EXTRACTING the juice from sugar cane is the first step in the factory process. Here is shown the crushing rollers at the trial run at Cajun Co-op last weekend. They, the Iberia Co-op and M. A. Patout mill are receiving cane and expect to start today or tomorrow.

Three More Sugar Mills Taking Cane For Grinding

Three more sugar mills in the Teche area are taking cane today and expect to start the processing this afternoon or tomorrow. The Iberia Sugar Co-op in the New Iberia area and the M. A. Patout Enterprise Mill, Patoutville, report receiving cane.

However, Vida Sugars which had set Monday the 26th as a target date reports postponement to later next week when sucrose content is hoped to be better.

Duhe Bourgeois Mill in Jeanerette has been receiving cane since Wednesday but because of mechanical problems did not grind Thursday. Today they are grinding slowly. Their mill capacity is 2200 tons and they received 1700 tons Thursday.

Lealton Duhe reports sucrose improving with 34 samples averaging 10.49 and 71.12 purity Thursday. In some sample the purity went 74 to 76 per cent.

THE two Co-op mills in New Iberia expect to start operating this afternoon and the Patoutville mill Saturday.

At St. Mary Co-op at Sorrel sucrose tests were below 11 with about 70 purity. They are operating slowly receiving 27400 tons Thursday although the capacity of the mill is 3300.

Mills in the Franklin area have been operating about a week.

The Louisa Sugar Co-op reportedly lost a boiler Thursday and is not operating. Official comment on the incident was not obtainable by press time.

Farmers are urged to cut tops as low as possible and therefore improve the sucrose and purity content.