

WILMAR SUGAR CRUSHING UPDATE



Tuesday, 18 October 2022

We have revised our total crop estimate upwards, due to in-season growth in the Herbert and Proserpine regions.

The total estimate for the Wilmar group of mills is now **16.28M tonnes** – an increase of 230,000 tonnes or 1.43 per cent on the previous forecast.

We have now processed a total of **10.80M tonnes of sugarcane**, or **66.33 per cent** of the total re-estimated crop.

Rain continues to have a major impact on harvesting and crushing operations, particularly in the Herbert and Plane Creek regions.

With more rain forecast, it is critical that all sectors of the industry continue to work together to get the remaining crop off.

HERBERT

CCS this week	Tonnes to date	Per cent of total	Total HBT crop
12.20	3.08M	63 per cent	4.85 million tonnes

- The Herbert crop has been revised upwards from 4.7M tonnes to 4.85M tonnes – an increase of 3.2 per cent.
- Four months of above-average rainfall has created significant cane supply challenges, and wet weather has been the major cause of lost time this season.
- We currently expect to finish the season in late December.

BURDEKIN

CCS this week	Tonnes to date	Per cent of total	Total BKN crop
15.15	5.73M	70 per cent	8.15 million tonnes

- Factory reliability has been good and the Burdekin mills have reached the 70 per cent milestone for the 2022 season.
- CCS continues its upward trend, with this week's average the highest recorded so far this season.
- We currently expect all four mills to finish the season by the third week of December.

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PROSERPINE

CCS this week	Tonnes to date	Per cent of total	Total PRO crop
14.82	1.03M	58 per cent	1.78 million tonnes

- The Proserpine crop has been revised upwards from 1.7M tonnes to 1.78M tonnes – an increase of 4.7 per cent on the previous estimate.
- With rain forecast in the coming days, the operations team is preparing a work plan to make good use of potential downtime.
- We currently expect to finish the season in late December.

PLANE CREEK

CCS this week	Tonnes to date	Per cent of total	Total PCK crop
13.78	945,000	63 per cent	1.5 million tonnes

- Field conditions have been challenging in recent weeks due to in-season rain. The field sector is doing a good job at maintaining cane supply in challenging conditions.
- Factory rate and reliability has been good.
- We currently expect to finish the season in late December.

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Our Herbert Work Execution Manager Scott Costabeber represented us at the Wilmar Cocktail Night on Saturday, and had the honour of presenting the five Maraka Queen entrants with their sashes. He is pictured above with 2021 Maraka Queen Karli Casanovas (left) and 2022 Queen entrant Kaiti-Rae Beatts (centre).

The Maraka Festival finishes this weekend with the Queen crowning, mardi gras and procession.

Home Hill Harvest Festival events are being held over the coming weeks, culminating with the grand parade and street party on 5 November.

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