

Wild Sorghum Rogueing Subsidy Application - 2024

Burdekin Productivity Services Ltd (BPS) has budgeted \$25000 in 2024-2025 financial year to assist members control outbreaks in plant cane blocks as first priority. First ratoon blocks are only eligible if time and budget allows. Note that wild sorghum rogueing is offered to assist growers who have made previous efforts to control the weed on their property, however have some escapes that require manual removal. Rogueing is not the first option for control, and should not be considered a replacement for mechanical or chemical control.

BPS have increased its budget and resources for Itch Grass control and rogueing activities, and any grower involved in wild sorghum activities needs to be aware that Itch Grass will always take priority and therefore, there may be delays in wild sorghum rogueing if Itch Grass or other activities beyond BPS control are required.

Conditions:

In order to be considered for partial reimbursement of the cost of rogueing wild sorghum on their sugar cane farm, the applicant must:

1. Be a BPS member who has paid levies to BPS on each and every cane farm holding owned or leased by the entity in the preceding 3 years.
2. Have consented to share Wilmar farm production data with BPS so areas of weed infestation can be recorded on the BPS farm data platform.
3. Have no outstanding debts owing to BPS at the time of application.
4. Allow an inspection of the plant block by BPS officer/s to determine whether the block can be economically rogued i.e. too heavily infested to rogue or insufficient plants to warrant rogueing.
5. Present evidence of what method has been employed to control wild sorghum on their property prior to the application being made.
6. Present a plan to manage the wild sorghum on their property once rogueing has been completed.
7. Complete this form to the satisfaction of BPS management and understand that Itch Grass rogueing takes priority over wild sorghum

Subsidy details:

The amount of subsidy available shall be calculated on a percentage basis of levies received by BPS from the applicant in the preceding 3 years and will be capped at the lesser of items 3,4 & 5 below. The following terms apply:

1. Blocks of plant or 1R cane determined by BPS officer/s to be too heavily or too sparsely infested with wild sorghum to rogue economically, shall not be eligible for the subsidy.
2. The subsidy shall not exceed 50% of the total wages paid by BPS to workers who have been employed on the grower's behalf to rogue wild sorghum on their property.
3. The subsidy shall not exceed 80% of levies paid to BPS by the applicant in the past 3 years.
4. The maximum subsidy amount payable is \$5000.00 per year.
5. Subsidy application approvals shall cease each year once the budgeted amount has been expended.
6. BPS reserves the right to refuse or withdraw the subsidy at any time without recourse from members.

Applicant to Complete:

Name of Entity: _____

Phone and Email address: _____

Farm Number/s: _____

Plant or 1R Block number/s: _____

Area of Block/s: _____

Maximum amount after subsidy applicant is prepared to spend: _____

I agree to the conditions of the BPS sorghum subsidy (signature) _____

BPS to Complete:

Fully paid member on all holdings:	Yes	No
Wilmar data share consent granted	Yes	No
Outstanding debts owing to BPS	Yes	No
Plant Block Inspection completed	Yes	No
Evidence of control measures received:	Yes	No
Wild sorghum management plan received:	Yes	No
Wild sorghum management plan approved:	Yes	No

Maximum subsidy amount approved: \$ _____ Date: _____

Management signature: _____

Block Sorghum Management History

How long have you had sorghum present on this block? _____

What control measures have you used previously?

Cultivation and number of passes per year _____

Herbicide? What products/rates/number of applications per year in crop?

Fallow herbicide products/rates/number of applications? _____

Have you used BPS sorghum rogueing in the past? How often? _____

Have you rogued yourself? How often? _____

Is the sorghum problem increasing or decreasing? _____

What do you think is the reason for the increase or decrease of sorghum on your property?

Planning for future sorghum control

Rogueing is a 'clean up' operation for missed plants from previous attempts at weed control, and should never be considered a primary method of weed eradication. If you are successful in obtaining a subsidy from BPS for sorghum rogueing, what will you do differently in the future to ensure the weed stays controlled?
