

Product launch in north Queensland

Banana growers in north Queensland last month attended meetings to view a new insecticide product and application technique launched by Bayer CropScience and equipment company NJ Phillips.

Confidor Guard insecticide controls rust thrips and weevil borer in banana plants. The product is applied once per crop cycle, injected manually or by air-assisted pneumatic gun into the base of the banana sucker.

It is claimed this application technique improves worker safety by eliminating exposure to spray drift and treated soil. It also reduces impacts on the surrounding ecosystem including waterways and the Great Barrier Reef and beneficial insects.



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