



SUNSHINE SUGAR

CRUSHING SEASON UPDATE

WEEK ENDING: 29/06/2025

	Harwood	Broadwater	Condong	TOTALS
Commenced Crushing	20-June-2025	16-June-2025	19-June-2025	
Completed Crushing				
Cane crushed (tonnes for week)	24,627	26,022	17,094	67,743
Cane crushed (tonnes year to-date)	30,702	50,542	26,442	107,687
Average CCS (week)	10.68	10.12	11.25	10.61
Average CCS (year to-date)	10.67	10.32	11.06	10.60
Crushing Rate (tonnes/hr)	171	191	152	172
Crushing Rate (year to-date)	120	198	153	158

Comments

Harwood

Week 2 was a reasonable week considering the energy management elements limiting the operations.

The mill crushed 24,627 tonnes of cane at 171 t/hr crush rate. There were 665 tonnes of Harwood cane transferred to be crushed at Broadwater Mill.

- Avg CCS was 10.68 against a budget of 10.3
- Avg cane purity was 85.02 against a budget of 82.8
- Avg ash was 2.06 against a budget of 3.9
- Avg fibre was 16.75 against a budget of 17.0

Total lost time for the week was 23.7 hrs with a large portion of the last time being for the planned generator programmed maintenance required of 13.45 hrs.

Major lost time issues were:

- 13.45 hrs to service all generator sets and balance utility and generators energy load
- 5 hrs to fault find and repair a faulty lubricating oil stop solenoid on the shredder.
- 1.4 hrs to cane supply.
- 1.1 hrs to replace packers and tighten down no 4 mill cap bolts.

Caustic clean is being completed during the wet weather stop this week.

The 3MW generator repair is progressing well with weekly review meetings providing updates from the AC Hargreaves team in Brisbane who are rebuilding our generator. The engineering team are working through timing of installation, commissioning of the generator and the recent turbine that was installed. This will require a site stoppage impacting Mill, Boiler and Refinery, once we have a better overlay on the timing I will provide an outline of our plans. Initial estimated timing approximately 96 hours of operational impact.

Week 2 transfers to Broadwater have been impacted by NHVR improvement notice on bins needing to be tarped. Team is working through activating tarps on as many of the aluminium bins they can to improve this situation so transfers can continue in the coming weeks. We have engaged support from Australian Transport Compliance Centre (ATCC) to review the situation / rules with NHVR to see if we have any opportunity to manage more effectively.

Based on current available information from harvesting perspective depending on weather and drying conditions we are anticipating being back in operations this Friday.

Broadwater

Another reasonable week of crushing, with 25,357.26 t of Broadwater cane and 664.9 t of Harwood cane crushed. Total crushed for the week was 26,022.16 against a budget of 23,005 t.

We completed a short and productive maintenance day on the 26/06 and replaced shredder tips that were in poor condition despite only processing a small amount of cane. Mill maintenance checks were also undertaken.

On the 27/06 the team completed control system changes designed to assist the handling of wet muddy cane at the tip and transfer conveyors to the shredder.

Numerous short duration cane supply stops impacted on the crushing rates and mill efficiency.

A power grid trip and subsequent issue on the restart 5.7 hr stop on the 28/06.

Total lost time for the week was 32.0 hours against a budget of 62.0 hours and included:

- Crushing station – 5.7 hours
- Cane Supply and Transport – 15.0 hours
- Mud clarification – 2.3 hours.
- Boiler – 6.1 hours

Crush rate for the week was 190.9 t/hr.

Cane quality was reasonable with CCS 10.11 (budget 10.1), purity 81.33 (82.3), fibre 17.2 (16.3) and ash 3.27

Bin weights averaged 23.96t over the whole week. (Max 25t).

We are planning a 13-hour stop on Wednesday 2nd for evaporator cleaning and other longer duration maintenance work.

Condong

A reasonable week, given the wet field conditions, with 17,094 tonnes crushed for the week at an average rate of 152 tcph.

Crushing rate was restricted by cane supply due to wet field conditions.

CCS was good and averaged 11.2 (5yr ave is 10.7). Cane purity was above budget at 84%.

Cane fibre slightly above budget at 15.5% and Cane Ash was better than expected given the wet conditions at 2.3%.

Stoppages totalled 56.7 hrs for the week, major stops were:

- 36.2 hrs – Cane Supply, wet weather (5 stops)
- 1.5hrs – Crushing, chokes in mills due to high ash cane
- 1.6 hrs – Crushing, remove excess fibre from mill beds
- 2.6 hrs – Crushing, repairs to No 3 mill bed pump
- 1.9 hrs – Feeding, High amps No2 cane carrier (4 stops)
- 6.0 hrs – Evaporators, chemical clean.

Stopped crushing on Monday due to the heavy rain, aim to restart crushing on Thursday around midday. Opportune chemical cleaning of evaporators will be done Thursday before start of crush.