

NEWS RELEASE

First Burdekin mill finished

Invicta Mill is the Burdekin's first sugar mill to finalise its 2015 crushing season.

The factory crushed its last cane of the season about 3.20pm on Wednesday.

Invicta crushed about 3.14 million tonnes of cane for the season, which represents almost 40 per cent of the Burdekin's total crop.

Burdekin Cane Supply Manager Steve Postma said the mill recorded an excellent season, continuing to build on performance gains achieved in recent years.

"Invicta regularly crushed more than 150,000 tonnes of cane in a week throughout the season," Mr Postma said.

"As the district's largest mill, its performance has a significant impact on the region's overall season progress."

As at 8am today (Thursday), the Burdekin mills had crushed a total of about 8.15 million tonnes of cane, leaving less than 130,000 tonnes to process.

Kalamia and Pioneer mills are expected to finish crushing on Saturday, with Inkerman to finalise the Burdekin's season on 13 November.

"Although crushing is beginning to wind up, it's important for motorists to remember that cane trains will continue to operate for up to a week after the last cane bin is tipped at each mill," Mr Postma said.

“Motorists should continue to approach cane railway crossings with caution and always give way to oncoming cane trains.”

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