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Various sugar related articles

The Executive Director would like to draw your attention to the articles below all of which are relevant to the sugar sector.

Sugaronline Ebriefing

BRAZIL: Sugar exports rise 24% to 3.95 million t in September

Brazil exported 3.954 million metric tonnes of sugar in September, up 23.8% from the same month last year, according to data from the Department of Foreign Trade (Secex) of the Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade (MDIC), reports Sugaronline.

Data on sugar exports considers 21 business days in September 2024, compared to 20 business days in September 2023.

Revenue from sugar exports in September this year totaled US\$1.82 billion, compared to US\$1.62 billion in the same month last year.

The average price of sugar exports was US\$459.8/t in September, compared to US\$509.2/tonne in September 2023.

According to Reuters, the sugar volume exported in September this year surpassed the previous record of 3.951 million tonnes in October 2020.

UK: Raw cane sugar import quota to remain at 260,000 tonnes

The UK government has confirmed that, following a review, the Autonomous Tariff Quota (ATQ) on raw cane sugar has been maintained at 260,000 tonnes for 2025, reports **Sugaronline**.

In the review, the government noted that some responses to the consultation argued that the ATQ has displaced developing country exports of raw cane sugar to the UK, eroding the value of UK trade preferences, and had knock-on development impacts. It also noted that several respondents stated that the UK could meet the raw cane sugar demands of the UK market through existing trade arrangements, and that the ATQ is not required. Two respondents said that African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) industries would advocate financial mitigation measures if the ATQ was still in force. One respondent, a country that produces raw cane sugar that is exported to the UK, stated they would consider diversification away from the UK market.

Meanwhile, responses in favour noted that the ATQ has led to more sugar processing in the UK, where value is added in the UK rather than overseas, has supported jobs and investment predominantly in Newham, London.

The review stated that the government will make an announcement on the process for the renewal of the ATQ for 2026 and subsequent years in due course.

BRAZIL: Geo Bio signs deal with GIZ to develop SAF production from biogas

Geo Bio gas&carbon and the Brazil-Germany Cooperation for Sustainable Development have signed a partnership to help develop Brazil's first plant to produce sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) from biogas, according to RPA News.

Around EUR7.8 million (US\$8.5 million) will be invested in the project, of which EUR1.5 million (US\$1.6 million) will come from the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, which will be implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

The plan is to develop a sustainable production model on a commercial scale and share the experience acquired at the production plant – to be implemented in cooperation [with Copersucar](#) – with other companies to replicate the project.

BRAZIL: Santos port sets new record in 2024

Brazil's Santos Port set a new record for the total cargo volume handled in containers in the first nine months of 2024, **reports Sugaronline.**

Santos Port exported more than 4 million TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent unit) in the first nine months of the year. The volume in tonnes was also a record-high, reaching 44.5 million tonnes moved in containers.

Sugar exports from Santos port totaled 20.8 million tonnes in the first nine months of September, of which 2.6 million tonnes were exported in containers.

VIETNAM: Sugar industry says Vietnam's cane productivity ranks first in ASEAN region

The Vietnam Sugarcane and Sugar Association (VSSA) has said that the Vietnamese sugar industry has led the ASEAN region in sugar productivity for the first time in 2023/24, with a crop yield of 6.79 tonnes per hectare, according to the Vietnam Plus.

The crop yield was higher than the ones recorded by other producers in the region, including Thailand, Indonesia, and the Philippines. The VSSA said mechanization for land preparation had surpassed 90%, and some companies have invested in new technologies to digitalize the management of sugar mills.

The Sugarcane Research Institute has also introduced 23 new sugarcane varieties, including 12 Vietnamese hybrids.

FRANCE: Farm ministry forecasts 2024 sugarbeet production at 34.2 million T

France's agriculture ministry agency Agreste expects the country's sugarbeet production in 2024 to total 34.18 million metric tonnes, up 7.8% from 2023 and 5.7% higher than the five-year average, according to estimates released on Oct. 15, **reports Sugaronline.**

"The beet harvest is just beginning: if yields are confirmed in the high five-year range, production could increase to 34.2 million tonnes," Agreste said in an updated production [report](#).

Sugarbeet yield is estimated at 83.2 t/ha, practically the same as in 2023. The sugarbeet crop area in 2024 is projected at 411,000 hectares, up from 381,000 hectares in 2023.

In its previous estimate released [in September](#), Agreste estimated France's sugarbeet production to be 34.38 million tonnes.

BRAZIL: São Martinho mill awarded certification that supports ethanol supply for SAF production

The São Martinho sugar mill, located in Pradópolis, in São Paulo state, has received the ISCC Corsia Low LUC Risk certification, the first sugarcane-based ethanol producer to receive this certification, according to Novacana.

The certification attests that the ethanol produced by the unit does not generate greenhouse gas emissions related to indirect land use impact, such as deforestation and conversion of agricultural land.

With this certification, the São Martinho unit is able to supply sugarcane-based ethanol with reduced carbon intensity for the production of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF). The company said it now has the largest certified area in Brazil under the International Sustainability and Carbon Certification (ISCC) scope.

ARGENTINA: High international sugar prices prompt industry to export

High sugar prices in the international market and forecasts of increased local production in 2024 have motivated Argentina's sugar industry to sign export commitments, according to La Gaceta. The president of the Argentine Sugar Centre (CAA), Jorge Feijóo, said the industry has registered contracts for 560,000 metric tonnes in sugar shipments.

At the end of September, 265,487 tonnes of sugar had been dispatched, of which 59,245 tonnes to comply with the US quota, 65,763 tonnes of organic, 71,543 tonnes of white and 68,935 tonnes of raw sugar.

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Sugar Supplies Seen Dwindling to Lowest in Years in Early 2025 - Bloomberg - Global sugar supplies are seen shrinking to the lowest level in six years in early 2025 as drought hampers production in top exporter Brazil, according to commodities trader Czarnikow Group Ltd. Extreme dryness has eroded sugar-cane crop conditions, limiting mills' ability to produce sugar in the latter months of the current season and signaling a delayed start to next year's harvest, Pedro Mizutani, Czarnikow head of raw sugar trading, said during a conference in Sao Paulo.

Brazil's Cosan rolls out top leadership changes, swaps CEO of Raizen - Reuters - Brazilian conglomerate Cosan said on Monday that its board had approved head of strategy Marcelo Eduardo Martins to take over as chief executive, replacing outgoing Nelson Gomes. Gomes will now become CEO of ethanol producer Raizen, a joint venture between Shell and Cosan, Cosan said in a filing. Cosan has stakes in several firms, including over 30% in rail operator Rumo, and under 5% in miner Vale. Cosan added in the filing that Ricardo Mussa, Raizen's current CEO, will move over to lead Cosan's investment arm.

Datagro Cuts Brazil Center-South Sugar Forecast to 38.7m Tons - Bloomberg - Sugar output from Brazil's top producing region of the Center-South is seen at 38.7 million tons in the current season, consultancy Datagro says during conference in Sao Paulo. That's down from a September estimate of 39.3 million tons. Extreme drought caused the spread of crop disease and limited mills' capacity to produce sugar, Datagro president Plinio Nastari says Sugar cane crushing to total 593m tons in the 2024-25 crop year. That compares with 654.43m tons in the previous season Sugar mix — the amount of cane juice used for sweetener — seen at 48.6% this year. For 2025-26 season, cane availability at the start of year is seen lower due to impacts of recent drought and fires.

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Coca-Cola to deliver on full-year guidance with 'all-weather strategy,' despite Q3 volume slowdown



Coca-Cola beat Wall Street estimates for its third quarter despite volumes and revenue declines, as the beverage giant pursues an "all-weather strategy" and offsets challenges with innovation in Sprite, Fanta and Topo Chico, company CEO James Quincey shared during the quarterly investor call yesterday.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2024/10/24/coca-cola-beats-wall-street-estimates-for-q3-2024-earnings>

Unilever and Danone volumes up and beat Q3 financial expectations



Powerhouses Unilever and Danone have outpaced third-quarter financial forecasts, a result of increased volume sales, and in contrast to competitor Nestlé's downgrade earlier this month.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2024/10/24/unilever-and-danone-q3-2024-financial-update-volumes-rise>

Food industry attacked as 'accountability' taxes called for



Food manufacturers could be bound by a list of measures compiled in a bid to better regulate and hold industry accountable for unhealthy products and their consequences to consumer health.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2024/10/24/Attack-on-food-industry-calls-for-more-health-taxes>

Policymakers call on Coca-Cola, General Mills, PepsiCo to address pricing practices



Letters sent by Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Representative Madeleine Dean (D-Penn.) to the CEOs of Coca-Cola, General Mills and PepsiCo express concern over pricing and tax practices that, according to the policy makers, “squeeze profits out of their customers.”

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2024/10/07/Policymakers-call-on-Coca-Cola-General-Mills-PepsiCo-to-address-pricing-practices>