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Monthly member newsletter

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We'd love to share how our members are filling their days, new technologies or methods being used, photos of our beautiful area and any feel good or funny situations that you find yourselves in, but we need your help!

If you have something to share on the CANEGROWERS Proserpine facebook page – Proserpine Director, Bessie Orr, wants to hear from you!

Need a little help taking some photos to share or putting together your story – no trouble – we'd love to help.

Email your stories, photos etc to Bessie at: proscgmedia@gmail.com or phone Bessie: 0437 538 044.



MEMBERS - HAVE YOU OPTED-IN ON GrowerWeb?

SSP would like to thank those growers who have already given their consent to Wilmar to share their data with us. Please note that you need to opt in for each and every ABN that you use in your business (a number of growers who have already opted in have done so for only some of their farms).

To reiterate - it is only the productivity data that is being shared - varieties planted, block sizes, farm maps, tons and CCS.

SSP uses the data to:

- Analyze and assess variety CCS trends and compare to the mill.
- Gain access to grower maps used for nutrient planning, monitoring disease outbreaks and general productivity analysis.
- Support for SSP to apply for grant funding on projects.

I had a phone call today from a grower deciding which of the new varieties to plant. Regrettably, I was unable to give them any information regarding CCS as I do not have access to that yet. So in order for us to help you, please make it a priority to opt in via the GrowerWeb.

If you would like some assistance to complete this process, please drop into the CANEGROWERS Proserpine or SSP offices and we'll help you update your preferences. Please be sure to bring your login details with you.

Thank you,
Frank Millar, SSP Manager



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MARKETING INFORMATION SERVICE

**Info, new video & new PDFs to
download & read**

Members can access current and previous updates by logging into the member services section at www.canegrowers.com.au, using your CANEGROWERS membership number.

CANEGROWERS PROSELINE APRIL INSURANCE UPDATE

***Are your Building and Contents Sums Insured
adequate?***

The sum insured noted on your policy is the maximum amount you can claim for any one insured event. It should be enough to remove/replace your home and belongings if they're damaged or destroyed.

Your home and contents sum insured should reflect what it would cost to rebuild your home or replace your contents at today's prices. This is **NOT** the price you paid for the property or what its current market value is.

Keep in mind! the average price to build a home in QLD has increased by 42% over the last three years (Source :CEO Master Builders Queensland, Paul Bidwell)

To ensure your sum insured is adequate and to avoid underinsurance, regularly review and update the sums insured on your Home and Contents policy and notify your broker if any changes need to be made. A rough guide to help you calculate your building sum insured is approx. \$1800 x the square meters of your home.

Proserpine Insurance Admin, Jess Harrison is in the office Monday to Thursday, 8.45am to 2.45pm. She's contactable by phone (4945 1844) or email (jess_Harrison@canegrowers.com.au).

ARE YOUR GrowerWeb DETAILS CORRECT?

Members are reminded to access GrowerWeb as soon as is possible, to check that your information (maps, varieties, estimates etc) is current, ahead of the 2023 season commencing.

If you require alterations or have any questions, please contact **Rob Farrell - 0427 939 401**.



SUGAR SERVICES PROSERPINE

"WORKING FOR THE LOCAL INDUSTRY"

PRODUCTIVITY MEETINGS

Peter Larsen, Agriculture manager for Wilmar Sugar will be in attendance to discuss productivity options.

District	Date	Venue	Time
Kelsey Creek	6/06/2023	Kelsey Creek Hall	9.30 am
Strathdickie/Gregory/Koolachu Glen Isla/Town	6/06/2023	Steve Cantamessa	2.30 pm
Proserpine Young Farmers ONLY	7/06/2023	Sam Orr	9.30 am
Up River/ Six Mile/Watsonson	7/06/2023	Louis Raiteri	2.30 pm
Bloomsbury/ Elaroo	8/06/2023	Tony Jeppesen	9.30 am
Lethebrook/ Gunyarra	8/06/2023	Banana Pocket Hall	2.30 pm
Cannonvalley/ Preston	8/06/2023	Ed McDonald	7.00 pm

Can't make it to the meeting in your district? Come along to another on a day you can!

Refreshments provided.



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RANK	PRODUCT NAME	OPTIMUM RATE m3/Ha	N	P	K	S
1	MCV 120P	3.8	100	14	104	22
2	MCV 130P	3.3	100	10	92	19
3	HI K RATOONER	3.5	100	18	95	24
4	LIQUID 50/50	3.5	100	0	96	13
5	PMR 3	3.1	100	11	83	19
6	MCV 140P	3	100	8	82	17
7	MCV 150P	3	100	13	82	20
8	SUNFLOWER 1	3.6	100	30	98	32
9	MCV 110	4	100	0	113	15
10	QPREPLANT 1	2.9	100	4	89	14

** Be aware that the search results will include products with P, if not required please disregard these products **



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LARGE WORKS PROGRAM UNDER WAY AT PROSERPINE MILL

Wilmar Sugar is investing \$25M in capital and maintenance at Proserpine Mill this year, with much of that investment occurring in the lead-up to the 2023 crush.

Major capital projects include a new Pan 3 and condenser, three new vacuum pumps, 50 new cane bins, a major upgrade to the motor control centres (MCCs) for the pan and fugal stations, a new high-grade fugal, and new shredder rotor.

There is a significant maintenance focus on the three boilers, all three mud filters, the milling train, cooling tower and cane bins.

Proserpine Mill has an intensive shutdown period this year, as a result of the late finish to the 2022 crushing season and anticipated early start to the 2023 crushing season.

Wilmar Sugar has brought in additional engineering resources to provide oversight and support as the company delivers an extensive works program in time for the start of crush.

Seasoned shutdown specialists Glenn O'Malley and Frank Forzatti have been seconded to Proserpine Mill to oversee the execution of the maintenance season works program, supporting the local management team.



Proserpine Operations Manager Sebastian Foti (left), Proserpine Shutdown Manager Glenn O'Malley (centre) and Technical Support Manager Frank Forzatti (right) are leading the 2023 shutdown program at Proserpine Mill.



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CANEGROWERS 'FIRST CUT' PODCAST EPISODE 6

CANEGROWERS FIRST CUT – the new current affairs video series from CANEGROWERS landed in late 2022.

Exclusive to members, the series will break down topical issues and industry challenges through face-to-face interviews with relevant experts.

Episode 6 discusses how growers are ahead of the game with emission reductions.

Members will receive these via an email with access to the videos, you can also find the videos in the [members section](#) of the CANEGROWERS website.

TRANSPORT WORKSHOP

Are you confused by the ever-changing and complex legislation around the moving of heavy vehicles on public roads?

CANEGROWERS has invited representatives from the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) and the Department of Transport and Main Road (TMR) to our office, to talk to growers about topics such as:

- The National Ag Vehicle Notice and Qld sugarcane specific information.
- How to apply for a permit in the NHVR portal
- Chain of responsibility

Growers will also have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have.

The Workshop will be held on 3rd May 2023 at CANEGROWERS Proserpine Boardroom, from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Please RSVP to prp@canegrowers.com.au or call 4945 1844. Refreshments will be provided.

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GREAT PRICES AND GROWER SHED MEETINGS

The Wilmar marketing team has been busy talking to growers about the great prices on offer for the upcoming season and beyond. It is good to see growers continue to average up their forward prices as the market posted new season to date highs over the last month. The 2023 crop traded to a high of \$665 and 2024 to \$585.

The outlook remains tight for the global sugar supply and demand equation. With the northern hemisphere crops cutting out a bit quicker than anticipated, there is even more necessity for the upcoming Brazilian crop to get on the water as soon as possible. Add in a volatile AUD, thanks to the recent financial uncertainty, and there may be the opportunity to see those prices again.

The high prices are also benefiting the tail end of 2022 pricing. For growers who have allocated tonnes to the Production Risk Pool, the forecasted price as at the end of February was just over \$690/t Actual. Similarly, growers who are using the GMPRS pricing mechanism have been able to lock in prices above \$700/t Actual for any tonnes not yet priced.

One of the initiatives this year has been the introduction of grower shed meetings to give growers an update on factors that are affecting the price of sugar, as well as a reminder of other marketing products and services.

In Proserpine, our local marketing consultant Shirley Norris has been organising small groups of growers and presenting the latest Wilmar research on trade flows and market outlooks in an informal and interactive way.

It has also been an opportunity to remind growers that our Pre-Season Payment option remains open until May, for growers who need to boost their cashflow prior to harvest commencing.

From all reports, growers appreciate the sugar market information and enjoy the catch-up with some of their neighbours.



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SRA - NEW VARIETIES RELEASED IN CENTRAL REGION



In 2022, the RVC approved the release of **SRA26^A** to Central region growers. It was distributed to growers in Proserpine and Plane Creek in 2022 and will be distributed to Mackay growers in 2023. **SRA26^A** was first released in the Northern region in 2019 and has since been tested in Central region FAT trials. Its performance in these trials is shown in the table below.

SRA26^A is a variety that is resistant to smut, Pachymetra, leaf scald, and red rot, and is intermediate to Fiji leaf gall. It has been evaluated in plant and 1R crops in Central trials where it is slightly below in TCH & higher CCS compared to current commercial cane varieties.

SRA26^A is a reliable germinator with a semi-prostrate early growth habit, often up to and including at fill-in stage. It will straighten up to stand erect providing good harvester presentation. Preliminary experimental results and initial commercial experience in the Northern region suggest **SRA26^A** has RSD sensitivity similar to Q253^A. **SRA26^A** is a very sparse or non-arowing variety, is moderate trashing with hairy leaf sheaths and does not sucker readily. It is recommended in the North to be harvested mid- to late-season to maximise its CCS.

Variety: SRA26 [Ⓢ]		Parentage: QN97-2122 x Q146				Summary: Slightly below tonnes cane; higher CCS.				
Trial harvest year	Crop class	Yield (TCH)				CCS				# of trials
		SRA26 [Ⓢ]	Q208 [Ⓢ]	Q240 [Ⓢ]	SRA9 [Ⓢ]	SRA26 [Ⓢ]	Q208 [Ⓢ]	Q240 [Ⓢ]	SRA9 [Ⓢ]	
(2020 series FATs): 2021	Plant	116	130	118	129	17.7	17.0	17.3	16.8	3
2022	1R	127	133	125	126	17.4	17.1	17.1	16.7	3
Overall performance		122	132	122	128	17.6	17.1	17.2	16.8	6

This year the RVC has released a new variety, **QS07-7049**. Its main features are consistently high tonnes in SRA yield trials, and combined resistance to smut and Pachymetra. It has a large stool with high stalk number, the stalks have average thickness with good length. **QS07-7049** has sparse arrowing, remains upright even in large crops, and doesn't sucker readily even in sprawly crops. Trial data shows that it has significantly higher TCH than the standards used in the trials but has lower CCS when compared to the same standards (see table below). **QS07-7049** has performed well in FAT trials for TCH on a range of soil types.

QS07-7049 has great disease resistance and has shown to be resistant against smut, Pachy, leaf scald, red rot, and intermediate for Fiji leaf gall. **QS07-7049** may be a good choice for growers with blocks with poor soils and high Pachymetra. One concern with **QS07-7049** is that it suffers from brown rust similar to Q253; this moderate level of brown rust was observed in SRA FAT trials and also at the MAPS farm at Victoria plains.

Variety: QS07-7049		Parentage: CP70-1547 x QA96-1492			Summary: High tonnes cane; low CCS			
Trial harvest year	Crop class	Yield (TCH)			CCS			# of trials
		QS07-7049	Q208 [Ⓢ]	Q240 [Ⓢ]	QS07-7049	Q208 [Ⓢ]	Q240 [Ⓢ]	
(2014 series FATs): 2015	Plant	105	95		15.7	17.4		4
2016	1R	112	104		16.0	16.8		4
2017	2R	86	84		17.2	18.5		4
(2018 series FATs): 2019	Plant	115	91	96	15.2	16.9	16.7	3
2020	1R	100	103	99	15.6	16.8	16.8	3
2021	2R	105	99	104	16.6	17.8	17.8	3
Overall performance		104	96	*	16.1	17.4	*	21

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If your disposal requirements are urgent please contact ChemClear on **1800 008 182** and their team will be able to advise of any options available to you.



For disposal of empty, clean chemical containers at any time, there are 2 collection sites in the Whitsunday area: Kelsey Creek Landfill & Bloomsbury Transfer Station.

Both locations can accept suitable containers during their usual operating hours. For larger drop-offs at Kelsey Creek Landfill, please phone ahead of time to make a booking. No bookings are required for Bloomsbury Transfer Station.

WILMAR LAUNCHES VIRTUAL MILL TOUR

Wilmar Sugar has launched a virtual mill tour that lets anyone, anywhere, step inside a working sugar mill and learn about the sugar-making process. The new VR tour was created at Wilmar's Pioneer Mill in the Burdekin region and is a first for the company.

General Manager Operations Mike McLeod said the virtual tour provided visitors with an immersive experience of the sugar manufacturing process – from start to finish. “We’re really proud to launch this virtual tour, as it will allow people from all over the world to explore our Pioneer Mill facility from their computer or mobile device,” Mr McLeod said. “It’s a fantastic opportunity to showcase our operations, share our knowledge and promote the Australian sugar manufacturing industry.”

Wilmar Sugar Production Superintendent James Wallace said the virtual tour would be well received by tourists, students and people from Queensland’s milling communities. “We know there’s a lot of interest in what goes on inside a sugar mill and we get frequent requests for mill tours, particularly from tourists,” he said. “We can’t provide public tours due to safety reasons, but now we can offer virtual tours.”

Brandon State School Principal Rowan Coffey said the virtual mill tour would be a valuable learning resource. “Our kids are digital kids and they love exploring virtual spaces. This virtual tour will allow children to really look inside the production of sugar and allow us to understand how we produce food,” Mr Coffey said. The virtual tour was created using Matterport 3D technology. The final product features 17 ‘rooms’ with information boxes, as well as videos that capture the sights and sounds of the factory.

Visitors can navigate through the different parts of the mill, from the tippler where the cane comes into the factory to the dryer where the sugar crystals are tumble dried before going into storage. They can also see inside the powerhouse, where green energy is generated for Queensland homes. To take the tour, Google ‘Wilmar Sugar virtual mill tour’.

Closing date for classified advertisements is the close of business of the first week of each month.

Classifieds are free to CANEGROWERS members.

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PROSERPINE QSL UPDATE



2023-Season Pricing Declaration Date

The 2023-Season Pricing Declaration Date is 30 April 2023. This is the last day for growers to nominate to their chosen QSL pricing products for the 2023 Season, including the:

- Actively Managed Pool
- Guaranteed Floor Pool
- Self-Managed Harvest Contract
- Target Price Contract
- Individual Futures Contract

Any tonnes that remain unallocated after 30 April will default to the QSL Harvest Pool. Contact Karen to make an appointment to finalise your 2023 pricing options prior to 30 April.

Advance rate increase

QSL's Standard Advance rate increased from 87.5% to 90% this week.

Quarterly ledgers now available

Preparing your Business Activity Statement?

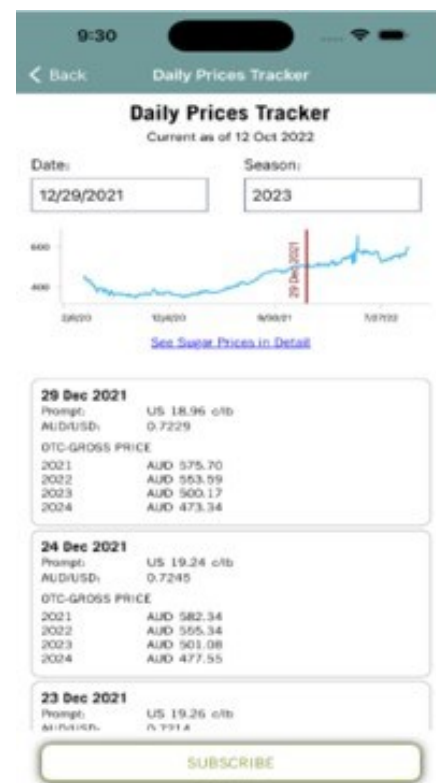
QSL Direct growers can find a summary of all their QSL transactions for January to March in the latest Quarterly Ledger, available in their accounts.

Subscribe to QSL's Daily Prices Tracker

The QSL App's newest feature, the Daily Prices Tracker, provides growers with an interactive view of daily sugar pricing and historical results, allowing them to track market movements. This handy tool also allows growers to sign up to receive daily price notifications.

Want to subscribe? Simply head to the 'Tools' section of the QSL App, select 'Daily Prices Tracker' and hit the 'Subscribe' button at the bottom of the screen.

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