

INTERNAL REPORT - NOT FOR PUBLICATION



SUNSHINE SUGAR

CRUSHING SEASON UPDATE

WEEK ENDING: 7/09/2025

	Harwood	Broadwater	Condong	TOTALS
Commenced Crushing	20-June-2025	16-June-2025	19-June-2025	
Completed Crushing				
Cane crushed (tonnes for week)	27,225	24,522	0	51,747
Cane crushed (tonnes year to-date)	219,520	217,777	129,881	567,177
Average CCS (week)	11.89	11.65	0.00	11.78
Average CCS (year to-date)	11.16	10.59	11.05	10.91
Crushing Rate (tonnes/hr)	195	207	0	200
Crushing Rate (year to-date)	179	196	154	179

Comments

Harwood

A fair week of crushing with 27,225 t of cane crushed at 195 t/hr. Unfortunately wet weather did cause some downtime heading into last weekend.

- Avg CCS was 11.89 against a budget of 12.40.
- Avg cane purity was 86.41 against a budget of 86.0.
- Avg cane ash was 3.38% against a budget of 1.57.
- Avg cane fibre was 16.4% against a budget of 16.2%.

Total lost time for the week was 26.8 hrs.

Major lost time issues were:

- 12.0 hrs to wet weather.
- 8.0 hrs to a site blackout caused by a blown fuse on the boiler spreader air fan.
- 2.8 hrs to high liquor stocks due to a low grade massecuite getting hung up in the pan.
- 2.5 hours to rotate and replace shedder tips.

Will be stopping Thursday (tomorrow) for our planned evaporator clean and maintenance day.

Broadwater

An improved crushing performance 20,546 t of Broadwater cane and 3976 t of Condong cane crushed at Broadwater for a total crush of 24,522 t, against a budget of 30625 t.

Total lost time for the week was 48.85 hours (budget 44.0 hours) included:

- Wet weather- 0.00 hrs
- Clarification – 2.68 hrs
- Evaporators – 3.48 hrs
- Crushing station – 4.00 hrs
- Feeding station – 2.96 hrs
- Cane Supply – 1.2hrs
- Cane Transport – 0.43 hrs
- Boiler – 7.42 hours
- Planned maintenance and cleaning 26.32 hours

A fast-tracked maintenance day was undertaken on the 05/09 to clean a dirty evaporator set that was limiting processing rates. This clean had moderate success only, and so the production team has been working on finding the root cause of the rate limitation this week. The crushing pause also allowed Cape Byron to replace a torn C6 conveyor belt. A boiler trip during the factory restart extended the outage into the 06/09.

The feeding and crushing station had a mixed bag of loose trash bars, cane belt chokes, furry back rollers, mill slips from muddy cane and hydraulic drive trips contributed 6.96 hrs of stops.

Average crush rate improved to 207.26t t/hr (Budget 240 t/hr - note with up to 40tph HWD cane).

Cane CCS again increased a unit to 11.65 (budget 12.6), purity 84.00 (85.5), fibre higher at 15.84 (15.4) and ash was lower at 2.91%, reflecting improved harvesting conditions.

Bin weights averaged 24.82 over the week (Max. 25t).

Condong

Due to the failure of the neutral earthing coils on the Cogen step-up transformer, no cane was crushed for the week as we had no power to the site. However, 3,757 tonnes were harvested and sent to Broadwater for crushing, utilising the Condong truck fleet.

Cogen repair was completed on Saturday and power was restored to the site, steam was available again Saturday night.

It took considerable time to restart the factory as had to clean out hard sugar from vessels before they could be restarted.

A caustic clean of evaporators was completed before we restarted crushing around 2pm on Tuesday.