

Thursday, 28 October 2021

We've now processed **85 per cent** of the estimated **14.68 million tonne** crop and are in the final weeks of the 2021 season.

Three of our eight sugar mills are expected to crush out within a fortnight. Our other five factories are expected to progressively finish up over the following weeks.

As we near the end of another busy season, I'd urge all growers and harvesting contractors to keep safety at front of mind. Please take extra care on farms, roads and around our cane rail network.

HERBERT

CCS this week	Tonnes to date	Per cent of total	Total Herbert crop
13.09	3.12 million	80 per cent	3.89 million tonnes

- Fine dry conditions prevail across the Herbert as we enter the final weeks of the season.
- CCS continues to track below budget. This week is the first time this season that average weekly CCS has gone above 13 units.
- Based on the current crop estimate, forecast factory throughputs and no rain disruptions, we expect to see the last cane harvested on 24 November.

BURDEKIN

CCS this week	Tonnes to date	Per cent of total	Total Burdekin crop
14.45	7 million	89 per cent	7.85 million tonnes

- About 90 per cent of the total estimated crop will be processed by the end of this week.
- The last planned cleaning intermission for the Burdekin mills for 2021 will be carried out at Inkerman Mill next week.
- The three north bank mills are currently expected to finish the season by 10
 November, with Inkerman expected to finish on 21 November.

PROSERPINE

CCS this	week	Tonnes to date	Per cent of total	Total Proserpine crop
14.63		1.3 million	82 per cent	1.58 million tonnes

- Field conditions have dried out since last week's rain event disrupted harvesting.
- Factory reliability has improved over the last few weeks, resulting in good weekly throughputs.
- The last day of harvesting for the Proserpine region is currently expected to be 18 November.

PLANE CREEK

CCS this week	Tonnes to date	Per cent of total	Total Plane Creek crop
15.14	1.09 million	80 per cent	1.36 million tonnes

- Harvesting conditions remain favourable, despite the ongoing threat of storms.
- Good factory reliability and lower-than-budget CCS levels have resulted in good throughputs over the past few weeks.
- We currently expect to finish the season at Plane Creek in the first week of December.

Best regards

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