



Joe Muscat

**Sugar-cane farmer from Oakenden, Mackay region,
Queensland**

Joe, with his family, manages 445-hectares of farmland in Oakenden, Queensland, growing sugarcane, soybeans, mungbeans, peanuts and fibre-crops such as industrial hemp, kenaf and sunhemp. He is well known for his innovative and sustainable practices in nutrition, weed management, irrigation, planting and harvesting, which increase productivity and reduce the impact on the environment.

In 2013, Joe received the prestigious Nuffield Scholarship supported by the Sugar Research and Development Corporation to research best practices across the globe in production, manufacturing and marketing of fibre crops.