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Wilmar's information sessions a hit with growers

More than 60 sugarcane growers from across the region took advantage of the opportunity to find out more about the global sugar outlook, at information sessions held by Wilmar Sugar Australia.

The sessions, held in Proserpine and Sarina last week, gave local growers the chance to hear about the world sugar market from industry experts, as well as receive an update on the 2019 crushing season and other projects.

Grower Marketing and Pricing Manager PJ Gileppa said there was strong interest in the events.

"They were open to all growers and their families, to give them a bit more information on the state of the sugar market," Mr Gileppa said.

"While sugar prices have been low, growers were hopeful that the coming months may see some improvement."

Wilmar's Risk Manager, David Trevor, was one of the guest speakers.

He shared Wilmar's view on the world sugar market and some of the factors that might impact future sugar prices.

Growers were also updated on the progress of the 2019 crush, crop estimates, factory reliability, weather impacts on crops and projected finish dates.

"We also shared some of the exciting developments being made by Wilmar's AgServices Research and Development team," Mr Gileppa said.

"Agronomist Liana Lillford talked about the Bio Dunder® range of renewable farm fertilisers, which are all made using the co-product from the ethanol production process.

"Liana also spoke to growers about nitrogen stabilisation and some of the latest research and development trials AgServices is involved in."

Wilmar Sugar Australia owns and operates the Proserpine and Plane Creek mills and is the nation's largest raw sugar producer, the largest producer of renewable electricity from biomass and a leading manufacturer of ethanol products.

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PIC 1: Wilmar's Grower Marketing and Pricing Manager PJ Gileppa, Plane Creek Productivity Services Chairman and grower Mal Langdon and Wilmar's Plane Creek Cane Supply Manager John Tait chat after the Grower Information Session in Sarina.



PIC 2: Grower and harvesting contractor Sam Orr, Wilmar's Mackay Regional Operations Manager Craig Muddle, haul-out driver Darren Lee, and Grower Owen Lee at Wilmar's Grower Information Session in Proserpine.



PIC 3: Growers and harvesting contractors Lawrie and Kristy Thomsett talking to Wilmar's Proserpine and Plane Creek Grower Marketing Consultant Angus McKerrow at the Plane Creek Grower Information Session.



PIC 4: Grower Gary Simpson, Wilmar's Proserpine and Plane Creek Grower Marketing Consultant Angus McKerrow, grower Andrew Auld and grower and harvesting contractor Mark Orr at the Proserpine Grower Information Session.



PIC 5: Grower Bill Matthews, Canegrowers Proserpine Manager Michael Porter and grower Ian Greenwood catching up at Wilmar's Proserpine Grower Information Session.



PIC 6: Plane Creek Area Committee member and grower Serg Berardi and Wilmar's AgServices Research and Development Agronomist Liana Lillford at the Plane Creek Grower Information Session.