

TALKING CANE TRASH

BLANKETING THE HERBERT WITH THE LATEST INFORMATION

POST PLANTING PRE-EMERGENT OPTIONS

Applying pre-emergent (residual) herbicides after planting is an important step towards maximising your crops potential by reducing competition from weeds. The mixes below are recommended as 'softer' options and are particularly good when applying to more sensitive varieties. The addition of a knockdown herbicide may be required if weeds are present, consult your agronomic advisor for further information and advice.

Products	Product Rates	Water Rate	Notes
Stomp Xtra + Atrazine 900WG	2.2 – 3.3L/ha 1.6 – 2.2kg/ha	200L/ha +	Higher water rates may be required if soil moisture is low.
Dual Gold 960 + Atrazine 900WG	1.45 – 1.8L/ha 1.6 – 2.2kg/ha	200L/ha +	Higher water rates may be required if soil moisture is low.
Balance 750WG + Atrazine 900WG	80 – 150g/ha 1.6 – 2.2kg/ha	250L/ha +	Adjust rate if using Balance Flow. Use low rate of Balance on low CEC soils and avoid using completely on very low CEC soils.

KEY DATES & INFO

INGHAM SHOW

Thurs 25th & Fri 26th June.

TISSUE CULTURE ORDERS

Deadline for Autumn 2027 delivery is 29th June 2026. For more info call Tayla - 0490887332

SEED PLOT OFFICERS

Ingham Line & Abergowrie:

Richard - 0400544301

Stone River: Al - 0417622129

Halifax: Adam - 0417610446

Central: Jarrod - 0499034968

IT'S SHOWTIME!

With the Ingham Show just around the corner (25th – 26th June), it's a great opportunity for the community to showcase our industry and the sugarcane their family or school has been growing over the past 12 months.

Sugarcane exhibitor entries in a range of categories are open to schools and individual kids and adults. Whether you're a seasoned exhibitor, or a first-time entrant, we encourage you to support our community tradition by submitting an entry (or 3!).

For more information on anything related to the sugarcane exhibit at this year's Ingham Show call Sandra on 47761808.



Approved Seed Plots Update

After a long overdue bout of fine weather all Approved seed plots opened in May with billet and whole stalk material rolling out to growers.

While recent wet weather limited access to plots in early June, plot officers took the opportunity to reassess estimates and there are still good quantities of most varieties available to growers.

Contact your relevant plot officer to secure your seed cane today.

More info on Approved seed & Tissue culture - <https://hcpsl.com/approved-seed-plots>

Estimated tonnes available to growers as of 10th June (only major varieties listed)

Variety	Ingham Line	Halifax	Central	Stone River	Abergowrie
Q200	2t	-	-	-	6t
Q208	14t	2t	2t	13t	-
Q232	6t	58t	-	1t	-
Q240	-	-	-	1t	18t
Q253	8t	6t	-	-	4t
SRA6	17t	-	-	5t	18t
SRA26	70t	46t	10t	26t	34t
SRA28	72t	40t	1t	-	15t
SRA32	-	3t	-	-	6t
SRA36	100t +	38t	10t	30t	24t
SRA40	100t +	100t +	10t	23t	4t
SRA43	-	28t	56t	65t	15t

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CANEGRUB DAMAGE

HCPSL has inspected several severely affected canegrub damaged blocks, especially in the Ingham Line and Stone River areas. The general recommendation is to harvest these blocks early before cane stalks deteriorate further.

If you are unsure about how to manage your canegrub affected blocks, please contact one of our Extension Agronomists for advice. Staff will also be happy to provide advice on how to best future manage blocks in areas prone to canegrub activity, including when and how to effectively apply canegrub control products.



SPOTLIGHT ON SRA32[Ⓛ]

Approved for release in the Herbert in 2025, and quickly snapped up by growers as pre-orders from HCPSL Approved seed plots in 2026, SRA32[Ⓛ] is rapidly becoming the high tonnage benchmark across all regions it has been released in.

SRA32[Ⓛ] exhibits impressive early growth and continues to grow vigorously throughout the season, often resulting in lodging of large crops. Despite SRA32[Ⓛ] being a low CCS variety, sugar yields have been consistent across plant and ratoon crops, providing an 8% advantage over SRA26[Ⓛ] in SRA field trials.

SRA32[Ⓛ] has intermediate resistance to Sugarcane smut and Pachymetra root rot and is resistance to Leaf scald.

(Information & image sourced from SRA variety factsheet)

SRA32[Ⓛ] Northern Coastal Factsheet - <https://sugarresearch.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Northern-Coastal-SRA32-Factsheet-2025.pdf>

SRA Herbert Variety Guide - <https://sugarresearch.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/SRA-Variety-Guide-2025-26-Herbert.pdf>

HCPSL WELCOMES NEW TEAM MEMBER

HCPSL recently welcomed Vanessa Hart to our team. Vanessa takes on the role of Senior Administration Officer with the upcoming retirement of Sue Beccaris later in the year.

Vanessa brings over 20 years of experience in the sugarcane industry as laboratory coordinator for Wilmar, as well as HR and payroll experience.

Please join us in welcoming Vanessa to the team when you next bump into her around the HCPSL office.



**For further information or advice on any of the above topics, contact HCPSL.
Phone: (07) 4776 1808 or www.hcpsl.com**