

Latest Publications from SASRI!



The May Link and Ingede magazines have been recently published containing a collection of the latest sugarcane agriculture research findings, seasonal farming recommendations and updates on new SASRI technologies in the sugar industry. The Ingede is published in isiZulu and is targeted at small-scale growers.

In this issue of The Link...

SASRI scientists Drs Stuart Rutherford, Malcolm Keeping and Iona Basdew offer recommendations for the detection and management of yellow sugarcane aphid (*Sipha flava*).

Senior Plant Pathologist, Sharon McFarlane, as well as Extension and Biorisk Manager, Rowan Stranack, share SASRI's emergency response plan to orange rust as this disease has been positively identified on cane in South Africa.

This edition is also packed with valuable information on SASRI's small-scale grower drone ripening project which was spearheaded by Dr Riekert van Heerden, as well as improvement of varieties articles by Dr Shailesh Joshi (Plant Breeder) and Thobile Nxumalo (Variety Evaluation Scientist).

This edition ends with a summary of recent weather events by SASRI's Agrometeorologist, Phillemon Sithole.

In this issue of The Ingede...

SASRI SSG and LRG Extension Manager Thulani Masondo offers topical tips for this season. There is an interesting piece about a grower in Sezela, Mr Ngidi, who has improved efficiency on his farm by using drones in his ripener spray programme.

The issue also includes two alerts for our growers, one of orange rust and the other on the *Parthenium hysterophus* weed. We end this edition by highlighting the remarkable work done by the Radio Forum in delivering valuable content to growers through the air waves.

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