



Mackay
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Circular to Mackay Sugar Growers

Dear Grower,

Mackay Sugar has consulted with CANEGROWERS Mackay and the ACFA as grower representatives of the Bargaining Agents with regards to the starting date for Mackay Sugar's three (3) Mackay Mills for the 2017 season.

It has been agreed that the planned starting dates for Mackay Sugar factories, subject to prevailing weather conditions, will be as follows:

Farleigh Mill	30 May 2017
Marian Mill	6 June 2017 – 1 milling train
	14 June 2017 – Second milling train
Racecourse Mill	8 June 2017

You would be aware of the substantial damage to the transport system as a result of Cyclone Debbie, however, with the very significant amount of repair work completed, there will be sufficient track available for the season to commence. Repairs to branch lines continue and it is anticipated that most lines should be in operation within three weeks although some work and disruption will carry over into the crushing season. Consultation will occur with those affected.

With favourable weather, we are anticipating a crop in the vicinity of 5.3 million tonnes. We look forward to a positive and safe season for all.

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