

## **DTN District Pre-harvest Update**

**8/20/2025**

This letter serves as an update on the start of pre-pile harvest activities, factory startup, and upcoming adjustments to the pre-harvest schedule across the majority of the Drayton District.

We're pleased to report a good start to the pre-harvest season, with very good shareholder participation. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

The factory has also had a good start to its campaign. There have been a few startup issues, which are expected and have been resolved. The operations team has the factory running well, and we are currently slicing approximately 10,000 (TPD). The summer expansion projects have been performing well; however, a temporary shutdown is scheduled next week to make necessary adjustments to the new diffusion tower. Although the exact duration of the shutdown is still being determined, the shutdown is expected to last between 24 and 48 hours, beginning Monday night. Slicing operations are projected to resume sometime between Tuesday night and Wednesday night.

To prepare for this downtime, we plan to run out of beet inventory in Bathgate and maintain minimal inventory in one of the DTN Yard sheds, where ventilation will be used to preserve the beet inventory.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to process the full Bathgate quota before the shutdown, so we will need to finish receiving the Bathgate quota next week. This week, we plan to pile approximately 23,000 tons, with the remaining 15,000 tons to be received beginning Tuesday, August 26, to supply beets for the factory's restart.

In the Drayton Yard, we will finish receiving group 1 prepile this week. Drayton Yard Group 2 will follow a similar approach we are doing in Bathgate. We plan to receive approximately 18,000 tons this week, and the remaining 33,000 tons to be received beginning Wednesday, August 27, to supply beets for the factory's restart.

Additional locations—including Hamilton, Humboldt, McArthur, St Thomas Group 3, DTN Yard Group 3, and DTN Yard Group 4—will also be impacted by the temporary shutdown. Once the factory restart timeline is confirmed, we will post the revised schedule online and notify you accordingly. For planning purposes, please anticipate a delay of one to two days for most stations and groups from the originally scheduled date.

We will continue to update you through internet updates and text messages as we move through harvest.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and commitment to a successful harvest. As always, feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

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