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## **2022 Diversity in Agriculture Leadership Program**

The challenges and issues facing agriculture can be complex and challenging. The journey through them relies on the talent and contributions of our people.

At CANEGROWERS we recognise that investing in our people is therefore probably the single safest investment we can make towards our future.

There are many women across the sugarcane industry in critical roles in farm businesses, research and extension. Within CANEGROWERS, 60% of our district office managers and 8% of our grower-elected directors are women and at our recent State Board election we welcomed our first female Director to Board. We realise that we can do more to tap into the significant skills that already exist across our industry's community.

By continuing to participate in this year's NFF Diversity in Agriculture Leadership Program, CANEGROWERS is committed to working with our colleague industries to open up more pathways for leadership for women in whatever way they choose to pursue it. CANEGROWERS has, and will continue, to sponsor the Women in Sugar Conference and associated networking events.

The program builds on initiatives within CANEGROWERS to encourage everyone who wants to be an active participant in working for a secure, sustainable and profitable future for cane growers to take steps towards that goal in a way that is valued and valuable.



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