



# Ordering and Collection of Approved Seed Cane in 2024.

## Ordering Approved cane seed system

Growers wishing to obtain approved seed from the HCPSL plots in 2024 should fill out the attached form and **return it to the HCPSL by the 29<sup>th</sup> of March, 2024.**

Depending on the amount of material available, final allocations will be determined as close as possible to the grower's request. Growers will need to indicate which subdistrict/s they wish to collect their approved seed. HCPSL will only allocate approved seed from the growers nominated subdistrict/s.

Once allocations have been assessed by HCPSL, growers will be required to sign an allocation offer form and return to HCPSL to secure their order. Growers who do not fill out and return either of these forms may miss out on receiving approved seed in 2024.

## Plot Details

Depending on conditions, HCPSL approved seed plots will open in early May. If material has become lodged or sprawled, growers who ordered whole stalk material may be required to cut by hand.

The assigned HCPSL staff, their phone number and the plot details are listed below. Growers **MUST** ring the assigned HCPSL staff member **at least 2 days** prior to attending a plot and billets will be **by appointment only**.

## Fees & Payments

Approved seed cane	Whole stalk and billet	Plant: \$75/t (ex. GST)
		Ratoon: \$65/t (ex. GST)
Equipment	Whole stalk cutter	\$75/t (ex. GST)
	Billet harvester	\$50/t (ex. GST)

## Payment

Once a grower has placed an order, and signed an allocation offer form, they will be invoiced accordingly. If the agreed allocation is not collected, the grower will be charged a **cancellation fee** equal to 25% of the value of the agreed allocation.

<b>2024 Approved Seed Plots</b>	
<b>Macknade</b>  <u>Billet only</u> (Growers may cut whole stalk by hand only)	Address – HCPSL Macknade Farm Plant – Q200, Q208, Q232, Q253, SRA6, SRA26, SRA28, SRA36 1 <sup>st</sup> Ratoon - Q200, Q231, SRA26, SRA28, SRA36 Billets – Monday - Friday ( <i>By Appointment Only</i> ) Staff Member – Jason 0417 622 129
<b>Stone River</b>  <u>Whole stalk &amp; Billet</u>	Address – HCPSL Stone River Farm Plant – Q200, Q208, Q226, Q232, MQ239, Q240, Q253, SRA6, SRA26, SRA28, SRA36 1 <sup>st</sup> Ratoon - Q138, Q200, Q208, Q232, MQ239, Q240, Q242, Q250, Q253, SRA6, SRA26, SRA28, SRA31, SRA36 Whole stalk (cutter) - Tuesday ( <i>growers must book ahead</i> ) Billets – Monday - Friday ( <i>By Appointment Only</i> ) Staff Member – Jason 0417 622 129
<b>Central (Pietrobon)</b>  <u>Whole stalk &amp; Billet</u>	Address – HCPSL Central Farm, Hamleigh Road Plant – Q183, Q200, Q208, Q240, Q253, SRA6, SRA26, SRA28, SRA36 1 <sup>st</sup> Ratoon - Q183, Q200, Q208, Q219, Q226, Q232, Q240, Q253, SRA10, SRA26, SRA28, SRA36 Whole stalk (cutter)- Thursday ( <i>growers must book ahead</i> ) Billets – Monday - Friday ( <i>By Appointment Only</i> ) Staff Member – Rhiannan 0490 905 367
<b>Ingham Line (Bonassi)</b>  <u>Billet only</u> (Growers may cut whole stalk by hand only)	Address – Bruce Highway, Bambaroo Plant – Q208, Q232, Q253, SRA26, SRA28, SRA36 1 <sup>st</sup> Ratoon – SRA28, SRA36 Billets – Monday - Friday ( <i>By Appointment Only</i> ) Staff Member – Graeme 0428 76 1808
<b>Ingham Line (Zatta)</b>  <u>Billet only</u> (Growers may cut whole stalk by hand only)	Address – Bambaroo Road 1 <sup>st</sup> Ratoon - Q208, Q232, Q253, SRA31 Billets – Tuesday ( <i>By Appointment Only</i> ) Staff Member – Graeme 0428 76 1808
<b>Abergowrie (Wardell)</b>  <u>Billet only</u> (Growers may cut whole stalk by hand only)	Address – Abergowrie Road Plant – Q200, Q208, Q232, Q253, SRA6, SRA26, SRA28, SRA31, SRA36 Billets – Monday - Friday ( <i>By Appointment Only</i> ) Staff Member – Richard 0400 544 301
<b>Abergowrie (Crisafulli)</b>  <u>Billet only</u> (Growers may cut whole stalk by hand only)	Address – Tobruk Rd Plant - Q208, Q240, Q253, SRA6, SRA26, SRA28, SRA36 Billets – Monday - Friday ( <i>By Appointment Only</i> ) Staff Member – Richard 0400 544 301
<b>Lannercost (Astorquia)</b>  <u>Billet only</u> (Growers may cut whole stalk by hand only)	Address – Scotts Road 1 <sup>st</sup> Ratoon - Q200, Q208, KQ228, Q231, Q232, MQ239, Q240, Q253, SRA6, SRA26, SRA28, SRA36 Billets - Monday - Friday ( <i>By Appointment Only</i> ) Staff Member – Richard 0400 544 301
<b>Hawkins Creek (Grotelli)</b>  <u>Billet only</u> (Growers may cut whole stalk by hand only)	Address – Hawkins Creek Road 1 <sup>st</sup> Ratoon - Q183, Q200, Q208, Q232, MQ239, Q240, Q253, SRA26, SRA28, SRA36 Billets - Monday - Friday ( <i>By Appointment Only</i> ) Staff Member – Richard Hobbs 0400 544 301

**Disclaimer: Whole stalk cutter will only be available if cane is erect and supplies are present.**

## **Billets**

HCPSL growers must provide a minimum of 48hrs notice to plot staff to assist with harvester co-ordination. If a grower wishes to collect whole stalks from a billet only plot they will be able to cut the material by hand.

## **Whole stalk**

Whole stalk cutters will be available at Stone River (Tuesday) and Central (Thursday) plots. The use of whole stalk cutters is subject to the condition of seed cane (lodging etc). If a whole stalk cutter cannot be used, growers will be able to cut seed cane by hand.

There will be a designated trailer drop off and pick up point located at each of the whole stalk cutter plots. Please ensure that the trailers are properly labelled and that running boards are in a safe working condition, otherwise trailers will not be loaded.

## **Cane delivery service**

Growers can contact Don at Hinchinbrook Towing Services on 0400 702 113 to arrange for transport of their allocation (whole stalk or billet) from the HCPSL approved seed plots. Growers MUST contact the assigned HCPSL staff member and Don when arranging for collection of their approved seed. Growers will be charged directly by Hinchinbrook Towing Service (not HCPSL).

Whole stalk - Don will drop off grower trailers at the HCPSL plot and return them when full.  
Billet - Growers should ensure that their planting contractor is ready to receive your approved seed cane.

## **WH&S**

Growers and their employees who enter HCPSL approved seed plots MUST comply with WH&S procedures and protocols as directed by the HCPSL staff member attending the plot. The following PPE MUST be worn :

- Work boots
- Hi Vis long-sleeve shirt and long pants
- A wide brimmed hat
- Safety Glasses
- Gloves ( Hand Cutting )

An indemnity form will need to be filled out and signed by the grower and / or employee before any hand cutting or loading can be done.

**Any grower who fails to comply with WH&S procedures and protocols will be asked to leave the plot and only return when they can comply with WH&S requirements.**

## **Orders for 2024 Tissue Cultured Seedlings**

HCPSL is now taking orders for tissue cultured seedlings for the 2025 planting season. Orders must be completed and submitted by **30<sup>th</sup> June 2024** for early pick up (June 2025) and by **31<sup>st</sup> October 2024** for the later pick up (September 2025). Order forms will be available from the HCPSL office.

For more information on anything contained in this letter contact HCPSL on (07) 47761808.

