

Southern Region

Rain has delayed crushing. Bundy has stopped and ISIS did not start on Monday 20 June as planned. The rainfall was 50mm to 90 mm all across Wide Bay. ISIS going to the west to grow cane. Well somebody is supposed to be going for 500,000 tonnes to send to ISIS. Rumor has it that ISIS has some sort of title to an ex-Government railway that was Mary to Gayndah. ISIS has e-consignment now, but from last year it hasn't made the haul out drivers any smarter and I still get ridiculous productivity reports.

There is a considerable amount of tree cropping taking land from the ISIS sugar crop, even some cane farmers have put some cane land to mac-nuts. About 1,500 acres of cane land has gone to nuts in last 12 months.

The new Davis weather stations are really useful. We have one on a neighbouring property and use it a lot. They disclaim the use of the data for herbicide application, however with the need to keep spray records, it is a useful device.

SRA ran a spray and Confidor application workshop a while ago. It was a good refresher and a fair bit of new stuff from some people outside the usual sugar industry faces. It was well attended, with about 40 people. It would be good if we could have more things like that, with discussion allowed instead of a dragging on in a monologue and boring us into submission.

Irrigation: Everyone is doing their utmost to reduce electricity use, even at the cost of water efficiency. The crop is GOOD, however as two lots of rain have picked it up. Irrigation was essential to grow any sort of crop this year, though. Why can't the greenies get that through their heads?

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