



**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.

**Sugaronline Ebriefing**

**FRANCE: Tereos announces reorganization plan, closes operations in Escaudoeuvres**

Tereos announced on March 8 a plan to reorganize its industrial operations in France, including the closure of its activities at Escaudoeuvres, reports Sugaronline.

Tereos said the plan includes “resizing the industrial footprint of the Escaudoeuvres plant, with a plan to halt sugar operations while maintaining the operations of the logistics centre, along with part of the operations of the agricultural and support departments, as well as a plan to close the Morains distillery workshop.”

The company said it is also looking for a buyer for its Haussimont plant.

“This is in response to the challenges of decarbonization and modernizing its infrastructures, as well as future agricultural developments,” the company said in a statement.

In 2021, Tereos launched a strategy to adapt to the transformations in its ecosystem and regain financial flexibility to maintain its competitiveness.

**US: WASDE raises estimate for sugar production, reduces forecast for imports**

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has cut its estimate for the US 2022/23 sugar ending stocks by 154,186 short tons, raw value (STRV), over last month, according to the most recent World Agricultural Supply and Demand (WASDE) report released on March 8, reports Sugaronline.

“An increase in US sugar production is more than offset by lower expected imports,” the USDA said in the report.

Ending stocks are now expected at 1.72 million STRV, resulting in an ending stocks-to-use ratio of 13.5%.

The forecast for beet sugar production was increased by 59,941 STRV to 5.16 million tonnes due to a rise in sucrose recovery from the 2022 sugarbeet crop. National sucrose recovery from beets sliced from August 2022 through January 2023 is estimated at 15.4%.

“Sucrose recoveries in all regions are above average, with the recovery in the Red River Valley region likely to be at a record high,” according to the report.

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The cane sugar production forecast was slightly increased to 4.15 million tonnes due to a rise in the forecast for cane sugar in Florida by 26,167 STRV to 2.04 million, and despite a cut in the estimate for Texas by 11,018 STRV to 76,164. In Louisiana, the cane sugar production estimate was increased by 4,297 STRV.

US sugar imports are expected to be 133,573 STRV lower than the previous estimate, at 3.33 million, due to a reduction of the Mexico Export Limit.

**BRAZIL: Corn ethanol production set to reach 6 billion litres in 2023/24**

Brazilian corn ethanol industry association Unem said on March 7 that corn ethanol production in the country should reach 6 billion litres in 2023/24, up 36.7% from the previous season, according to Reuters.

Corn ethanol is expected to account for 19% of the total ethanol consumed in the country in the next season starting in April, compared to 13.7% in the current cycle.

Unem estimates sugarcane ethanol production to reach 27 billion litres in the current season.

**INDIA: Government plans to create ethanol carry-over stock**

India's government plans to create a carry-over ethanol stock for the 2023/24 season as it anticipates a rise in domestic demand for the E20 fuel in the country, according to the Press Trust of India (PTI).

The Additional Secretary of the food ministry, Subodh Kumar, said ethanol blending in the country was going well, with Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) selling E20 fuel in about 100 outlets in 31 cities in the country.

He said 1.2 billion litres of ethanol had been blended with gasoline by the end of February to achieve the current 12% blending target. He added that the current ethanol availability was sufficient to meet this year's target.

**BARBADOS: Country increases sugar exports to the US**

Barbados is increasing sugar exports of the Del Sur sugar brand to Miami, US, to two containers of 22,000 two-pound packages weighing 20 tonnes each this month, according to Nation News.

Last month, the country exported one container to the same destination, according to the business development manager of the Barbados Agricultural Management Company, Sherwin Greenidge.

The next step will be shipping larger bags of sugar, such as four-pound and 50-pound bags, according to Greenidge during a media briefing on March 6.

**GUATEMALA: 2022/23 sugar production seen at 2.7 million T**

Guatemala is expected to produce 2.7 million metric tonnes of sugar in 2022/23, in line with the volume produced in the previous season, according to Prensa Libre.

The general manager of the sugar industry association Asazgua, Luis Miguel Paiz, said sugar output last season was 7.7% higher than in 2022/23, when 2.5 million tonnes were produced.

Sugar production has been favored by weather conditions, with well-distributed rains between May and October and solar radiation contributing to sugarcane growth. The industry has also benefited from efficient production practices and the use of technology.

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**BRAZIL: Datagro says corn ethanol output could reach 9.65 billion litres in 2030/31**  
Brazilian consultancy Datagro expects corn ethanol production in the country to increase to 9.65 billion litres in the 2030/31 season, equivalent to 16.4 million tonnes of total recoverable sugars (TRS), reports Sugaronline.

The projection was presented during the Santander Datagro conference in Ribeirão Preto, São Paulo, on March 8, according to a note on Datagro’s website.

Corn ethanol production in Brazil reached 3.46 billion litres in 2021/22.

**CHINA: Green Pool estimates decline in sugar production**

Australia-based consultancy Green Pool said on March 9 that sugar production in China’s top growing area, the southwestern Guangxi region, should drop to the lowest level in six years of 5.4 million metric tonnes in 2022/23, due to drought, according to Reuters.

This volume is 12% lower than production last year.

China’s nationwide sugar production is seen down to 9.17 million tonnes, compared to Green Pool’s previous estimate of 9.52 million tonnes.

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