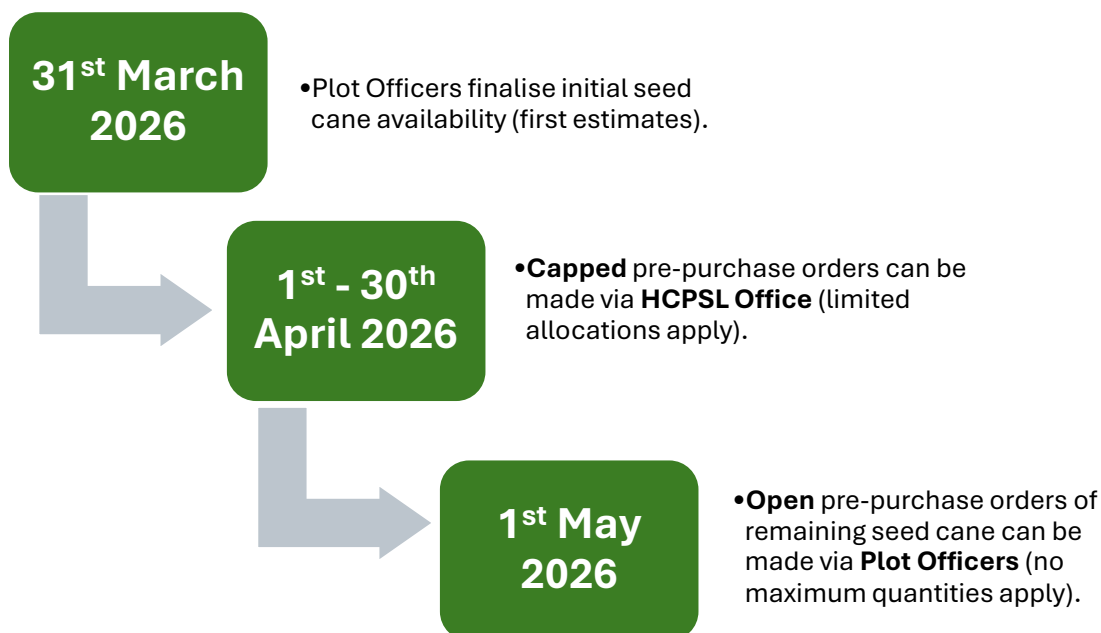


IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Ordering and Collecting Approved Seed Guidelines (2026)

Approved Seed Pre-purchase Ordering System

The pre-purchase ordering system aims to improve the way we allocate grower seed cane orders. The diagram below explains the timeline and steps involved for pre-purchasing orders in 2026.



How to Order (Pre-purchase) Approved Seed

Capped Orders: Between the 1st – 30th April growers can pre-purchase approved seed orders by visiting the HCPSL office and completing an order form. To provide all members with an opportunity to place an order, limits on the quantity that can be ordered will apply during this period.

When completing an order form growers will need to specify the variety, quantity and from which plot they wish to collect their seed cane. Growers will also be required to allocate a farm number and sign their pre-purchase order form. HCPSL will not accept orders over the phone, however a third party may be authorised to act on a growers behalf provided they can verify authorisation.

While order limits apply the pre-purchase order system is essentially a first, in first serviced system. We strongly encourage growers to order early to secure the varieties and quantities they want.

IMPORTANT: Growers who place pre-purchase orders will be committing to a non-refundable deposit (see further below for more information).

Open (uncapped) Orders: From the 1st of May growers can pre-purchase approved seed orders by contacting the respective Plot Officer and completing an order form. Pending availability, no limits on the quantity that can be ordered will apply during this period.

Non-refundable Deposit for Pre-purchase Orders

Growers who place pre-purchase orders will be required to commit to a non-refundable deposit, which will be processed through the cane pay system at the end of the season. Growers who collect seed cane as per their pre-purchase order will have their non-refundable deposit deducted from their final seed cane payment amount.

Growers who do not collect their seed cane as per their pre-purchase order, and who do not cancel their order within the two week change or cancellation of order period (see below for more information), and who do not arrange to on-sell their order to another grower, will have their non-refundable deposit deducted from their cane pay at the end of the season.

Refer to 'Fees & Payments' further below for more information.

Change or Cancellation of Order Period

During the Capped pre-purchase order period growers wishing to change or cancel an order must contact the HCPSL office or Plot Officer **within two (2) weeks** (10 business days) of placing the order. After the two-week change or cancellation of order period growers will no longer be able to change or cancel their orders. They can however on-sell their order to another grower.

During the Open pre-purchase order period orders cannot be changed or cancelled at any time. Growers can however on-sell their order to another grower.

Cancellation of Orders Due to Exceptional Circumstances

HCPSL reserves the right to change or cancel any order at any time if deemed necessary. If HCPSL determines that, for whatever reason, seed cane in a specific plot can no longer be distributed to growers all relevant remaining orders will be declared cancelled at no out of pocket expense to affected growers.

What if a Grower Wants to Collect Their Pre-purchase Order from Another Plot?

It's important to understand that **all pre-purchase orders are allocated to individual plots**. Growers may only change the plot they wish to collect their order from under the following circumstances,

1. During the two week change or cancellation of order period; or
2. If wet condition prevents access to the nominated plot at the time the grower wishes to collect their allocation, and only if there is surplus material available in an alternate plot.

What if a Grower Wants to Change the Varieties Listed on their Pre-purchase Order?

A grower can only change a variety, or the quantity of each variety, listed on their pre-purchase order during the change or cancellation of order period (Refer to 'Change or Cancellation of Order Period' above).

Can a Grower Sell their Pre-purchase Order Allocation to Another Grower?

Yes, if for whatever reason a grower no longer wants their pre-purchased order they should work with the relevant Plot Officer to try and on-sell their seed cane order.

Maximum Orders (Capped Order Period Only)

New Varieties (SRA32, SRA43)	All Other Available Varieties
1 tonne / 100ha* (SRA43 - capped at 8t) (SRA32 - capped at 4t) Examples of maximum orders per variety: Grower A: 65ha = 2t Grower B: 320ha = 3t Grower C: 670ha = 7t (SRA43) and 4t (SRA32)	2 tonne / 100ha* Examples of maximum orders per variety: Grower A: 65ha = 2t Grower B: 320ha = 6t Grower C: 670ha = 13t

* Minimum order per variety: whole stalk = n/a, billet = 2 tonnes. Minimum and maximum orders are per variety. Area farmed = Total area of all farms per grower as stated on farm maps. Orders will be rounded to the nearest whole tonne.

Why Must Growers Complete Pre-purchase Order Forms at the HCPSL Office (Capped Ordering Period Only)?

HCPSL uses a database to track pre-purchase orders. During the Capped ordering period HCPSL receives a high volume of orders and must operate from a central location (HCPSL office) to ensure the quantity of seed cane available from each plot is always up to date. We also need growers to sign their pre-purchase order forms to ensure the information provided is correct.

Please Note: While HCPSL makes every effort to fulfil pre-purchase orders it reserves the right to cancel or reduce order quantities if seed cane estimates are lower than initially forecast.

Collecting Approved Seed Cane

Depending on conditions, HCPSL approved seed plots will likely start opening in early May. Each plot will have an assigned Plot Officer; their names and phone numbers are listed further below with the Approved Seed Plot details. Collection of approved seed cane is by appointment only (Mon-Fri). Growers MUST contact the relevant Plot Officer at least 48hrs prior to collection.

While HCPSL aims to produce quality approved seed cane we recommend that growers inspect their pre-purchased seed cane material themselves before the end of the change or cancellation of order period. To make arrangements for an inspection please contact the relevant Plot Officer. Refusal to collect pre-purchased orders, other than during the change or cancellation of order period, will result in the grower being charged the non-refundable deposit unless they on-sell their order.

Billets

Only HCPSL approved harvesters will be allowed into approved seed distribution plots. In most cases there will be a harvester allocated to each plot. Growers must provide at least 48hrs notice to the relevant Plot Officer before collecting seed cane to assist with harvester co-ordination.

Whole Stalk

HCPSL no longer provides a whole stalk cutting service for growers. Instead, HCPSL will allow approved grower owned and operated whole stalk cutters and trailers into most plots. The entry and operation of approved whole stalk cutters must be at the direction of the relevant Plot Officer.

Growers can also cut approve seed by hand if they wish provided they first contact the Plot Officer to make an appointment.

Whole stalk Cutters and Cane Trailers

Whole Stalk Cutters

All cane cutting equipment, including whole stalk cutters MUST meet the HCPSL biosecurity and OHS operating standards before entering and operating in a seed plot. Further information relating to the standards for safe operation of a whole stalk cutter can be found on the HCPSL website or provided upon request.

Cane Trailers

Cane trailers MUST also meet OHS standards. These standards include but are not limited to,

- The A frame is covered with a mesh or similar material that is securely attached and prevents the user from stepping or falling through to the ground.
- Running boards are undamaged and securely attached.
- The tow point, undercarriage, wheels, tyres, and frame are all in sound condition.

Please Note: Failure to meet any of these standards will result in refusal of entry to a HCPSL approved seed plot.

Fees & Payments

Item or Service	Plant	Ratoon
Seed cane (whole stalk and billet)	\$80/t	\$70/t
Pre-purchase order non-refundable deposit (whole stalk and billet)	\$40/t	\$35/t
Billet harvester - Weekdays	\$50/t	
Billet harvester – Weekends & Public holidays (if and where available)	\$60/t	
Whole stalk cutter	Growers to arrange at own cost.	

All fees listed above are exclusive of GST.

Payment

All payments associated with the collection of seed cane and cutting of billets will be made using the Wilmar cane payment system (unless otherwise agreed).

General Plot Host Information

HCPSL appreciates the partnerships we form with our plot hosts. Plot hosts provide a valuable service to HCPSL and our members. In return for that service HCPSL offers plot hosts the opportunity to reserve seed cane material from their first ratoon plots (except under exceptional circumstances).

It is also important to understand that ALL HCPSL Approved Seed plots are available to ALL HCPSL members regardless of where the plot is located or who is hosting the plot.

Before Entering A HCPSL Approved Seed Distribution Plot

Before entering an Approved Seed Distribution Plot growers must contact the Plot Officer.

Growers and their employees who enter HCPSL approved seed plots MUST comply with OHS procedures and protocols provided in the HCPSL Seed Plot Induction Form, the Whole Stalk Plant Cutter - Safe Work Instructions form, and as directed by the HCPSL staff member or agent attending the plot.

Before entering a plot please ensure the following PPE is worn:

- Work boots
- Long-sleeve shirt and long pants (preferably hi vis)
- A hat or cap
- Safety glasses
- Gloves (hand cutting)

Growers should ensure they (and their employees) have familiarised themselves and can comply with the HCPSL Seed Plot Induction Form and Whole Stalk Plant Cutter - Safe Work Instructions form (if relevant) before arriving at the plot. These documents are available on the HCPSL website and from the HCPSL office upon request. The induction form has also been included at the end of this document.

A site induction will also be provided by the HCPSL staff member or agent attending the plot to ensure growers and their employees are aware of OHS requirements and to provide clear directions on the day.

Any grower or grower employee who fails to comply with OHS procedures and protocols will be asked to leave the plot and only return when they can comply with the OHS requirements.

Orders for 2027 Tissue Cultured Seedlings

HCPSL is now taking orders for tissue cultured seedlings for the 2027 planting season.

Orders must be completed and submitted to HCPSL by the end of **June 2026** for the early pick up (June 2027) and by the end of **October 2026** for the later pick up (September 2027).

Order forms will be available from the HCPSL office.

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



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2026 Approved Seed Plots

Plots Open Monday to Friday By Appointment Only

Halifax Halifax Road (QCAR farm)	Plant – Q200, Q208, Q232, Q240, Q253, SRA26, SRA28, SRA32, SRA36, SRA40, SRA43 Plot Officer – Adam 0417 610 446
Stone River Stone River Road (HCPSL farm)	Plant – Q200, Q208, Q232, Q242, Q253, SRA6, SRA32, SRA36, SRA40, SRA43 1 st Ratoon – Q200, Q208, Q232, Q253, SRA6, SRA26, SRA36, SRA40 Plot Officer – Alwyn 0417 622 129
Central Hamleigh Road (HCPSL farm)	Plant – Q183, Q200, Q232, MQ239, Q240, Q253, SRA26, SRA28, SRA36, SRA40, SRA32, SRA43 1 st Ratoon – Q200, Q208, Q232, Q240, SRA6, SRA26, SRA28, SRA36, SRA40 <u>The varieties below are available in small quantities only</u> Plant – Q138, Q219, KQ228, Q250, SRA24 1 st Ratoon - Q138, Q183, Q219, KQ228, MQ239, Q250, WSRA24, SRA31 Plot Officer – Jarrod 0499 034 968
Ingham Line (Yuruga) Yuruga Road (Russo farm)	1 st Ratoon – Q208, SRA36, Q232, SRA40 Plot Officer – Richard 0400 544 301
Ingham Line (Bambaroo) Bambaroo Road (Zatta farm)	Plant – Q200, Q208, Q232, Q253, SRA6, SRA36, SRA40, SRA43 1 st Ratoon - Q253, Q183, SRA26, SRA28 Plot Officer – Richard 0400 544 301
Abergowrie Abergowrie Road (Erkkila farm)	Plant – Q200, Q208, Q240, Q253, SRA26, SRA28, SRA32, SRA36, SRA40, SRA43 Plot Officer – Richard 0400 544 301

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT WHOLESTALK CUTTERS: HCPSL no longer provides a whole stalk cutting service. Grower operated whole stalk cutters will be allowed into most plots but only after inspection by HCPSL. Whole stalk cutters and cane trailers must meet HCPSL biosecurity and OHS standards. Failure to meet these standards will result in refusal of entry. Please consult your relevant plot officer well in advance to ensure your equipment meets the required standards.

Seed Plot Induction Form

(For All Visitors)

ITEM	Inductor Initial
<p>Sign In and Escort</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor must sign in or provide notice prior to entering plot <input type="checkbox"/> Visitors must be under direction of a HCPSL staff member or agent at all times on site 	
<p>Site Safety</p> <p>Visitors must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Visitors must be in a state fit for work, having had adequate rest and be free of alcohol and drugs. <input type="checkbox"/> Visitors must observe and follow all reasonable directions and requirements as specified by the plot manager during their time at the plot. <input type="checkbox"/> Visitors must comply with all HCPSL health and safety procedures applicable to the plot as advised by the Inductor. <input type="checkbox"/> Visitors must wear the following PPE (not provided by HCPSL) to conduct work on HCPSL plot: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Long sleeved shirt (preferably high visibility) b. Long pants c. Safety glasses d. A hat or cap e. Gloves f. Work boots <p><i>Visitors will be refused entry into the HCPSL Approved Seed Plot if they fail to have appropriate PPE.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Visitors must warrant that they have the appropriate skills and training to undertake all activities to be undertaken while visiting the HCPSL Approved Seed Plot. <input type="checkbox"/> Visitors consent to the administration of first aid and other medical treatment in the event of injury or illness. <input type="checkbox"/> Visitors must take reasonable care of themselves and others while on a HCPSL Approved Seed Plot. <input type="checkbox"/> Visitor must ensure that any equipment allowed on the Approved Seed Plot has been maintained as per its requirements and a prestart check was conducted prior to it arriving at the Approved Seed Plot. 	

<p>Visitors must not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Visitors must not enter any restricted or marked areas. <input type="checkbox"/> Visitors must not use any substances that are considered flammable or hazardous without seeking approval from the plot manager. <input type="checkbox"/> Visitors must not utilise any tools or equipment unless approved, sterilised, and inspected by the Plot manager prior to use. 	
<p>Site Induction (to be completed on site)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> HCPSL has a NO smoking policy on all Approved Seed Plots. <input type="checkbox"/> Entry and exit areas <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kits <input type="checkbox"/> Assembly point and evacuation route <input type="checkbox"/> No-Go zones <input type="checkbox"/> Closest medical facility <input type="checkbox"/> Contact details of emergency services 	
<p>Acknowledgement</p> <p>Visitors agree to follow all main road regulations in the transportation of clean seed from the Approved seed plot.</p>	
<p>Liability</p> <p>Visitor acknowledges that except for injury or damage caused solely by the gross negligence of HCPSL or their agent, they agree to the full extent allowed by law that HCPSL or their agent will not be liable under any circumstances for any injury or damage done or suffered to the Visitors person or property while on the plot, and the Visitor will assume all risk of such injury or damage while on the plot.</p>	

Visitor Name/s: _____

Plot Officer/Agent Name: _____

Plot Officer/Agent Signature: _____ Date: _____