

Find a SASRI sugarcane Extension Specialist *in your area!*

Following last month's focus on SASRI's large-scale grower Extension Service, this month, we showcase our Small-scale and Land Reform Grower Extension Specialists.

This team offers extension services to around 20,631 small-scale growers in collaboration with the provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) in KwaZulu-Natal, through the Programme called Extension Venture Agreement (EVA) which was officially signed in 1996 and still going strong. The programme is renewed every five years.

Amongst a host of other activities, the team

- conducts monthly refresher courses for agricultural advisors (AAs);
- conducts industry-wide roadshows on topical themes together with DARD AAs;
- establishes variety observation plots for use as field schools and sources of seedcane of new SASRI varieties;
- supports and participates in research project interactions between SASRI researchers and small-scale and land reform growers;
- supports local AAs in specific sugarcane related projects initiated by DARD; and
- liaises with all other stakeholders involved in providing support and services to small-scale and land reform growers, such as mill extension staff, the grower associations, NGOs and the trade.

To learn more about SASRI's extension services, go to their website at www.sasri.org.za.

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