Welcome to the Autumn 2017 edition of CaneConnection

Inside this edition you will find a copy of the Biosecurity Manual for Sugarcane producers (see story opposite page), an important document in relation to on-farm and industry-wide biosecurity, which we encourage you to read and keep on file.

SRA has also just released a new manual for weed control, which you can read more about through the eyes of Innisfail grower Damian Wirth (page 14), a relatively new entrant to sugarcane growing who has placed a very high priority on good weed control.

In this edition we also visit some innovative farmers in NSW who are adopting practices of the modern farming system and seeing positive results, and we also hear how advances in soybean breeding are enhancing the value of this important break crop and the role it plays in boosting soil health.

We also look at research projects using ‘eyes in the sky’ such as satellites and drones to help improve productivity and profitability. Another interesting yarn comes from Mulgrave’s Paul Gregory, who is seeing an impressive productivity response to laser levelling to help get water off his paddocks (page 6-7).

This is also the time of year when industry events are in full swing. There are a range of great events occurring across many topics and regions over the next few months. For more detail, visit the events section of the SRA website, or the industry’s events calendar at www.canecalendar.com.au.

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