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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**AUSTRIA: Agrana announces 3-year agreement with sugarbeet growers**

Agrana announced on Dec. 3 that it has reached an agreement with the sugarbeet growers' association Rübenbauernverband on the growing terms and conditions for the coming three years, reports Sugaronline.

"As a result of constructive negotiations with the sugar beet growers' lobbying association, it has been possible to develop a new pricing model which takes the prevailing circumstances into account," the company said in a [statement](#), citing a challenging market environment of consistently low sugar sales prices.

Agrana CEO Stephan Büttner said the agreement reached is "an important step toward safeguarding the sugar production site in Austria and makes a significant contribution to planning certainty for farmers and Agrana."

He added that Agrana will continue to be "a reliable buyer of sugarbeet crops and remain an important, dependable partner to trading and industrial players" in the future.

Agrana said around 95% of this year's sugarbeet crop had been processed by the end of November, and the campaign is expected to be concluded by the end of January.

The sugar mill in Tulln began its sugarbeet processing campaign in early September, and "is proceeding very satisfactorily," with up to 14,000 metric tonnes of sugarbeet processed daily.

The agriculture yield of 78 tonnes per hectare and the sugar content of 17% this season are in line with long-term averages, according to Agrana.

UKRAINE: Sugar industry association says production reached 1.25 million T of sugar

Sugar production in the Ukraine has reached 1.25 million metric tonnes of sugar so far in the season, as of Dec. 1, after processing 8.36 million tonnes of sugarbeets, according to the National Association of Sugar Producers (Ukrsugar), reports Sugaronline.

In the Vinnytsia region, the leader in production volumes, where 263,000 tonnes of sugar were produced, according to a [statement](#) released by Ukrsugar on Dec. 2.

Sugar yield reached 15.02%, compared to 14.11% last season, due to a higher sugar content upon acceptance of 17.48%, which is 0.71% higher than in 2024.

The production figures are based on data reported by 26 sugar factory members of the association. Beets are also processed by Gorikhiv Sugar Refinery, which is not a member of Ukr sugar and does not provide timely information on the progress of sugarbeet processing, according to Ukr sugar.

The association estimates that 22 sugar factories will continue sugarbeet processing in December.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Sugar production may rise 11% in 2025/26

Sugar production in the Dominican Republic in 2025/26 is estimated to increase 11% to 580,000 metric tonnes, driven by overall expansion of planted and harvested areas in key production zones, according to the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) Post in Santo Domingo.

The expansion in harvested area should partially offset the negative effects of reduced rainfall in the eastern region, which accounts for more than 80% of the national production, according to the FAS Santo Domingo in the Sugar [Semi-Annual report](#).

In 2024/25, sugar output in the country increased 5% to 520,831 tonnes, supported by improved rainfall conditions.

FAS Santo Domingo expects the country to export 190,000 tonnes of raw sugar in 2025/26, which is enough to cover the Dominican Republic's US tariff-rate quota (TRQ) for Fiscal Year 2026.

Imports are forecast to decline by 5,000 tonnes to 30,000 tonnes, as higher domestic production is expected to meet growing local consumption.

MEXICO: 2025/26 sugar output forecast to rise 7% – USDA

Sugar production in Mexico in 2025/26 is estimated to rise 7% to 5.4 million metric tonnes, due to the favourable effects of seasonal rains and a recovery in planted area, according to the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) Post in Mexico City.

"This follows several years of drought in the Northeast region (San Luis Potosí and northern Veracruz) that caused widespread crop failure. Increased rains could help boost yields in the current harvest season," FAS Mexico City said in the [Sugar Semi-Annual report](#) released this week.

The total harvested area is estimated at 760,000 hectares (ha). Sugarcane planted in 2025/26 is now ready to harvest, and final production results will depend on stable weather with low precipitation and sunshine, as well as efficient milling capacity, according to the FAS Post.

Mexico's consumption should increase 5% to 4.7 million tonnes as lower-priced domestic sugar is favoured over high-fructose corn syrup (HFCS).

Sugar imports in 2025/26 are forecast to decline 19% to 150,000 tonnes, due to higher domestic production. Around 50% of sugar imports are expected to come from the United States.

CHINA: Sugar production should rise to 11.5 million T in 2025/26 – USDA

China's sugar production is expected to rise to 11.5 million metric tonnes in 2025/26, up from around 11.2 million metric tonnes estimated for 2024/25, driven by increased cane and beet acreage, according to the USDA's Agricultural Trade Office (ATO) in Guangzhou.

Cane sugar output is forecast at 9.9 million tonnes, due to crop acreage expansion as sugarcane remains more profitable than other competing crops. Beet sugar production is estimated at 1.6 million tonnes, as a significant number of farmers in Inner Mongolia switched to sugarbeet due to market prices and demand weakening for competing crops.

Sugar consumption should remain steady at 15.8 million tonnes, up by 100,000 tonnes from the USDA official forecast.

China's sugar imports are forecast at 5.3 million tonnes in 2025/26, compared to an estimated 5 million in 2024/25, supported by relatively low sugar prices. "The government's continued efforts in regulating imports of sugar syrup/premix powder are expected to maintain raw sugar imports at higher levels," the Guangzhou ATO said in the [Sugar Semi-Annual report](#).

US: CEO of American Sugarbeet Growers Association to retire after 44 years

The American Sugarbeet Growers Association (ASGA) CEO, Luther Markwart, will retire on Dec. 31, 2026, after 44 years as the association's chief executive, according to KFGO.

The association said that its board has been working with Markwart on a succession plan for more than a year to ensure a smooth transition and prepare the organisation for the future. The application process for the CEO position will begin on Jan. 1, 2026.

BRAZIL: Raízen's asset sale in Argentina advances with two bidders – news report

Energy trading firms Mercuria and Vitol are among the bidders still competing to buy Raízen's refinery and hundreds of gas stations in Argentina, according to Bloomberg, citing people familiar with the matter on Nov. 27.

The two commodity trading companies are seeking to expand their presence in the sector, while Argentine president Javier Milei is expected to accelerate his deregulation plans.

The deal is estimated at more than USD1 billion. According to Bloomberg, Mercuria declined to comment for the story, and Vitol and Raízen did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

BRAZIL: Vibra Energia to start supplying SAF for commercial flights

Vibra Energia will begin supplying commercial flights with sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) this month at Brazil's Salvador International Airport, according to Reuters.

SAF will be used on two daily flights departing from Salvador, one by Gol Linhas Aéreas and the other by Latam Airlines Brasil.

The flights will use a mixture of 10% pure SAF and 90% fossil fuel, the largest blend with pure SAF ever used in Brazilian aviation refueling, according to Vibra.

BELIZE: Revenue from sugar exports more than double in October

Belize's revenue from sugar exports more than doubled in October to BZD9.5 million (USD4.7 million), compared to BZD4 million in the same month last year, driven by increased shipments to the United Kingdom and other countries in Europe, according to [data released](#) by the Statistical Institute of Belize (BZD), report Sugaronline.

Despite the monthly rise in sugar exports, in the first ten months of the year, revenues from sugar shipments decreased by BZD20.6 million to BZD107.8 million due to lower market prices. Belize's total domestic exports, including all products, increased 19.8% in October BZD32.7 million. In the first 10 months of 2025, Belize exported totaled BZD340.7 million, down 6.6% year-on-year.

MALAWI: Illovo Sugar reports 250% jump in profit

Illovo Sugar has reported a 250% increase in after-tax profit to MWK77 billion (USD44.4 million) for the year ended Aug. 31, when prices in the local market rose due to a sugar shortage, according to The Nation.

Total sugar production declined to 203,786 metric tonnes from 222,190 due to persistent, unusually heavy rainfall between April and July 2025.

The company started its crushing season late, with full-scale production in mid-July rather than April or May in previous years, due to irregular cane supply caused by prolonged rainfall and maintenance work.

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What F&B trends are on their way out in 2026?



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What's coming after stevia? 4 new sweeteners on the horizon



From Finland to Italy, Peru to the UK, four start-ups are on a mission to transform the sugar reduction landscape

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'A mandate for innovation': R&D is back at the top of the agenda with UK sugar tax shake up



The UK will extend its sugar tax to include more drinks, including milk-based products. Businesses have two options: take the financial hit - or get back into the lab and innovate

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French sugar beet growers see bigger crop but fear price pressure – Reuters - France is set for a much bigger sugar beet crop as a result of improved weather, but low prices continue to threaten producers and require stronger EU supply regulation, growers group CGB said on Wednesday. France's 2025/26 sugar beet crop is expected to reach 36 million metric tons, up from 32.8 million last season, with higher yields offsetting a decrease in the planted area, the CGB said in a presentation.
