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Proserpine crushing finalised

Proserpine Mill has finalised its 2015 crushing season.

Harvesting was completed on Saturday, with the last cane billets crushed just before 2am on Sunday.

Proserpine Mill Site Manager Danny Van der Berg said a total of 1.671 million tonnes of cane was crushed for the season.

“The final weeks of crushing went very smoothly,” he said.

“The factory performed consistently, which helped ensure a well-planned finish to the season for the field sector.

“I would like to thank all growers, harvesting contractors and our employees for their efforts throughout the 2015 season.”

Mr Van der Berg said improved factory consistency was a key positive from the season.

“We’ve made some big investments in the factory over the past few years and the benefits of that work have begun to be realised,” he said.

“There are opportunities for us to further improve our reliability but we’re definitely heading in the right direction.

“Our overall aim is to perform in a way which grows confidence in the mill and the local sugar industry.”

The average CCS for the season was 14.45 – down about almost half a unit on last year’s result.

“It was an interesting year for CCS. Weekly averages stayed lower than expected for longer than usual at the start of the season but then eventually peaked at more than 16.”

Mr Van der Berg said the factory wash down would start this week and continue for most of November.

“We’ve got another large capital and maintenance investment program planned so it will be another busy maintenance season,” he said.

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