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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**BELIZE: Cabinet ends sugar retail price controls, approves new regulated prices**

Belize's government decided in a cabinet meeting on Oct. 28 to approve the removal of price controls for retail labelled packaged sugar, according to Love FM.

"Cabinet considered the pricing of regulated plantation white sugar and brown sugar for industrial products, including consideration of the freight distance in the establishment of prices, and approved the establishment of regulated prices and the removal of price control for retail labelled packaged sugar," according to a [Cabinet Brief](#) released Oct. 30.

NIGERIA: Dangote Sugar reports improved results in Q3

Dangote Sugar Refinery has reported a pre-tax profit of N13.38 billion (USD9.23 million) in the third quarter of this year, after a loss of N64.16 billion in the same period of 2024, driven by revenue growth and a decline in finance costs, according to Nairametrics.

For the first nine months of this year, the company [reported](#) a loss of NGN8.7 billion, compared to a loss of NGN275.5 billion in the same period last year.

Revenue increased by 3.8% in the third quarter to NGN196.02 billion, while the cost of sales decreased 15.8% to NGN157.64 billion.

BRAZIL: Mexico seeks cooperation on ethanol production

The presidents of Brazil, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, and Mexico, Claudia Sheinbaum, agreed to deepen the economic partnership between their countries during a phone call on Oct.31, when she expressed interest in Brazil's cooperation for ethanol production, according to Brazil's state-owned news agency Agência Brasil.

President Sheinbaum also said that she had designated minister of Environment and Natural Resources Alicia Barcenas to represent Mexico at the COP30 in Belém, Pará. Sheinbaum also expressed interest in receiving information from Brazil regarding the implementation of social programs to combat hunger and poverty in Mexico.

"The two presidents celebrated the positive moment in Brazil-Mexico relations and agreed to meet as soon as possible," Brazil's government said in a statement.

MALAYSIA: Government plans tighter control of subsidies

Malaysia's government plans to review its targeted subsidy mechanism for essential goods, including sugar, to prevent misuse, according to Free Malaysia Today and Malay Mail.

Deputy finance minister Lim Hui Ying told Parliament on Nov. 3 that government aims to extend its subsidy rationalisation efforts beyond the energy sector, but that any adjustments would be made carefully and implemented in phases.

This move is aimed at ensuring that subsidies are provided only to those who really need them.

NIGERIA: Sugar council launches growers development plan to increase local sugar output

Nigeria's National Sugar Development Council has launched the Sugarcane Outgrower Development Program, aimed at boosting local sugar production and contributing to the country achieving self-sufficiency in sugar in the future, according to Punch Online.

The program also aims to create opportunities for inclusive economic growth by integrating outgrower farmers into the industry's supply chain, by providing farmers with guaranteed offtake agreements, access to quality seed cane and inputs, technical support, structured training programs, and adoption of sustainable land and water use practices.

INDIA: ISMA estimates 16% rise in 2025/26 sugar output

Sugar industry association ISMA expects gross sugar production in India in 2025/26 to increase 16% from the previous season to 34.35 million metric tonnes, according to reports by the Press Trust of India (PTI) and the New Indian Express.

Around 3.4 million tonnes are estimated to be diverted for ethanol output, resulting in a net sugar production of 30.95 million tonnes in 2025/26. Sugar consumption is projected at 28.5 million tonnes. Opening stocks at the start of season are estimated at 5 million tonnes.

Sugarcane acreage in India for the 2025/26 sugar season is projected at around 5.735 million hectares, compared to 5.711 million ha in the previous season, per post-monsoon satellite imagery captured in the third week of October 2025, according to the New Indian Express.

ED & F Man Daily Research**Brazil's sugar output nearly unchanged in October as mills switch to ethanol** – Reuters

- Sugar output in Brazil's main sugar belt was nearly unchanged in the first half of October from a year earlier as mills boosted a switch to ethanol production amid plunging sugar prices, data from industry group UNICA showed on Thursday. The amount of cane Brazil mills allocated to sugar production, the so-called sugar mix, fell to 48.2% in October, with 51.8% of the raw material being used to make ethanol fuel. The reading marks a sharp move in the industry, which had a peak of 55% of the cane being used to make sugar only two months ago. Brazilian cane mills have the flexibility to change their production mix between sugar and ethanol depending on market prices. Sugar production in Brazil's center-south region rose 1.25% in the first half of October to 2.48 million metric tons, while ethanol output was down 1.1% to 2.01 billion liters. Sugarcane crushing totaled 34.04 million tons in the period, up 0.3% on a yearly basis, UNICA said.

Inpasa begins building new R\$2.4 billion grain-ethanol plant – ChiniMandi - Inpasa,

one of the largest grain ethanol producers in Latin America, announced on Friday that it will invest 2.4 billion reais to build a new plant in Rio Verde, Goias. Construction of the facility has already begun. This new plant will be Inpasa's ninth and the first to be located in Goias. It is expected to enhance the integration of agriculture, energy, and industry in the region. The company plans

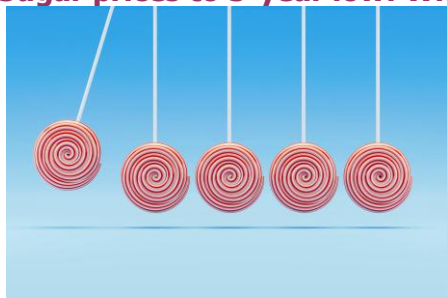
to use corn, sorghum, and other grains as feedstock for the plant. The new unit will have an annual capacity to process 2 million tons of grains, resulting in the production of 1 billion liters of ethanol, 490,000 tons of DDGS (protein feed for cattle, pigs and poultry), 47,000 tons of vegetable oil and an estimated generation of 345,000 GWh of electricity from biomass

Raízen's operations in Argentina are expected to be sold later this year for R\$1.5 billion – Novacana - With BTG Pactual coordinating the sale of Raízen's businesses in Argentina, it has entered a second phase. According to sources consulted by Valor Econômico, five companies have expressed interest in continuing negotiations. These are: the Argentine Wertheim family; the Argentine Sielecki family; the Argentine energy company CGC, which formed a consortium with the Dutch trading company Vitol; the American company RM Parks; and the Swiss trading company Mercuria. According to those interviewed by Valor, the deal promises to generate around US\$1.5 billion and should be finalized in 2025. The sources also stated that the sale was benefited by the victory of President Javier Milei's party in the legislative election, as a defeat would represent a weakening of the politician, which is considered a risk for investors. Currently, Raízen controls the Dock Sud refinery – the second largest in Argentina –, a network of gas stations, and a lubricant factory.

Brazil drought and low prices challenge the 2025/26 sugarcane harvest – Novacana - The 2025/26 sugarcane harvest continues to be marked by reduced milling and decreased productivity in the fields. According to Unica, as of October 16th, the Center-South region processed 524.96M MT of sugarcane, a volume 2.78% lower than that recorded in the same period of the previous harvest. The situation is a direct reflection of the weather. Usina Granelli said that "the lack of rain ultimately did not help the sugarcane fields develop." This harmed productivity and reduced the quality of the raw material; thus, the Total Recoverable Sugars (TRS) content fell by 3.4% YoY.

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Sugar prices to 5-year low: When will they rise again?



The price of sugar will not stay low forever

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2025/11/04/sugar-prices-at-5-year-low/>

Letter from the editor: Sweeteners in focus - navigating the taste, tech & trade-offs



Consumers' evolving preferences, clean-label demands and political debates are reshaping sugar and alternative sweeteners - and challenging brands to innovate without compromise

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2025/10/16/letter-from-the-editor-sweeteners-in-focus-navigating-the-taste-tech-and-trade-offs/>

Nestlé bets on start-ups for GLP-1 innovation



The multinational hopes external innovation can help support consumers through weight loss and maintenance phases

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