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Orange rust update

- The current orange rust situation is not serious.
- If the situation changes the industry will be notified.
- Samples from Plane Creek have been confirmed as orange rust in older leaves of Q208[Ⓛ] by DNA analysis and microscopic examination.
- Plots of Q208[Ⓛ] inspected this week in the Burdekin, Proserpine, Mackay and Bundaberg districts and light to moderate levels of orange rust have been found generally in older leaves.
- Two sites in Bundaberg had 3-6% infection on the fifth leaf which is a moderate level of orange rust.
- Inspections in Tully found virtually no infection in Q208[Ⓛ] in plots close to Q124 that was showing light infection.
- Samples from the Burdekin and Proserpine have been confirmed as orange rust by microscopic examination.
- Inspections will continue and updates provided through our website bses.com.au/Diseases/orangerust.html.
- A map has been developed, and posted on the above website, highlighting orange rust locations.

Please note:

Future BSES Limited Media Releases will only be issued if the situation changes significantly.

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