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Herbert crushing under way

The Herbert's 2016 crushing season is under way, although wet weather continues to disrupt operations.

Crushing commenced on one milling train at Victoria Mill on Saturday morning.

Wilmar Sugar Cane Supply and Grower Relations General Manager Paul Giordani said plans to start Victoria's second milling train today were stalled due to lower-than-expected cane supply.

"Showers on Sunday and again today have restricted operations to one milling train," Mr Giordani said.

"Victoria Mill had a cane supply gap this morning and there may be more in the next 24 hours, depending on how much cane is able to be harvested today.

"We will only start Victoria's second milling train when there is sufficient cane supply to sustain crushing on both trains.

"Start up plans for Macknade Mill will also be dictated by the prevailing weather."

Mr Giordani said more favourable weather was forecast for the rest of the week.

"Provided drying conditions improve, we still hope to secure enough cane supply to enable all three of the region's milling trains to be crushing by later this week," he said.

With cane trains now operating 24 hours a day, Mr Giordani urged motorists to be alert as they travelled around the district.

“Motorists should approach all cane railway crossings with caution, obey all signs and signals and always give way to oncoming cane trains,” he said.

“With the school holidays under way, we also ask parents to talk to their children about the importance of keeping clear of the cane railway corridor, especially bridges.”

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