



SUNSHINE SUGAR

CRUSHING SEASON UPDATE

WEEK ENDING: 31/08/2025

	Harwood	Broadwater	Condong	TOTALS
Commenced Crushing	20-June-2025	16-June-2025	19-June-2025	
Completed Crushing				
Cane crushed (tonnes for week)	15,050	17,516	2,519	35,085
Cane crushed (tonnes year to-date)	192,295	193,255	129,881	515,430
Average CCS (week)	11.37	10.65	12.50	11.09
Average CCS (year to-date)	11.05	10.45	11.05	10.83
Crushing Rate (tonnes/hr)	183	186	140	180
Crushing Rate (year to-date)	177	195	154	177

Comments

Harwood

Another rain interrupted week of crushing with 15,050 tonnes crushed at 183 t/hr.

Very wet field conditions have made harvesting very difficult and the factory is still seeing the effects of the wet conditions in week 12 (current week) with very high mud loading throughout the week.

- Avg CCS was 11.37 against a budget of 12.3.
- Avg cane purity was 85.69 against a budget of 85.8.
- Avg cane ash was 2.71% against a budget of 1.9%.
- Avg cane fibre was 16.88% against a budget of 16.2%.

Total lost time for the week was 86.9 hrs with 78 hrs of the total lost to the wet weather.

Major lost time issues were:

- 78 hrs to wet weather.
- 3.7hrs to replace leaking hydraulic oil lines on No 1 mill pressure feeder drive.
- 3.3 hrs to repair a large hole in the 2nd mixed juice tank.
- 1.1 hrs to an IT server crash – HWDLABSQL01 SQL Server
- 0.75 hrs to No 3 Mill overspeed trips.

Average bin weights: steel bins 22.60 tonnes, aluminium 24.16 tonnes & average weight overall 23.59 tonnes.

No. of bin type utilised: steel bins filled 233 & aluminium bins filled 405.

Broadwater

A slightly better throughput this week with 16637 t of Broadwater cane and 1098 t of Condong cane crushed at Broadwater, for a total crush of 17,735 t.

Total lost time for the week was 79.92 hours against a budget of 44.0 hours and included:

- Wet weather- 49.8 hrs
- Clarification (high mud levels) – 15.4 hrs
- Evaporators – 0.2 hrs
- Crushing station – 1.83 hrs
- Feeding station - 0.6 hrs
- Cane Supply – 3.86 hrs
- Cane Transport – 0.18 hrs
- Boiler – 3.98 hours

Early in the week we continued to have significant issues settling mud in the clarifier and removing the mud through the mud filters. We reviewed the operational issues and systematically implemented changes to plant and mud dosing to increase fibre to the clarifier and improve mud particle binding.

Mud filter performance increased, and ash levels in cane gradually decreased over the week.

The high mud levels also caused slippage issues on No.2 mill resulting in several brief stoppages.

A tear in No.6 fuel conveyor on the Cogeneration plant was temporarily repaired, and scheduled for replacement on the 05/09.

Average crush rate was low at 186.28 /hr (Budget 260t/hr - note with up to 40tph HWD cane).

Cane CCS increase over a unit to 10.65 (budget 12.4), purity 79.54 (85.4), fibre higher at 16.74 (15.4) and ash was lower at 3.62%.

Bin weights averaged 24.53 over the week (Max. 25t).

A planned maintenance day will be brought forward to the 05/09 to enable extended cleaning of fouled evaporators.

Condong

Commenced crushing after wet weather stop on Friday morning, however stopped again Saturday morning when site blacked out due to failure of Cogens neutral earthing transformer.

Only 2,519 tonnes crushed for the week at an average rate of 140 tcph

A further 1,098 tonnes was crushed at Broadwater before end of week on Sunday.

CCS averaged 12.5 (5 yr ave 12.2) and cane purity averaged 84.9% (budget 85.5%)

Cane fibre was 15.2% and cane ash averaged 2.2%

Average bin weight was 24.44 tonnes

Stoppages totalled 156.9 hrs for the week, major stops were:

- 123.0 hrs – Cane Supply, Wet weather
- 32.8 hrs – Cogen, step up transformer failure

Still waiting on confirmation from Cogen as to when repairs will be completed, estimate at this stage is not before Friday. Continuing to send cane to Broadwater each day, using out truck fleet, until we resume crushing.