

SRA26[®]

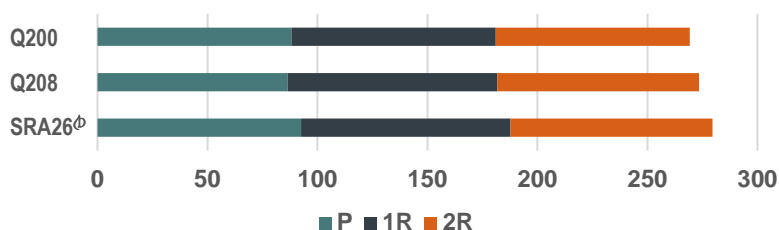
(QN08-2282, QN97-2122 x Q146)

NORTHERN COASTAL variety summary factsheet – more information, including detailed herbicide toxicity data, can be found in your latest regional Variety Guide and on the Sugar Research Australia website.

VARIETY ATTRIBUTES

SRA26[®] has established itself across the Northern coastal region as a productive variety resistant to all major diseases present in the area. Its excellent disease resistance profile makes it an attractive option for growers looking to minimise their risk of yield losses due to smut and Pachymetra. SRA26[®] provides excellent canopy closure even on wider rows for good weed competition. SRA26[®] offers a combination of desirable traits that can result in higher sugar yields relative to Q208 making it a popular choice for sugarcane growers in the Northern region.

Tonnes cane/Ha over crop class



VARIETY	RELATIVE TO Q208	
	CCS	TSH
Q200	0.2	0.0
Q208	0.0	0.0
SRA26 [®]	0.5	0.8

Productivity data presented is from 30 x Plant, 27 x 1R and 24 x 2R harvest results from Northern FATs planted in 2014 and 2017 through to 2023.

VARIETY	DISEASE RATINGS						APPEARANCE AT HARVEST		
	Smut	Pachymetra	Leaf scald	Orange rust	Brown rust	Yellow spot	Arrow	Lodging	Suckering
Q200	I	I	R	R	R	I-R	Moderate	Average	Light
Q208	I-R	I	R	R	R	R	Mod-heavy	Average	Light-mod
SRA26 [®]	R	R	R	R	P*	R	V. sparse	Av-Good	Light

■ RESISTANT (R) ■ RESISTANT-INTERMEDIATE (I-R) ■ INTERMEDIATE (I) ■ INTERMEDIATE-SUSCEPTIBLE (I-S) ■ SUSCEPTIBLE (S) * PROVISIONAL RATING (P)

AGRONOMIC FEATURES

SRA26[®] is a reliable germinator with a semi-prostrate early growth habit, often up to and including at fill-in stage. The yield potential of SRA26[®] is not typically affected if tiller damage occurs when filling in as it is a moderate to high tillering variety. SRA26[®] has been seen to straighten up and stand erect providing good harvester presentation, though its trash may pose slightly more challenges for harvesting compared to other varieties. Initial commercial observations indicate that SRA26[®]'s productivity is not as strong on heavy clay, low lying, waterlogged blocks, and blocks with a history of chlorotic streak.

SRA26[®] is a very sparse or non-arrowing variety and does not sucker readily. It will continue to grow steadily throughout the autumn and winter months, and we recommend it is harvested mid- to late-season to maximise its CCS, like Q200. SRA26[®] exhibits similar ratooning ability to Q200 and Q208.

SRA26[®] has internodes of even length and protected eyes making it an ideal variety for billet planting, but if whole-stalk planting SRA26[®], be wary as it is very hairy.



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