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Our Stories

Dear Les,

In this eNewsletter, we talk biosecurity in our webinar series and we remind you to send in your photos for the Sugar Snaps photography competition.

Biosecurity webinar series: Epidemics are important

Recently we held the first of our webinars as part of the 2020 biosecurity series. At the link, you can see the recording of the webinar, featuring Dr Rob Magarey speaking about the history of incursions in the sugarcane industry.





Information on Shirtan - revised dates

In a recent newsletter we shared with you information regarding Shirtan. There has been a change to some of the key dates, which are indicated below.

At the request of the holder (Nufarm), in accordance with section 42(1) of the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994 (Agvet Code), the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) has cancelled the approvals and/or registrations for Shirtan Liquid Fungicide.

Shirtan remains permitted for use in Australian sugarcane production, in the short term. Growers are able to utilise existing supplies on-farm by 30 April 2021. Growers are able to purchase additional volumes of Shirtan to meet their imminent requirements from their usual Ag-Chem distributor outlet, given a firm commitment at Point of Sale to use all the additional volume purchased by 30 April 2021. It will be illegal to use or possess Shirtan after 26 May 2021.

There are alternative registered products available in the market control pineapple disease such as Sinkler, Tilt/Bumper/Throttle/Tyrant (same active ingredient), Bayfidan, and Sportac. Please follow the instruction in the label for application rate



and method. Please contact your local Productivity Officer or SRA Adoption Officer for further information.

Bright future for plant health research

The future of plant health research in Australia is alive and well with funding for the [Plant Biosecurity Research Initiative \(PBRI\)](#) being renewed in 2020, the International Year of Plant Health.



Reminder: Sugar industry research awards and post-graduate research scholarships

The next generation of sugarcane industry researchers is being offered a head-start into the world of sugarcane industry science and technology, through two capability development programs being offered through SRA.



SUGAR SNAPS

**WE'RE CALLING ON ALL BUDDING
AND PROFESSIONAL SUGARCANE
PHOTOGRAPHERS TO SEND US THEIR
BEST PICTURES FROM THE INDUSTRY.
WIN A \$500 GIFT CARD.**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this competition is to showcase some of the best pictures that illustrate the hard work, beauty, and landscape of the Australian sugarcane industry.

WHAT WE ARE AFTER

Images that capture the depth and breadth of the Australian cane industry that we can showcase in a 2021 shed calendar.

From the people, to harvesting, to farming systems, to transport, to milling – we want your best photographs.

KUDOS

The top three winning entries will be published in a shed calendar for the 2021 year. Other entries to the competition may also be published in the calendar at the discretion of the judging panel. The competition is run by SRA.

This calendar will be produced as part of the Nutrient Management projects, currently being delivered in the Burdekin, Mackay, Whitsunday, Herbert and parts of Far North Queensland. These projects are funded by the Queensland Government Reef Water Quality Program and the Australian Government Department of Environment and Energy (Reef Trust).

HOW TO ENTER

Email your entries to photocomp@sugarresearch.com.au by midnight Friday September 30, 2020. Images should be a high resolution jpg, and your email needs to include your name, contact number, address, and a brief description of your photograph including when and where it was taken.

PRIZES:

First: \$500
Second: \$100
Third: \$50

Terms and conditions available at sugarresearch.com.au/sra-information/sugar-snaps/



Events

- SRA is continuing its biosecurity webinar series across August. Please join us for these webinars to hear from SRA Researchers Dr Kevin Powell, Dr Rob Magarey, and Dr Nicole Thompson. [Click here](#) for more information and to mark the webinars into your diary.

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