



27 September 2017

## **Circular to Growers**

### **Farleigh 48 Hour Stop**

A 48 hour stoppage has been scheduled at Farleigh mill to address a number of critical maintenance issues. The opportunity will also be taken to complete a number of smaller jobs during this extended stoppage. While two days has been scheduled to complete the work, this is the best case scenario, and there is a risk that due to the number of jobs to be completed it may extend over this timing. The progress will be monitored and growers supplying Farleigh mill will be contacted to advise of any changes in the scheduled completion.

There will be no harvesting on 4 October and very limited allotments on 5 October to selected groups to improve season-to-date equity across the groups supplying Farleigh mill.

The critical job to be completed during this stoppage is the replacement of the Primary Juice Tank. This tank had been identified for replacement during the 2017/2018 maintenance season, however due to two sudden and significant failures of the conical bottom along fabrication crease lines this work will be brought forward. A new tank is being fabricated and will be installed on the existing structure.

The jobs to be completed during this stoppage include:-

- Replacement of the primary juice tank
- No. 4 boiler - superheater loop repair
- No. 3 boiler - secondary air ducting inspection
- No. 1 mill bottom pressure feed hydraulic motor - replacement
- Prepared cane elevator – repair tail sprockets
- No. 5 and 7 vacuum pans – repair leaks
- No. 4 mill turbine – repair rotor

The stoppage will commence at 5.00 a.m. on Wednesday 4 October and will continue on Thursday 5 October 2017. This will extend the season by approximately 16 hours.

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