

TALKING CANE TRASH

BLANKETING THE HERBERT WITH THE LATEST INFORMATION

APVMA PULLS PARAQUAT FROM USE IN SUGARCANE

The APVMA has announced changes to label requirements for Paraquat, effectively removing the product from use by the sugarcane industry. SRA and grower collectives are currently working towards finding a workable solution including special use permits and viable alternatives.

Key Take-home Points for Growers...

- Paraquat products with older labelling may be used at rates as labelled.
- Paraquat products with a new labelling cannot be used in sugarcane.
- SRA are currently working towards alternate herbicides to replace the use of paraquat.

Information regarding emergency permit application - <https://sugarresearch.com.au/emergency-permit-sought-for-use-of-paraquat>

KEY DATES & INFO

HCPSL AGM
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TISSUE CULTURE ORDERS
Spring 2027 delivery:
Ordering deadline: End of October

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THE IMPORTANCE OF SOIL pH

Soil pH measures the acidity or alkalinity of your soil on a scale from 0 -14 (7 being neutral). Values below 7 are acidic and above 7 are alkaline. Various biological and chemical processes influence soil pH including soil type, rainfall and fertiliser inputs. In the Wet Tropics soils generally follow a natural process of acidification.

Sugarcane is tolerant of acidic soils however pH values should ideally be maintained above 5.5 to help maintain soil structure, water infiltration, and nutrient availability. Highly acidic soils can ‘lock up’ macro nutrients such as Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Potassium while releasing Aluminium, which is toxic to cane at high concentrations. This is why pH is an important considerations for advisors when providing soil test recommendations.

Applying agricultural lime (calcium or magnesium carbonate) is the most effective method of improving soil pH. A soil test will help answer what product you need and how much you need to apply.

Once applied the lime is activated by moisture; breaking down into calcium and carbonate ions. The carbonate alters the pH while the calcium becomes available to the crop. Because lime products need time to work they should be applied at least 3 – 6 months before planting.

APPROVED SEED UPDATE

After a long overdue bout of fine weather Approved seed has been rolling out of all plots as billets and whole stalk material.

Ingham Line plots are coming to a close but growers still looking for seed cane can find good quantities of some varieties in other plots.

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

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

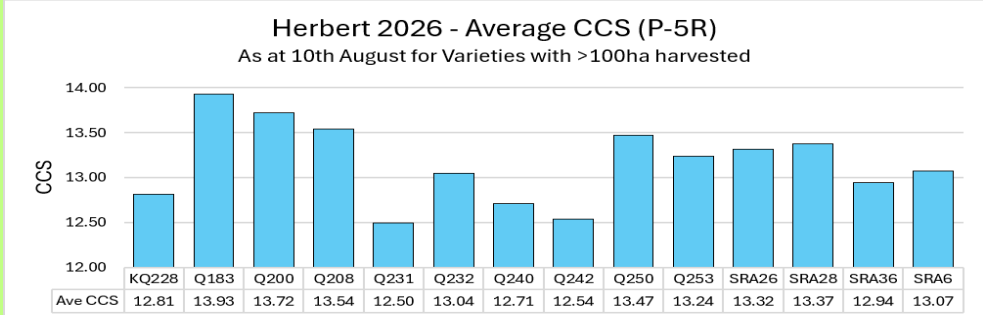
Approximate tonnes available to growers as of 15th August (major varieties)

Variety	Ingham Line	Halifax	Central	Stone River	Abergowrie
Q200	-	-	2t	-	-
Q208	-	3t	-	-	-
Q232	-	20t	2t	-	-
Q240	-	-	2t	-	-
Q253	-	3t	-	-	-
SRA6	-	-	-	-	4t
SRA26	-	55t	8t	25t	20t
SRA28	-	40t	-	-	10t
SRA32	-	-	2t	-	2t
SRA36	-	35t	5t	30t	60t
SRA40	-	100t	10t	5t	15t
SRA43	-	-	-	30t	-

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VARIETY PERFORMANCE

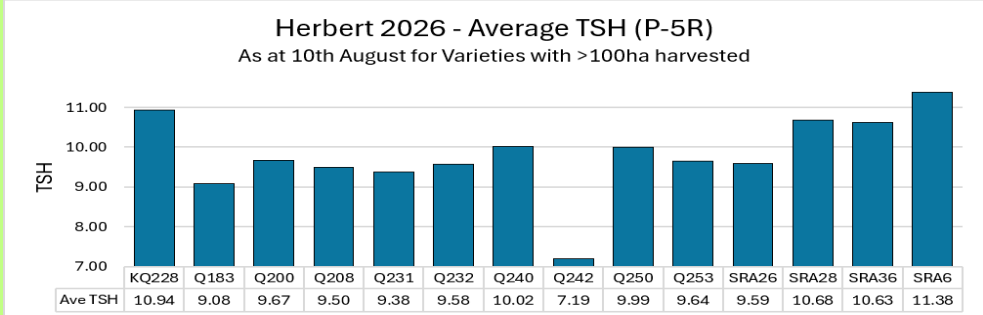
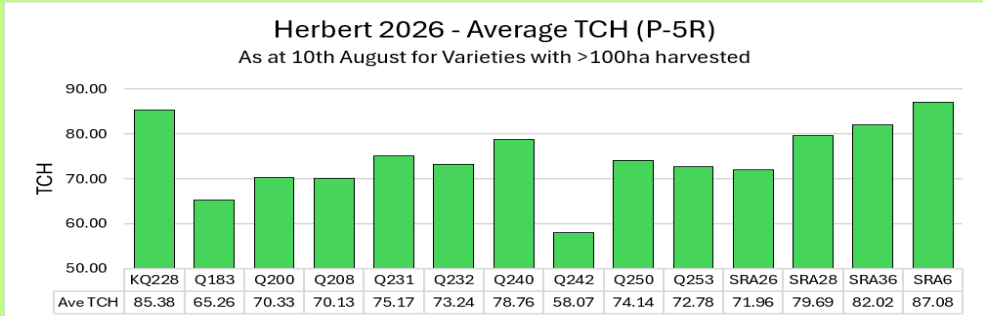


The charts to the left show the average CCS, TCH and TSH for varieties with greater than 100ha harvested (P – 5R only) since the start of the 2026 Herbert crush.

Varieties shown in the charts with the fewest hectares harvested were Q242 (107ha), Q250, (127ha) and Q231 (149ha).

Varieties supplied with the greatest hectares harvested were Q253 (3298ha), Q208 (3003ha) and Q200 (1676ha).

Data sourced from the Wilmar Sugar Grower Web.



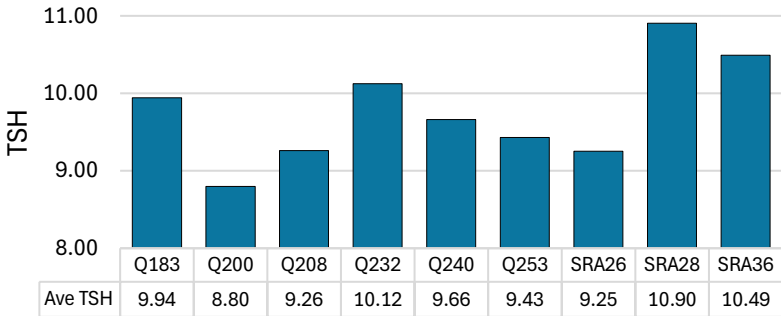
SPOTLIGHT ON INGHAM LINE

The chart to the right shows the average TSH for varieties with greater than 50ha harvested (P – 5R only) in the Ingham Line area since the start of the 2026 Herbert crush (up until 10th Aug).

Focusing on CCS, Q183 had the highest average at 14.29 with Q232 the lowest at 13.3.

Focusing on TCH, SRA28 had the highest average at 78 while Q200 had the lowest average at 63.

Ingham Line 2026 - Average TSH (P-5R)
As at 10th August for Varieties with >50ha harvested



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