

WILMAR SUGAR SEASON UPDATE



Thursday, 26 October 2023

Our eight factories have processed **11.72 million tonnes** of cane, which represents **77 per cent** of the total forecast crop.

CCS levels are high, but dry conditions are beginning to impact on crop size.

We have adjusted our 2023 crop estimate down from 15.47M tonnes to **15.22M tonnes** – a decrease of 250,000 tonnes.

Most of our mills are on track to finish the season by the end of November.

HERBERT

CCS this week	Tonnes to date	Per cent of total	Total HBT crop
13.40	3.22M	80 per cent	4.0 million tonnes

- Following an estimate review, the forecast crop has been revised down by 70,000 tonnes to 4M tonnes.
- Dry conditions are prevailing across the district, resulting in declining bin weights.
- Milling throughput continues to meet budget.

BURDEKIN

CCS this week	Tonnes to date	Per cent of total	Total BKN crop
15.10	6.35M	78 per cent	8.1 million tonnes

- Following an estimate review, the forecast crop has been revised down by 100,000 tonnes to 8.1M tonnes.
- Kalamia Mill is having a very good run and should finish the season ahead of our other three Burdekin factories.
- Dry conditions are beginning to impact cane quality, which is also affecting rate and daily throughputs.

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PROSERPINE

CCS this week	Tonnes to date	Per cent of total	Total PRO crop
15.44	1.26M	73 per cent	1.72 million tonnes

- Following an estimate review, the forecast crop has been revised down by 30,000 tonnes to 1.72M tonnes.
- Last week's average CCS was the highest for the season to date, and sugar content continues to climb.
- A recent maintenance stop to bypass No.5 mill was completed and operations have resumed.

PLANE CREEK

CCS this week	Tonnes to date	Per cent of total	Total PCK crop
15.45	894,000	64 per cent	1.4 million tonnes

- Following an estimate review, the forecast crop has been revised down by 50,000 tonnes to 1.4M tonnes.
- There has been a welcome increase in CCS in recent weeks.
- The run of dry weather has made for ideal harvesting conditions but will have a negative impact on the remaining crop if there is no rain respite in the coming weeks.

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