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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
NIGERIA: Sugar Council announces investment in new sugar production site in Taraba

The National Sugar Development Council (NSDC) and the Lee Group have announced the development of a multi-million dollar sugar production project in Taraba, according to a recent [statement](#) released by the Council.

NSDC executive director Kamar Bakrin has led a delegation including the Council's officials and the Lee Group management team to Jalingo, the Taraba state capital, to seek the support of Governor Agbu Kefas and the state government in establishing the sugar project.

The NSDC is working closely with credible investors under the Nigeria Sugar Master Plan (NSMP), Phase II. Bakrin said Taraba State is one of the most promising locations for sugar investment in Nigeria.

The Council has identified 1.2 million hectares of land across the country as suitable for sugar development, with Taraba ranking among the most strategically positioned.

"The Lee Group, through its subsidiary GNAAL Sugar, has also met our requirements as a credible investor with both financial strength and technical expertise," he added.

Project Director of Lee Group, Lam Wing Ki Wilkins, informed the governor of the group's desire to set up a multi-million-dollar sugar project in Taraba state. He said the state possessed "immense potential for agriculture and industrial growth," noting that the proposed sugar project would significantly advance both local and national economic objectives.

"We are not here merely to present an idea — we are here to build a lasting partnership. Our investment will enhance the state's revenue base, create significant employment opportunities, stimulate local enterprise, and empower farming communities through an inclusive out-grower scheme," he said.

The governor called for the establishment of a tripartite committee comprising state officials, the NSDC, and investors to facilitate the movement of proceedings to the next stage.

ZAMBIA: Zambia Sugar reports lower operating profit but higher revenue

Zambia Sugar's operating profit declined 23% in the year ended Aug. 31 to ZMW1.99 billion, due to the impacts of severe drought on cane production and rising input costs, according to Food Business.

The company's total revenue rose 18% to ZMW8.90 billion (USD397.45 million), driven by a 23% rise in local sales and a 9% improvement in export revenue.

INDONESIA: Country seeks white sugar self-sufficiency by 2026

Indonesia's Agriculture minister Andi Amran Sulaiman said on Nov. 7 that the government is working towards achieving self-sufficiency in white sugar by 2026 as part of a broader national initiative to enhance food security and revitalise its sugar industry, according to Antara News.

Sulaiman made the statement after a meeting on the Plantation and Industry Downstream Program with Investment minister Rosan Perkasa Roeslani and Danantara CEO Rosan Perkasa Roeslani at the Agriculture Ministry.

Indonesia aims to achieve full self-sufficiency in consumer sugar within three to four years by improving sugarcane productivity and modernising mills.

BRAZIL: Raízen sells Continental sugar mill to Grupo Colorado

Raízen announced on Nov. 10 the sale of its Continental mill, located in São Paulo state, as well as the transfer of the sugarcane to be crushed at the mill to Grupo Colorado for BRL750 million, reports Sugaronline.

The Continental mill has the capacity to crush 2 million metric tonnes of sugarcane per season. This transaction is part of Raízen's plan to reduce debt and optimise its portfolio by streamlining operations.

"Following the completion of this operation and the others already announced, Raízen will operate a portfolio of 24 mills, with an installed crushing capacity of approximately 73 million tonnes per harvest," the company said in a statement.

The completion of this transaction is subject to approval by Brazil's competition authority, Cade, and compliance with the other precedent conditions established in the contracts.

THAILAND: China expands ban on Thai sugar-based products

The General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) has expanded a ban on Thai syrups and premixed products, following the failure of 10 factories to pass the latest hygiene inspections conducted by Chinese officials, according to the Bangkok Post and the Thai Inquirer.

The president of the Thai Sugar Product Association, Todsaporn Ruangpattananont, said the closure of export channels would cost the industry billions of baht.

China had already banned imports of syrups and premixed sugar powders from Thailand under two tariff codes in December 2024. The new ban, effective from Oct. 27, bans four additional product codes to cover all forms of syrup, sugar blends and related preparations, and freezes new registration applications for Thai producers, according to Todsaporn.

BRAZIL: Sugar exports rise to a record 4.2 million t in October

Brazil's sugar and molasses exports increased 12.8% in October to 4.2 million metric tonnes, according to data released by the Department of Foreign Trade (Secex) of Brazil's Ministry of Development, Industries, Trade and Service (MDIC) on Nov. 6, reports Sugaronline. This monthly volume was a record for the sector, according to consultancy Datagro.

In October 2024, Brazil exported 3.73 million tonnes of sugar.

Revenue from exports declined 5.8% year-on-year to USD1.67 billion, driven by a 16.5% decline in the average export price to USD396.9 per tonne, compared to USD475.2/t in October 2024. From January to October, Brazil exported 27.6 million tonnes of sugar, down 13.7% from the same period last year, generating USD11.8 billion in revenue, 24.4% lower year-on-year, according to the government's trade statistics portal [Comex Vis.](#)

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