

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **First million tonnes crushed**

Wilmar Sugar's Burdekin mills have crushed their first million tonnes of cane for the 2015 season.

The milestone was achieved today – day 21 of the season.

Wilmar Sugar Cane Supply and Grower Relations General Manager Paul Giordani said the opening weeks of the season had gone well.

“Pioneer, Kalamia and Inkerman mills all started crushing on 10 June and Invicta started on 11 June, after a one-day wet weather delay,” he said.

“Other than the initial disruption at Invicta, we've been lucky to escape rain delays. The Burdekin has certainly fared better than many other cane-growing regions.

“Most parts of the district have received showers in the past few weeks but not enough to disrupt the mills.”

Mr Giordani said cane quality had generally been good and CCS levels were reasonable for the time of year - averaging 12.97 for the district.

“It's great to pass the one-million-tonnes-crushed mark in June and means we've already crushed about 12 per cent of this year's estimated crop.”

The Burdekin's crop estimate remains 8.27 million tonnes.

“Early figures suggest the crop is cutting very close to our pre-season estimate,” Mr Giordani said.

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