



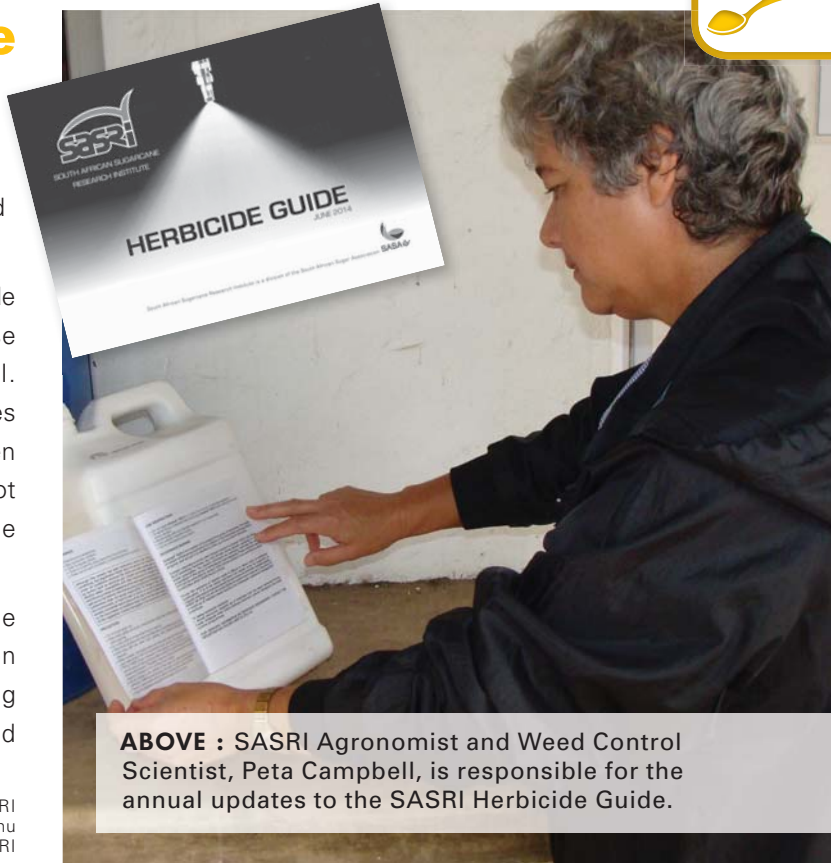
The SASRI Herbicide Guide

In a bid to assist sugarcane farmers plan effective weed control programmes, SASRI publishes its Herbicide Guide every year. The guide contains a list of recommended herbicide treatments and their associated timing of application according to weed growth stage.

It should be noted, however, that the guide does not provide the complete list of all registered herbicides; only those herbicides and combinations recommended by SASRI. Application rates have been derived from registered rates as indicated on herbicide labels. All information has been provided by agrochemical companies, and SASRI cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage arising from the use of these products or product combinations.

In addition to a list of recommended herbicides, the Herbicide Guide contains useful related information on the environmental impact of herbicides, creeping grass management, water quality issues and calibration procedures.

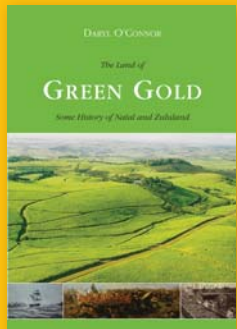
The 2014 edition of the SASRI Herbicide Guide is available from the SASRI website: Go to www.sugar.org.za/sasri and select Publications from the menu on the left. Alternatively, contact your local Extension Specialist or the SASRI library on 031 5087514, Email: library@sugar.org.za.



ABOVE : SASRI Agronomist and Weed Control Scientist, Peta Campbell, is responsible for the annual updates to the SASRI Herbicide Guide.

Green Gold by Daryl O'Connor

Anyone with an interest in KwaZulu-Natal, its past, its people or its sugar industry will enjoy this book. The story is a roll-call of people and events, with names that have reverberated down the decades - the San, the Nguni people, the Portuguese shipwreck survivors, the Dutch and the English, Shaka, Dingane, the Zulu war, Indians, missionaries and Voortrekkers, settlers and soldiers. The climax of the book is became known as the Sugar War of 1962, when the region's major industry was split from top to bottom by a boardroom battle that monopolized newspaper headlines for weeks.



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Coastals AGM

Coastal Farmers' Co-operative recently held their 68th Annual General Meeting when Murray Kirkland and Mark Gallagher were re-elected as Chairman and Deputy Chairman. In his Chairman's address, Mr Kirkland reported that the trading year saw the co-operative reach a new milestone in its history where transaction value of one billion rands was exceeded for the first time.

Mr Kirkland said the economics of farming remain challenging with input costs increasing at a higher rate than revenues. He reported on the strong performance of Coastal Farmers' for the year with transaction value increasing to a record of R 1,015 billion which is R 65,6m higher than the previous year. This resulted in the co-operative posting a net profit after tax of R 5,2m. Mr Kirkland also reported that Coastals had opened a new branch in Pongola while branches in Eshowe, Harding and Richmond were upgraded.

The Deputy Chairman, Mark Gallagher discussed Coastals' corporate social investment initiatives which are channeled through the Coastals Foundation. The activities of the Foundation are managed by volunteer staff members of Coastals. The beneficiaries include societies most vulnerable and exploited - the poor and indigent, rural schools and other worthy causes.

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
Mr Mark Gallagher (Deputy Chairman)
and Mr Murray Kirkland (Chairman)

