

WILMAR SUGAR CRUSHING UPDATE



Friday, 2 July 2021

The 2021 crushing season is under way in all four of our milling regions, although wet weather has forced a temporary halt to crushing in the Herbert.

Our Burdekin mills were first to kick off, on 8 June, followed by Plane Creek on 15 June and the Herbert on 18 June. Proserpine Mill got started yesterday.

We expect to process a total of **15.27 million tonnes** of cane this season and manufacture about **2.15 million tonnes** of raw sugar.

Our factories have so far processed about 10 per cent of the total estimated crop.

HERBERT

CCS this week	Tonnes to date	Per cent of total	Total HBT crop
11.60	236,400	5.38 per cent	4.38 million tonnes

- Wet conditions have limited harvesting this week, and crushing came to a complete halt this morning.
- We have used the wet weather breaks to undertake cleaning intermissions at both Herbert mills.
- CCS levels are encouraging, with this week's average slightly above budget.

BURDEKIN

CCS this week	Tonnes to date	Per cent of total	Total BKN crop
13.70	1.16 million	14.50 per cent	7.97 million tonnes

- Factory reliability has been good and we are focussed on maximising throughputs by lifting crushing rates.
- Wet weather has been impacting cane supply, particularly in the southern part of the district.
- Yield, weekly throughput and CCS are all sitting above budget.

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PROSERPINE

CCS this week	Tonnes to date	Per cent of total	Total PRO crop
11.83	1,270	0.10 per cent	1.64 million tonnes

- Crushing got under way just after 10am yesterday, following some start-up issues.
- The factory is beginning to settle down and harvesting contractors are making good headway, with little impact from wet weather.
- The average weekly CCS is equal to the first week of last season, and is expected to reach comparable results.

PLANE CREEK

CCS this week	Tonnes to date	Per cent of total	Total PCK crop
12.82	121,000	9.33 per cent	1.30 million tonnes

- The factory has performed well over the first few weeks of the season.
- We have experienced some cane supply shortfalls, but throughput is increasing as ground conditions improve.
- CCS is showing an encouraging upward trend, with this week's average more than half a unit above the previous week.

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