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Proserpine season passes halfway mark

Proserpine Mill's 2015 crushing season has passed the halfway mark.

The milestone was achieved overnight on Saturday.

Proserpine Cane Supply Manager Ron Worth said Proserpine Mill was performing well, with more than 100,000 tonnes of cane crushed last week.

"That was the second time a weekly throughput total of more than 100,000 tonnes was recorded in August," Mr Worth said.

"It takes a strong effort from all sectors for a crushing total like that to be achieved."

As at 8am on Monday, Proserpine Mill had crushed about 855,000 tonnes of cane for the season.

The district's crop estimate has been revised downwards – from 1.76 million tonnes to 1.65 million tonnes.

"Unfortunately, the crop has consistently cut below estimate," Mr Worth said.

"The reduction in crop is disappointing and predominantly due to the prolonged dry weather and yellow canopy syndrome."

The crushing season is expected to be finalised in the first half of November.

With more than two months of crushing still to go, motorists are urged to remain alert for cane trains.

Cane trains will continue to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week until the season is finalised.

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