SRA launches Soil Health Toolbox

Sugar Research Australia (SRA) has launched a new online resource for sugarcane soil health.

The Sugarcane Soil Health Toolbox is located on the SRA website and provides a wealth of information to help growers build their knowledge on soil health and adopt improved farming practices.

This online resource provides industry with practical information and grower experiences, as well as information on research activities and investment occurring across the industry into soil health.

SRA Senior Researcher, Dr Danielle Skocaj, said the Toolbox had been built on years of established research into improved farming systems and soil health, and combined this with new and emerging demonstration and research outcomes from SRA's current investments.

SRA is currently investing in a major Soil Health Program that spans multiple projects and leading research institutes, with this Program continuing research, development and adoption activities around soil health.

"The Toolbox also provides an insight into soil health activities occurring in different regions," Dr Skocaj said.

One of the tools on the page is an interactive map that highlights project sites so that growers and millers can easily see soil health research occurring in their area and who to contact regarding that research.

“The Soil Health Program has a strong focus on collaboration between researchers, growers, millers, and extension providers. We are working together to develop practical tools and advice that will deliver productivity, profitability and sustainability outcomes for the industry,” Dr Skocaj said.

“Improving soil health is complex and can take time and patience. However, through the Soil Health Program, which is showcased on the website, we are improving one of the industry’s most valuable resources – the soil.”

The Soil Health Toolbox is available on the SRA website: https://sugarresearch.com.au/soilhealth/

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