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The latest Link magazine has been published. The Link is usually published four times a year and is a collection of the latest sugarcane agriculture research findings, seasonal farming recommendations and updates on new SASRI technologies in the sugar industry. You can download The Link from the SASRI website (www.sasri.org.za) or pick up a printed copy from your nearest Extension Office. Alternatively, if you are on our mailing list, you will receive The Link in your post-box.

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On-farm product testing

In this edition, we take a closer look at the wide range of new agricultural products that are being developed and marketed to growers. To assist with evaluating whether or not the products deliver on expectations, a few important guidelines are recommended.

Water quality

Poor irrigation water quality can cause soil degradation and induce crop stress. Growers are encouraged to regularly sample water sources and monitor water quality to ensure soil health is maintained and crop yield losses are avoided. Read more about this important test in The Link.

Alien weeds

Plants classified as 'alien' or 'invasive' pose a major threat to indigenous plants and biodiversity. Growers are warned against propagating these plants without following the correct guidelines or obtaining the necessary permits.

Featured article: Conservation Conscious

Growers, Conrad and Henning Klipp, share their farming philosophies that have led to their farm's success for several years while still preserving the environment. Some of their key focus areas include the implementation of 'Conservation Agriculture' and following SASRI best management practices. Their principles are based strongly on preserving environmental resources and improving soil health.