Hands - Broadwater](#)

[SRA Careers](#)



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