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Wilmar's Proserpine Mill first across the line

Proserpine Mill is the first of Wilmar's eight mills to finish the 2018 crush.

Mackay Regional Operations Manager Craig Muddle said the last bin was tipped at 3.20am Sunday (21 October), and the total throughput for the season was 1.56 million tonnes of cane.

The season CCS was 14.95 units, which is one of the best in 20 years.

"Proserpine has had a particularly good season," Mr Muddle said.

"While the crop dropped off from our pre-season estimate, the sugar content has been high due to the cool, dry conditions. To get a season CCS just shy of 15 units is a good result," he said.

"We've also had very good factory performance. Reliability has been high, and that's largely due to the work we've done in recent years around defect elimination and root cause analysis of faults.

"Most importantly, we've also had a safe season. I'd like to acknowledge all of the mill employees, growers and harvesting contractors for their efforts in maintaining safe practices."

Wilmar's Plane Creek Mill at Sarina is expected to finish crushing next Friday (2 November). The first of Wilmar's four Burdekin mills is expected to crush out on 7 November while the Herbert mills are expected to finish the season at the end of November.

Proserpine Mill is the third factory in Australia to finish the 2018 season, behind Bundaberg Sugar's two mills.

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