

**MAPS Approved Seed Cane Transport  
Farmer ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**GUIDELINES**

1. The Farmer Acknowledgement is a basic document concerning the Farmer acknowledging that when accessing MAP Approved Seed Plots with his own planter trailer/s, the Farmer will ensure:
  - All his equipment, including the planter trailer/s, is free of cane plant material, weeds and soil when entering the plot.
  - The planter trailer/s are transported on a registered vehicle (they must not be towed unless tractor is registered, safety chain is used and functioning lights are attached to the trailer)
  - He is responsible for taking his trailer/s off and putting them back on their transport. This may include safe use of the MAPS loading/unloading ramp. A designated area for low-loaders is provided.
  - The planter trailer/s must be in sound condition and not pose a safety risk to those cutting the plants. (MAPS reserves the right to refuse to fill any trailer that is deemed unsafe)
  - Once the planter trailer/s is loaded with cane stalks by MAPS, that the cane is secured to the trailer/s. (Note: only one variety is allowable per trailer)
  - Loaded planter trailer/s are placed on the registered vehicle and secured in a way so they do not become unstable, move or fall off the transport
  - Loads do not exceed vehicle mass or dimension limits
  
2. Whilst reasonable care and skill has been taken in the drafting of this document, Mackay Area Productivity Services or their servants, agents or associated entities do not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage arising out of the use of this document.
  
3. If the document is agreed, it should be completed and two (2) copies signed by MAPS and the Farmer and each provided with a signed copy.



Additional information required to facilitate the process:

- An awareness campaign must be employed to inform growers of the option to bring their own planter trailers to MAPS Approved Seed plots for filling. This could start at Shed meetings in March, newsletter and one-on-one with Productivity Officers.
- Growers who are interested should be supplied with the appropriate Farmer Acknowledgement form well in advance.
- Growers who are interested should contact MAPS farm manager via SMS **X** days before the actual planter drop-off day
- Farm manager must reply via SMS to confirm or deny access on the nominated day of drop-off and the availability of varieties requested.
- The grower brings his signed Acknowledgement forms on pick-up day. MAPS officer countersigns and each keeps a copy.