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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.

BMJ Group

Wegovy may have highest 'eye stroke' and sight loss risk of semaglutide GLP-1 agonists

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Sugaronline Ebriefing

PAKISTAN: Government rules out sugar exports this year – news report

Pakistan's Ministry of National Food Security and Research has decided to rule out sugar exports this year amid supply concerns, according to a March 18 news report by The News International.

The sugar industry has proposed exports of one million tonnes of sugar, citing a total production of 7.21 million tonnes by March 15.

The Pakistan Sugar Mills Association (PSMA) estimates that sugar production will reach 7.5 million tonnes by the end of the season, resulting in a surplus of 1 million tonnes over domestic demand.

THAILAND: Sugar industry urges government to promote E20

Thailand's sugar industry has called on the government to make E20 the primary fuel and expand biomass electricity production from sugarcane and agricultural waste, according to The Nation.

The Three Sugar Millers Associations (TSMC) said that, if E20 were promoted as a primary fuel, crude oil imports could be reduced by 2.9 million litres per day, or nearly 1.058 billion litres annually.

The chairman of the Coordination Committee of the TSMC, Somchai Harnhirun, said E20 would boost ethanol demand from 3.5 million to 6.4 million litres per day.

US: WASDE cuts sugar production estimate due to impacts of freeze

The US total sugar production estimate for 2025/26 has been reduced by around 130,000 short tonnes, raw value (STRV) to 9.28 million, mostly due to production losses related to a freeze in Florida earlier this year, according to the latest World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) [report](#) released by the USDA on March 10.

Cane sugar production in Florida was decreased to 1.956 million STRV, from 2.08 million STRV estimated previously, based on processors' production loss estimates. The projection for Louisiana cane sugar was increased slightly by 183,916 STRV to 2.427 million.

Overall, beet sugar production is expected at 5.09 million STRV, down from the previously estimated 5.1 million STRV.

The sugar import estimate has increased by 183,916 STRV to 2.427 million. Deliveries for human consumption increased 117,000 STRV to 12.165 million.

Ending stocks are projected at 1.878 million STRV, down from 1.94 million previously. The stocks to use ratio was reduced to 15.2 from 15.9.

INDIA: Sugar production rises to 26.21 million T in 2025/26 – ISMA

The Indian Sugar and Bio-energy Manufacturers Association (ISMA) said on March 17 that sugar production in the country reached 26.21 million tonnes so far in 2025/26, up by 10.5% from the same period in the previous year, according to the Press Trust of India (PTI).

By the same date last year, net production was at 26.12 million tonnes.

There were 157 mills still operating for the 2025/26 season as of March 15, and 379 mills remained closed, according to ISMA.

INDIA: Shree Renuka Sugars board appoints new CEO

Shree Renuka Sugar's board has appointed Susheel Kumar Kamboj as the new chief executive officer (CEO), effective March 23, reports Sugaronline.

Kamboj was also appointed as the managing director for a period of five years, with effect from April 1, subject to the approval of the company's shareholders, according to a [securities filing](#) following a board meeting on March 17.

Kamboj has over 20 years of leadership experience across agribusiness, crop protection, seeds, and food sectors. He has previously worked with organisations such as Maharashtra Hybrid Seeds Co. Ltd. (Mahyco) and Syngenta India Private Limited, where he last served as managing director. Shree Renuka Sugar's board has also designated independent director Madhu Rao as the chairman of the Board of Directors with effect from April 1.

Atul Chaturvedi has resigned from his role as executive director and chairman of the Board, citing his "advancing age," as he stated in a letter sent to the board of directors in late February.

BRAZIL: Increase in ethanol blend in gasoline could reduce price and imports – UNICA

Increasing the ethanol blending in gasoline could reduce fuel prices and decrease Brazil's need for imports at a time of volatility in the international oil markets, said the president of sugarcane industry association UNICA, Evandro Gussi, in an interview with Brazilian newswire Agência Estado.

Gussi said the industry has the capacity to meet ethanol demand in case of an increase in the mandatory ethanol-blending rate in gasoline, which is currently at 30%.

Brazil's ethanol industry estimates that ethanol production by about 4 billion litres in the 2026/27 season starting in April.

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Ferrero joins the big F&B CEO shake-up



Ferrero scraps traditional CEO role amid sweeping food and beverage leadership shake-ups
<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2026/03/16/ferrero-unilever-nestle-barry-callebaut-coca-cola-kraft-heinz-hershey-leadership-shake-up-continues/>

Understanding 'food noise' in the age of GLP-1s



The removal of food noise is the key to GLP-1s' success
<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2026/03/17/glp-1s-food-noise-meaning/>

Inside Burlap & Barrel's lawsuit against President Donald Trump



A small US-based spice importer is taking the Trump administration to court over sweeping tariffs it says threaten small businesses and global farming partners
<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2026/03/18/burlap-barrel-challenges-trumps-new-tariffs-in-court/>

Unilever confirms Foods merger talks with McCormick



Unilever in talks with McCormick over potential Foods separation, raising fresh questions about the future of some of its best-known brands

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2026/03/20/unilever-confirms-foods-merger-talks-with-mccormick/>

The Big 5: Power players defining confectionery's future



Five giants dominate confectionery. What gives them the edge, and keeps them on top?

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2026/03/19/the-big-5-the-power-players-shaping-the-future-of-confectionery/>
