



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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EL SALVADOR: Sugar production rises 4.5% in 2024/25

Sugar mills in El Salvador produced 10.76 million quintals of sugar in the 2024/25 season, as of March 9, up 4.5% from the 10.3 million quintals in the same period in the previous season, according to Diario El Mundo.

The latest production bulletin released by El Salvador's sugar industry council (Consaa) confirms that the season started with a delay, with only one mill beginning operations at the end of November last year. The other five sugar mills in the country started the crushing season in the first week of December 2024.

At the start of the season, El Salvador's sugar industry estimated that 16.3 million quintals of sugar would be produced in 2024/25.

BRAZIL: Orplana says 2025/26 CS cane crush may reach 618 million T

The president of Brazilian sugarcane growers' group Orplana, José Nogueira, said on April 2 that the 2025/26 sugarcane crush in the centre-south region should range between 605 million and 618 million metric tonnes, according to Reuters.

In 2024/25, Orplana estimates a total cane harvest between 630 million and 640 million tonnes, also considering sugarcane available that hasn't been processed. At the end of each season, a potential surplus of sugarcane can be left to be processed in the following season.

GERMANY: Nordzucker starts thick juice campaign in Nordstemmen factory

Nordzucker's factory in Nordstemmen was set to start its thick juice campaign on March 24, which is expected to last around two months, according to a [statement](#) released by the German sugar producer on March 21, reports Sugaronline.

Nordzucker will crystallize sugar from thick juice stored during the previous sugarbeet processing season, which was concluded in February.

"During the beet campaign that ended last month, not all of the beet was processed into granulated sugar, but some of it was stored as thick juice, an intermediate product in the extraction of sugar," the company said.

Nordzucker said the downstream thick juice campaign enables it to respond more specifically to customer requests for particular products and crystal sizes.

Nordzucker also runs a thick juice campaign at its production site in Trencianska Tepla, Slovakia, where sugar production was set to begin in early April.

After the thick juice campaign the factories are prepared for the next beet campaign in the autumn, according to the company.

FoodNavigator.com

European food and beverage enraged at Trump 'Liberation Day' tariffs



Industries such as wine, cheese, and olive oil will be hit hard.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2025/04/03/tariffs-food-and-beverage-industry-reacts/>

Can EU food & drink pull it together to tackle Trump's trade tariffs?



Will we see nations unite under the common cause of fighting Donald Trump's heinous taxes?
Editor Nicholas Robinson asks

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2025/04/03/how-will-europes-food-and-drink-industry-fight-trumps-tariffs/>

Top 10 rising food and beverage trends for 2025



Food and beverage is awash with new and growing trends. We discover what consumers are craving in 2025

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2025/03/26/top-10-new-food-and-beverage-trends-in-2025/>

Do sweeteners increase appetite?

Popular sweetener sucralose could be tricking the brain into believing it's hungry
<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2025/03/31/does-sweetener-sucralose-increase-appetite/>

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Eike Batista eyes new \$500 million Gulf investment in 'supercane' project – Reuters - Brazilian businessman Eike Batista, once the country's richest man, said a Gulf investor will soon announce a \$500 million investment in his new project using modified sugarcane to ramp up production of sustainable fuels. The project, which had already secured \$500 million from Sao Paulo-based private development bank Brazilinvest, aims to close another investment of that size this week from a strategic investor in the United Arab Emirates. Batista's commodities and energy empire collapsed over a decade ago. His planned comeback, betting on a specially bred "supercane," has drawn skepticism from some critics in Brazil's well-established ethanol industry, but the businessman said his technology has passed a decade of testing.

After record, Brazil ethanol production is expected to "stumble" in the 2025/26 harvest – Novacana - After the record in the cycle that ended in March, ethanol production is expected to "stumble" in the 2025/26 harvest and fall 3% in the Center-South, which accounts for just over 90% of the fuel supply in Brazil. According to preliminary projections by analyst Lucas Brunetti, from Itaú BBA's agricultural consultancy, the region is expected to produce 33.4 billion liters in the upcoming harvest. The expected 19% increase in corn-based fuel, to 9.6 billion liters, is unlikely to offset the 10% drop in sugarcane ethanol production. The sector is facing a different situation. Despite the harvest falling by almost 5% in the last harvest, to something close to 620M MT, carryover stocks of around 800 million liters, a higher %age of sugarcane directed to ethanol production and the persistent growth in production from corn sustained the market, says Unica.

Guangxi's 2024/25 sugar production season has ended - YNTW.com - It is reported that the last sugar-making enterprise in Guangxi in the 2024/25 crushing season will complete crushing today (April 2). Sugar-making enterprises in Guangxi generally started crushing ahead of schedule this crushing season, and the crushing time was also generally earlier than the previous crushing season. Compared with the previous crushing season, the overall crushing time in Guangxi this crushing season was advanced by 26 days. Guangxi's final production data for this crushing season will be announced in the near future. The industry's preliminary estimate is: Guangxi's final sugar output in the 2024/25 crushing season will be about 6.5M MT, an increase of about 300K MT compared with the previous crushing season. The actual increase is lower than the estimate before the start of the crushing season.

India Oct-March Sugar Production at 24.8 Million Tons - Bloomberg - India's sugar production touched 24.76 million tons by March 31, according to a statement Monday from the main industry body. 95 factories were operating across the country in the sugar year that began Oct. 1, the Indian Sugar and Bio-Energy Manufacturers Association said in the statement. The production figure is derived after diversion of sugar to make ethanol. Production in Uttar Pradesh, India's largest sugar producing state, was 8.75m tons this season. Output in Maharashtra was

8m tons and Karnataka was at 3.96m tons. Maharashtra and Karnataka were the second and third-largest sugar producers in the latest season.

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SOUTH AFRICA: KwaZulu-Natal's economic development dept warns about serious crisis in sugar industry

The Kwazulu-Natal's Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (Edtea) has issued a warning about serious challenges faced by the sugar industry in the province due to imports and the sugar tax, according to IOL.

During a briefing before the Edtea Portfolio Committee, the head of the department, Nhlakanipho Nkontwana, said the sugar industry in the province was on the verge of collapse, adding that the property industry has taken over most areas where there was sugarcane.

BRAZIL: Ministry releases final report on E30 viability

The Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME) released on March 28 the [final report](#) on the study that confirmed the viability of using gasoline with a 30% anhydrous ethanol blending (E30) in light vehicles and motorcycles, reports Sugaronline.

The study, prepared by the Mauá Institute of Technology (IMT), confirmed that the use of E30 is viable technically and environmentally.

"The report confirms that we can move forward in expanding the use of ethanol in our fuel matrix without harming consumers. This strengthens Brazil's commitment to biofuels and our global leadership in the energy transition," minister of Mines and Energy Alexandre Silveira said in a [statement](#).

According to the tests conducted by the IMT, increasing the anhydrous ethanol content in gasoline from 27% to 30% does not cause significant negative impacts on performance, drivability, consumption, or emissions of light vehicles and motorcycles.

Sixteen models of light vehicles and 13 motorcycles representative of the Brazilian fleet were analysed, with laboratory and track tests.

The evaluations included cold starts, idle stability, acceleration, speed recovery and vehicle emissions. Vehicles fueled with E30 showed behavior similar to those with E27, demonstrating that the electronic control and injection systems, including in carbureted models, adapted to the new fuel.
