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Dear Grower,

2024 Harvest Season

The pre-season meeting was held on the 12th of June 2024, for those who were unable to attend the meeting the following information was discussed and agreed to by those members present.

Season Start Date

2024 harvest season will commence on Monday the 24th of June with a total estimate of 554,000 tonnes, North Clarence estimate is 214,000 tonnes.

Cutting Rates

Cutting rates for 2024 season has been set at \$9.50 per tonne plus GST for burnt cane in excess of 50 tonne per hectare.

One Year old green cane rate of an additional \$2.50 per tonne plus GST. Please note that Two-year-old cane will not be harvested green. Under-tonnage rates will be charged as per the formula for all cane harvested under 50 tonne per hectare.

Oversupply

By harvesting un-nominated blocks in a particular round, this will incur a penalty of \$2.00 per tonne plus GST. Growers can substitute like for like blocks of cane, on that farm only, after consultation with the Chairman, Andrew Fischer.

Under-supply

Two-year-old cane. Withdrawal of nominated blocks for the first 4 rounds will be treated as follows:

A penalty of \$2.00 per tonne plus GST of the block estimate will be applied. If the grower wishes to harvest that cane later, it will automatically go to the 5th round.

One-year old cane can be withdrawn without penalty in the 4th round providing it is not harvested in the 2024 season. If a grower re-nominates the cane a \$2.00 per tonne plus GST penalty will be applied and the cane harvested in the 5th round.

Harvesters

This year North Clarence Co-Op will use two harvesters, however, to ensure that rounds remain as close as possible to rotation the third harvester may be required during the season.

Attached is a copy of the proposed harvester rotations including grower tonnages for each round, this is a guide only and may change as tonnages go up and down. Growers will be notified as soon as possible when changes become apparent.

Starting Points

Starting points for the 2024 season will be:

- Lewis ET & RM (North Arm Drive)
- Shannon AG (Beckman's Lane)

Daily Bin Quotas

Daily bin quotas will consist of 35 aluminium bins/day per harvester.

Run Representatives

Run reps and directors have the power to make minor alterations to the harvest, with advice to the Chairman to assist with a smooth and economical harvest. That the rounds be equalised when it becomes necessary.

Run Reps for each area are:

Jonathon Hirst – Brooms Head	Matt and John Young – Harwood East
Tim McMahon – Harwood West	Ken Ryan – Harwood South
Tim McMahon – Maclean Road	Andrew Fischer – Chatsworth East
Tim McMahon - Chatsworth West	Andrew Fischer – Mororo/Goodwood
Jim Castle – Harwood Central	Milton Lewis – Warregah/Ashby

Cane Burning RFS

Please be aware that under the current legislation you are required to provide 24 hours' notice of your intention to burn to both the Rural Fire Service and your neighbours, whether fire permits are required or not.

That means you need to notify RFS and your neighbours 24 hrs prior to burning with a fire permit (when permit season arrives) and you need to also notify RFS and your neighbours 24 hours prior to burning during times when a permit is not required.

Please see below link

<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/BFDP/burn-notifications>

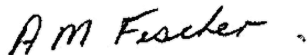
WHS

North Clarence Co-Op will ensure that all crew and machinery comply with the provisions, requirements and spirit of the Work Health and Safety Act (2011).

We ask that for the safety of our crew can you please inform them of any hazards such as poor crossings, bad tracks or of any alterations to farm infrastructure, for example pipe culverts.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or the estimate/rotation, please reach out to the contacts on the run sheets attached.

Yours sincerely, .



Andrew Fischer
Chairman