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Welcome to MillingMatters



Welcome to the third edition of SRA's MillingMatters publication. This magazine continues to provide important updates on research activities in the milling sector, and in this edition there is a strong focus on the extra income that can be realised through value adding.

Research that has recently been completed at Southern Cross University has looked at the value of turning an unwanted waste – bagasse fly ash – into a potentially valuable resource that can be used in the creation of new generation concrete. This new concrete is stronger and more resistant to erosion from chemicals than other concretes, and this technology could bring real value to sugar millers.

We also have a close look at new research as part of the Australian Government's Rural R&D for Profit program. SRA is embarking on a major bio-refineries research project with QUT and other partners, and this exciting research has significant potential for the sugarcane industry.

Along that theme, this edition also has a look at what the Queensland Government's proposed policies around biofuels could mean for sugarcane millers and growers.

This edition also provides an update on new research occurring at QUT regarding bringing some efficiencies of overseas milling operations back to Australian factories, and other research that is looking at alternative shredder hammer configurations.

We also look at SRA's work on compiling the milling statistics for the 2014 season, and how this important data is used in the online tool QCANeselect™ for the benefit of the entire industry.

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