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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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GUYANA: Minister discusses potential collaboration to invest in sugar production

Guyana's Agricultural minister Zulfikar Mustapha met with officials from investment company Saudi Eksab to discuss potential investment opportunities in Guyana's beef and sugar production, according to the Guyana Chronicle.

Discussions related to the sugar sector focused on potential investment in production, particularly at the Skeldon Estate, where the government is exploring partnerships to expand production and maximise the estate's potential.

GERMANY: Nordzucker is considering acquisitions in South America

Nordzucker CEO Lars Gorissen has said the company is considering acquisitions to expand its cane sugar business in South America, according to a Reuters news report cited by the European Supermarket Magazine (ESM).

Gorissen told Reuters after a press conference on May 28 that the company plans to expand the share of its core earnings to 50% from non-European sugar from about 15% now, largely through expansion of its cane sugar sector.

BRAZIL: Rabobank provides USD20 million in ESG-linked loan to Bioenergética Aroeira

Rabobank Brasil has approved a USS20 million financing agreement for sugar company Bioenergética Aroeira, in Minas Gerais, linked to the fulfillment of environmental and social goals, according to CNN Brasil.

The sustainability-linked loan stipulates that the loan's financial conditions will vary based on the company's performance on sustainability indicators.

With a five-year term, the agreement establishes goals related to fertiliser efficiency, increased use of biomethane in the company's fleet, increased female participation among employees, and expansion of social programs in local communities.

GERMANY: Suedzucker prices EUR400 million bond

Suedzucker priced a EUR400 million bond via its wholly owned Dutch subsidiary, Südzucker International Finance B.V., on May 28, with a maturity of five years and a coupon of 4.375%, the company said in a statement.

The bond, sold exclusively to institutional investors, shall be listed on the regulated market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

Suedzucker will use the proceeds from the issuance for general corporate purposes, including the refinancing of the sustainability bond maturing in October 2027. In connection with the new issuance, the company launched a tender offer for the outstanding sustainability bond on May 26.

The bond placement was supported by Deutsche Bank, LBBW, and UniCredit acting as Global Coordinators and Dealer Managers for the tender offer. Bank of America, DZ Bank, and SEB additionally acted as Joint Bookrunners for the new issuance.

Sugar Association of the Caribbean foresees sugar production growth in coming years

The Sugar Association of the Caribbean (SAC), which represents the sugar industry in Jamaica, Guyana, Belize and Barbados, said on May 27 that sugar production in the region reached 241,500 metric tonnes in 2025/26 and is set to grow in future years, according to a [press statement](#).

The production statistics were presented during the association's 177th Board of Directors Meeting last week, when members discussed measures to advance regional sugar sector modernisation, tackle climate challenges, and celebrate foundational leadership.

Directors noted that the volume of sugar produced in the region in 2025/26 demonstrates the region's capacity to meet CARICOM's domestic brown sugar requirements while progressively substituting for extra-regional imports.

"These production figures highlight the power of private agricultural investment within CARICOM," said chairman Mac McLachlan.

"However, challenges implementing the COTED-mandated Monitoring Mechanism for Sugar (MMS) underscore the urgent need for greater adherence to the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas (RTC) and a fully integrated regional sugar market."

The meeting also discussed the progress of the USD12.5 million joint venture between Sucro and Santander in the region, which remains on track for completion by the third quarter of 2026. This investment is expected to boost regional self-sufficiency in refined white sugar for direct consumption.

INDIA: Government estimates record sugarcane production in 2025/26

India's sugarcane production in 2025/26 is estimated at a record 500.06 million metric tonnes, according to the Third Advance Estimates of production of major agricultural crops released by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare on May 27.

The estimated sugarcane production this season is 45.45 million tonnes higher than last year's 454.61 million tonnes, according to a [press statement](#).

The estimate for sugarcane and other agricultural crops was released by the minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

He said the government has been consistently working towards farmers' prosperity and the growth of the agriculture sector, the positive impact of which is now evident in record agricultural production figures for many crops.

EL SALVADOR: Sugar industry estimates sugar exports to reach 500,000 T in 2026

El Salvador's sugar exports are estimated to reach 500,000 metric tonnes in 2026, according to news website Infobae on May 31, citing an interview with the association's executive director, Julio César Arroyo, on local TV news channel Telenoticias Megavisión.

Revenues from sugar exports are estimated at USD225 million to 250 million, which Arroyo said would consolidate a positive period for the local industry.

The 2025/26 harvest was [recently concluded](#) and producers are working on fertilisation, weed and pest control, and closely monitoring the winter weather to ensure a successful harvest at the end of the season.

VIETNAM: Nationwide E10 sales start from June 1

Nationwide distribution of the E10 ethanol-gasoline fuel blend started in Vietnam on June 1 as part of a government plan to replace RON95 mineral gasoline across the formal retail network, according to the Vietnam Law Magazine.

Sales stations and consumers have been able to prepare during earlier pilot programs, and there have been no reports of supply shortages or panic buying so far, according to the news report on June 1.

By late May, most urban fuel stations in Ho Chi Minh City, the largest fuel consumption hub in the southern region, had switched to E10. In Hanoi, many fuel stations shifted from conventional RON95 to E10 in recent weeks.

PAKISTAN: Sugar industry calls on government to allow export of sugar surplus

The Pakistan Sugar Mills Association (PSMA) is requesting that the federal government immediately allow the export of surplus sugar to generate \$500 million in additional foreign exchange, according to ProPakistani.

PSMA chairman Chaudhry Zaka Ashraf has sent a letter to deputy Prime Minister and Foreign minister Ishaq Dar, saying that sugar production has reached a level beyond domestic demand in the 2025/26 season, resulting in excessive surplus.

Pakistan currently has 7.9 million metric tonnes in sugar stocks, while domestic consumption is projected to be around 6.6 million tonnes. After maintaining strategic reserves, an excess of about 750,000 tonnes is expected.

UK: Sugar producers secure authorisation for emergency aphid control spray

Sugarbeet farmers group NFU Sugar and sugar producer British Sugar have secured authorisation for emergency use of a second application of Insyst SG on sugarbeet in 2026, amid rising aphid pressure this year, reports Sugaronline.

The application is used to control peach-potato aphid (*Myzus Persicae*), the primary vector of Virus Yellows disease, a threat to the British sugar beet industry.

The application must be in sequence following a three-spray program using the fully approved active ingredients acetamiprid, flonicamid, and flupyradifurone. It is not permitted to apply Insyst 'back-to-back' at positions 3 and 4.

The emergency use of a second application of Insyst SG will only be permitted from May 28 through Aug. 1, 2026, and once some aphid thresholds have been reached.

"The forecast level of aphid pressure in 2026 is the highest the homegrown sugar beet industry has faced in the absence of highly effective seed treatment controls since 2020," NFU Sugar board chair Kit Papworth said in a [press statement](#).

"That year, 38% of the national crop was infected with Virus Yellows and 25% of yield lost. Some growers suffered catastrophic reductions in yield of up to 80% as a result of the disease."

High aphid numbers this year have left growers concerned. "In this context, access to a comprehensive, sustainable spray program will be vital to control the threat posed by Virus

Yellows, and so we welcome the approval for the use of a second application of Insyst SG on sugar beet in 2026.

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