

## BURDEKIN GROWER UPDATE



**Tuesday, 28 May 2024**

- We promised to keep you informed of any further impact to start dates as a result of the current industrial dispute.
- In recent days, we have been notified of escalated industrial action across all of our sugar factories.
- It includes work bans, overtime bans and work stoppages and is planned for tomorrow through to, and including, Monday 3 June.
- While we are doing our best to limit disruption, the ongoing industrial action will set back work to prepare our factories for the start of season.
- As a result, we have pushed back the planned start dates further for three of our Burdekin mills.
- The new start dates are:
  - **Inkerman Mill - Thursday 6 June**, as previously advised - two days later than originally planned
  - **Pioneer Mill - Monday 10 June** - six days later than originally planned
  - **Kalamia Mill - Monday 10 June** - six days later than originally planned
  - **Invicta Mill** on one side - **Tuesday 11 June** - seven days later than originally planned.
- There is a continuing threat of further escalation that could push back the start dates further.
- As you may know, earlier this month we asked the Fair Work Commission to assist in resolving our enterprise agreement dispute.
- Today, representatives from Wilmar and the three unions met with the Fair Work Commission to report back on the latest round of bargaining.

- We advised the Commission that we intend to put a fresh proposal to a ballot of employees covered by the enterprise agreement on 10 June.
- We remain committed to resolving the dispute and mitigating the impact on our grower suppliers and the community.
- However, we cannot accept an outcome that threatens the future of our factories, hundreds of jobs and the livelihoods of innocent third parties.
- We will continue to work closely with you and keep you informed.

Best regards

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