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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**

**GERMANY: Beet sugar industry forecasts 5% decline in 2025/26 sugar production – WVZ**

Germany's refined beet sugar production is expected to decline by 5% in 2025/26 from the previous season, mainly driven by a smaller acreage and the impacts of sugarbeet diseases, according to sugar industry association WVZ, reports Sugaronline.

Beet sugar production is projected to reach 4.4 million tonnes in 2025/26, compared to 4.64 million tonnes in the previous campaign, according to WVZ's first estimate for the season [released Sept. 8.](#)

The total planted area is estimated at 350,146 hectares (ha), which is lower than the 386,154 ha recorded last season and the five-year average of 363,454 ha.

A total of 28.91 million tonnes of beets are estimated to be harvested this season, compared to 32.70 million last season and the five-year average of 28.58 million tonnes.

Beet yield is seen at 82.6 tonnes per hectare this season, compared to 84.7 t/ha in 2024/25 but above the five-year average of 78.5 t/ha.

The sugar content is estimated to rise to 17.2%, from 16.33% last year and slightly above the five-year average of 17.13%.

Sugarbeet cultivation in Germany continues to face challenges due to SBR and Stolbur diseases. WVZ warned that initial estimates for the 2025/26 crop, based on results of an initial assessment, should be viewed with caution as the overall impact of SBR and Stolbur diseases remains uncertain, despite the positive effects of pesticides approved to combat the pests this year.

**BRAZIL: Cosan says potential investors have actively approached it**

Cosan said in a statement on Sept. 4 that it has been actively approached by potential investors interested in investing in both the company and Raízen, according to a [statement](#) released in response to recent media reports.

"Although negotiations are ongoing, no decision has been made or commitments made to date," the company added.

Cosan, Raízen's controlling shareholder along with Shell, had previously [stated](#) that it had been evaluating potential investors for the capitalisation of Raízen.

### **MOLDOVA: Suedzucker begins beet harvest campaign**

Suedzucker Moldova started its 2025 sugarbeet harvest campaign in late August, following a challenging agricultural year impacted by frosts in April, according to a [statement](#) released by the company on Aug. 30.

The company plans to harvest 7,388 hectares of sugarbeet this season at the fields located in the northern districts of Moldova.

Following a spring with favorable weather conditions, frosts in April compromised over 5,400 hectares of beet fields. Around 5,205 hectares were resown with beets and 228 with other crops. Suedzucker Moldova said careful monitoring of plant density, root development and soil moisture allowed it to adjust its harvesting plan and logistics, ensuring that sugarbeets would arrive at the Drochia factory in "the best conditions."

### **AUSTRIA: Agrana starts 2025 sugarbeet processing campaign**

Agrana has announced the start of its 2025 sugarbeet processing campaign in September, adding that favourable weather conditions this year have contributed to beets developing well, reports Sugaronline.

"The weather in the fall will be decisive for the final sugar formation," Agrana said in a [press release](#) on Sept. 9. The company's sugar mill in Tulln began processing activities on Sept. 5.

Agrana's 2025 autumn campaigns are now in full swing for all its crops at six sites across Australia. The food company also processes corn, starch potatoes and apples.

"Our teams have fully prepared the sites for the campaigns and performed various set-up and maintenance tasks aiming to achieve more energy efficiency and CO2 reductions," said Agrana's chief executive officer (CEO), Stephan Büttner.

At Agrana's sugar mill in Tulln, there is now greater reliance on biogas from its own production activities, the company added.

At the starch mill in Gmünd, Agrana has invested in a heat recovery system for this year's campaign.

### **AUSTRALIA: Data suggests Australia is meeting WHO guidelines on daily sugar intake**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has released data showing a decline in consumption of sugary foods and drinks in Australia over the past three decades, according to The Conversation.

Australia's sugar energy intake from food and drinks declined from 12.5% in 1995 to 8.2% in 2023, meeting the World Health Organisation's (WHO) guidelines recommending that daily sugar intake be limited to 10% of total energy intake.

### **BRAZIL: Sugarcane industry expects to benefit from new biomethane mandate**

Brazil's sugarcane industry has welcomed a new government [decree](#) that establishes decarbonisation goals for the natural gas sector, focusing on the gradual adoption of biomethane, reports Sugaronline.

The mandate becomes effective in 2026, when overall greenhouse gas emissions in the natural gas segment should be reduced by 1%, according to the decree published in the government's official gazette on Sept. 5.

This percentage may increase to up to 10% in the following years.

Producers and importers of natural gas must meet their decarbonisation goals through the purchase of biomethane or Biomethane Origin Guarantee Certificate (CGOB) issued by biomethane producers.

"The Brazilian sugarcane industry, which holds the largest potential for biomethane production from agro-industrial byproducts such as vinasse and filter cake, reiterates its strategic role in promoting a circular economy, generating jobs, attracting investment, and increasing national competitiveness," sugarcane industry association UNICA and bioenergy producers' group Bioenergia Brasil said in a joint statement.

"The use of biomethane not only reinforces Brazil's environmental commitments, but also directly contributes to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the energy sector and other areas of the Brazilian economy."

### **SERBIA: Sunoko plans to produce 170,000 T of sugar in 2025**

Sunoko announced on Sept. 9 that it has started this year's sugarbeet processing campaign at its processing centres in Vrbas and Pećinci, with plans to produce 170,000 metric tonnes of sugar, reports Sugaronline.

The company plans to process around 1.2 million tonnes of sugarbeets from nearly 22,000 hectares, which is lower than the production figures from the [previous year](#).

Sugarbeet sowing this year began later than planned due to rainy weather in March, and around 12% of the sown areas had to be resown due to frost, crust, and wind damage. Production was also impacted by extreme drought and heatwaves from the end of May until mid-July.

"Despite unfavorable weather conditions, sugarbeet has proven to be more resilient than other field crops and has justified its title as the queen of the fields," general director of Sunoko, Slobodan Košutić, said in [a press release](#).

"On most areas, yields are expected to be at the level of the five-year average. Despite the smaller area sown with sugarbeet, this year's campaign will ensure stable supply of the domestic sugar market, with certain quantities available for export."

The company said that its Research and Development Center has monitored diseases and pests, providing farmers with recommendations on how to protect their crops, as well as suggesting cane varieties resistant to drought. These measures have ensured that the sugar beet leaf was well protected against diseases with fewer fungicide treatments, while preserving crops during drought.

Sunoko also said that it will offer its contractors "the best contracting terms for sugar beet production, which will be announced in September for the 2026 season."

### **ALGERIA: Madar Holdings signs deal to supply refined sugar to Libya**

Madar Holding's subsidiary Tafadis has closed an agreement to export around USD180 million in refined white sugar to Libya, according to a [post](#) on the company's Facebook page on Sept. 8. Under the agreement, around 360,000 metric tonnes of sugar are expected to be exported to Libya.

"This agreement strengthens Tafadis' position as a key player in the agri-food sector and reflects Madar Holding's commitment to fostering sustainable partnerships that generate added value for both the national and regional economy," the company said.

**UKRAINE: Sugar exports to the EU fall to 17% of total volume in 2024/25**

Ukraine's sugar exports to the European Union declined to 17% of the total shipped volume in 2024/25, from 77% in the previous year, marking a shift in the country's sugar export flows, according to data from the National Association of Sugar Producers of Ukraine, reports Sugaronline.

Ukraine exported 580,000 metric tonnes of sugar in the 2024/25 marketing year ended on Aug.31, of which 83% was sent to countries outside the EU, according to the chairman of the sugar producers' association, Yana Kavushevskaya, in a post on her [LinkedIn](#) page on Sept. 9.

Bulgaria was the largest sugar importer of Ukrainian sugar in the EU, accounting for 59% of the total volume shipped by Ukraine to the European bloc in 2024/25.

Around 14% of Ukrainian sugar exports went to Turkey, 10% to Libya, 8% to North Macedonia, 5% to Lebanon, and 5% to Somalia.

In [2023/24](#), Ukraine exported around 691,800 tonnes of sugar, with 23% shipped to countries outside the EU.

In June 2022, the EU waived duties and quotas on imports of Ukrainian products, including sugar, to help compensate for Ukraine's economic losses following Russia's invasion.

In [June](#) 2025, the EU and Ukraine announced a new trade deal with lower quotas for Ukrainian sugar compared to the volumes exported under the previous post-war agreement.

The National Association of Sugar Producers of Ukraine estimates that Ukraine's sugar production in 2025/26 will reach 1.5 million tonnes.

Ukrainian farmers have already started harvesting sugarbeets for the 2025/26 marketing year from an estimated total sown area of 198,000 hectares planted for the crop year.

"Ukrainian sugar sector remains a strategically important part of Ukraine's agricultural economy, contributing to export revenues, rural employment, and global food security," said Kavushevskaya.

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**Primark Owner AB Foods Struggles to Deal With Its Sugar Problem – Bloomberg** - When Associated British Foods Plc's bioethanol plant became a casualty last month of the UK's trade negotiations with President Donald Trump, an ecosystem of suppliers, clients and workers bore the brunt. But for George Weston, the sprawling conglomerate's chief executive officer, shutting Vivergo Fuels's Hull-based facility was essential to slow the bleeding at the group's sugar unit, of which it was a part. With tumbling European sugar prices, high beet costs and the closure of the plant over increased competition from imported ethanol, the unit is expected to post a loss of up to £40 million (\$54 million) this fiscal year. The scale of the sugar unit's loss, its first since AB Foods began providing divisional breakdowns two decades ago, will likely be laid out on Wednesday in a trading update ahead of full-year results in November. With the ongoing volatility in the world's sugar market, restructuring the unit has become a top priority for the 61-year-old as investors become increasingly impatient. The conglomerate, which already shuttered some of its Spanish sugar operations, may have to close down more, adding to a growing number of closures in Europe from other industry players.

**Malaysian government plans to remove approved permits for refined white sugar imports in country - ChiniMandi**- The Malaysian government is considering removing approved permits (APs) that allow companies to import refined white sugar into the country, in a move aimed at safeguarding the domestic sugar industry, reported Twentytwo13 news portal. As per the media report, industry sources have confirmed that the proposal is being discussed, but specifics remain limited at this stage.

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