COGENERATION

Wilmar is Australia’s leading producer of renewable energy from biomass.

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But we are not finished – we are looking for opportunities to increase production of renewable energy by driving even more efficient use of biomass.

CLEAN, SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

- In 2018 we contributed 10% of Queensland's renewable energy generation and about 1% of Australia's large-scale renewable energy target
- Our eight mills have a total generation capacity of 202 megawatts, producing over 620,000 megawatt hours a year
- Two of the five largest biomass generators in Australia are Wilmar mills

NATURE’S BATTERY

- Bagasse is nature's battery for stored energy
- Each year we convert the energy in over 5 million tonnes of bagasse into renewable energy
- The stored energy in bagasse means we can generate and dispatch electricity 24/7 throughout the year

AUSTRALIA’S LARGEST BIOMASS-ONLY GENERATOR

- Our Pioneer Mill near Ayr is Australia’s largest generator running only on biomass
- Pioneer Mill’s generation capacity is 68 megawatts
- It can operate year-round, day and night

FAST FACTS

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We burn bagasse to produce steam for both the sugar making process and to drive turbines that generate electricity

We export about 350,000 megawatt hours into the power grid each year, enough to supply more than 76,000 Australian homes for a year

* Based on 2018 average household consumption

One truckload of bagasse stores energy to power two Queensland homes for more than a year

The energy stored in one stockpile of bagasse at a mill can power 2,000 homes for a year – that’s more electrical energy than 90 of South Australia’s giant lithium batteries

Pioneer produces approximately half of Wilmar’s total export portfolio

Wilmar could install another two generating facilities of the same scale as Pioneer

ABOUT WILMAR

Wilmar Sugar Australia is the nation’s largest sugar producer and a major provider of renewable electricity and BioEthanol. Our joint ventures, Sugar Australia and New Zealand Sugar, market a range of sugar and sweetener products under the familiar brands CSR, Chelsea and Equal. We use our unique expertise and resources to support local communities, enhance grower productivity and encourage innovation to pave the way for a safe, sustainable sugar industry we can all be proud of.

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