



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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UGANDA: Government announces mandatory E5 from 2026

Uganda's government has announced that the country will implement a mandatory 5% ethanol blending in gasoline from 2026, as part of a move to reduce carbon emissions and reduce fuel imports, according to Arise News.

The Energy Ministry has announced that the 5% ethanol blend is expected to gradually increase to 20%, depending on the availability of ethanol.

JAPAN: Government introduces action plan for E10 and E20 on gasoline – USDA

Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) presented on June 10 an action plan to introduce the E10 and E20 fuel blends in the domestic market, according to a report released by the US Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Foreign Agricultural Service Post in Tokyo on June 30.

The Ministry plans to introduce E10 gasoline on a smaller scale in 2028, before rolling it out nationwide by 2030, as planned. By 2024, the government plans to increase the ethanol mix on gasoline to 20% (E20).

The METI has also proposed a revised gasoline baseline greenhouse gas (GHG) emission value for gasoline and is planning to incorporate GHG default values for ethanol derived from Brazilian corn, Thai sugarcane, and Thai cassava. "METI aims to release the revised Ordinance 3.2, incorporating these new default values, by spring 2026," according to the FAS Tokyo Post report.

US: Bunge and Viterra complete merger

Bunge announced on July 2 that it has completed the merger with Viterra, initially announced in June 2023, to create a global agribusiness solutions company for food, feed and fuel, reports Sugaronline.

"The combination is expected to benefit from significant incremental network synergies across joint commercial opportunities, vertical integration efficiencies, and improved logistics optimisation and trading optionality from a larger and broader network," Bunge said in the statement.

Bunge also expects "relatively more stable cash flows" from the larger, more diversified footprint. "The improvement in the business risk and credit profile of the combined company is expected to drive capital structure efficiencies and cost of capital benefits," the company added.

Bunge's and Viterra's complementary asset footprints will position the new combined company to connect farmers in the world's largest production regions to areas with the fastest-growing consumption, according to Bunge.

The combined business is also expected to have an enhanced ability to meet the demands of customers, with a better balance of value chains across geographies, access to more key origination markets and a diversified agriculture network covering all major crops.

The combined company will be led by Bunge's chief executive officer (CEO), Greg Heckman, Bunge's chief financial officer (CFO), and John Nepl.

Viterra's CEO David Mattiske joins the Bunge Executive Leadership Team in the role of co-CEO alongside Julio Garros, most recently Bunge's co-president of Agribusiness. They will jointly oversee commercial activities including the global commodity value chains, country/regional management teams, renewable fuels initiatives, regenerative agriculture solutions and industrial operations and safety.

GERMANY: Suedzucker announces new CCO

Suedzucker's supervisory board has appointed Theresa von Fugler as the company's chief commercial officer (CCO) for a term of three years, effective from Oct. 1, 2025, according to a statement released on July 3.

Theresa von Fugler holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology, a Diploma in Biomedical Sciences, and a PhD in Biochemistry from Imperial College London.

She gained her professional experience at companies like Henkel, L'Oréal, Petit Bateau and Sanofi, where she has been general manager of Consumer Healthcare as well as managing director of A. Nattermann & Cie GmbH since September 2021.

"The Supervisory Board is delighted to have gained Dr von Fugler, an experienced manager with an impressive career, for the Executive Board of Südzucker. With her expertise for consumer markets as well as her management experience, she will enrich and further advance the company," said Stefan Streng, chairman of the supervisory board of Suedzucker.

Theresa von Fugler will assume responsibility for Commercial Excellence, Sustainability and Environment, as well as for the Beneo and PortionPack divisions in the special products segment. Suedzucker said the appointment of von Fugler will result in a reorganisation of the executive board's responsibilities from October this year.

BRAZIL: Cane industry contributes to biomethane production growth, energy transition

Brazil is on track to become the world's fifth-largest producer of biomethane over the next five years, accounting for more than 10% of the global biomethane market by 2026, according to estimates from the International Energy Agency (IEA), as reported by O Globo.

This presents an opportunity for Brazilian agribusiness, as the primary sources of biomethane production are waste from the sugar and alcohol production processes and livestock farming.

Brazil's biogas producers' association Abiogás estimates the potential for biomethane production in the country at 102 million cubic metres per day, about double the domestic demand for natural gas.

INDIA: Food minister says sugar industry is driving rural prosperity

India's Food Minister Pralhad Joshi said on July 3 that the sugar sector has grown to become an INR1.3 trillion industry, driving rural prosperity and energy security, according to the Press Trust of India (PTI).

On a social media post, he added that the industry is also contributing to green power "through reforms like record ethanol blending and Atmanirbharta in fuel."

Joshi was addressing the Cooperative Sugar Industry Conclave 2025 and the National Efficiency Award Ceremony.

JAMAICA: New sugar factory expected to pay back investment in 5 years

Tropical Sugar Company's factory under development in Clarendon is expected to pay back the investment in five years, according to The Financial Gleaner.

A group of investors is investing US\$40 million in the factory, which is expected to deliver a 26% return on revenue in its second year of operation, with further performance improvements anticipated in the following year.s

Shareholder Noel McLean said investors are targeting the Caricom market for brown sugar, the local market for refined sugar, and the US and Asia for jaggery, unrefined crystallised sugar.

FAO Sugar Price Index falls for 4th consecutive month

The FAO Sugar Price Index declined by 5.2% in June from May, the fourth consecutive monthly decline and the lowest level since April 2021, according to the UN Food and Agriculture

Organisation (FAO).

"The decline was mainly the result of improved supply prospects in key producing countries," FAO said in a statement on July 4.

After a slow start to the season, drier weather conditions in Brazil accelerated harvesting and crushing. Together with a greater use of sugarcane for sugar production, this resulted in higher-than-expected output in recent weeks and put downward pressure on world sugar prices.

"Additionally, early and above-average monsoon rains, combined with expanded plantings in India and Thailand, improved crop prospects for the 2025/26 season, further contributing to the decline in global prices."

SOUTH AFRICA: Tongaat Hulett's mills report improved performance

Tongaat Hulett's three South African sugar mills have ranked among the top three nationally in sugar recovery performance in the current sugar crushing season, according to Business Report. Tongaat's three mills, refinery, and animal feed plant received a ZAR1.45 billion capital injection over the past three years, secured through the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC), according to the news report.

This investment has contributed to improving operational performance, cane crushing efficiency, and a renewed sense of confidence among stakeholders in the production chain, according to Tongaat's chief executive office (CEO), Gavin Dalgleish.

ITALY: Government delays implementation of sugar tax

Italy's Council of Ministers has decided to delay the implementation of the sugar tax on sweetened beverages to January 1, 2026, according to a statement released by the government in late June, **reports Sugaronline.**

The sugar tax was introduced with the 2020 Budget Law, but its implementation has since been postponed amid pressure from the local beverages industry.

The Italian association of the non-alcoholic beverage industry Assobibe has welcomed the postponement.

The association's president, Giangiacomo Pierini, said in a statement that the industry hopes the Parliament will consider a postponement of at least one year or the definitive cancellation of the tax to avoid companies returning to a state of uncertainty within a few months.

"In this phase of great market uncertainty, it is essential to avoid internal duties, increased bureaucracy and measures that risk creating inflationary pressures, driving away investments and jobs in Italy, without obtaining concrete results in the fight against obesity, as highlighted by the experiences of EU countries in which the tax has been applied to the sector," he said.

EUROPE: New import quota for Ukrainian sugar is lower than imports in recent years

The European Union has set an import quota for Ukrainian sugar at 100,000 metric tonnes per year, which is higher than the 20,000 tonnes before the war with Russia but lower from the quota-free imports post-war, according to Reuters.

In 2022/23, the quota free import for Ukrainian sugar was 400,000 tonnes. In 2023/24, 500,000 tonnes of Ukrainian sugar were imported.

Ukrainian farm group UCAB said on July 4 that import quotas for Ukrainian agricultural products to the European Union agreed in a new trade deal were low.

BELIZE: Cabinet approves action plan to revamp sugar industry

The Cabinet of Belize approved an action plan last week to support the revival of the country's sugar industry, according to a press release issued by the government on July 3.

During a meeting on July 1, the Cabinet reviewed the findings of the Commission of Inquiry into the sugar industry and approved some elements of their work, including the establishment of a Sugar Cane Industry Authority, which will be tasked with making strategic plans for the updating, improvement, or revamping of the country's sugar industry.

EU raises import quotas for Ukrainian wheat and sugar, EU official says – Reuters -

The EU and Ukraine reached an initial trade deal at the end of June. The EU had temporarily waived duties and quotas on Ukraine's agricultural products in June 2022 after Russia's full-scale invasion and resulting threat to its traditional Black Sea shipping lanes. The revised agreement includes 40 goods and still needs to be adopted by a qualified majority of member states. As part of the deal, the EU also increased its import quota for Ukrainian sugar to 100,000 tons from 20,000 tons and its barley import quota to 450,000 tons from 350,000 tons.

French sugar company Tereos plans tenfold expansion of power client base in Brazil

- ChiniMandi - French sugar producer Tereos is planning a major expansion of its power contract sales in Brazil, aiming to grow its client base tenfold and reach more than 1,000 corporate customers within the next two years, as per the media report. According to Samuel Custodio, who oversees the company's power business in Brazil, the growth will come from selling to current sugar and ethanol clients, as well as potentially bringing in their suppliers, partners, and acquiring new businesses. "We're planning to grow by offering power contracts to the companies we already work with, and by bringing in new clients through partnerships and business deals," he told Reuters. Tereos, the second-largest sugar producer in Brazil, also generates electricity from sugarcane residue at several of its plants. While the power division makes up a small part of its overall business in the country, it provides a steady source of revenue.
