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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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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.

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**Sugaronline Ebriefing**

**SRI LANKA: Government to seek investors to invest in tourism projects in sugar factories**

Sri Lanka's government has decided to open a call for private investors interested in setting up tourism projects through public-private partnerships at the state-run Pelwatte and Sevanagala sugar factories, to find ways to generate income for the units, according to Economy Next.

Local workers have [already warned](#) about a crisis faced by the two factories owned by the state-run firm Lanka Sugar Company due to financial losses.

Minister Nalinda Jayatissa said that a feasibility study identified four locations within the Pelwatte Sugar Factory premises for development of eco, agro, or wellness tourist attractions. He did not specify locations identified within Sevanagala premises.

**ARGENTINA: Sugarcane harvest has passed halfway point**

Sugar mills in Argentina have crushed more than 53% of the total sugarcane expected to be processed this season, with sugar and ethanol production volumes similar to 2024, according to the Tucumán Institute for the Promotion of Sugar and Alcohol (IPAAT), reports Sugaronline.

[By Aug. 19](#), sugar mills in Argentina had crushed 14.46 million metric tonnes of sugarcane for the 2025 cycle, and produced 974,662 tonnes of sugar and 266.35 million tonnes of ethanol, according to data collected by IPAAT.

Experts from IPAAT and from sugar industry association Centro Azucarero Argentino (CAA) met last week to evaluate the sugarcane crushing progress, according to a [statement](#) released by IPAAT on Aug. 17.

The sugar industry has increased exports this season, and contracts for shipments of almost 550,000 tonnes of sugar had already been closed, according to IPAAT, citing information provided by the president of CAA, Jorge Feijóo, during the meeting.

Sugar production in Argentina in 2025/26 is estimated to reach 1.88 million metric tonnes, according to [estimates](#) released by the US Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) post in Buenos Aires in May.

**BRAZIL: Government defends ethanol import tariff, proposes cooperation to expand markets**

Brazil's government has defended the tariff it imposes on ethanol imports and proposed collaboration with the United States to expand market access for the biofuel in other countries, in [response](#) to the USTR [investigation](#) into Brazil's trading practices, reports Sugaronline.

Brazil said it has not imposed discriminatory barriers against US ethanol, arguing that the 18% tariff on imported biofuel is applied equally to all countries (outside Mercosur).

It also noted that Brazilian ethanol exports to the US are geographically limited, mostly destined to California, and have decreased from US\$664 million in 2019 to US\$203 million in 2024.

"Current trade trends already show declining exports from Brazil without the need for remedial measures under Section 301 or through any other trade authority," the Brazilian government said in its official response to the office of the US Trade Representative (USTR).

Brazil said it remains open to pursuing bilateral discussions aimed at improving ethanol market access conditions, and is committed to "deepening bilateral technical cooperation on biofuels, including ethanol, and to expanding market access in third countries, consistent with the Brazil-US 2007 Memorandum of Understanding."

The Brazilian government also cited the [2020 Joint Statement on Ethanol](#) issued by Brazil and the US, in which both countries agreed to "conduct results-oriented discussions on an arrangement to improve market access for ethanol and sugar in Brazil and the United States."

**TURKMENISTAN: Government launches international tender for construction of sugar plant**

Turkmenistan's State Association of Food Industry has announced an international tender for the construction of a sugarbeet processing and granulated sugar production plant in the country, according to the two separate news reports published by Trend and BT Business news agencies on Aug. 20.

The sugar plant would be built in the Mary Province with an annual capacity of 224,000 metric tonnes.

Bidders should submit their offers within 30 business days from the date of publication of the tender announcement in the official news gazette.

**MALAWI: Illovo Sugar secures loan to ease pressure on foreign currency reserves**

Illovo Sugar Malawi has secured a \$45 million loan facility from SUCOMA Holdings, its majority shareholder, designed to alleviate pressure on the company's foreign currency reserves, according to the Maravi Post.

The sugar company has the option to increase the amount in the loan facility by an additional \$15 million.

Illovo Sugar Malawi has been facing foreign currency liquidity constraints due to limited export volumes and a broader shortage of foreign currency within the domestic market, according to chairman Jimmy Lipunga.

**BRAZIL: Louis Dreyfus opens intermodal sugar terminal in Pederneiras, São Paulo**

Sugar trader Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC) has opened an intermodal sugar terminal in Pederneiras, São Paulo, providing an additional logistics option to flow sugar production from the centre-south to the Santos port via rail, reports Sugaronline.

"With the sugar terminal, LDC becomes even more competitive, as it allows for strategic storage of the product, optimises commercialisation during the season, and offers an efficient road-rail

logistics alternative," director of LDC's Sugar Platform in Brazil, Guilherme Correia, said in a [statement](#) on Aug. 21.

"With the start of operations in Pederneiras, we will double our sugar volumes transported by rail, reaching 50% in the country."

The new intermodal terminal, located in an area of 120,000 square metres (m<sup>2</sup>), includes 14,000 m<sup>2</sup> of built area. A bulk warehouse in the terminal can handle at least 150,000 metric tonnes per month and has a static capacity of 90,000 tonnes.

LDC said the facility features a modern receiving and shipping system, including automatic sample collection, automated scales, and conveyors, capable of receiving up to 6,000 tonnes of sugar per day in two shifts. It can also ship up to 8,500 tonnes per day by rail, totaling an annual capacity of 1 million tonnes.

The Pederneiras terminal, the second logistics asset of LDC's Sugar Platform, will operate in synergy with the Guarujá Sugar Export Terminal (TEAG), where the company operates through a joint venture.

The Pederneiras terminal should also allow synergy gains with LDC's grain operations. The company expects to increase railroad flow and load trains with 80 railcars of grain and sugar daily, according to João Paiva, Global director of Ports and Waterways at LDC.

"This integration between commodities boosts the grain volumes sent to both the Guarujá Export Terminal (TEG) and the Santos Export Terminal (TES), in addition to the sugar volume sent to TEAG, reinforcing our long-term commitment to developing production chains and the flow of the agricultural products we work with," he said.

### **BANGLADESH: Government and Pakistan agree on cooperation in sugar sector**

Bangladesh and Pakistan have decided to set up a working group to advance cooperation in the sugar industry during a meeting this week, according to bdnews24.com.

They've also discussed signing a memorandum of understanding between the Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) and the Pakistan Halal Authority (PHA) to strengthen collaboration in standards and certification.

### **BRAZIL: Sugar hedging estimated at 27% of 2026/27 exports**

Brazilian sugar mills have hedged around 9.77 million metric tonnes of 2026/27 sugar exports using ICE futures by the end of July, according to estimates by Archer Consulting.

This volume of sugar is equivalent to 27.13% of the total export volume expected for the next season, starting in April 2026, according to a weekly [market commentary](#) released by Archer Consulting's director Arnaldo Luiz Corrêa on Aug. 22.

The average price in the total volume of sugar hedged so far is 17.15 cents per lb, equivalent to BRL2,497.34 per tonne FOB Santos, including the polarisation premium.

In July, sugar hedging for 2026/27 totaled 1.3 million tonnes at an average price of 16.68 cents per lb, equivalent to BRL2,294.21 per tonne FOB Santos.

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### **ED & F Man Daily**

**Egyptian sugar output to reach record on higher beet production - Al Arabiya** - Egypt is on track to produce 3.1 million mt of sugar this season, a record high, thanks in part to beet sugar production increasing to 2.5 million mt, from 1.5 million mt last year, the agriculture ministry said. Beet output surged by 50% on year to 18 million mt as a result of the area increasing from 600,000 acres to 780,000 acres, itself the result of the higher beet prices.

**FoodNavigator.com**  
**Global plastics treaty talks collapse**



After years of negotiations, no global regulations to tackle plastic pollution have been agreed  
<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2025/08/21/un-global-plastics-treaty-talks-collapse/>

**The sweetener trust crisis brands can't ignore**



Consumers are turning away from sweeteners amid rising health concerns and distrust. What does this mean for the future of food and beverage?

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