

WILMAR SUGAR CRUSHING UPDATE



Friday, 26 October 2018

We are nearing the end of the 2018 season. Proserpine Mill has crushed out, Plane Creek Mill is expected to finish late next week and the other six mills are expected to finish during November. Wilmar's mills have now crushed a total of **13.59 million tonnes** out of an estimated **15.48 million tonne** crop, putting us at the **88 per cent** mark. CCS levels are beginning to drop off as warmer weather sets in.

HERBERT

CCS this week	Tonnes to date	Per cent of total	Total HBT crop
15.07	3.74 million tonnes	78 per cent	4.77 million tonnes

- The crop estimate has been revised down by 20,000 tonnes due to dry conditions
- Fibre levels are increasing as the crop dries out. This is causing some processing challenges
- Based on current estimates, with time allowed for wet weather, the Herbert mills are expected to finish crushing at the end of November

BURDEKIN

CCS this week	Tonnes to date	Per cent of total	Total BKN crop
15.38	7.20 million tonnes	90 per cent	8 million tonnes

- Current indications are that the Burdekin region will achieve the 8 million tonne forecast crop

- Crush rates are beginning to slow due to the recent increase in dirt and fibre levels
- Based on the estimated crop, with time allowed for wet weather, crushing is expected to finish at Kalamia Mill on 7 November, Invicta on 9 November, Pioneer on 11 November and Inkerman on 13 November

PROSERPINE

CCS last week	Tonnes to date	Per cent of total	Total PRO crop
15.54	1.56 million tonnes	100 per cent	1.56 million tonnes

- The last bin for the season was tipped at 3.20am Sunday (21 October)
- The season total of 1.56 million tonnes was 200,000 tonnes down on pre-season estimates due to dry conditions
- Season CCS was 14.95 units – one of the best in 20 years

PLANE CREEK

CCS this week	Tonnes to date	Per cent of total	Total PCK crop
15.23	1.09 million tonnes	95 per cent	1.15 million tonnes

- The crop estimate is holding at 1.15 million tonnes
- Some good rainfall in mid-October will help establish plant and ratoon crops for 2019
- Based on the estimated crop, current crush rates and time allowed for wet weather, Plane Creek Mill is expected to finish the season next Friday (2 November)

Best regards

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