

# PEANUT FACT SHEET

## *Benefits of Peanuts in Cane Rotation*

- \* Break in cane monoculture (reduction in pathogens, healthier cane stools)
- \* Inputs of “free” nitrogen for following cane crop and improved soil structure
- \* Potential for longer ratoons
- \* Cane yields boosted at least 20% over whole crop cycle (QDPI&F, 2006)
- \* Fixed contracts with Peanut Company of Australia
- \* Assistance from PCA’s Farming Services Department
- \* Soil tests and contract harvesting arranged

### GROWER TESTIMONIAL

## *‘A tremendous companion to canegrowing’*

The sandy soil on the Loeskow family's 1300ha property is some of the most marginal in the Bundaberg area ... yet last year they harvested one of the best sugar crops in the region.

**The reason? A very professional approach to farming and ... peanuts.**

“Peanuts are a tremendous companion to successful canegrowing. We can address our deficiencies in the soil and really grow an excellent — not an average — crop of cane,” Neville Loeskow said.

Neville has noticed a “dramatic change” in the health of the soil since the family first planted peanuts in 1992.

**“Last year was one of the lowest sugar prices in 20 years and we made a record profit, that’s got to tell you something.”**

The Loeskows will be planting 130ha of the Hi Oleic peanut variety Holt for the 2006-07 season.

RIGHT: Agronomist Peter Hatfield (Arachis Australia) with Neville Loeskow



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