

Minutes of Meeting

CSMC

Meeting Title:	Cane Supply Management Committee Meeting	Meeting Date/Time:	8/5/2024 – 10:00
Meeting Type:	Cane Supply Management Committee Meeting	Meeting Location:	Condong Ag house
Meeting Coordinator:	Phillip Scroope	Issue Date:	10/5/2024

Attendee Name	Initials	Present	Role / Organisation / Email
Robert Hawkins	RH	N	
David Bartlett	DB	N	
Alan Brown	AB	Y	
Johan Lambrechts	JL	Y	
Aaron Baker	ABa	Y	
Phillip Scroope	PS	Y	
Doug Irby	DI	N	
Tory Lizzio	TL	Y	Substitute for D Bartlett
Michael McDonald	MM	Y	Substitute for R Hawkins

Meeting Purpose
2024 season crop estimate

Meeting Agenda	Notes
Mill maintenance	Maintenance is progressing well. Maintenance team on track to have mill ready by mid-June. Major maintenance undertaken was vessel wall replacement for clarifier & ESJ tank, new stainless steel process hot water tank, new stainless steel vapour pipe No3 pan, shredder grid bar refurbishment, replacement No3 elevator chain. Big focus on design and construction of flood mitigation measures
Grower Estimate	Grower estimate completed and came in at 460,000 tonnes. Grower yields appear to be a bit low (and were lower than the satellite estimate), Nominated standover area is also lower than historical only 770 ha (ave ~ 1140 ha). Discussion was had around the yield and was decided that the grower estimation was too low and was agreed that the estimate be raised to 475,000 tonnes. Also discussed the low amount of nominated standover and affect this will have on crop size if more cane is stood over.
Crop estimate	Crop Estimate set at 475,000 tonnes
Production plan	Based on crop of 475,000 tonnes, 5 yr average stops (19hr/wk inside & 20 hr/wk outside), ave crush rate 165 tcph. Results in a 22.4 week season. If season start is 17/6 then forecast end of season is 21/11. Given that there is a feeling from the growing sector that the crop maybe bigger than 475,000 tonnes, plus its likely will lose time to wet weather early in season and the requirement to endeavour to finish the season before end of November, it was agreed that the start of season date will be the 17/6
Harvesting arrangements	Agreement has been reached that Rockview and Partridge will Harvest the Crabbes creek and Mullum cane this season, the cane will be cut in 4 rounds with Rockview and Partridge doing 2 rounds each.
Fire Ant	Draft permit discussed. Requirement for harvesters and infields to be cleaned when they leave the fire ant controlled movement zone (5k radius zone) Exemptions for bin movements are detailed in the permit, some minor points , mostly around inspections will need to be clarified with the DPI.

	Very likely that the fire ant controlled movement order will remain in place at least until the end of the 2024 season.
PAE matters	<p>Carlos Brannon v Alan Partridge dispute over share farming agreement has had a court ruling in Alan Partridges favour, that is, the current share farming agreement will stay in place</p> <p>The PAE will be reinstated so that Partridge can supply the cane to the mill under the T&C 's of supply</p> <p>As Carlos had already cancelled the shares, and given the situation, no shares will be required to be held for this area.</p>

Decisions Made		
Description	Decision Date	Decision Owner
Crop estimate for 2024 season set at 475,000 tonnes	8/5/24	CSMC
Start of 2024 crushing season set at Monday 17 June 2024	8/5/24	CSMC

Action Items			
Description	Status	Target Resolution Date	Owner
Follow up with DPI to get clarification on items around bin movements listed in the draft permit in regard to Red Fire Ant control order		24/5/24	JL

Notes for website – Condong CSMC	
Mill maintenance	Maintenance is on track for a mid-June start of crush. Maintenance program has had a focus on vessel refurbishment and milling and feeding station reliability. Also has been a big focus on flood mitigation projects
Grower Estimate	460,000 tonnes, however the grower yields look to be low (satellite yields were higher) and the amount of nominated stand over cane is lower than average
Crop Estimate	CSMC after much discussion agreed to set the crop estimate for 2024 season at 475,000 tonnes
Production plan	Production plan gives a 22.4 week season, based on 475,000 tonnes crop, 19hr/wk inside stops & 20hr/wk outside stops and 165 teph ave crushing rate. To endeavour to satisfy the requirement of finishing the season before the end of November, the CSMC agreed that the season start date will be Monday 17 th June. The production plan gives a forecast season end date of 21/11/24
Harvesting	Arrangements are in place for Crabbes creek and Mullum cane to be harvested by Rockview and Partridge harvesting groups this season
Red Imported Fire Ant control order	Likely the control order will remain in place for the 2024 season. The DPI have issued a draft permit for the harvesting of sugar cane which has been distributed for review and feedback. The Permit contains conditions that allow the movement of cane and cane bins and harvesters (& infields) into and out of the controlled movement zone