

Overview of new reef reporting obligations



Sugarcane producers must meet a number of new reporting obligations under the Queensland Government's Reef Regulations (Agricultural ERA standard for sugarcane cultivation).

This overview is based on the [Queensland Government's Regulations for Sugarcane Production](#).

GENERAL RECORDS

From **1 December 2019**, all sugarcane producers are required to keep general records. These records can be in any format, but must be made within three business days, kept for at least six years and be available when requested by an authorised person such as a Queensland Government compliance officer.

For sugarcane producers, general records must include:

- > name of the sugarcane producer (i.e. the person(s) carrying out the activity)
- > name of the person making the record
- > company name (if applicable)
- > property address/es
- > postal address
- > farm identification number/s (if applicable)
- > a list of the lots included in all the farms within the agricultural enterprise
- > records of agricultural chemicals (any pesticide, herbicide or fungicide applied to land or crops), fertiliser and mill mud/mill ash applied and specifically:
 - location of each application (e.g. farm number with block name or management zone)
 - date of each application
 - agricultural chemical (any pesticide, herbicide or fungicide applied to land or crops) and/or fertiliser product (including mill mud/mill ash) applied to each location with product name, application rate (kg/ha, L/ha or tonnes/ha for mill mud/mill ash) and for fertiliser products, the percentage of nitrogen and phosphorus.

MINIMUM STANDARD RECORDS

For sugarcane producers, minimum standard records must specifically include the following with supporting primary documents (soil test reports, fertiliser contractor print-outs, fertiliser invoices etc.) as proof of the records:

- > amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus (kg/ha) for each block calculated using the *Prescribed methodology for sugarcane cultivation*
- > method of fertiliser application
- > date of soil testing as well as the soil test report/results and a description of the location and the dominant soil type sampled
- > map of the boundaries of blocks or management zones where:
 - soil sampling has been undertaken and
 - where fertiliser and mill mud/mill ash has been applied
- > a soil map showing the dominant soil types covering the blocks or management zones where samples were taken.

More information and facts sheets can be found here:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/agriculture/sustainable-farming/reef/reef-regulations/producers/sugarcane>