## PUBLICATION AVAILABLE

## **2022 updated Pest and Disease Booklet**

This pocket-sized Pest and Disease Guide contains a brief outline and associated illustrations of the most commonly found pests and diseases in sugarcane.

The booklets are available in both English and isiZulu and can be obtained from your **Biosecurity Officer or Extension** office.

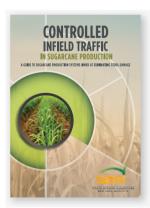
It can also be viewed on the SASRI website e-Library available at www.sasri.orgza/e-Library.



## **2022 Mech Reports**



## **Controlled In-field Traffic Guide**



Sugarcane stools suffer damage when driven over, resulting in poor ratoonability and significant yield losses. A controlled in-field traffic system is therefore highly recommended.

A recent publication provides guidelines for cane farmers wishing to implement a system, whereby wheels of infield vehicles or equipment are restricted to a traffic zone and not on cane rows.

Fundamental changes related to field layout and mechanisation are discussed, as well as modifications to fertilising and irrigation.

To assist sugarcane farmers make informed decisions based on realistic costs of various operations, SASRI publishes details on mechanisation costs annually. The 2022 edition of these Mechanisation Reports are now available.

Report 1 has information and examples that will help in estimating the total cost of operating individual machines or complete machinery systems.

Report 2 deals with systems and costs of land preparation, planting and ratoon management. This report includes a directory of local and international equipment and product suppliers.

Available for download from the SASRI website www.sasri.org.za/mechanisation.



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