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havana, dec 23, reuter -- the cuban 1982-83 sugar harvest has achieved excellent results during its first month, granma reported today.

grinding at the mills has been both high and stable, the newspaper said. a chart published by granma shows the month's average grinding index at 94 per cent of full capacity. cuba bases its projections for sugar production on an average of 86 per cent of the mills' potential.

+to end the year 1982 with a 92 per cent or greater average would be a good gift for the 24th anniversary of the revolution,+ granma said.

a cuban sugar industry source here said that plans call for surpassing the 8.2 million tonnes crude sugar output of the past campaign during the present harvest, which is scheduled to end on april 30, 1983. last year's production figure was the second highest in cuban history.

--reuter lem/syl