

INTERNAL REPORT - NOT FOR PUBLICATION



SUNSHINE SUGAR

CRUSHING SEASON UPDATE

WEEK ENDING: 24/08/2025

	Harwood	Broadwater	Condong	TOTALS
Commenced Crushing	20-June-2025	16-June-2025	19-June-2025	
Completed Crushing				
Cane crushed (tonnes for week)	14,397	7,340	7,414	29,151
Cane crushed (tonnes year to-date)	177,245	175,738	127,361	480,345
Average CCS (week)	11.26	9.55	11.87	10.98
Average CCS (year to-date)	11.02	10.43	11.02	10.81
Crushing Rate (tonnes/hr)	185	175	143	170
Crushing Rate (year to-date)	177	196	155	176

Comments

Harwood

Another rain interrupted week of crushing with 14,397 tonnes crushed at 185 t/hr. Significant rain fall across the harvest area brought crushing to a stop at 11:00pm Wednesday 20th August. During the wet weather stop we managed opportunity to clean the evaporators as well as undertake maintenance work on the factory and milling train.

- Avg CCS for the week was 11.26 against the budget of 12.2.
- Avg cane purity for the week was 85.85 against a budget of 85.6.
- Avg cane ash was 2.8% against a budget of 1.95%.
- Avg cane fibre was 16.07% against a budget of 16.3%.

Total lost time for the week was 89.2 hrs most of which was due to wet weather. Major lost time issues were:

- 80 hrs to wet weather.
- 4.1 hrs due to a No 1 750 kW generator tripping off causing a blackout in sections of the factory.
- 2.1 hrs to repair a faulty bearing on No 3 bagasse conveyor take up roller.
- 2.2 hrs to a server crash which stopped data transfer from the mill weighbridge.

Average bin weights: steel bins 22.31 tonnes, aluminium bins 24.25 tonnes & average weight overall 23.53 tonnes.

Bin type utilised: steel bins 230 & aluminium bins 382.

This week poor weather has impacted our ability to harvest for crushing and at this stage we anticipate we will resume crushing tomorrow afternoon with 4 harvesters resuming operation tomorrow.

Broadwater

Another rain affected week with 7339.50 t of Broadwater cane crushed.

Total lost time for the week was 126.1 hours against a budget of 46.0 hours and included:

- Wet weather- 51.7 hrs
- Clarification (high mud levels) – 41.65 hrs
- Evaporators – 1.12 hrs
- Crushing station – 19.1 hrs
- Feeding station - 1.26 hrs
- Cane Supply – 0.0 hrs
- Cane Transport – 0.0 hrs
- Boiler – 0.0 hours

Settling of high mud loads in the clarifier proved to be a considerable challenge last week and had a major impact on our ability to clear burnt cane in a timely manner. Several flocculant variations were undertaken with varying levels of success. This is still a work in progress.

A Hagglund drive pump bearing failure on No 2 mill (12.98hrs) and the failure of pneumatic positioners on No 4 mill feed chute (5.98hrs) were other notable stops.

Average crush rate 175.17 t/hr (Budget 260t/hr - note with up to 40tph HWD cane).

Cane CCS still lower than budget at 9.42 (budget 12.3), purity 78.30 (85.2), fibre 18.93(15.4) and ash 5.93%.

Bin weights averaged 24.88 over the week (Max. 25t).

Condong

Due to further rain, throughput for the week was reduced to 7,414 tonnes at an average rate of 142 t/hr.

CCS averaged 11.9 (5 yr ave 12.1) and cane purity averaged 84.8% (budget 85.4%).

Cane fibre was 15.5% and cane ash averaged 2.7%.

Average bin weight was 24.63 tonnes.

Stoppages totalled 116 hrs for the week, major stops were:

- 113.1 hrs – Cane Supply, Wet weather (2 stops),
- 1.7 hrs – Clarification, High mud levels in clarifier.

Waiting for field conditions to improve and hopefully resume crushing on Thursday.