



# AUSTRALIAN SUGAR PRODUCTION



THE AUSTRALIAN SUGARCANE INDUSTRY IS MADE UP OF 4,000 FARMING BUSINESSES, MOSTLY FAMILY OWNED AND THE DESCENDANTS OF EUROPEAN MIGRANTS. SUGARCANE FARMS STRETCH ALONG 2,000 KM OF AUSTRALIA'S TROPICAL EAST COAST.



## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

- 80% of the cane farm area is in the best management practice program, Smartcane BMP.
- Eight of Australia's sugar mills are Bonsucro certified, an internationally recognised standard for environmental and social impacts of sugarcane production.
- Chemicals not permitted under the Bonsucro standards are not used on Australian farms.
- Australian sugar mills generate 27% of Queensland's renewable electricity.



## CERTIFICATION

- Australian sugar is of high quality, sustainably and ethically produced. The industry is focused on continual, verifiable improvement, such as through international certification.



Sugarcane fields, Muwillumbah , Australia.



Australia produces 4 MILLION TONNES of raw sugar annually, from a harvest of 35 million tonnes of sugarcane, mostly exported to the Asia-Pacific region.



The European Union produces more than 15 MILLION TONNES of white sugar annually, from 110 million tonnes of sugar beet.



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# CASE STUDY



Paul Schembri, cane sugar producer, Australia.



## FAMILY OWNED

- Paul Schembri grows 10,000 tonnes of cane each year in partnership with his brother, in Mackay, Queensland.
- He is the third generation of his family to farm in Australia after emigrating from Malta.



## SOLUTIONS

- To stop sediment loss he uses a system of minimum tillage and keeping a mulch blanket intact between cane rows.



## ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

- Paul takes his environmental responsibility and proximity to the Great Barrier Reef very seriously.
- His farms have been accredited under Smartcane BMP for five years.



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