Sunshine Sugar Ag Services

Seed cane

Thanks to everyone that has ordered seed cane from the approved seed plot. Orders sum to around 550 tonnes.

We are a bit over ordered for Q240, Q252, Q254 and SRA2. We’ll do our best to get you what you ordered even if we have to source some from Harwood.

Please make contact with Tom on 0439 283404 to make arrangements for getting your cane.

As much notice as possible would be good so we can ensure we can get Wayne and his truck for deliveries.

Radios in GPS units

We’ve been advised that Tait are discontinuing production of the Tait TM8100 radios. These are the radios we have in base stations and that you’d have in your tractors.

We are looking into alternative manufacturers. These radios are still available at the moment and we have picked up some spares to make sure we can keep all the base stations running.

If you are interested in getting the cost of a spare or replacement radio these are the suppliers to call.

Transcom (Maclean) - Brian Callaghan 6645 2777
Northern Communications (Lismore) - Scott Barker 6621 5693

Frost

Winter is over and I think we got through ok despite a bit of a scare in late August. Coldest temp for this winter was at Codrington with a -3.2° C on the 21st August. Most of the damage has been confined to leaf burn and heart damage. Eyes on the stalks are generally ok so crops might look ordinary but can still be used for planting.

Some extra cane has been nominated which makes sense for blocks that are yielding well and have sustained some heart damage.

Again it was pleasing to see milder temperatures from the logger at Greenridge.

Acid sulfate audit

We just knocked over the 18th acid sulfate soil audit in August. Thanks to the 10 farmers who participated. Councils were happy that everyone complies with what’s required in the drain management plan. In the days of over regulation it’s important we maintain our scheme. Thanks to all for the good work.

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Around the Paddocks