



MEMBERS CIRCULAR

RE: HOME HILL SEED PLOT AND RATOON STUNTING DISEASE (RSD)

Burdekin Productivity Services has advised PCGO and KCGO that RSD has been detected at sixteen areas at the Inkerman Approved Seed Cane Plot, and in one area at the Rapisarda plot.

To limit infection the Inkerman plot has been closed. All cane on the plot will be sent to the Mill and the ground will be fallowed for a period of six months in accordance with the SRA recommendation.

The planting of approved seed cane is a key component of RSD and general disease management in cane. Considering that there has been an influx of RSD in the Home Hill region we suggest that if members are not using approved seed cane, they test any cane that they intend to utilise as a plant source prior to undertaking planting this season.

We also suggest that our members contact their planting and harvesting contractors to ensure that those contractors are undertaking the procedure recommended by SRA for clean down before moving between farms.

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