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Burdekin crushing result up with the best

Last week's Burdekin crushing result was among the best recorded in recent years.

Wilmar Sugar's Burdekin mills crushed a total of just less than 420,000 tonnes of cane – the 2nd-best weekly throughput in the last decade.

Burdekin Cane Supply Manger Steve Postma said the result came on the back of a great performance from Invicta Mill.

"Invicta crushed 169,000 tonnes of cane for the week," Mr Postma said.

"That was its best result since 2003 and its 4th-best weekly throughput ever."

Kalamia Mill also recorded its strongest week for the season, to date.

"It took a massive effort from all sectors to safely achieve the throughput result and everyone involved deserves congratulations," Mr Postma said.

Nearly 40 per of this year's estimated 7.93 million-tonne Burdekin crop has now been crushed.

As at 8am on Tuesday, the district's mills had crushed 3.08 million tonnes of cane.

CCS levels continue to climb, with the average for the season now 14.02.

Mr Postma said the recent run of ideal harvesting conditions threatened to come to an end later this week, with rain forecast from Thursday.

“Hopefully any wet weather interruptions are minimal but the current forecast suggests there could be heavy rain,” he said.

“We’ll wait and see what eventuates and, in the meantime, will continue to focus on safely crushing as much cane as we can.”

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