

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Crushing to resume this week**

Plane Creek Mill is expected to resume crushing on Wednesday, with Proserpine Mill's season tipped to finally get under way on Saturday.

Weather permitting, prospects look good for harvesting to recommence in parts of the Sarina district tomorrow (Tuesday).

Wilmar Sugar Cane Supply and Grower Relations General Manager Paul Giordani said sufficient cane supply was expected to be available for Plane Creek Mill to resume crushing on Wednesday.

"Provided the weather is favourable, cane supply should continue to build later in the week," he said.

"Plane Creek Mill had settled well prior to the rain delay, so we're hopeful of a smooth resumption to crushing."

After more than two weeks of rain delays, Proserpine's season is set to start by the end of this week.

"At this stage, there is enough interest for harvesting to start on Friday," Mr Giordani said.

"We should have sufficient cane supply for Proserpine Mill to start crushing on Saturday."

The weather delays are expected to impact potential finish dates in both regions.

“Both Proserpine Mill and Plane Creek Mill were originally budgeted to finish crushing in early November,” Mr Giordani said.

“That’s now more likely to be mid-November – provided there are no more significant season disruptions.

“Hopefully, both mills will be crushing by the end of the week and we can start to make some good in-roads into clearing this year’s crops.”

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