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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...

In the May edition of the Link, SASRI Director Dr Shadrack Moephuli sets the tone by discussing SASRI strategies for tackling Pest, Disease, and Weed Management; Crop Nutrition and Soil Health; Crop Improvement (Varieties), as well as Crop Management and Digital Agriculture, among other key topics.

Rowan Stranack, SASRI's Extension and Biorisk Manager, follows with comprehensive advice on maximising RV Yields and Cane Quality, providing timely guidance for sugarcane farmers.

Nitesh Poona, SASRI's Crop Scientist: Digital Agriculture, shares an overview of Digital Agriculture and comments on the various projects that SASRI is conducting within the area of digital technologies.

There is an overview of recent weather events and an outlook for May and June.

Lastly, readers can explore articles addressing responsible storage of pesticides and strategies for mitigating the impact of giant Ubabe grass.

In this issue of the Ingede...

In the second issue of Ingede for the year, Thulani Masondo, SASRI's Small Scale and Land Reform Extension Manager, shares valuable insights for the upcoming months (May–August) on optimising RV through effective farming practices.

This issue also pays tribute to an exceptional DARD Agricultural Advisor, Thulani Ngcobo, who passed away in February this year. Ngcobo made significant contributions to supporting small-scale grower farming operations.

We emphasise the importance of Integrated Weed Management (IWM) and the correct use of protective clothing when handling chemicals.

SASRI remains committed to fostering strong connections between growers and scientists, exemplified by the swift appointment of Thulani Velem as the new North Coast SSG Extension Specialist.

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