

Weekly production figures

Wilmar Sugar Herbert region mills Week 3, ending 11 July 2020

	This week	Season to date
Cane crushed		
Victoria	110,172	271,608
Macknade	62,435	102,780
Total	172,607	374,388

Crop forecast 4.16 M

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District CCS	11.21	11.11

Cane variety performance for region

Variety	%	CCS	Variety	%	CCS
Q208	42.3	11.52	Q253	4.3	10.75
Q232	8.6	10.84	SRA3	3.8	11.40
Q200	7.5	10.75	KQ228	3.2	10.78
Q240	6.5	11.47	Q242	3.1	10.80
Q250	5.6	11.80	Q183	2.7	11.26

Comments:

Persistent showers throughout the Herbert region during the latter part of the week caused crushing disruptions due to breaks in cane supply.

As a result, crushing throughput was limited to 172,607 tonnes of cane for the week.

CCS levels improved slightly on the previous week, although wet weather is still suppressing overall weekly CCS results.

There was a serious collision involving a cane train and a John Deere harvester on Wednesday. The harvester was crossing a cane rail line in the path of the oncoming train near Victoria Mill.

Fortunately no injuries were sustained. There was considerable damage to the harvester, locomotive, track and rolling stock.

The incident serves as a reminder that cane trains can't swerve and can't come to a quick stop. It takes up to one kilometre for a fully-loaded cane train to stop, once brakes are applied.

Thanks to those growers and contractors who have harvested cane that was limiting visibility around our cane railway crossings.

However, some crossings still have poor visibility and motorists are reminded to be cautious when approaching all cane rail crossings.

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