

TALKING CANE TRASH

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WIREWORM CONTROL DURING PLANTING

Following the removal of Chlorpyrifos (Lorsban™) from the market in 2024 growers are now left with two choices for controlling wireworm at planting.

Active Ingredient	Example Product Names	Insect Control	Rates	When to Apply
Fipronil	Regent 200SC	Wireworms	1.1 – 1.8 ml / 100m of row or 73 – 120ml / ha	Apply to soil at planting.
	Albatross 200SC			
	Fipronil 200			
	Apparent Onslaught			
Bifenthrin	Talstar 250EC	Wireworms	2.25ml / 100m of row or 150ml / ha	Apply to soil at planting.
	Venom 240			
	Apparent Stockade			
	Bifenthrin 250EC			

Wireworm Factsheet (SRA) - <https://sugarcaneherb.com.au/publication/wireworms-information-sheet>
 Link to APVMA decision on Chlorpyrifos - <https://www.apvma.gov.au/news-and-publications/media-releases/apvma-releases-chlorpyrifos-final-regulatory-decision>

KEY DATES

INGHAM SHOW

Thursday 25th & Friday 26th June.

TISSUE CULTURE ORDERS

Autumn 2027 delivery:

Ordering deadline: 29th June 2026

HCPSL SEED PLOTS

Approved seed plots are open pending access due to ground conditions. Contact our plot officers for more info.

Ingham Line & Abergowrie:

Richard - 0400544301

Stone River: Al - 0417622129

Halifax: Adam - 0417610446

Central: Jarrod - 0499034968

BE SURE TO 'ACTIVATE' YOUR SINKER

Sinker (flutriafol) fungicide is used at planting to protect seed cane (setts) from fungal infections, including Pineapple disease and Sugarcane smut. Through this protection it promotes improved germination and more vigorous growth in the establishment phase of plant cane.

To ensure proper coverage and consistent protection of cane setts the use of Activator (adjuvant) is recommended at 50ml per 100L of mixture (water and fungicide).

More information about Sinker - <https://cdn.nufarm.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2018/05/20161201/5212-Nufarm-Sinker-Fungicide1.pdf>



Approved Seed Plot Update

HCPSL Approved seed plots have been given a clean bill of health after intensive RSD and DNA testing. Plots are now open with access still dependant on weather and ground conditions.

2025 was a record planting for the Approved seed program and there are still good quantities of some varieties in the plots following pre-ordering in April.

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

Approved Seed & Tissue Culture Information - <https://hcpsl.com/approved-seed-plots>

SRA Variety Guide - [Varieties information and Variety Guides](#) - Sugar Research Australia

Approximate tonnes available to growers as of 19th May (major varieties)

Variety	Ingham Line	Halifax	Central	Stone River	Abergowrie
Q200	2t	-	-	1t	16t
Q208	5t	-	2t	14t	14t
Q232	1t	60t	-	1t	-
Q240	-	-	-	1t	6t
Q253	30t	-	4t	-	-
SRA6	35t	-	-	10t	28t
SRA26	75t	42t	10t	34t	34t
SRA28	80t	40t	1t	-	16t
SRA32	-	-	-	-	3t
SRA36	100t+	28t	10t	30t	15t
SRA40	85t	100t+	10t	28t	17t
SRA43	14t	24t	60t	65t	17t

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PRE-SEASON EARLY CCS TESTING

To assist growers with harvest management decision making HCPSL will be offering small mill CCS testing prior to the start of the crush.

Early CCS testing can provide useful insight into which blocks are best to harvest earlier in the season.

More information about where and when growers can drop off their early CCS samples will be sent out via SMS and email over the coming weeks.



NEW GPS BASE STATION NOW OPERATIONAL

HCPSL provides growers with access to our community GPS base station network, which stretches across the Herbert sugarcane growing region. The Long Pocket sub-district and surrounding area recently received a boost to their coverage with the switching on of the new Sheahans Road base station this month.

If a grower or contractor is experiencing an issue with their GPS please contact your GPS unit provider first. If your service provider believes the issue is not with your GPS unit, please contact our service provider Russo & Vella on 0457 831 155 or 0488 760 347.

GPS Network station locations & frequencies - <https://hcpsl.com/farm-management/gps-base-stations>

SRA9^Φ APPROVED FOR THE HERBERT

The Herbert Regional Variety Committee (RVC) has approved SRA9^Φ for release to growers in the Herbert.

SRA9^Φ performed well against standard commercial varieties in local trials and is resistant to Pachymetra and Leaf scald, with intermediate resistance to Smut.

HCPSL will receive a limited amount of SRA9^Φ from SRA in 2026 with seed cane available from Approved seed plots in 2028. Growers can access SRA9^Φ earlier by ordering tissue culture through HCPSL this year (2027 delivery).

SRA9^Φ Northern Region Factsheet - <https://sugarresearch.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Northern-SRA9-Factsheet-2025.pdf>

TIMING OF IMIDACLOPRID CRITICAL FOR GRUB CONTROL

Growers in several sub-districts have recently reported significant crop damage from canegrub infestations. In most cases imidacloprid seems to have been applied correctly and damage has been a result of very high grub pressure.

It does however present a timely reminder that applying imidacloprid to early in the season can result in ineffective control due to degradation prior to the most effective period for controlling canegrubs.

To get the most from your imidacloprid application apply it;

- at the recommended rate
- between September – November
- at a depth of at least 100mm with good soil coverage

SRA Canegrub Management Info - <https://sugarresearch.com.au/pests/canegrubs>



For further information or advice on any of the above topics, contact HCPSL.
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