



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

MOROCCO: Cosumar plans to expand crop area in 2025/26

Cosumar has begun its 2025/26 sowing campaign, aiming to expand its total crop area beyond 2024/25, despite persistent drought conditions, according to LesEco and La Nouvelle Tribune.

The company has decided to plant 60,000 hectares of sugarbeet and 8,000 ha of sugarcane this season, including 3,000 ha of new plantations, depending on the availability of water resources.

In the 2024/25 season, Cosumar harvested around 2 million tonnes of sugarbeets from an area of 34,150 ha, compared to 21,313 ha in 2023/24. Sugarcane production last year totaled 278,141 tonnes, harvested from 4,413 ha.

UGANDA: President vows to revive Atiak sugar factory

President Museveni said on Oct. 20 that the government would revive the Atiak sugar factory to create jobs, as part of a plan to revive the economy in the region, according to The Monitor.

Addressing residents in Amuru District, Museveni said the factory would be revived and that if there were any challenges, the government would look into them. He added that the government would ensure the factory meets its projected production capacity.

US: Dental association urges government to include added sugar in definition of ultra-processed foods

The American Dental Association (ADA) is urging federal regulators to include added sugar in the formal definition of ultra-processed foods, to promote healthier diets and prevent dental issues, according to a [press statement](#) released on Oct. 21.

In a [letter](#) to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Department of Agriculture (USDA), ADA leaders highlighted the link between excessive sugar intake and dental issues. They said no amount of added sugar is risk-free for oral health.

The letter is in response to a request for comments published in the Federal Register in July, in which the government requested public participation to help establish a uniform definition for ultra-processed foods.

ADA president Brett Kessler and interim executive director Elizabeth Shapiro acknowledged that not all processed foods meet the criteria for ultra-processed foods, but that it is both practical and necessary to encourage healthier diets and restrict high-sugar ingredients in food policy.

"Based on the near-universal presence of added sugars in these foods, we strongly recommend that any final definition explicitly incorporate added sugar as a defining attribute," they wrote.

CHINA: Sugar imports reach 550,000 T in September

China imported 550,000 metric tonnes of sugar in September, up 35.8% from the same month last year, according to Agro Estadão.

Imports in September were, however, lower than the 830,000 tonnes imported in [August](#) this year.

In the first nine months of the year, China purchased 3.16 million tonnes of sugar, up 9.4% year-on-year, according to data released by the General Administration of Customs (GACC).

BRAZIL: Datagro estimates 4% rise in CS sugar production in 2026/27

Consultancy Datagro expects sugar mills in Brazil's centre-south to produce 43.2 million tonnes of sugar in the 2026/27 season, up 4.3% from the 41.4 million tonnes projected for the 2025/26 cycle in the region, the company said in a [press statement](#) about projections released during the 25th Datagro International Conference on Sugar and Ethanol, in São Paulo, this week.

Increased sugar production in Brazil should contribute to a global sugar surplus of 1.98 million metric tonnes in the 2025/26 marketing year (Oct-Sept), following an estimated deficit of 5 million tonnes in 2024/25.

Sugar mills in Brazil are projected to crush 625.5 million tonnes of sugarcane in the 2026/27 season in the region, up 3% from the 607.3 million tonnes expected in the 2025/26 season that ends in March next year.

Datagro estimates that 75% of the sugar mills in Brazil's centre-south to conclude operations for the current campaign in the second half of November.

Total recoverable sugars (TRS) in the centre-south in 2026/27 are estimated to increase to 139.5 kg/tonne, from 137.4 kg/t this season. The sugar mix is expected to remain practically stable at 52%.

INDIA: Ethanol producers criticise allocation policy in OMC's supply tender

The recent allocation of 10.50 billion litres of ethanol by oil marketing companies (OMCs) for the 2025–26 supply year has faced criticism from both grain and sugarcane ethanol producers, according to Business Standard.

The Grain Ethanol Manufacturers Association (GEMA) expressed concerns that the allocation policy overlooked surplus production zones, while the Indian Sugar and Bio-Energy Manufacturers Association (ISMA) said that limited allocation for sugarcane ethanol would hurt the industry.

OMCs had received offers totaling 17.76 billion litres from distilleries, indicating surplus capacity in the ethanol industry.

OMAN: Country's first sugar refinery prepares for commissioning

Oman's first sugar refinery project is nearing completion, designed to produce 3,000 metric tonnes of white refined sugar per day, equivalent to 1 million tonnes per year, once it reaches full capacity, according to the Oman Observer.

German technology provider BMA currently has engineers and technicians on site to support the commissioning of the Oman Sugar Refinery at Sohar Port and Free Zone. Work at the site is at the final stage before full-scale production begins, according to the news report.

In preparation for the start of production, the factory received its first shipment of raw sugar from Brazil in August, totaling 90,000 tonnes.

BRAZIL: Raízen increases cane crushing pace in 2Q 2025/26

Raízen crushed 35.1 million metric tonnes of sugarcane in the second quarter of the 2025/26 season (July-September), up 6.7% from the same period last year, as weather conditions contributed to increasing the cane crushing pace in the period, reports Sugaronline.

Sugarcane quality conditions allowed the company to maximize sugar output, with 56% of the raw material diverted for the production of the sweetener in the second quarter of this year, compared to 52% in the same period last year, according to Raízen's [operational preview](#) released on Oct. 22.

Total production in sugar equivalent from July to September this year reached 4.78 million tonnes, compared to 3.67 million tonnes in the same quarter in 2024.

Sugar sales fell to 1.5 million tonnes, from 2.1 million tonnes one year earlier. Ethanol sales declined to 817,000 cubic metres, from 974,00 cubic metres.

Despite increased production in the second quarter, the cumulative output in the first half of the 2025/26 season was below last year's.

From April to September, Raízen crushed 59.6 million tonnes of sugarcane, down 6.4% from the same period last year. Production in sugar equivalent declined 9% to 7.58 million tonnes.

The sugar mix so far this season is at 55%, compared to 51% in the first half of 2024/25.

Total Recoverable Sugars (TRS) averaged 133 kg/t, down from 136 kg/t in the same period last season. Agricultural yield fell to 75 t/ha, from 81 t/ha in the first half of 2024/25.

Productivity and production declined due to the impacts of last year's weather conditions and fire on sugarcane crops, frosts in some regions, the sale of 1.3 million tonnes of sugarcane, and the decision to shut down operations at the Santa Elisa mill as part of the company's divestment plan.

Sugar sales in the first half of 2025/26 totaled 2.499 million tonnes, compared to 2.87 million in the same period last year. Raízen said the sugar sales pace in 2024/25 was atypical, concentrated in the first half of the season.

Ethanol sales declined to 1.31 million cubic metres in the first half of this season, from 1.65 million cubic metres in the same period of 2024/25, which Raízen said is consistent with lower production this year.

INDONESIA: Government plans to offer incentives for companies building ethanol plants

Indonesia's government plans to offer incentives, including tax holidays, for companies building ethanol plants in the country, to support the implementation of a 10% ethanol fuel blend (E10) by 2027, according to Antara News.

Energy minister Bahlil Lahadalia also mentioned that there was potential for Brazilian investors to develop ethanol factories in the country, citing discussions following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two nations.

Indonesia aims to produce around 1.4 million kilolitres of ethanol by 2027 using cassava and sugarcane as primary raw materials.

INDONESIA: Minister says E10 will be required from 2027

Indonesia's Energy and Mineral Resources minister Bahlil Lahadalia said on Oct. 24 that the government will require a 10% ethanol mix in gasoline (E10) from 2027, according to Antara News.

During a ceremony marking the Mining and Energy Anniversary at the National Monument in Jakarta, Lahadalia said the E10 policy aims to develop renewable, plant-based energy sources and reduce reliance on imported gasoline.

The minister also said that the E10 initiative was a key topic in discussions between Indonesia and Brazil. Indonesia is sending a delegation to exchange knowledge on ethanol mandates, while Brazilian experts will assist Indonesia with biodiesel expertise.

BRAZIL: Corn ethanol production capacity to nearly match that of cane mills by 2034

Datagro estimates that Brazil's installed capacity for corn-based ethanol production will nearly match that of sugarcane mills by 2034, according to Valor International.

Production capacity of corn ethanol plants is estimated to reach 24.7 billion litres by 2034, while sugarcane mills are estimated to be able to produce 25 billion litres.

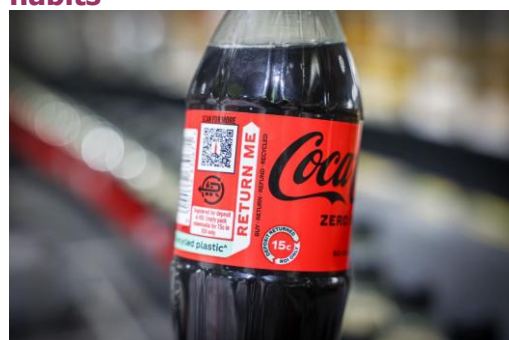
There are no signs of growth in sugarcane ethanol output over the next ten years. Within nine years, half of Brazil's ethanol production should come from corn.

US: C&H Sugar to pay settlement over foul odor

C&H Sugar will pay a USD734,000 settlement to resolve allegations by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board over strong odor emitted by its Crockett wastewater plant for over a month due to an equipment failure in 2022, according to KQED.

The company was also required to provide information about the reliability of its treatment system and the causes of the failures.

C&H said in a statement that it is committed to responsible operations and has invested in upgrades to the jointly-owned water treatment facility that processes wastewater from the local community and the sugar factory.

Coca-Cola leans into protein, 'zeros and diets' as GLP-1 users reshape beverage habits

Even as appetite-suppressing drugs dampen full-sugar soda sales, the beverage giant reports higher revenue and market share gains powered in part by its 'reinvigorated sparkling portfolio' thanks to no- and low-calorie options and its protein offerings, including an impending Fairlife production expansion

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2025/10/21/coca-cola-rides-zero-sugar-protein-boom-amid-glp-1-shift/>