



**International Sugar Organization**

1 Canada Square  
Canary Wharf  
London E14 5AA

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Press Release(26)20  
(English only)**

**8 June 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.

**FoodNavigator.com**

**Tate & Lyle agrees £2.7bn takeover by Ingredion**



The deal between the two ingredients companies creates a global powerhouse.  
<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2026/06/08/ingredion-buys-tate-lyle/>

**Coca-Cola Co. navigates K-shaped economy with AI**



President and CFO John Murphy says the company is moving beyond a pre-COVID volume mindset to stay relevant with both premium and value shoppers.  
<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2026/06/05/coca-cola-co-uses-ai-to-target-premium-and-value-consumers/>

**McCormick and Unilever 'well underway' with \$40 billion merger despite investor fears**



More than 200 employees are meeting in Baltimore this week to blueprint the integration as executives tout growth, margin expansion and up to \$600 million in synergies.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2026/06/04/mccormick-and-unilever-advance-40-billion-food-merger-plans/>

### **How audio ads are behind food and drinks' next sales boost**



Audio's reach and ROI are pushing food and beverage marketers to rethink its role in the media mix.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2026/06/02/audio-advertising-gains-traction-as-marketers-rethink-roi-and-reach/>

---

### **Sugaronline Ebriefing**

#### **NICARAGUA: Sugar production rises slightly in 2025/26**

Nicaragua's sugar production rose 0.2% in 2025/26 to 16.5 million quintals, but fell short of the industry's target of nearly 17 million quintals, according to a news report from Infobae on June 1.

Sugarcane production this season was impacted by unfavorable weather conditions and a reduction in cultivated area.

Nicaragua's domestic sugar consumption averages 6.3 million quintals annually and the surplus production is exported.

The country's record sugar production of 17.7 million quintals was achieved in 2021/22.

#### **MEXICO: Sugar production rises 8.6% to 5.1 million T through May 23**

Mexico's sugar production in the 2025/26 season reached 5.097 million metric tonnes through May 23, up 8.6% from the same period in the previous season, according to the [latest production](#) bulletin released by the national sugarcane growers' union UNC-CNPR, **reports Sugaronline**. Sugar mills in the country crushed 47.08 million tonnes of sugarcane so far this season, an increase of 2.29 million tonnes from the previous season.

In the current 2025/26 season, 33 sugar mills have crushed more sugarcane than in 2024/25, 34 have produced more sugar and 31 have reported improved industrial yields.

Sugarcane produced in 680,431 hectares has already been harvested this season, with an average agricultural productivity of 69,190 tonnes of sugarcane per hectare, 5,771 tonnes higher than the previous cycle.

A total of 16 out of 47 sugar mills have completed the sugarcane harvest, and 31 continue operating.

#### **EGYPT: Commodities exchange completes procedures to launch sugar trading**

The Egyptian Commodities Exchange (Egycomex) has completed procedures to launch sugar

trading on its electronic platform, according to the Egypt Today. The move is aimed at enforcing governance, market discipline, and price transparency across the local market.

According to the news report, Egypt's sugar industry supports the transition, as trading through a centralized electronic platform is expected to curb market distortions and stabilise consumer prices through fair, market-driven mechanisms.

### **VIETNAM: Automakers support E10 mandate, confirm vehicle compatibility**

Japanese automakers and motorcycle manufacturers have confirmed broad vehicle compatibility with Vietnam's new E10 mandate, according to The Investor.

Vietnam's government introduced nationwide sales of E10 this June. Mitsubishi and Toyota affirmed that most vehicles produced since the late 1990s can use E10 without issues. Suzuki Vietnam said the automobiles it has manufactured and distributed locally since 2001 are suitable for E10 use.

Motorcycle makers Yamaha and Honda also confirmed compatibility with the latest models.

### **NIGERIA: Senate approves reform in sugar tax on drinks**

Nigeria's Senate on June 4 approved a reform of the country's excise duty framework on sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs), replacing the flat-rate tax with a percentage-based levy linked to the retail price of the product, according to separate news reports from Arise News and Nairametrics.

The tax, which used to be a fixed rate of NGN10 per litre, will now be charged based on the price or value of the drink. The Minister of Finance will determine the exact structure of the levy in line with global best practices.

A portion of the revenue from the new sugar tax will finance health programs for non-communicable diseases.

Senate members said the change aims to address the erosion of the current tax value due to inflation, strengthen fiscal sustainability, and align Nigeria's tax system with global public health and revenue best practices.

### **SOUTH AFRICA: Canegrowers urges stakeholders to avert Tongaat Hulett's liquidation**

The South African sugarcane producers' association SA Canegrowers has urged the government and business rescue practitioners to work to prevent the liquidation of sugar producer Tongaat Hulett, warning that this would put the country's sugarcane sector at risk, **reports Sugaronline**. If the company is allowed to enter an unfunded liquidation, SA Canegrowers said commercial demand for white sugar would shift abroad, reducing the local market's demand for South African sugar and threatening the entire sugar value chain.

The hearing for the liquidation of Tongaat Hulett, South Africa's largest white refined sugar producer, is scheduled for June 17 and 18.

"We urgently call upon the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC), business rescue practitioners Metis Strategic Advisors, and the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) to take all necessary measures to avert liquidation. If liquidation is unavoidable, we advocate for a funded process, known as a funded liquidation, in which funds are provided to allow the mills to continue operating," said the chairman of SA Canegrowers, Higgins Mdluli, said in a [statement](#) on June 3.

SA Canegrowers has written to minister Zuko Godlimpi to ask that the DTIC step in and do all that is necessary to ensure Tongaat Hulett is saved, he added.

“The potential collapse of Tongaat Hulett poses a significant threat to the entire KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga sugar industry.”

Over 18,000 growers rely directly on Tongaat Hulett’s three mills to crush their sugarcane. Of these growers, around 17,500 are small-scale growers dependent on sugar production. The association is also calling for a robust tariff regime to protect local sugar producers from the competition with imports.

### **INDIA: Minister says government is working on a price framework for E85**

India's Petroleum minister Hardeep Puri said the government is developing a pricing framework for E85 ethanol-blended petrol that will make it more affordable than the regular fossil fuel used in vehicles, according to The Hindu's Business Line.

The move aims to support the adoption of flex-fuel vehicles and cut India’s reliance on imported oil.

Puri said policies to support the rollout of higher ethanol blends are being actively considered, with an official announcement expected soon.

At a recent launch event for Hero MotoCorp’s flex-fuel motorcycles in New Delhi, Puri emphasized that E85 fuel would be substantially cheaper for vehicles designed to use it.

### **MAURITIUS: Sugar production estimated to rise to 225,000 T in 2026**

Mauritius is expected to produce 225,000 metric tonnes of sugar in 2026, from 220,305 tonnes in 2025, according to Defimedia.

The volume of sugarcane crush is estimated to increase to 2.37 million from 2.32 million tonnes in 2025, per initial projections from the Crop Estimate Coordinating Committee released this week.

Mauritius' campaign kicks off on June 22.

The Committee comprises the Mauritius Cane Industry Authority, the Mauritius Sugarcane Industry Research Institute, sugar companies, the Sugar Insurance Fund Board, the Mauritius Sugar Syndicate, Statistics Mauritius, and the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security.

### **TANZANIA: Country approaches sugar self-sufficiency**

Tanzania is on track to achieve sugar self-sufficiency soon, as the country’s installed production capacity now exceeds domestic demand, according to Tanzania Insight.

Tanzania's minister of Industry and Trade, Judith Kapinga, said that seven operational factories in the country have the capacity to collectively produce up to 800,000 metric tonnes of sugar annually, outpacing the national requirement of 550,000 tonnes.

Major expansions at Kilombero Sugar and Mkulazi Holding Company have nearly doubled their outputs, with both facilities commencing full-scale production this month following successful trials.

### **FAO Sugar Price Index rises 7.5% in May**

The FAO Sugar Price Index in May rose 7.5% from April, the highest level since October 2025, driven by concerns over an anticipated tightening of global sugar supplies in the coming months, according to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), **reports Sugaronline.**

The index remained 13.1% below its level in May 2025.

Expectations of lower sugarcane allocation to sugar production in Brazil's centre-south this year is supporting world sugar prices. However, strong sugarcane crushing in the second half of April boosted sugar output and limited the upward pressure.

In the second half of April, sugar production in Brazil's centre-south increased to 1.8 million metric tonnes, from 859,000 tonnes in the same period last season, according to sugarcane industry association UNICA.

The potential impacts of El Niño conditions on global sugar production in India and Thailand in 2026/27, potentially reducing global export availability, have also given support to sugar prices in May.