

# WILMAR SUGAR CRUSHING UPDATE



Friday, 3 July 2020

The 2020 crushing season is now under way for the Wilmar group, after rain delayed start dates in three of our milling regions.

Invicta Mill in the Burdekin was the first of our eight mills to kick off, on 10 June. Our Herbert and Plane Creek mills started crushing operations on 23 June, and Proserpine started up on Wednesday.

We expect to process a total of **15.07 million tonnes of cane** this season and manufacture **2.1 million tonnes of raw sugar**.

## HERBERT

| CCS this week | Tonnes to date | Per cent of total | Total HBT crop      |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 11            | 159,000        | 3.8 per cent      | 4.16 million tonnes |

- Wet weather has limited harvesting operations and cane supply this week.
- With field conditions improving, we plan to resume crushing operations at Macknade Mill tomorrow and should reach full cane supply on Sunday.
- Average weekly CCS levels are slightly below budget.

## BURDEKIN

| CCS this week | Tonnes to date | Per cent of total | Total BKN crop      |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 13.12         | 925,000        | 11.5 per cent     | 8.04 million tonnes |

- Factory reliability for start-ups has been good and we're now focussed on increasing crush rates.
- We've completed the first scheduled cleaning intermissions at all four Burdekin mills.
- Ground conditions are improving, but there are still some wet paddocks in the region and this is impacting cane supply.

## PROSERPINE

| CCS this week | Tonnes to date | Per cent of total | Total PRO crop      |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 10.79         | 14,000         | 0.9 per cent      | 1.62 million tonnes |

- Crushing got under way on Wednesday 1 July, following a 24-hour delay due to wet field conditions.
- The start-up went well and the factory is settling down, with just three days of operation so far.
- Close to a full day's throughput is scheduled for today.

## PLANE CREEK

| CCS this week | Tonnes to date | Per cent of total | Total PCK crop      |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 11.85         | 77,000         | 6 per cent        | 1.25 million tonnes |

- We're now in the second week of crushing operations and are seeing a steady rise in CCS.
- The process house is performing well but we are monitoring low bagasse levels.
- The harvesting sector is struggling with wet field conditions, resulting in some cane supply gaps.

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