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**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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**Sugaronline Ebriefing**

**US: Organic sugar prices expected to soar due to import tariffs**

The Organic Trade Association expects the price of organic sugar in the United States to increase by 30% on average following import tariffs imposed by President Trump's government, according to the Associated Press.

The US imports more than 90% of the organic sugar used by food manufacturers in the country. Rising organic sugar prices will also increase the costs of organic foods in the US, including yogurt and cookies, according to the association.

**Brazil and Japan discuss cooperation on sustainable fuels**

Brazil's Ministry of Mines and Energy and Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) discussed opportunities for cooperation in sustainable fuels during a meeting on Sept. 11, according to a [statement](#) released by the Brazilian government.

The meeting focused on the Initiative for Sustainable Fuels and Mobility (ISFM), a joint strategy that seeks to promote the use of renewable fuels in mobility and high-performance equipment, such as hybrid and flex-fuel engines.

Brazil and Japan discussed opportunities for cooperation in ethanol, sustainable aviation fuels (SAF), carbon capture, and international biofuel trade, as well as the possibility of integrating the trade of sustainability and decarbonisation certificates.

Japan's METI has cited the interest of Japanese companies in exporting hybrid and hybrid-flex vehicles.

Brazil and Japan agreed to hold new meetings in the future, with the participation of public and private sectors, to deepen bilateral cooperation in the development of sustainable fuels and the implementation of the ISFM.

Brazil's Secretary of Oil, Natural Gas and Biofuels, Renato Dutra, said Brazil has one of the world's cleanest energy matrices and is a global leader in biofuels, while Japan boasts expertise in high-performance mobility technologies.

"The combination of these capabilities opens new opportunities for investment, innovation, and job creation, in addition to positioning both countries as leaders in the progress toward carbon neutrality," he said, according to a statement released by Brazil's Ministry of Mines and Energy.

**BARBADOS: Cane growers hope that a new investor may help revive sugar industry**

Sugarcane farmers in Barbados are hoping for a new investor to help revive the local sugar industry after the government's deal with the Barbados Sustainable Energy Cooperative Society (Co-op Energy) failed, according to Barbados Today.

The government terminated a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Co-op Energy signed in March. This deal aimed to transfer the Barbados Agricultural Management Company's (BAMC) assets into two cooperative-run entities: ABC Ltd, responsible for 4,500 acres of farmland, and BESCO Ltd, operator of the Portvale factory.

The chairman of Barbados Sugar Industries Limited (BSIL), Mark Sealy, said farmers had already invested significantly in equipment, land, and sugarcane, and could afford not invest more in the sugar factory and government-run agricultural land.

**BRAZIL: Cosan secures capital injection to reduce debt**

Cosan announced on Sept. 21 that it has secured a BRL7.25 billion (US\$1.4 billion) capital injection led by partners at Brazilian investment bank BTG Pactual and by infrastructured-focused firm Perfin, through a public share offering, according to Valor International.

BTG Pactual, controlled by André Esteves, will invest BRL4.5 billion, and Perfin will contribute BRL2 billion. Cosan's founder, Rubens Ometto Silveira Mello, will invest an additional BRL750 million.

The capital increase will take place through a primary share offering, including two potential tranches, with the operation potentially reaching BRL10 billion (USD2 billion).

**NETHERLANDS: Cosun starts 2025 beet campaign with expectations of high yields**

Cosun began its 2025 sugarbeet campaign on Sept. 8, expecting yields above the five-year average this season, the company said in a [statement](#) in early September.

Following early sowing this spring, Cosun reported that the crop is performing well, with a sugar yield estimated at 15 tonnes per hectare (t/ha), which exceeds the five-year average of 13.5 t/ha.

Cosun plans to process 7.55 million tonnes of beets at its Dutch factories during the 135-day campaign. The average sugar content is estimated at 16.85%.

The company continues to see sugar prices pressured by expected above-average sugar yield in Europe this year. However, a reduction in acreage and beet diseases, including yellows disease in France and SBR in Germany, reduces the total European availability of sugarbeets.

Cosun reduced its crop area by 5% this year, compared to last year, to around 83,036 hectares amid low sugar prices in Europe.

**CHINA: Sugar imports rise to 830,000 T in August**

China imported 830,000 metric tonnes of sugar in August, up by 7.8% from the volume of [770,000](#) tonnes imported in August 2024, according to [data](#) released by the General Administration of Customs (GACC) on Sept. 19.

Sugar imports also increased compared to July this year, when China purchased 740,000 tonnes, up 76.2% from the 420,000 tonnes imported in July 2024.

**UK: BP stops works on Rotterdam biofuels plant – news report**

BP has decided to stop works on its Rotterdam biofuels plant, the latest of a list of abandoned biofuel projects by oil companies, according to Reuters, citing a company spokesperson on Sept. 22.

BP has halted, in recent months, plans to build biofuels plants at its Kwinana site in Australia. The company has also paused operations at plants in Lingen, Germany, and Cherry Point in the United States. In Spain, the company left its Castellon site as a potential long-term option for further development.

### **EUROPE: Crop monitor cuts sugarbeet yield forecast for France**

The European Union crop monitor service in September reduced its estimate for the sugarbeet yield in France slightly from the previous forecast in August to consider the impacts of limited rainfall in the northern part of the country last month, reports Sugaronline.

The average sugarbeet yield in France is now estimated at 78.5 metric tonnes per hectare (t/ha), compared to 79.1 t/ha projected in August, but still above the five-year average of 77 t/ha, according to the latest [JRC MARS Crop Bulletin](#).

The crop monitor has maintained the average sugarbeet yield forecast for the EU bloc practically unchanged from the previous estimate in [August](#), at 74.8 t/ha, up 2% from the five-year average. For Germany, the sugarbeet yield estimate also remained practically unchanged at 74.8 t/ha, 4% lower than the five-year average and 11% lower than in 2024. Pests in June and July constrained sugarbeet growth in southern Germany.

In Poland, the sugarbeet yield forecast was revised upwards by 2% from the previous estimate to 69.6 t/ha, which is 10% above the five-year average, amid favourable rainfall in the country's major beet production regions.

In the Benelux countries, the harvest campaign has started with high beet and sugar yields, despite the presence of Cercospora and rust pressure. The EU crop monitor said wilting of sugarbeets grown on light soils may reduce yields locally.

The average sugarbeet yield for Belgium is estimated at 88.1 t/ha, up 17% from 2024 and 6% above the five-year average. In the Netherlands, sugarbeet yield is expected to increase by 15% this year to 86.6 t/ha, which is 5% above the five-year average.

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