





TOTAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT


PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT NUMBER	R&D PROVIDER(S)	CHIEF INVESTIGATOR	END DATE
 Key Focus Area 1 (Optimally-adapted varieties, plant breeding and release)				
AISRF: Genetic control and genomic selection for important traits in sugarcane	2016/803	SRA, Sugarcane Breeding Institute - Coimbatore	Anthony O'Connell	30/06/2019
Exploiting introgression for the development of productive & regionally adapted varieties for NSW	2013/022	Sunshine Sugar	Roy Parfitt	01/05/2020
Applying the genome sequence for variety improvement: validation and implementation	2013/030	CSIRO	Karen Aitken	01/04/2019
Licence to Farm: Nitrogen use efficient varieties to meet the future environmental targets	2016/044	SRA	Jaya Basnayake	01/07/2019
Improving early stage selection of SRA breeding program by indirect selection of plant vigour	2016/028	SRA	Jaya Basnayake	01/07/2019
Leaf sucrose: The link to diseases, physiological disorders such as YCS and sugarcane productivity	2015/016	SRA	Gerard Scalia	30/06/2020
Generation of a high throughput SNP chip for introgression of resistance genes from wild germplasm into sugarcane	2015/025	CSIRO	Karen Aitken	01/04/2019
Selecting high value chromosomes from wild introgression material to deliver more resistant varieties faster	2015/026	CSIRO	Karen Aitken	01/04/2019
Optimising productivity, variety recommendations and mill operations through analysis of mill data	2016/032	SRA	Jo Stringer	01/02/2021
New approaches to identify and integrate Pachymetra resistance genes from Erianthus into SRA breeding program	2016/039	SRA	Nathalie Piperidis	01/06/2019
Implementing and validating genomic selection in SRA breeding programs to accelerate improvements in yield, commercial cane sugar, and other key traits	2017/002	UQ	Ben Hayes	01/07/2022
Compendium of sugarcane traits and their associated genes	2018/001	CSIRO	Donna Glassop	01/06/2019
Validating root system traits for enhanced nutrient capture in challenging environments	2018/002	CSIRO	Anne Rae	01/09/2021
Impact of stool architecture on ratooning: extending current trial to 4R to strengthen correlations	2018/004	CSIRO	Anne Rae	01/03/2021
Genetic analysis and marker delivery for sugarcane breeding	2018/005	CSIRO	Karen Aitken	30/06/2022
Selecting high value chromosomes from Saccharum species - extension to 2015/026	2018/006	CSIRO	Karen Aitken	30/06/2020
 Key Focus Area 2 (Soil health, nutrient management and environmental sustainability)				
More profit from nitrogen: enhancing the nutrient use efficiency of intensive cropping and pasture systems	2015/907	CRDC	Multiple	30/06/2020
SIX EASY STEPS - continuing perspectives in time and space	2017/004	USQ	Bernard Schroeder	01/02/2022
Measuring soil health, setting benchmarks and driving practice change in the sugar industry	2017/005	SRA	Danielle Skocaj	01/08/2022
Unravelling the impact of climate and harvest time on nitrogen fertiliser requirements	2017/009	SRA	Danielle Skocaj	04/03/2022
Seeing is believing: managing soil variability, improving crop yield and minimising off-site impacts in sugarcane using digital soil mapping	2017/014	UNSW	John Triantafilis	01/10/2020
Implementation of root system diagnostics to deliver a field-based measure for root health	2018/003	CSIRO	Anne Rae	01/08/2021
Greenhouse gas emissions from sugarcane soils: strategies for increasing NUE and reducing environmental pollution	2018/007	QUT	Peter Grace	30/06/2021


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Establishing sugarcane farming systems to improve soil health	2018/008	SRA	Barry Salter	01/03/2023
Development of commercial molecular biological assays for improved sugarcane soil health and productivity	2018/009	SRA	Rob Magarey	01/06/2020
SIX EASY STEPS Tool Box development for refined on farm nutrient management	2018/013	SRA	Barry Salter	01/02/2020
Complete nutrient management planning for cane farming (Funding provider: Queensland Government DES)	2016/804/ RP161	SRA/Farmacist	Jayson Dowie	30/12/2020
Improved water quality outcomes from on-farm nitrogen management (Funding provider: University of Queensland)	2016/805/ UQ_NESP	SRA	Danielle Skocaj	10/12/2020
Cane farmer trials of enhanced efficiency fertiliser in the catchments of the Great Barrier Reef (Funding Provider: Commonwealth Department of Environment and Energy and Queensland Government Great Barrier Reef Innovation Fund (Reef Trust 4))	2016/807	CANEGROWERS / SRA	Barry Salter	31/12/2021
 Key Focus Area 3 (Pest, disease and weed management)				
Integrated disease management for sugarcane streak mosaic in Indonesia (Funding provider: Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research)	2013/802	SRA	Rob Magarey	30/06/2019
Soldier fly management	2015/804	SRA	Andrew Ward	31/12/2019
Cane to creek: Russell Mulgrave growers and the nitrogen story (Funding provider: Queensland Government Department of Environment and Science)	2017/801	SRA	Belinda Billing	01/06/2019
Feeding behaviour of Soldier fly	2017/808	SRA	Andrew Ward	11/12/2019
Development for an improved commercial assay for ratoon stunting disease (RSD)	BIOBRSD	SRA	Rob Magarey	30/06/2019
Modern diagnostics for a safer Australian Sugar Industry	2017/809	SRA	Nicole Thompson	01/06/2022
Solving Yellow Canopy Syndrome	2014/049	SRA	Andrew Ward	30/06/2020
Using Remote Sensing to improve canegrub management in North Queensland cane fields	2015/038	SRA	Kevin Powell	01/02/2019
Identifying new-generation insecticides for canegrub control as contingency for loss of amenity with the existing product	2016/003	SRA	Andrew Ward	01/01/2020
Investigation of biotic causes of yellow canopy syndrome	2016/064	UQ	Andrew Geering	01/12/2019
Keeping our chemicals in their place - in the field	2017/008	SRA	Emilie Fillois	01/07/2021
Delivering solutions for chlorotic streak disease	2017/010	SRA	Kathy Braithwaite	01/07/2020
Development of commercial molecular biological assays for improved sugarcane soil health and productivity	2018/009	SRA	Rob Magarey	01/06/2021
Moth Borers – how are we going to manage them when they arrive?	2018/010	SRA	Andrew Ward	01/08/2021
 Key Focus Area 4 (Farming systems and harvesting)				
A non-pneumatic cane cleaning system with no cane loss.	2014/035	QUT	Floren Plaza	01/06/2019
Increased Harvest Recovery: Reducing sugar loss and stool damage	2014/048	SRA	-	01/09/2019
Assessment of new management strategies for marginal soils	2015/007	SRA	Barry Salter	31/12/2019
Sugar from space: improved data access, yield forecasting and targeted nitrogen application for the Australian Sugar industry	2016/062	UNE	Andrew Robson	01/01/2020
Understanding interactions between basecutters and other forward-feed components with the cane stalk, and determining practical strategies to minimise damage as harvester speed increases	2016/952	Norris ECT	Chris Norris, Phil Hobson	01/05/2020

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 Key Focus Area 4 (Farming systems and harvesting - continued)				
Commercial scale economic evaluation of post-harvest cane cleaning to maximise the returns to the supply chain	2016/953	QDAF	Stephen Ginns	01/05/2019
Adoption of practices to mitigate harvest losses	2016/955	SRA	Phil Patane	01/04/2019
Southern Sugar Solutions	2017/012	DAFQ	Neil Halpin	01/01/2021
Improved irrigation system selection and operation for increased sugarcane productivity and profitability	2018/011	USQ	Michael Scobie	01/04/2019

 Key Focus Area 5 (Milling efficiency and technology)				
Investigation into modifying pan boiling techniques to improve sugar quality	2015/013	QUT	David Moller	30/05/2019
Online analysis systems to measure the available nutrients in mill mud	2016/019	SRA	Steve Staunton	01/06/2020
Reducing boiler maintenance costs and deferring capital expenditure through improved technology	2016/020	QUT	Floren Plaza	01/06/2021
Evaporator Liquor Brix Sensor	2017/003	Wilmar	Robert Stobie	01/01/2019
Managing aspects of raw sugar quality in the Australian sugar industry Part II	2017/006	Griffith University	Chris Davis	01/11/2019
Investigations to mitigate the effects of juice degradation in factory evaporators on sugar recovery and quality, corrosion and effluent organic loading	2017/007	QUT	Darryn Rackemann	01/03/2022
Pan design and operational changes to suit Australian pan stages operating on low pressure vapour	2018/012	QUT	Ross Broadfoot	01/11/2021
Evaluation of the Neltec Colour Q for measuring the purity of magma from C centrifugals	2018/201	Isis Central Sugar Mill Company Ltd	David Pike	01/05/2019
Improving the impact of evaporator calandria noxious gas bleeding arrangements on evaporator rate and condensate quality at Racecourse Mill	2018/202	Mackay Sugar Limited	Brett Bampton	01/06/2019
Understanding the cause of high colour sugar - intrinsic cane colour, extraneous matter or factory practices?	2018/203	Wilmar Sugar	Robert Stobie	01/05/2019
Activated sludge plants – optimising operations and technology	2018/204	Wilmar Sugar	Robert Stobie	01/05/2019

 Key Focus Area 6 (Product diversification and value addition)				
A profitable future for Australian agriculture: Biorefineries for higher-value animal feeds, chemicals and fuels	2015/902	QUT	Ian O'Hara	01/04/2019
Manipulation of carbon partitioning to enhance the value of sugarcane (ARC LINKAGE UQ collaboration with SRA contribution)	2016/801	UQ (SRA contribution)	Frikkie Botha	08/12/2018
Establishing a strategic roadmap for product diversification and value addition	2018/014	Lazudi	Eris O'Brien	01/04/2019

 Key Focus Area 7 (Knowledge and technology transfer and adoption)				
A boiler simulator for improved operator training	2016/001	QUT	Anthony Mann	01/05/2019
Protecting our chemicals for the future through accelerated adoption of best management practice	2016/002	SRA	Belinda Billing	01/08/2019
Development of an Intelligent Tool to allow real time evaluation of harvesting practices as part of a framework for improved harvester payment systems	2016/951	Norris ECT	Stuart Norris, Rob Crossley	01/05/2019
Productivity improvements through energy innovation in the Australian sugar industry	2017/011	Ag Analytics	Jon Welsh	01/07/2020
Pathways to water quality improvements in the Myrtle Creek sub catchment (Funding provider: Queensland Government Department of Environment and Science)	2017/810/ EHP17066	SRA	Phil Ross	17/05/2020

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 Key Focus Area 8 (Collaboration and capability development)				
Sugarcane for water limited environments: Characterisation of a selected sugarcane germplasm for transpiration efficiency and high biomass production for the sugarcane growing regions in Australia	2014/102	UQ	Sijesh Natarajan, Shu Fukai	01/05/2018
Statistical data mining algorithms for optimising analysis of spectroscopic data from on-line NIR mill systems: improving system calibrations for quality measures and variety discrimination	2014/109	JCU	Justin Sexton	30/06/2019
Mesostigmatid mites as predators of nematodes in sugarcane soils: occurrence, ecology, food preferences and biocontrol potential	2015/103	University of Sunshine Coast	Matthew Manwaring	01/04/2019
Plant growth promoting Rhizobacteria for Australian sugarcane: Bridging the gap from simple systems to engineered microbiomes	2015/105	UQ	Selby Berg	01/07/2019
Combining controlled release and nitrification inhibitor properties to deliver improved fertilizer nitrogen use efficiency in high risk environments	2016/101	UQ	Chelsea Stroppiana	31/03/2020
Development and modelling of novel controlled release fertilisers for improved nutrient delivery efficiency	2016/102	UQ	Ian Levett	01/09/2020
Integrated standardised competency based training for Sugar Milling operations	2017/013	QUT	David Moller	01/01/2019
Re-evaluating the biology of the sugarcane root system: new knowledge allows for assessment of production impacts and implications for yield decline	2017/101	Southern Cross University	Anders Claassens	30/06/2020
Microwave sensors for sugarcane sugar analysis	2017/102	UQ	Scott Thomason	30/06/2020
New approaches to quantifying nitrogen fluxes in enhanced efficiency fertilisers in Australian sugarcane soils	2018/101	UQ	Aidan Chin	01/06/2022
Characterising nitrogen use efficiency in sugarcane	2018/102	UQ	Anoma Ranagalage	01/06/2022
Reducing basecutter cane loss and extending the wear life of basecutter blades through innovative hardfacing techniques	2018/401	UNISA	Christiane Schulz	01/08/2019
Developing a marker system to measure dosage of alleles for use as a selection tool in the sugarcane breeding program	2018/402	CSIRO	Meredith McNeil	01/12/2019