



SUNSHINE SUGAR

CRUSHING SEASON UPDATE

WEEK ENDING: 2/11/2025

	Harwood	Broadwater	Condong	TOTALS
Commenced Crushing	20-June-2025	16-June-2025	19-June-2025	
Completed Crushing				
Cane crushed (tonnes for week)	20,754	19,859	10,064	50,677
Cane crushed (tonnes year to-date)	430,469	429,303	297,939	1,157,711
Average CCS (week)	12.70	12.28	12.49	12.49
Average CCS (year to-date)	11.82	11.47	11.73	11.67
Crushing Rate (tonnes/hr)	181	210	145	182
Crushing Rate (year to-date)	185	205	159	184

Comments

Harwood

A rain interrupted week of crushing with 20,754 t of cane crushed at 181 t/hr. 5 x bins (133 t) of Harwood cane was crushed at Broadwater.

- Avg CCS was 12.69 against a budget of 12.40.
- Avg cane purity was 84.03 against a budget of 85.8.
- Avg cane ash was 1.13% against a budget of 1.55%.
- Avg cane fibre was 15.30 against a budget of 16.5.

Total lost time for the week was 50.5 hrs due mostly to wet weather.

Major lost time issues were:

- 48.4 hrs due to wet weather.
- 1.2 hrs to replace the damaged bin door hook at the cane tip.
- 0.5 hrs to clean/replace the filters on No 2 Mill pressure feeder hydraulic power pack.

Bin Weights :

- Avg steel bin = 22.16t.
- Avg aluminium bin = 25.85t.
- Overall avg = 24.61t.

Unfortunately we were unable to complete an evaporator clean while down for wet weather due to our caustic soda transfer pump failing and it was unable to be repaired. A new unit is ordered and will be fitted asap.

The planned to stop for today Wednesday to perform a clean was cancelled as the caustic soda transfer pump has not been installed. Plan is to push the evaporators as long as possible before stopping next week. The stop timing will be dependent on how long we can manage the evaporator performance and maintain near budget crushing rate.

Broadwater

A poor week of crushing at Broadwater following an extended boiler and mill planned stop, and wet weather limiting harvesting capacity. A total of 21,581 t of Broadwater cane was harvested. Broadwater crushed 19,859 tonnes of cane that included transfers of 26 tonnes from Condong and 133 tonnes from Harwood. Broadwater also transferred 1881 tonnes of cane to Condong during the extended mill outage.

Total lost time for the week was 70.46 hours (budget 55.0 hours) and included the following stops:

- Wet weather- 23.3 hrs
- Clarification – 2.1 hrs
- Evaporators – 0.3 hrs
- Crushing station – 1.6 hrs
- Feeding station – 0.92 hrs
- Cane Supply – 1.18 hrs
- Cane Transport – 0.0 hrs
- Boiler – 45.75 hours
- Planned maintenance and cleaning 22.75 hrs

An extended CBM boiler stop to repair a leaking economiser in the boiler provided an opportunity to complete a more permanent repair on the juice clarifier to limit mud and fibre bypassing into the evaporator supply juice. This repair was completed and tested, providing confidence that the persistent issue was resolved.

Cane purity continues to be challenge to processing.

Average crush rate was 210.37 t/hr.

Average Cane CCS was lower to 12.26 (budget 12.7), purity low at 81.50 (85.0), fibre at 16.26 (16.1) and ash increasing to 1.98%.

Bin weights averaged 26.2 t over the week.

Following week 20 crushing, we have 158,222 tonnes cane to harvest and crush with up to 6 weeks remaining in the season.

Condong

A wet weather interrupted week with only 10,064 tonnes crushed at an average rate of 145 t/hr.

CCS averaged 12.5 which remained above the 5 year average of 12.3. Cane purity however very low at 81.5% (budget 85.2%).

Cane fibre averaged 15.2% and cane Ash rose slightly with the onset of wet field conditions to 1.6%.

Average bin weight was 25.98 tonnes.

There was a total of 92.9 hrs of stoppages for the week, the major stops were:

- 46.3 hrs – Cane Supply, wet weather (2 stops),
- 31.3 hrs – Cogen, repair fuel conveyor, issues with turbine gland steam on restart, then low Demin water levels,
- 10.5 hrs – Mill maintenance, completed whilst stopped for wet weather.

Chemical clean on evaporators completed prior to mill restart after wet weather on Monday 3/11. Unfortunately, Cogen have a tear in fuel conveyor FC6 that needs to be replaced on Wednesday 5/11 – expect this will result in a mill crushing stop of around 24 hrs.