

Cashew information kit—update

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- Chemical recommendations—check with an agronomist or Infopest www.infopest.qld.gov.au
- Financial information—costs and returns listed in this publication are out of date. Please contact an adviser or industry body to assist with identifying more current figures.
- Varieties—new varieties are likely to be available and some older varieties may no longer be recommended. Check with an agronomist, call the Business Information Centre on 13 25 23, visit our website www.deedi.qld.gov.au or contact the industry body.
- Contacts—many of the contact details may have changed and there could be several new contacts available. The industry organisation may be able to assist you to find the information or services you require.
- Organisation names—most government agencies referred to in this publication have had name changes. Contact the Business Information Centre on 13 25 23 or the industry organisation to find out the current name and contact details for these agencies.
- Additional information—many other sources of information are now available for each crop. Contact an agronomist, Business Information Centre on 13 25 23 or the industry organisation for other suggested reading.

Even with these limitations we believe this information kit provides important and valuable information for intending and existing growers.

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Since the *Agrilink Cashew Information Kit* was published in February 1999 there has been no change to the status of the cashew industry in Australia. There is, however, continued interest by a few investors in expanding Australian production. It will be difficult for smaller investors to enter the industry until a processing plant is built in Australia.

World cashew prices rose slightly during 1999 and are currently about AUD\$9000 per tonne for kernel. Cashew prices are volatile and the price for top quality kernel has varied between \$4.15 to \$3.25 US dollars per pound during 1999 and 2000.

Diseases (Section 3, pages 17 and 27)

A new disease was identified in cashew at Dimbulah, north Queensland. The disease, *Cercospora blotch* (*Pseudocercospora anacardii*), causes leaf spots and in some cases can cause severe defoliation. Overseas it is generally considered to be a minor disease with little economic impact. Its importance in Australia will be monitored in coming seasons.



Cashew leaves showing symptoms of Cercospora blotch

Variety evaluation (Section 4, page 9)

The mass evaluation program is now complete and the evaluation of data from last season has started. Several elite hybrids will be selected from the mass evaluation for more extensive testing. The elite hybrid collection will be planted in two locations; Southedge (near Mareeba on the Atherton Tableland in Queensland) and Darwin in the Northern Territory.

Pest control (Section 4, page 15)

Insecticide applications

No progress has been made on the registration of new chemicals. Two products, Farnoz Endosulfan 350 EC and Agrevo Thiodan EC, are now registered for use on cashew.

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