

## Project Bluewater – Grower Testimonial

### Reducing crop damage with chemical choice

By Jess Bennett with grower Travis Andrew

Travis Andrew grew up his family's farm in the Baker Creek area and has since taken over operation after completing his boiler maker trade. Travis farms on approximately 140ha of mostly sandy soils located in the Balbera area south of Mackay. Despite being in the industry for several years, Travis looked to Farmacist for independent pesticide advice after previously having poor results and crop damage from his pesticide practices.

Travis' sandy soils caused issues in the past with chemical choices and a significant reduction in yield due to crop damage. By joining Project Bluewater, Travis has seen no crop damage and an improvement in weed control from his pesticide use.

"Adam has identified issues on my farm and suggested products that are appropriate to apply in each paddock", said Travis.

**"The benefit of participating in the project is having an advisor who understands my soil type and farming practices, and who can assist me in selecting products that are suited to the location, soil type and weed problem in each block on my farm."**

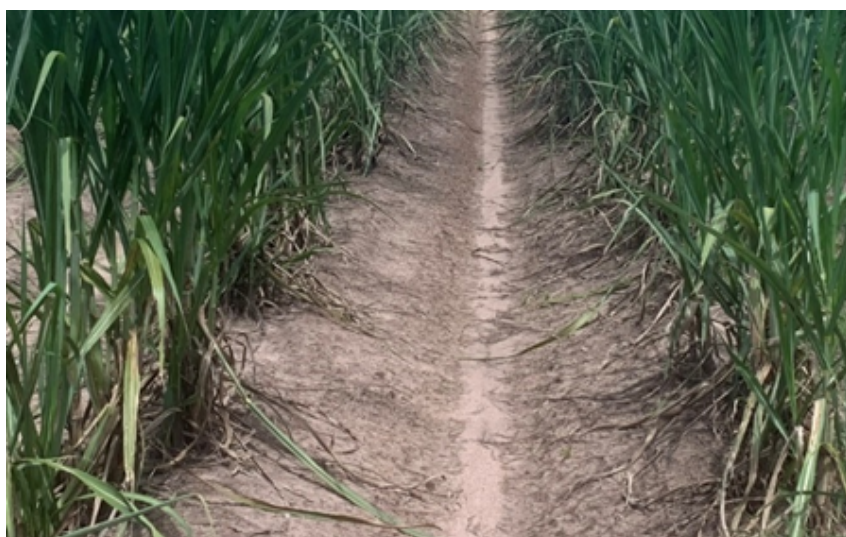


Fig 2: Clean Plant cane paddock great result from effective chemical selection.



Fig 1: Travis Andrew's upgraded boom.

Travis has been working with the Project Bluewater team to upgrade his boom so that he can get consistent and even coverage across the paddock. This allows him to be applying chemical more cost effectively as, with all farming inputs, pesticides too are ever increasing in cost. 🌱



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