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Growers learn about liquid approach to Nitrogen application

Growers in North Queensland are taking a fresh look at the fit of liquids fertilisers into their farming operations.

A recent field day hosted by Incitec Pivot Fertilisers saw around 50 growers from the Burdekin and other parts of North Queensland learn first hand from farmers about the split application of Nitrogen using EASY N® liquid fertilisers.

The field day participants visited four farms in the Burdekin with each farmer explaining their experiences with using liquid fertilisers.

Incitec Pivot Fertilisers recently opened a new 5000 tonne EASY N liquids tank in Cairns which can provide North Queensland growers greater access to liquid fertilisers.

The 5000 tonne tank was filled for the first time in early June, followed rapidly by the first customer deliveries.

While access to liquid fertilisers is now a lot easier there remains a knowledge gap for some growers in using liquids as part of nitrogen management strategies.

Incitec Pivot Fertilisers Area Sales Manager for the Burdekin/Ingham region Calvin Bowmaker said that because of the high freight costs that traditionally existed for North Queensland growers a lot of people hadn't used liquids and therefore didn't know a lot about them.

"We thought that by taking them to the farms in the area that are using liquids they could get the information first hand and from that make up their minds as to whether liquids might suit their nitrogen needs," he said.

"The farmers were able to explain the use of liquids in a way that all the growers there were able to identify with so they could then go away and make an informed decision."

Some of the benefits identified by the four growers who hosted the field day visitors were the ease of use, handling and quick application of EASY N, the evenness and uniformity of application and the greater flexibility in terms of timing of application amongst many other benefits.