

MIDLANDS SOUTH EXTENSION MATTERS

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Dear Grower

Below are the Midlands South Yield and TRV/ha data for the different Wards for the 2022/2023 season. Please note CTS data and grower Crop Summary data was used to calculate these results.

I only used areas above 10 ha as minimum size. The top yields do not always correspond to the best RVt/ha and vice versa for the lowest. Please use these results to compare your farm within your ward.

If you would like me to come and discuss your own operation with you please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Ward Results			Ward Results		
	Tons/Ha	TRV/ha		Tons/Ha	TRV/ha
Baynesfield			Mid-Illovo North		
Highest	101.79	12.52	Highest	109.16	14.21
Lowest	69.16	8.4	Lowest	93.3	11.57
Eston			Powerscourt		
Highest	120.49	14.42	Highest	130.33	14.21
Lowest	61.79	8.02	Lowest	68.92	9.3
Gumtree			Richmond		
Highest	124.73	14.72	Highest	140.44	17.27
Lowest	53.78	6.18	Lowest	68.71	8.18
Ntimbankulu			Mid-Illovo South		
Highest	128.44	16.57	Highest	140.4	17.55
Lowest	72.6	8.49	Lowest	58.08	6.85
Thornville			Tala Valley/Umlaas Road		
Highest	123.59	14.77	Highest	124.16	12.79
Lowest	75.37	7.46	Lowest	37.55	4.88

There has been a great deal of talk about cane quality of certain varieties and why we should plant these and not the newer varieties. Please see the breakdown below of the top 10 varieties sent to the Mill during the 2022/23 season.

What is encouraging to see is that the fibre and Non-sucrose figures have not changed much from last season. This could have been a big issue with the quantity of carry over cane.

All growers this season gave much more attention to correct topping as well as sending only the best quality cane to the Mill.

What these figures do not tell us is the T/RV per variety and which would have been the most economical.

Variety	Total tons cane (unadj.)	% of crush (adj.)	Moist % cane	Fibre % cane	Non-sucrose % cane	Sucrose % cane	Purity	RV % cane
N12	283595	23.7	68.8	15.8	2.0	13.54	87.2	12.1
N54	268313	22.4	68.9	15.9	2.2	13.20	85.9	11.7
N48	174503	14.6	69.3	15.5	2.1	13.25	86.2	11.8
N52	167418	14.0	68.7	16.2	2.2	13.09	85.8	11.6
N31	64930	5.4	68.8	16.2	2.2	13.00	85.6	11.5
N50	60455	5.1	69.1	15.8	2.1	13.15	86.3	11.7
N37	48732	4.1	68.9	15.9	2.1	13.29	86.5	11.8
N61	28023	2.3	69.3	15.2	2.2	13.52	86.1	12.0
N41	16666	1.4	68.9	15.8	2.2	13.30	86.0	11.8
N35	14928	1.2	70.5	14.1	2.2	13.30	85.5	11.8
N62	14917	1.2	69.8	15.2	2.4	12.76	84.2	11.2