**International Sugar Organization**
1 Canada Square
Canary Wharf
London E14 5AA

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Press Release(26)15**
**(English only)**

**01 May 2026**

## 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: UNICA says E32 strengthens Brazil's energy security, raises ethanol demand

Raising Brazil's ethanol blend mandate to 32% (E32) will strengthen national energy security and increase anhydrous ethanol demand by 1 billion litres per year, says sugarcane industry association UNICA, **reports Sugaronline.**

Brazil's Mines and Energy minister, Alexandre Silveira, announced on April 24 that a proposal to raise the ethanol blend in gasoline to 32% will be presented at the next National Energy Policy Council (CNPE) meeting in early May.

Silveira said the use of higher ethanol-blended fuel will enable Brazil to achieve gasoline self-sufficiency, eliminating the need for imports.
UNICA said advancing the ethanol blend to E32 further expands ethanol use in the fuel matrix, consistent with public policy built over decades on scale, technology, and capacity.

"Ethanol allows for advancing in energy security based on an available solution, produced domestically and on a large scale, with significant gains also from an environmental perspective, by reducing emissions throughout the fuel lifecycle," UNICA president Evandro Gussi said in a statement on April 27.

Brazil's industry already has the installed capacity to meet the additional ethanol demand, in addition to new units under construction, UNICA added.
The projected expansion of corn ethanol alone would be sufficient to absorb this increase, with 16 new plants expected to come online in the next 12 months, according to data from the National Agency of Oil, Natural Gas and Biofuels (ANP).

### EUROPE: European Commission considers E20 – news report

The European Commission will consider allowing a higher 20% ethanol blend in gasoline (E20) in the revision of the policy framework for fuels, said president of the Commission Ursula von der Leyen in a letter to three members of the European Parliament (MEPs), according to Argus Media.

Von der Leyen said that "the commission confirms the role that higher biofuel blends can play in the decarbonisation of existing fleets", but that the commission would also take into account "possible problems related to the suitability of engines of existing vehicles for this fuel, as well as the need to incentivise investment in advanced biofuels".

Von der Leyen responded to a letter from the three German MEPs sent in June last year, in which they proposed the accelerated standardisation and market launch of E20 fuel.

**PERU: Sugar production expected to rise 4% to 1.35 million T in 2026/27**

Sugar production in Peru is projected to rise to 1.35 million tonnes in 2026/27 (May-April), from 1.30 million tonnes in the previous cycle, driven by an increase in sugarcane production, according to the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) Post in Lima.
Sugarcane production in 2027 (January–December) is forecast at 10.5 million tonnes, slightly higher than the 10.45 million tonnes estimate for 2026.

"Favorable weather conditions and expansion of planted area are expected to drive this growth," FAS Lima said in the Sugar Annual report released last week.

Cane sugar consumption should rise 2% to 1.48 million tonnes, supported by rising demand, particularly for sugar-sweetened beverages and confectionery products.
Sugar production in Peru is concentrated in the northern coastal valleys, with the La Libertad region accounting for approximately 50% of total production, followed by Lambayeque (23%) and Lima (15%).

Peru's total milling capacity is estimated at 37,000 metric tonnes of cane per day. "Due to favorable climatic conditions, sugarcane is produced and milled year-round, reducing the need for large-scale mills."
Peru's sugar exports in 2026/27 are forecast at 180,000 tonnes, and imports are projected at 280,000 tonnes.
In 2025, Colombia, Guatemala, and Nicaragua accounted for 69% of Peru's total sugar imports.

**ARGENTINA: Ethanol production sets new record in 2025 – IPAAT**

Argentina produced over 600 million litres of hydrous ethanol so far in the 2025 campaign, a record volume for the sector and up 4% for the total produced in the previous cycle, according to Tucumán's Institute for the Promotion of Sugar and Alcohol (IPAAT).
By April 22, ethanol distilleries in Argentina continued to produce biofuel from molasses and sugars from the 2025 cane crushing season, reaching 364 days into the alcohol production campaign.

In the Tucumán province, hydrous ethanol production totaled 357 million litres, up 4.4% from the previous campaign, according to a press statement released by IPAAT on April 22. In Jujuy and Salta, ethanol production totaled 243.6 million litres, up 8% from the same period in the previous season.

**MALAWI: Illovo Sugar Malawi starts production season early to ensure supply**

Illovo Sugar Malawi started operations for the new production season on April 22, around a week ahead of schedule, which is expected to stabilise local sugar supply, according to Malawi 24.

The early start of the season is part of an effort to ensure a steady sugar supply while maintaining production standards, according to Illovo Sugar managing director Ronald Ngwira. The company will continue to work with the government and other stakeholders to safeguard domestic sugar availability, amid challenges such as illegal exports and market leakages, he added.

**PAKISTAN: Sugar industry welcomes deregulation of sugar sector**

Representatives of Pakistan's sugar industry have welcomed the government's plan to deregulate the sugar sector, expecting the measure to boost the industry's growth and enable growers to receive better, timely payment for their produce, according to Business Recorder.
During a forum organised by Business Recorder, the chairman of the Pakistan Sugar Mills Association (PSMA), Chaudhry Zaka Ashraf, said that the survival of the sugar industry lies in the deregulation of the sector, which will allow the industry to make its own decisions about

production and trade.

He added that Pakistan's sugar mills produced nearly 1.3 million tonnes of surplus sugar in the current season, and that this is expected to reach between 1.5 million and 2 million tonnes in the next season.

**CAMEROON: Sosucam invests in new sugar production unit**

Sosucam has invested CFA2.5 billion (USD4.5 million) in a new sugar cube production unit at its Nkoteng site, which has a daily production capacity of 100 metric tonnes, according to Business in Cameroon.

The project, which started development more than two years ago and was fully funded by the company, is now operational, according to the news report, citing a senior executive at the Castel Group subsidiary.
The production unit replaces an older facility in Mbandjock, which had become outdated and no longer met current technical standards. Sosucam aims to improve product quality and modernise its industrial processes.

**INDIA: ISMA says sugar production rises 7% through the end of April**

Sugar production in India in the 2025/26 season reached 27.53 million metric tonnes through April 30, up 7% from the same period last season, per data released by the Indian Sugar & Bio-energy Manufacturers Association (ISMA) on April 30, according to the Economic Times.
Only five sugar mills remain operational, compared with 19 at the same time last season.
A few mills in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka will operate during the special season in June and July 2026, expected to contribute around 500,000 tonnes of sugar.

**TANZANIA: Minister says sugar production expected to rise in 2026/27**

Minister for Agriculture Daniel Chongolo has said sugar production in the country is expected to rise significantly in the coming years, driven by increased sugarcane production and planned sugar factories, according to the Daily News.

During his presentation of budget estimates to the National Assembly this week, Chongolo said that national sugarcane production is expected to increase from 4.35 million metric tonnes in 2025/26 to 5.5 million tonnes in 2026/27. Sugar output is projected to rise from 410,979 to 550,000 tonnes.

He also said the government will proceed with the establishment of two new sugar factories in Coast and Kigoma regions. In the Tanga Region, investment arrangements are underway for three factories: one for industrial sugar and two for table sugar, which will also supply raw materials for industrial-grade production, he added.

**FoodNavigator.com**

## How GLP-1 drugs are reshaping dairy innovation

Protein demand has been a boon for dairy – but there's more to GLP-1-friendly formulation than meets the eye
https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2026/04/24/how-glp1-use-is-reshaping-dairy-innovation/

## How Coca-Cola is winning in a K-shaped economy

Coca-Cola enjoyed a strong start to the year with net revenues up 12% in Q1. What is the beverage giant doing right?
https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2026/04/29/coca-cola-responds-to-k-shaped-economy-with-premium-value-split/

## 10 CEO scandals that shook food and drink

Amid a wave of high-profile CEO changes in food and drink, we reflect on the biggest leadership controversies of the past 50 years

https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2026/04/28/top-ten-ceo-scandals-in-food-and-drink/