



**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 focused 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.

## 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.

Best regards

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