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New cane bins for Herbert

The assembly of 90 new cane bins for the Herbert region is expected to start at Wilmar Sugar's Ingham workshop early next month.

The \$1.5 million project marks the return of double axel bogey bins to the district.

Herbert Cane Supply Manager Jim Kirchner said the double axel design offered improved bin manoeuvrability.

"There has been an ongoing project to replenish the Herbert's bin fleet," Mr Kirchner said.

"The decision to return to the bogey bins this season has been well received.

"We will produce 90 bins this year and 300 more next year."

Each bin has the capacity to hold about 9.4 tonnes of cane, with a total full weight of about 11 tonnes.

The new bins are among a number of significant capital projects being undertaken ahead of the Herbert's 2016 crushing season.

Herbert Regional Operations Manager Adam Douglas said more than \$6.3 million was being spent on the region's top five projects, which included a rebuild of Macknade Mill's ash clarifier, an upgrade of the heat exchangers on Victoria Mill's B401 evaporator and an upgrade of Victoria's A-side shredder.

“We’re also retubing the boiler seven air heater and replacing a low-grade fugal at Macknade and completing stage four of Victoria’s fugal replacement program,” Mr Douglas said.

“There is strong focus on improving factory reliability and sugar recovery, as well as improving our environmental performance.

“The projects are tracking well against our schedule and we’re confident the mills will be ready in early June.”

Mr Kirchner said the Herbert’s crop forecast was currently about 4.3 million tonnes.

“Rain in the past week has given the entire region a good drenching,” he said.

“The rain was vital for northern and western parts of the district, which had been very dry.

“Some cane in those areas is underdeveloped for this time of year, but, overall, the crop is looking good.”

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