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From the Chairman
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CANEGROWERS Chairman, Alf Cristaudo. Full editorial page 3.
Welcome to our ninth edition for the year (how the time has flown). I hope you all had a happy and safe Easter. This edition we feature crop protection, starting on page 12. A special focus is on APVMA review of 2,4-D spray drift, an issue of topical importance to growers. Another issue on the top of many growers’ minds is feral pig control. Feral pigs can not only reduce production on many farms, they also destroy local environs and native animal habitats. Read about the latest in feral pig control on page 8.

Also featured in this issue is a look at the finalists in the SRDC grower group innovation awards. These grower groups have started projects that have made a real impact on the industry, and many of their projects have now been implemented in other farms. Turn to page 6 to read more.

And lastly, I would like to urge you to apply for a Nuffield Scholarship. Nuffield scholars are privy to some exciting travel and learning opportunities, and for the first time there is a category specifically for sugarcane growers - sponsored by SRDC. To find out more, turn to page 9.

Jasmine Hunt

How sweet it is: Wedding bells for two cane-growing families

Two of Mackay’s cane farming families have celebrated the marriage of two of their children.

Courtney Zarb (daughter of Kevin and Linda Zarb of Pleystowe) and Chris Bartolo (son of John and Maryann Bartolo of Rosella) wed on 6 March 2010 at St Francis Xavier Church, West Mackay.

The couple, who currently live at Walkerston, have recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary.

We wish them all the very best for their future together.

What do you think?

If you have a letter, comments or feedback to the Editor, email to editor@canegrowers.com.au; post to The Editor, Australian Canegrower, GPO Box 1032, Brisbane 4001 or call 1800 177 159.

Golden tips

Know a budding film-maker? Enter CANEGROWERS’ The Cane Tube competition by making a short film about the industry and you’re in with a chance to win up to $20,000 in prizes. For more information visit www.canegrowers.com.au/thecanetube.

Apply now for a Nuffield scholarship

Nuffield Scholarships give those working in primary industries a chance to travel overseas to investigate farm practices. This year there is a category specifically for cane growers. The scholarship is worth $29,000. To find out more visit www.nuffield.com.au.

2011 ASSCT in Mackay

The 32nd Australian Society of Sugarcane Technologists (ASSCT) conference will be held at the the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre from 4-6 May 2011. For more information visit www.assct.com.au.

Mackay Regional Sugar Festival Sugar Bash Golf Day

As part of the Mackay Regional Sugar Festival, a golf day will be held on Friday 13 May, 2011 at the Pioneer Valley Golf Club, Mirani. Check in as at 1.15 pm and the event costs $25 per player. Visit www.mackaycanegrowers.com.au for more information.
Chairman’s comment

The sunny weather has started to change the complexion of life in the sugar industry, with growers finally able to get out into the field and concentrate on doing what they do best.

However, we are just weeks away from the start of the harvest season and there is a still lot of action off the field which is keeping us all busy.

QSL loans good news for growers
In a positive move, QSL is making loans available to growers through their millowner, which will help them with cash flow constraints following QSL’s reduction in the expected final pool prices for all export sugar as a result of the extraordinary losses incurred by QSL at the end of the disastrous 2010 season.

This is a good opportunity for eligible growers to access loans at very low interest rates with no admin or establishment fees, to assist them through the early planting season and harvest start up, especially since QSL advances have either totally dried up or slowed to a trickle due to the change in the advances program.

There will be various terms and conditions for each mill participating in the offer, but generally the loans are available to be repaid over two or three seasons at QSL’s extremely competitive interest rates – at about 5%. Of course, seeking the advice of legal and/or a financial services professional is urged.

Interest in Australian industry through the roof
Our industry is experiencing very high levels of interest in sugar industry assets from offshore buyers.

Tully Sugar, who not so long ago had been involved in exploring opportunities with Bundaberg Sugar and Maryborough Sugar, now has at least three suitors lining up to either purchase outright control or merge with the company.

In addition to Bunge, just last fortnight another foreign suitor has served notice of a bid for a controlling interest in the company. However, by the time this edition of Australian Canegrower hits your mailboxes, the Mackay Sugar-led bid for Tully should have hit the table.

Tully growers now find themselves in a position where there is a possible opportunity of an Australian owned company buying Tully Sugar’s assets. If this occurs, it will mean that not only will the ownership of the company stay in Australia; Tully’s sugar would remain in the QSL marketing system.

But in any event there is significant competition for ownership which should benefit Tully growers and shareholders.

For the grower suppliers to the Tully milling assets (as distinct from the shareholders) they have an opportunity to ensure that their rights to transparency and favourable terms and conditions in their cane supply agreements are protected and enhanced regardless of who becomes the ultimate owner. And they should take advantage of this situation to achieve the best outcomes possible.

In other mill news, the Maryborough/Bundaberg deal is nearing completion and should be finalised in the next couple of weeks. There is probably going to be a lot of interest locally and internationally to see what happens with the entity, given Mitr Phol’s 20% stake in Maryborough. CANEGROWERS will keep a watching brief to see how that one pans out.

Your views sought
By now, most growers should have received a letter and short questionnaire asking your opinion on the QSL outcomes from the 2010 season. I would encourage you to read the letter in full and to get back to us with your thoughts if you wish to have some input.

Let me assure growers that in the wake of the 2010 season outcomes our organisation will work tirelessly to effect change in the risk management policies and principles currently adopted by QSL and millers to ensure that growers have much greater input and transparency in those operations - as the outcomes directly affect the bottom line of growers.

I believe that millowners also accept the need for significant change. At the very least growers must be recognised as related third parties to the Raw Sugar Supply Agreements in place between millers and QSL. It is not acceptable that growers continue to be excluded.

If nothing else, the industry has to learn from this experience and make the necessary changes to restore confidence in our QSL marketing operation and the pricing platforms underpinned by that operation.

I trust you have had a safe and happy Easter.

Alf Cristaudo, Chairman, CANEGROWERS
Food grade lands must not be lost to tree production

CANEGROWERS will work with the Queensland Government to ensure quality land for food production is not lost at the expense of trees which can grow in lower quality soils, as the government finalises its strategic cropping policy.

“The government must work harder to ensure that tree plantations which are springing up everywhere and sterilising good quality agricultural land, must be stopped. There are plenty of other areas they can go with lower quality soils,” said CANEGROWERS CEO Steve Greenwood.

He says that at first glance, the criteria in the recently released strategic cropping land draft were generally ok, although CANEGROWERS has some concerns around the fact that steeper areas of valuable cane land may be excluded from being classed as strategic cropping land.

He suggests some local variation may need to be considered because of this.

Food production needs good quality land – and trees not so – we need to work together to ensure both important industries can work side by side,” he said.

CANEGROWERS will work with the Queensland Farmers’ Federation to put pressure on the State Government to quickly progress from its first milestone of releasing its strategic cropping land criteria, to getting on with the job of developing a pragmatic policy to protect Queensland’s best agricultural land.

Update on STL shares

A number of members have queried the status of Inactive Growers to hold Sugar Terminals Limited (STL) ‘G’ Class shares and recent trading results.

CANEGROWERS has been informed that ‘G’ Class shares shall only be issued and held by active growers. The Sugar Terminals Limited constitution states that a member who becomes an inactive grower must:

- Dispose of all their ‘G’ Class shares as soon as practicable after becoming an inactive grower; and
- Immediately notify the Directors in writing that they have become an inactive grower.

There is no longer the provision that growers have up to two years to dispose of their ‘G’ Class shares once becoming an inactive grower. An inactive grower is one who no longer grows and supplies sugarcane to a sugar mill under contractual arrangements. To find the latest price for STL shares, visit the National Stock Exchange website at www.nsxa.com.au and search NSX code SUG.

Celebrate sugar at Mackay festival

The Mackay sugar industry and its people will once again be celebrated in May this year, with the Mackay Regional Sugar Festival kicking off 13 May 2011. This year’s festival will begin with a golf day on 13 May at Pioneer Valley Golf Club, Mirani. The festival continues with BSES Field Days on 19-20 May at Te Kowai Station, and closes with a fishing competition on 22 May.

For more information on the Mackay Regional Sugar Festival, including entry forms for the competitions, visit www.mackaycanegrowers.com.au.
Recovery Officers deployed

While the media from Yasi has all but blown over, the clean up following the Category 5 cyclone has only just begun. CANEGROWERS has heartily welcomed deployment of ‘Industry Recovery Officers’ who will assist cyclone impacted producers get back on their feet. The peak group for sugarcane growers is encouraging members to make full use of these resources in the recovery effort.

Seven government funded recovery officers have been deployed across sugarcane areas affected by Yasi; Amabile Destro and Sandra Henrich (Cairns), Tammy Austin and Deb Telford (Innisfail), Leona Gangemi and Lauren Oswin (Herbert River) and Peter Reed (Tully). They are based in the local CANEGROWERS office at each location.

“Recovery from such a major upheaval is a massive job – it is all too easy to forget how traumatic it is after the media stops rolling disaster coverage – but the hard work in the clean-up starts now. These officers will provide critical support to farms being able to get back on track,” says Steve Greenwood.

“Make contact and tell your local officer about your farm’s circumstances – whether you have a specific issue in mind or not. We fought hard to get these resources in place and they are there to help, so get on the blower and make the call,” Greenwood urges.

For nine months, these local industry recovery officers will be on-ground providing direct, face-to-face help in affected areas.

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CANEGROWERS celebrates 85 years

On 19 April 2011, CANEGROWERS celebrated its 85th birthday.

The CANEGROWERS organisation has a lengthy history of achievement on behalf of Queensland cane farming families. The organisation was formally constituted in 1925 and restructured in 1926 although the need for a body to exclusively represent the interests of sugarcane growers was recognised many years earlier.

Bodies including the Australian Sugar Producers Association and the Sugar Cane Growers Union of Australia were all part of the formation of the Queensland Cane Growers Council (CANEGROWERS) in 1925.

The first meeting of the Queensland Cane Growers Council was held in The Boys’ School, Mackay, on 21 January 1926, presided over by President of the Council of Agriculture, Hon. W. Forgan Smith. First Annual Conference of the Queensland Cane Growers Association was held in Mackay in March 1927 chaired by George Johnson who served as QCGC Chairman from 1926 to 1946.

Today, the organisation has 16 offices throughout Queensland and more than 90 staff.

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SRDC grower group innovation award finalists announced

Sugar Research and Development Corporation (SRDC) has announced the finalists for the Grower Group Innovation Awards – one category in their innovation awards which are held annually. Twenty-one high calibre nominations were received for the awards, which recognise and reward the industry's best and brightest innovations.

“Innovation is critical for the long-term sustainability of the industry, so it’s important we all take the time to recognise the men and women who play a leading role in promoting innovative thinking and research,” said SRDC Executive Director Annette Sugden (pictured).

The Grower Group Innovation Award recognises a group of growers who have created or adopted innovative research funded by SRDC. This award prize will provide the winning grower group with an opportunity to continue their research project, promote research adoption, or to invest in a team development activity.

Winners of the SRDC Innovation Awards will be announced during the Australian Society of Sugar Cane Technologists conference dinner in Mackay on 5 May 2011. For more information about the ASSCT conference visit www.assct.com.au

Grower Group Innovation Award Finalists

Mackay Fibre Producers
The Mackay Fibre Producers group was formed in 2002 with the aim to evaluate the validity of rotation crops and study the benefits of using non-traditional rotation crops to break the cycle of growing sugarcane in the Mackay area. The group conducted an economic and agronomic assessment of the three fibre crops, Kenaf (Hibiscus cannabinus), Sunn Hemp (Crotalaria juncea) and Industrial Hemp (Cannabis sativa) that were produced in rotation with sugarcane, and then commenced a trial of these unconventional rotation crops across seven sites within the Mackay region. Results from the trials indicated that the agronomic, environmental and economic benefits of incorporating such trialled rotational crops are significant.

Maryborough Advanced Growers Group
Mill mud has been known to be an effective organic fertiliser for sugarcane for quite a number of years, but only recently has the effectiveness of precision mill mud application become readily accessible for growers for use on their farms. A trial in Maryborough found the precision application of mill mud produced a similar sugar yield when compared to the broadcast application of mill mud, however, the precision application of mill mud proved to have significant benefits for growers, both economically and timewise.

Mulgrave Area Farm Integrated Action Group
The Mulgrave Area Farm Integrated Action (MAFIA) group is a group of growers in the Burdekin region who have successfully adopted a collaborative approach to respond to productivity, environmental, economic and social problems relating to irrigation management in the Burdekin region. The MAFIA group developed a system to evaluate traditional irrigation methods for sugarcane cropping - the Evaluating Alternative Irrigation (EAI) project - to gain a better understanding of the potential costs and benefits of comparing traditional irrigation methods with an Overhead Low Pressure (OHLP) system for irrigation.

Silkwood Drainage Group
The Silkwood Drainage group addressed issues relating to soil erosion and nutrient loss that arise from drainage systems in place in sugarcane fields. The Silkwood Drainage group aimed to develop a greater understanding of controlling sediment flow within sugarcane drainage systems. Through careful and considered monitoring of sediment traps and the analysis of traps in different areas with differing soil types, a greater understanding of the types and designs of sediment traps suitable in particular regions was gained.

Castellani Harvesting Group
The Castellani Harvesting group was formed to address issues currently facing the sugar industry relating to costs, compaction and dirt in cane supply. The group trialled an automatic base-cutter controller which was fitted to a machine with an existing two-in-one harvester front attachment. This automated base-cutter is equipped with sensors that have the potential to decrease soil being collected with cane and sent to the mill. The two-in-one harvester allows the crop to be...
harvested in half the number of passes, which reduces compaction of the soil and production costs.

North Clarence Innovative Planting Group
The North Clarence Innovative Planting group formed to address issues relating to traditional billet planting operations, whereby conventional planting systems require two operators, one to drive the machine and another to operate the planting device. The group have developed a machine that is fully automatic, self-propelled and suitable for controlled traffic, dual row cane farming systems. The construction of this machinery allows for a reduction in cost, time, manual labour and risk of injury, while also reducing environmental impacts.

Women in Sugar Group
The Women in Sugar group was formed to address issues of marginalisation for women in the sugar industry. Traditionally, women in the sugar industry have been largely overlooked as a group, with research showing poor involvement or acknowledgement of women in important decision making groups within the industry. Although small groups of women formed within the sugar industry to address problems of lack of representation, the Women in Sugar group saw an opportunity to tackle issues faced by women in the industry as a large representative body, by forming a community eNetwork that has brought groups together through online communications.

PAD Farming Group
The planting of sugarcane comes at a high cost to growers, and because of rising production costs, growers are always looking for ways to reduce the costs needed for successful planting of sugarcane crops. The PAD Farming group developed an innovative all-in-one planter and bed former that successfully reduces the cost of growing cane, reduces time and labour required for planting, and eliminates the need to work the ground after planting.

New Farming Initiative Group
Traditional farming systems are based on cane planted at 1.5 m row spacing with cultivations for ground preparation. In the Herbert region, conventional cane farming causes issues relating to soil degradation from compaction, particularly in wet harvest conditions. The new sugarcane farming system incorporates dual row cane planted at 1.9 m row spacing, which research shows, has greater economic and environmental benefits for the long-term production of sugarcane. The New Farming Initiative group formed to compare the benefits of the two farming systems through trials which had not previously been conducted in the Herbert region.

Tablelands prod awards a winner
Tableland Sugar Services Ltd. recently held its annual Productivity Awards Night for Tableland sugarcane growers. A large number of growers and sponsors enjoyed an informative evening which included two guest speakers and the awards presentation.

Guest Speakers for the evening were
Mr Mike Barry, Maryborough Sugar CEO who gave a presentation on Maryborough Sugar and the expansion possibilities for the Tableland Mill; and CANEGROWERS CEO Steve Greenwood who provided a review of the 2010 season, an update on the industry RD&E review and the future direction of CANEGROWERS. Tableland Sugar Services Ltd chair Maryann Salvetti announced the incentive available to growers for the 2011 season and commended the 22 growers whose farms averaged 100+ T/ha for the 2010 season.


Award winners:
Champion farm 20 - 50 ha: Barry and Lyn Marti. Runner up: BL Borreson
Champion farm 50 - 100 ha: Fred and Julie Ciranni. Runner up: P Quadrio.
Champion farm 100 - 200 ha: Murat Enterprises Pty Ltd. Runner up: Rankine Farming Pty Ltd.
Champion farm 200 ha+: Howe Farming Enterprises. Runner up: Bundaberg Sugar.
Highest farm CCS: Ken and Vali McKenzie. Runner up: P Quadrio.
Highest T/ha: Barry and Lyn Marti. Runner up: Howe Farming Enterprises.
Most improved: Barry and Lyn Marti. Runner up: Rankine Farming Pty Ltd.
Achievement: Carlo Di Salvo.
Best presented farm: Adil Farming Company. Approved seed: Maisel Farming.
BSES cooperator: Bundaberg Sugar Farm.
New weapons in war on feral pigs

By Christopher Gaschk, Declared Pest Animal Coordinator, Burdekin Shire Council (pictured)

Feral pigs (Sus scrofa) have always impacted on the sugarcane industry but, with the high rainfall over recent months, their numbers look set to explode. Some Burdekin landholders have reported seeing mobs of 100 or more pigs, which could translate to massive losses in sugar production, and serious damage to the local environs.

Fortunately, there are a range of new techniques and products which could give cane growers the upper hand in the war on these four-legged fiends. About 70 primary producers attended a Predator Control Workshop in the Burdekin recently to learn about these new techniques and how they can improve efficiency in reducing feral pig impacts.

The free workshop was funded by the State Government’s Blueprint for the Bush program and NQ Dry Tropics and was supported by Burdekin Shire Council and Burdekin Productivity Services. The topics covered included automatic feeders, infrared motion cameras, new bait attractants and new pig trap designs.

Automatic feeders

Automatic feeders are a new product from the United States and are used to pre-bait areas that are frequented by feral pigs. The aim is to get pigs to begin feeding in an area so they can be later destroyed using 1080 poison.

The benefit of using automatic feeders is that a grower does not need to spend valuable time feeding feral pigs. By simply setting up the automatic feeder, a farmer may not need to return to that particular paddock for weeks at a time.

Motion cameras

Motion cameras, which were originally developed in the United States for recreational hunting purposes, have found a new niche in feral pig control programs. The cameras are used to monitor pig numbers in specific areas, monitor whether the pigs are taking up 1080 baits and identify the kill rates. These inconspicuous cameras have a range of functions including: infrared images by night, colour photos by day and up to 60 to seconds of video. They can also be used as farm security. In the few weeks that the cameras have been used on Burdekin Shire Council bait stations, a number of trespassers have been caught on camera and all have been oblivious to being filmed.

New bait attractant

The most exciting product promoted at the 13 April workshop was a very sweet powder called Carasweet. This new bait attractant comes from the piggery industry where it has been used to entice weaner piglets off their mothers and onto grain. When used as a feral pig control agent, the powder is simply sprinkled on top of the bait substrate to get the pigs to start feeding.

Prior to the introduction of Carasweet, it has taken around three weeks for feral pigs to accept a different food type in their landscape. In some of the Carasweet trials, pigs have taken up new bait such as corn or peanuts on the first night. This indicates that Carasweet could significantly streamline the pig-baiting process. Carasweet can now be bought from livestock feed suppliers.

Portable pig trap

Burdekin Shire Council staff have designed an innovative pig trap which is easy to set up and will fit in the back of a standard ute. The trap mimics portable panel cattle yards, making it versatile and easy to transport.

One person can set it up and it can be as big or small as you like, depending on the number of panels available. The biggest benefit is that it can be transported to another location in the back of a ute and set up again in 30 minutes.

More information

For more information on any of the above topics, phone Chris Gaschk at Burdekin Shire Council on 0400 835983 or email christopher.gaschk@burdekin.qld.gov.au
Sugarcane growers are encouraged to apply for the Nuffield farming scholarship with this year’s categories including an SRDC-sponsored category expressly for the industry.

SRDC Executive Director Annette Sugden said for the first time the sugarcane industry will have a scholarship specifically targeting cane growers, with SRDC providing $29,000 in sponsorship for one cane grower to join the Nuffield program in 2012.

The winning scholar will have the opportunity to study farming practices overseas to investigate agricultural marketing, trade and environmental issues, and experience the social and cultural aspects of many regions.

Through the adoption of best practice, professional development and with a network of industry leaders, the Nuffield scholarship promotes excellence in all aspects of Australian agricultural production, distribution and management.

Benefits of winning a scholarship:
• Opportunity to research a topic that the scholar believes will add value to the Australian agricultural industry.
• Become a member of Nuffield Australia to promote agriculture and agriculturally related issues.
• Become a member of a worldwide network of more than 1,200 Nuffield Farming Scholars, who have enjoyed the unique Nuffield experience.

To be eligible for a Nuffield scholarship applicants must be:
• Generally between 28-40 years of age (applicants outside this age range will still be considered).
• Citizens of Australia.
• Engaged in farming as an owner or manager or an active member of a farming business.
• Intend to remain involved in primary production in Australia.

Nominations close on 30 June 2011, with shortlisted applicants interviewed in July 2011 and winners announced in September 2011. Nuffield Australia is offering a total of 23 scholarships for the 2012 program for practicing farmers or farm managers for the benefit of the Australian farming community.

Although SRDC is offering one scholarship, cane growers could meet eligible criteria for other scholarships being offered by other organisations. Further information may be obtained from SRDC or from the Nuffield Australia website at www.nuffield.com.au.
International banks revise price forecasts

By Simon Burgess, Executive Manager Sugar Marketing, QSL

Summary of recent market movement
Due to the timing of the Easter break, we are only reporting on one week’s market activity in this report. Prices dropped in the week ending 15 April, on the back of news of a bigger than expected Thai crop and investors seeking to sell and generate profits from commodities. The May-11 ICE No.11 contract opened at US25.80c/lb on Monday 11 April and closed at US24.59c/lb on Friday 15 April.

Banks amend forecasts for sugar price
Analysts have issued updates from two major international banks outlining their price forecasts. Morgan Stanley has estimated that average world sugar prices in 2011-12 will be US22c/lb, dropping back to US19c/lb in 2012-13. Goldman Sachs’ price forecast for the next three months has been lowered to reflect their expectation that global production levels will increase as producers seek to make the most of higher prices. The revised forecast price is US25c/lb, down from the previous forecast of US30c/lb.

Market focus on Brazil
In our last report we noted that Brazil’s government was considering implementing a tax on sugar exports, arguing that this would force mills to increase their ethanol output and bring ethanol prices down. The issue has received a lot of coverage over the past week, highlighting key challenges for the sugar industry in the face of increasing demand for sugar for uses other than food production. Analysts have noted this week that critics of the scheme argue that the timing is not right to implement a tax on sugar exports from Brazil, as cane needs replanting and the industry needs to expand to meet the demand for ethanol production. Reports suggest that millers would prefer strategies that help to incentivise growers to increase production and enable mills to develop production improvements, rather than a flat tax on sugar exports.

In other news from Brazil, heavy rain has delayed the start of the Centre South Brazil crush, but analysts note that drier weather is anticipated over the next few weeks which should help to speed up production. Reports this week suggest that concerns remain over whether Brazilian ports will face problems with congestion again this season. Last year, Brazilian ports suffered bottlenecks with a tight shipping program that was impacted by wet weather. One of the advantages QSL offers international customers is the ability to ensure on-time delivery, as QSL centrally manage port logistics themselves and have the experience to ensure the Australian export program runs smoothly.
What’s new

QSL update on 2011 marketing program and working group

By Neil Taylor
Chief Executive and Managing Director (pictured)

Marketing program for 2011 under way
QSL has been busy over recent weeks implementing our marketing strategies for the 2011 season. We are operating in a very complex environment, but the overall outlook is fairly positive.

It is pleasing to see that high prices continue to be a feature of the global raw sugar market, although we are contending with quite a lot of day-to-day pricing volatility which sees some significant price fluctuations occurring. Our goal in this volatile environment is to capture the value of prices when they are high and minimise the risk of the downward swings.

We are working off significantly lower volumes for the 2011 season, which has seen our marketing tactics adjusted accordingly. It’s been concerning to see the rain continue to fall in Queensland over recent weeks – we recognise that many growers will be facing negative impacts as a result of the continued wet weather and we will be working closely with mills to understand whether they expect any changes to their production forecasts.

The other key market factor that QSL has been watching closely is the record high levels the Australian dollar has been reaching against the greenback.

This can impact the level of returns achieved, so we monitor currency fluctuations closely and adjust our foreign exchange programs as needed to cope with the changing exchange rate.

Update on Working Group
The market features we are dealing with now are symptomatic of the type of longer-term fundamental shifts in the sugar market that we expect to see over the next couple of years.

Adjusting to lower production volumes and the ongoing volatility of the international market is an important process for all of the industry and is a key part of what the QSL Working Group will be looking at when it gets underway. This will commence shortly with CANEGROWERS input clearly key to the process.

We are very close to finalising the terms of reference for the Working Group. The terms will shape the parameters of the group, what issues will be focused on, how the group will function and how results will be reported on.

Join QSL’s electronic mailing list
Every Tuesday we send out an email newsletter that contains our latest news, market updates and other key items of interest.

It is a great way to keep in touch with our news and updates and we are encouraging all industry members to sign up for the updates. You can join our database by visiting www.qsl.com.au

Changes to Lucinda sugar shipments in 2011

By Greg Beashel
GM Operations at QSL

Our team at the Lucinda terminal has been working extremely hard over the last few weeks, assessing the damage from Cyclone Yasi and making preparations for some changes required for sugar shipments from this port in 2011.

Unfortunately, the damage caused by Cyclone Yasi to the jetty at the Lucinda terminal is significant and we will be implementing an alternative plan for sugar shipments in this region during the 2011 season. We are pleased that our raw sugar storage facilities at Lucinda are undamaged and we will continue to receive and store sugar at the terminal; however until the Lucinda jetty is restored to full operation sugar will instead be transported by truck to Townsville, where it will then be loaded onto ships for export.

QSL has been working closely with our key stakeholders regarding these alternative transport arrangements. Our logistics systems are sophisticated and designed to cope effectively with this type of change, so we do not anticipate any interruptions to our raw sugar export program in 2011.

The team is now progressing with the clean-up process at Lucinda – the first step being the demolition of some damaged structures, such as our workshop, and the removal of debris from the site.

Demolition work has begun on cyclone-damaged structures at the Lucinda terminal.

To sign up for news updates, visit www.qsl.com.au
Crop protection

Crop protection feature: Wet season a haven for weeds

With the wet season we have all experienced, weeds of all descriptions have had a chance to take hold in some areas. Weeds compete for water, nutrients and light and can cause major losses in production. This feature focuses on crop protection, including the latest news on the APVMA 2,4-D spray drift review and the Drummuster program. I hope you find it useful.

Jasmine Hunt

New, efficient way to purchase farm chemicals

Editorial supplied by NQFarmshed

Cane growers from Coffs Harbour to Cairns and all points in between now have a valuable new alternative to buying their on-farm agricultural chemicals.

NQFarmshed has recently launched their online chemical buying service. Owner-operator, Kerry Qualischefski suggested that this type of buying gives the farmer a valuable option compared to how they historically purchased product in the past.

Kerry fully understands the impact that agricultural chemicals have on the farmer’s operating costs. Having spent most of his working life as a partner on the family-run farms in the Lockyer Valley, he is aware of the day to day problems encountered running a farming enterprise.

After moving to Mackay, Kerry spoke to many local cane growers who spoke of the need for a more competitive alternative to where and how they bought their farm chemicals. Ideally located depots in Mackay and Brisbane ensure that product is efficiently and quickly dispatched.

Operating now for four months, the response from growers has been enthusiastic and supportive. As a major sponsor of the recently held MAPS Field Day at Walkerston, Kerry was more than happy with the interest received from local growers.

Kerry suggests that you contact him on the telephone numbers provided in the advertisement on the opposite page, or alternatively, go to the website www.nqfarmshed.com.au for any queries on product pricing or supply.

Kerry Qualischefski (left) and Stephen Orr take a breather after unloading a pallet of FIREBOLT 540 glyphosate.

Kerry Qualischefski (left) and Michael Deguara discussing “TRAMPLE”, a herbicide for control of broadleaf weeds in sugarcane.

It’s good to see more competition come into the local area with a range of chemicals that will allow growers to keep a little more in their pockets.

Sugarcane grower Michael Deguara.

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Part of the appeal of precision agriculture is that it’s not an all-or-nothing proposition, according to Case IH AFS Brand Manager, Ross Johansson.

“You can start with the equipment that comes standard in your tractor, harvester or sprayer and see results straight away,” said Ross. “Depending on what you want to achieve – whether it be controlled traffic, yield mapping, fertilising or much more – your upfront investment doesn’t have to cost the earth.”

A key precision ag tool is an in-cab display that allows you to monitor and control the vehicle’s functions.

When it was first released in 2006, the Case IH AFS Pro 600 touch screen was a huge leap forward in precision agriculture technology. Since then, the AFS Pro 600 screen has been included as standard on the Axial-Flow combine and Patriot Sprayer range and as a factory fit option on the Puma, Magnum and Steiger range of tractors. In 2011, all Case IH tractors, sprayers and combines will feature the brand new AFS Pro 700 display.

“The new AFS Pro 700 display does everything the previous display could do plus a whole lot more,” said Ross. “This is a really exciting upgrade and customers will see a huge increase in functionality.”

Like its predecessor, the new AFS Pro 700 display is a 10.4-inch colour touch screen that can be used to monitor and control Case IH vehicles, guidance systems and implements. Because it is ISO 11783 compliant, it can also monitor and control other ISO 11783 compliant implements and machines.

The new AFS Pro 700 display can be used across numerous machines, automatically recognising the machine it’s in and adjusting the settings to match those last used in that machine. The touch screen display shows vehicle information and lets you operate the implement and record data to create tools such as yield maps.

New features include a USB port so you can easily store, import and remove data and settings.

Liquaforce is a liquid fertilizer manufacturing company focused on assisting the sugar industry to achieve the best return and farming practices. Liquaforce recognises that innovation is the key to success and is therefore committed to research, product development and improving levels of customer service.

In the 2009 planting season, Liquaforce developed a liquid planting product called Plant Starter. This product is made up of Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Root Growth enhancers, Organic Carbon and Zinc. This product is applied at 100Lt/ha. During 2009, Plant Starter was used on just over 400ha in the Herbert River District, and has proven itself successful with no negative aspects. The feedback from planting contractors and growers was that the product excelled itself in many ways.

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The APVMA is currently reviewing 2,4-D for spray drift. This issue will affect sugarcane growers who use 2,4-D for vines and could be a considerable issue in all cane producing areas where there is mixed cropping.

Matt Kealley - Senior Manager, Environment

The APVMA needs to determine whether it can be satisfied that continued use of, or any other dealing with the products in accordance with the approved instructions for use, would not have an unintended effect that is harmful to animals, plants or to the environment.

The APVMA has recognised that these new spray drift management measures may prevent growers from using 2,4-D because of their farm size and proximity to sensitive areas.

In response, the regulator has provided further information regarding a Drift Reduction Technology (DRT) program, which allows for applicators with access to technologies that reduce pesticide drift to use smaller downwind buffer distances. The APVMA proposes that upon assessment and validation of appropriate data, a permit proposing a DRT could be issued.

**CANEGROWERS is actively working on this issue**

CANEGROWERS has spoken with Syngenta who connected us with the National Working Party on Pesticide Application (NWPPA). The NWPPA consists of interested parties including Grains RDC, Cotton RDC, Rural Industries RDC, Horticulture Australia, APVMA, CropLife Australia, pesticide registrants, specific commodity industry representative organisations, National Farmers’ Federation and some Commonwealth and State agencies. CANEGROWERS has contact with the Chair of NWPPA, Grains Research Development Corporation (GRDC), Plant Health Australia and the Centre for Pesticide Application.

CANEGROWERS has contacted GRDC who is managing the Drift Reduction Technologies modelling program. DRT modelling can be applied to spray application equipment such as air-induced nozzles and shielded sprayers to determine drift potential. The DRT modelling ties in with research undertaken at the Centre for Pesticide Application.

The NWPPA has also engaged Plant Health Australia (PHA) to liaise with industry stakeholders on the spray drift issue as it is seen as independent and can provide some impartial advice.

CANEGROWERS has met with PHA to get an overview of the project they are undertaking on behalf of NWPPA.

The PHA project will provide NWPPA with recommendations on the scope of research required, including a possible timetable for such research; and governance and administrative structures to manage this research program.

**Advice for growers using 2,4-D**

CANEGROWERS has been liaising with the APVMA on this issue. The APVMA expects to publish the Preliminary Review Findings (PRF) reports in the first half of 2011. To date no further advice on the extent of buffers can be provided.

As for the use of 2,4-D products, growers need to continue to follow the current label instructions, or if the usage is under a permit, the conditions laid out in the permit. As always, growers need to be diligent when using herbicides and keep records.

CANEGROWERS will continue to liaise with all parties to ensure its concern around 2,4-D buffers are recognised and addressed. Updates will be provided when they come to hand.
Cleaning up isn’t as hard as you think

Cane growers doing the hard yards around Australia are invited to take advantage of two environmentally-friendly industry stewardship programs to prevent both chemicals and their containers stockpiling on properties.

The issue of unwanted or obsolete chemicals sitting in sheds cannot be downplayed; leaving these products can provide a serious health risk to both humans and livestock and the ChemClear service is striving to provide some much-needed assistance.

ChemClear works hand-in-hand with local shire councils to organise the collection and safe disposal of chemicals, which are classified into either group one or group two categories.

Queensland will be the next state to benefit from the service, with ChemClear planning a state-wide collection there in late June to early July. This will be the first foray into the sunshine state since June 2009 and National Program Manager Lisa Nixon is confident this will be a successful ‘mission.’

“We are in the process of getting ready for our upcoming trip to Queensland, where we are hoping to eclipse the 22,000 litres of chemical we collected throughout the state last time around,” she said.

“Any users who are interested in finding out more about registrations can go to the ChemClear website or give the booking line a ring on 1800 008 182.”

Ms Nixon is also doing her bit to help out women in agriculture, recently appointing Mackay district representatives Paula Langdon and Marice Perna as winners of a competition to travel up to the wet tropics Women In Sugar Conference on 27 April.

“We hope that by providing travel bursaries to rural women to attend regional conferences relating to their farms and livelihood we are giving them the chance to gain some professional development and have the opportunity to speak with other rural women and learn from each other’s experiences.”

Meanwhile, the drumMUSTER service continues to go from strength to strength after reaching the three million chemical container mark recently in Queensland.

Collection sites across the cane growing regions are open for deliveries, so contact your local council for more information or for any further enquiries on drumMUSTER, you can log on to www.drummuster.com.au, call the head office on 1800 008 707 or give Queensland Regional Consultant Colin Hoey a ring on 0428 964 576.

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Tablelands Regional Council Landfill Supervisor Nipper Brown at the Tablelands collection site.
By Bill Kerr

Reef Rescue funding from the federal government has helped inventive third generation Mackay cane grower Phillip Head improve the efficiency, accuracy and sustainability of his farming system through a number of innovations including an improved subsurface fertiliser applicator that can place granular fertiliser under the trash blanket with greatly reduced choking.

He looked at various other machines before deciding to replace the standard tines and coulters on the 2-tonne Hodge fertiliser box he had used for three years with a double set of two angled rolling scalloped coulters that bury all of the fertiliser instead of only about 40% previously.

Putting fertiliser under the surface near the stool enables cane plants to access it easier, there is less loss of urea through volitalisation into the air and soil water penetration is improved. Importantly, the sub-surface applicator minimises risk of costly nutrients escaping into streams that may ultimately end up in the sensitive Barrier Reef lagoon.

The rolling scalloped coulters virtually eliminate frustrating, time-consuming clog-ups from trash, especially in damp soil, which are common with dragged discs. The rolling coulters plus four tyres, which also act as press wheels, mean faster ground speed and a smaller 75 hp tractor is needed to pull the unit.

Phillip also plans to use this coulter system on a seed box for planting legumes, also with Reef Rescue funding assistance.

He estimates it cost him only about $5,000 to make, including his own labour.

Inevitably, this effective, affordable unit has created considerable interest among local farmers.

Even though the improved applicator can operate in wetter soil than traditional fertiliser boxes, Phillip and his father Noel,
Farmers Teaching Farmers is another grass-roots Reef Rescue initiative.

Reef Rescue is aimed at addressing off-farm impacts on water quality by encouraging voluntary uptake of the latest technology and best practices.

Phillip Head, inventive machinery modifier.

74, were unable to use it on all of their 112 ha of cane on Luscombe-Heads Road at Septimus, west of Mackay, due to last year’s exceptionally wet weather. They hope to reap the full benefits of the new unit this year.

Phillip considers he should be able to improve performance further by using 46 cm (18 inch) discs instead of the present 38 cm (15 inch) blades and wider tyres. This will get the wheel hubs higher off the ground and also ensure longer wear.

Phillip qualified as a fitter at Farleigh Mill before returning to the family farm. In addition to modifying his own equipment he does fabrication work for a small number of clients who appreciate his inventive streak, his willingness to try his hand at anything and the pride he takes in doing high quality work.

This has given him a reputation as the go-to man for special modification jobs and he plans to build a larger shed when funds allow.

Although he is very handy in the workshop he prefers to use replacement parts that can be bought off the shelf rather than spending a lot of time making them himself; this allows easier maintenance in the future.

Under the Reef Rescue scheme he undertook the Six Easy Steps course on soil management and has completed the industry accreditation course on use and storage of farm chemicals. He has two high-rise spray units under construction, including one for another grower, and has just built a small fertiliser spreader that can be towed behind a quad bike for those inevitable times when soggy paddocks prevent the use of a tractor unit or when cane is too tall to fertilise normally.

Fertiliser from a 200 kg bin is scattered using a 3-blade spinner powered by a car windscreen motor connected via a motorbike chain. This gives good coverage across the row instead of simply dropping fertiliser to one side of the stool.

Over the past seven years he has improved the feed on 13 older cane harvesters by widening the walls and extending the rollers on the fronts to suit the district trend to wider row plantings. The first unit he did still cuts 50,000 tonnes a year.

He has converted several wheeled machines to tracks including the 1993 model Austoft the family uses to cut their own cane. They used a haulout contractor last year but this year will haul their own cane again. The longest haul is about 3 km.

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Phillip plans to use Reef Rescue funding to construct a 10 ML tail water dam to trap sediment in run-off.

Because rainfall is variable in the area, supplementary irrigation can make the difference between a crop and no crop.

They can irrigate about 70 ha with water from Cattle Creek under the Teemburra scheme. Although much of the farm is suitable for flood irrigation they now use a more water efficient 90 m low pressure (40 psi) boom irrigator plus several water winches.

A low-cost hand-held GPS light bar for soil mapping is particularly useful during many farm management operations, including soil testing, spraying of chemicals and planting.

The father-son partnership, trading as NW & RJ & PW Head, also breeds and fattens commercial beef cattle on the 405 ha property.

They have about 650 head (mainly Brahman and some red Angus) and could increase the herd to around 1500 and fatten weaners in a feedlot if they wanted to reduce their exposure to world sugar prices. Phillip does not envisage increasing the area under cane.

They were longtime suppliers to Pleystowe but following its closure they now supply Marian Mill which is about 27 km away.

Their land bordered by Cattle Creek usually produces around 7500 tonnes from 1.6 m (5 ft. 3 in.) wide single rows but, following a fairly ordinary crop in 2009 due to drought, 2010 was disastrously wet. Phillip says it was heartbreaking not to be able to get the entire crop off when the price was so good.

"The weather last year was atrocious. I've never seen the ground so wet - far worse than 1989 which was previously our wettest year. One time we had over 4 inches in 1.5 hours, which is a lot for this area. We had about 25 ha fallow but we were unable to replant a lot of our better country. The growth of those plants that did survive was really set back but they should pull through," he said.

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Excessive rain reduced their 2010 harvest to just 4300 t with 1500 t of standover, a lot of it plant cane.

“We had a lot of standover in 1989 and it cut out ok, so if it keeps growing we might reach 2000 tonnes although CCS will probably be pretty low. A lot depends on how the new cane varieties perform as standover.”

Phillip Head used the motor from a car windscreen wiper to run a 3-blade spinner that spreads fertiliser from this small applicator he tows with a quad bike in very wet paddocks or when cane is too big to use a conventional fertilising box pulled by a full sized tractor.
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