

Welcome to the Summer 2016 edition of *CaneConnection*

This edition of your quarterly magazine once again updates you on the latest research and adoption activities occurring at SRA, as well as other important innovation that is occurring within the Australian sugarcane industry.

With the harvest being a major focus in recent months, this edition features a range of information about SRA activities in relation to improving harvesting efficiency.

As you can read from pages 10 to 15, there have been a range of demonstration trials that have occurred in recent months with SRA and industry collaborators. As part of that, we take a close look at the Isis region, which is making major positive steps forward this season. Other activity is occurring across the industry and will feature in future editions, including activities that are part of the harvest efficiency Rural R&D for Profit project.

This edition also looks at the collaboration between Wilmar and SRA within the Burdekin plant breeding program (page 6-7), looks at how peanuts are boosting sugarcane production at Bundaberg (page 4-5), and also how mill data is being used to drive productivity gains (page 24-25).

We also have a look at some interesting grower innovations occurring in relation to controlled-release fertilisers, share-owning machinery, and how sugarcane varieties are performing in several regions in 2016.

We hope that you find this magazine informative, and if you have any comments or suggestions, please contact me on bpfeffer@sugarresearch.com.au or (07) 3331 3340.

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