



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.

Sugaronline Ebriefing

VIETNAM: Sugar industry forecasts 8% rise in 2025/26 sugar output

The Vietnam Sugarcane and Sugar Association (VSSA) expects sugar production in the country in the 2025/26 season to total 1.37 million metric tonnes, compared to 1.27 million tonnes in 2024/25, according to Vietnam+.

The chairman of the association, Nguyen Van Loc, presented the production figures for the 2024/25 season and estimates for 2025/26 during a conference in Hanoi on Sept. 2.

Sugar mills in Vietnam are expected to crush 13.34 million tonnes of sugarcane in 2025/26, compared to 12.43 million tonnes crushed in 2024/25, concluded in June.

BRAZIL: Fuel distributors sign contracts for 12.2 million litres of anhydrous ethanol to blend with gasoline in 2025/26

Brazilian fuel distributors have signed contracts for the purchase of 12.2 million litres of anhydrous ethanol to be mixed with gasoline and supplied between June 2025 and May 2026, according to the National Agency of Oil, Natural Gas and Biofuels (ANP), reports Sugaronline.

This volume of anhydrous ethanol will be mixed with pure gasoline to generate 40 million litres of gasoline type C, which is blended with ethanol.

ANP recorded 504 contracts between 141 ethanol suppliers and 135 fuel distributors from June 2025 to May 2026, according to its [report](#) on the Brazilian ethanol market released on Aug. 4.

ANP requires fuel distributors in Brazil to close contracts, by May 2 of each year, to secure the amount of ethanol equivalent to 90% of the volume of gasoline type C sold in the previous year.

For the 2025/26 year, 91% of the total volume sold in the previous year had been contracted.

Sucro and Santander Sugar form JV to invest in refining capacity and supply Caricom

North American sugar refining company Sucro and Belize's Santander Sugar announced on Sept. 4 a joint venture to invest in new sugar refining capacity to supply the Caricom market, reports Sugaronline.

Through the new JV, [Caribbean Sugar Refinery](#), the companies plan to invest USD20 million to establish a sugar refinery within Santander Sugar's mill complex in Belize, with initial refining operations targeted 2026.

"The refinery aims to supply over 75% of Caricom's refined sugar needs, with further plans to expand to Trinidad and Tobago to meet up to 150% of regional demand, and explore export opportunities to North America and Europe," the companies said in a [statement](#).

Santander Sugar will manage and operate the new refinery, overseeing logistics and procurement, and ensuring alignment with the Belizean sugar sector and stakeholder communities.

The companies said the project is expected to generate "substantial direct and indirect employment in Belize and across the Caribbean, promote intra-regional trade, and provide a stable market for regional sugar producers."

"This joint venture represents a transformative step for the Caribbean sugar industry," said Jonathan Taylor, Sucro founder and chief executive officer (CEO).

"By leveraging regional resources and expertise, we aim to strengthen food security, support local farmers, and create sustainable economic opportunities for the Caribbean."

Santander Sugar's CEO Jose Rodriguez said that the collaboration with Sucro and the Government of Belize "ensures that the benefits of this project are shared across our communities, fostering growth and stability in the region."

Belize's minister Osmond Martinez said the partnership aligns with the government's "vision for economic growth, job creation, and regional integration."

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Raizen Owners Said in Talks to Sell Stake to Mitsubishi – Bloomberg - Brazil sugar and ethanol producer Raizen SA's controlling shareholders are in talks to sell a stake to Mitsubishi Corp. as part of a plan to raise capital, according to people familiar with the matter. The conversations are in an early stage, and Mitsubishi is still mulling whether to make a proposal for shares of Raizen, the people said, asking not to be identified because negotiations are private. Raizen is a joint venture between Brazilian holding company Cosan SA and London-based oil producer Shell PLC. Cosan is aiming for a capital injection of 10 billion reais (\$1.8 billion) for Raizen to reduce its soaring debt.

Ukraine 2025/26 sugar output seen falling amid problems with exports, union says - Reuters News - Ukraine is likely to reduce white sugar production to up to 1.5 million metric tons in 2025 from 1.8 million tons due to significant stocks and export challenges, the head of the national sugar union Ukrtsukor said. During the Soviet era, Ukraine produced 5 million tons of sugar from sugar beet, but since then it has sharply reduced production, mainly due to export difficulties. The war with Russia has reduced production, as a significant part of the population has left the country and consumption has fallen significantly. Sugar union head Yana Kavushevskaya told Komersant Ukraine video service that Ukraine consumed about 0.9 million tons of sugar in the 2024/25 September-August season and was likely to keep the same level of consumption in 2025/26. She said the country exported 575,000 tons of sugar in the 2024/25 season compared to 692,000 tons in the previous season. Export volumes may decrease even further in the new 2025/26 season, mainly due to the introduction of sugar import quotas by the EU.

South Africa's sugar farmers face 'double whammy' from Trump tariffs, cheap imports – Yahoo finance - Nkosinathi Msweli's sugar cane farm in KwaDukuza - a rural, largely poor region on South Africa's eastern coast - has for three decades been a solid, albeit small, economic success story, employing eight full-time staff and 30 seasonal workers. But cheap sugar imports were already eating into his earnings when President Trump announced a steep tariff on South African imports, creating what Msweli called a "double whammy" that now leaves the 53-

year-old facing tough choices. South African farmers are struggling to compete with cheap imports, and depressed global prices resulting from large harvests in major producers like India and Brazil have, meanwhile, added to the pain. And Trump's 30% tariff on imports from South Africa is set to deal a blow to exports. South Africa had previously benefited from a duty-free quota for 24,000 metric tons of sugar exports to the U.S. market under Washington's flagship trade initiative for the continent, the African Growth and Opportunities Act.

US sugarbeet photos show the good and bad of 2025 growing season so far – Agweek

- Sugarbeet conditions were mostly good across the U.S. in early August, but there were pockets of problem, including south central Montana, where hail storms over the summer destroyed some fields. The U.S. sugarbeet crop in 2025 is sizing up to be average to above-average, but there's a lot of differences from field to field. There may be lush fields where the rains fell compared to a thinner stand where it stayed dry. That's the case for farmers in Michigan Sugar, where conditions vary with spotty rains. Or it may be a case where hail destroyed one field while the nearby field is still standing, like in parts of Western Sugar's regions. Greg Gabel of Huntley, Montana, shared numerous photos of massive hail storms that went through the area east of Billings, Montana, in June and July.

India food secretary urges sugar industry consensus on export quotas - The Economic Times

- Food Secretary Sanjeev Chopra said the prospects for the sugarcane crop look bright and called on industry bodies to reach a consensus on their demand to allocate export quotas only to mills willing to ship from their own facilities. Sugar exports are currently on a restricted list, with the government controlling volumes through quotas distributed proportionally among mills. While sugar production in the 2024-25 season ending next month is "looking good as of now," prospects for the new sugarcane crop are "much better than last year," he said. "We are still waiting for the advance estimates from the agriculture ministry. We will comment once we have the estimates," Chopra said.

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