Grower Information Session

A grower information session was held on Wednesday 13 August at the CANEGROWERS Hall in Home Hill.

The forty attendees heard from industry representatives from Wilmar, QSL, BBIFMAC and SRA.

The first guest speaker of the session was Carla Keith, QSL Industry Relationship Manager. Carla provided an update on the 2014 season estimated pool returns, a sugar market update and currency market update.

A copy of Carla's presentation can be found here.

Ken Mackney, Inkerman Mill Manager gave an update on the Inkerman Mill and Steve Postma, Cane Supply Manager updated attendees on logistics and transport of the Burdekin Mills.

Ken's key points included Inkerman manning, preparation for the 2014 crush, crushing performance and major stoppages to date, capital plans for 2015 and the upcoming Inkerman Mill centenary celebrations. To view Ken’s presentation click here.

Steve provided information on the Burdekin season to date, comparing budget to actuals, cut to estimates, dirt and CCS levels and the rest of the season. Click here for Steve's presentation.

The next speaker was Eleisha Burton from BBIFMAC. Eleisha gave a project overview on BBIFMAC’s Energy Efficiency Project. The project aims to provide relevant customised information to irrigators that will improve energy efficiency, save money and drive innovation and productivity. Eleisha's presentation (click here) outlined how they will achieve these aims.

Sugar Research Australia (SRA) Chief Executive Officer Neil Fisher discussed Yellow Canopy Syndrome, varieties, local research investment overview and driving adoption on the farm and in the mill. Click here for the presentation.

The next Grower Information Session will be held on Friday 22 August at the Giru Bowls Club. Invicta Mill Manager, Craig Wood will provide an update in the Invicta Mill, with Steve Postma updating attendees on the logistics of the Burdekin Mills and Carla Keith presenting on QSL followed by lunch. Phone Tiffany on 4790 3600 or email bdk@canegrowers.com.au to register your attendance.
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