

## CROP TRAINING SCRIPT

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**If it's cropped in Queensland, we can teach you how to grow it.**

Bill Callaghan (Dalby Campus Manager)

*"It's not simulated, it's not small gear."*

**And how to harvest it, plant, irrigate it and sell it.**

*"Ok guys, what sort of things incur GST on the land?"*

**Welcome to the Australian Agricultural College Corporation**

*"And you feel it is not leaking anywhere around the outside?..."*

**Five Campuses throughout the State.**

**Experts in teaching vegetable, tree crop and broad acre cropping.**

Greg Mickelborough (Dalby Crop Instructor) & (Dalby Student)

*"Judging from where the head is in the stem, it should emerge from the flag leaf in seven to 10 days time."*

**Dalby campus in the State's south east grows all the crops the Darling Downs is famous for. Including Wheat, Maize, mung beans, chick peas sorghum and fodder crops.**

Joe Garnham (Dalby Instructor)

*"You'll be able to look in the right location, and you'll be able to count, without having to worry about loops or microscopes."*

Joe Garnham (Dalby Instructor)

*"They learn about the insects that are likely to want to live in them, they learn about the types of chemicals that are options and how to apply them."*

David Gherashe (Dalby Production Manager ) (*pron: Jer-ass-ee*)

*"This is as close to real life as you can get."*

*"Ok right shoulder, grab the bottom of the stem... when it comes down, put your arm around here..."*

**To the north at Mareeba Campus, the Banana industry is a major employer.**

Cecil Dotti (Mareeba Instructor)

*"We get a lot of students that know nothing about bananas."*

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*"It is a bit hard on them at the start... the heat knocks them about But no it's good for them."*

**Real skills by working on commercial properties.**

Cecil Dotti (Mareeba Instructor)

*"When they finish, it's a six week course that we do, and they come out with all the basic skills, they're job ready."*

David Kilpatrick (Mareeba Instructor)

*"The thing is any marks that you get on these now are going to stay there for the life of the fruit, so we want the ones that stays on here to be perfect."*

*"Now you can see where I'm lighting it up, you can see why, it'll start burning back.."*

**At the Burdekin Campus, Sugar Cane dominates the skyline.**

Allan Green (Burdekin Sugar Instructor)

*"They love it, they love the harvesting, the hauling out, the burning, they love all that."*

**And our instructors are industry veterans.**

Allan Green (Burdekin Sugar Instructor)

*"At the moment the average age of a cane farmer is 70 year old which is, that's bad. A few years' time we're not going to have anyone to do the actual work."*

Rowan Scott (Burdekin Campus Operations Manager)

*"And we are trying to get as much out of each hectare for the dollars that we put into it."*

*"There's your seed pods and probably in about 5 weeks time they'll be ready for harvest – This is only about a ten week crop."*  
**Irrigated crop management is another specialty area.**

*"Now what happens is this reel, it grabs your wheat, and it rakes it in to these cutters in here."*

**And our Emerald Campus confirms there is no better place for learning about the cropping industry.**

Bradley Whittington (Emerald Cropping Manager)

*"They're not just doing one or two runs up and down the paddock, hop out, that's it and don't come back again, it's big enough to allow repetition of tasks, so they become better skilled at it."*

*"Keep an eye on the stubble to see if we are actually leaving any heads on the ground..."*

*"They are involved in the growing of table grapes, mangoes, avocados..."*

*"And the other thing we do is snip off about a third of the grape..."*

**And all our campuses teach practical rural skills so students emerge job ready**

David Kilpatrick (Mareeba Instructor)

*"We believe in teaching people the skills that will give them employment, and so a lot of the time we're doing the fun things like driving tractors and learning about maintaining machinery and operating specialised equipment."*

**The Australian Agricultural College Corporation.**

**Your first choice for Rural Training**

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