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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
INDIA: ISMA elects new president and VP

The Indian Sugar & Bio-Energy Manufacturers Association (ISMA) announced that Niraj Shirgaokar has been elected as the organisation's new president, according to Rural Voice.

Madhav Banshidhar Shriram will be vice president for the upcoming term, according to the announcement during ISMA's Annual General Meeting held on Dec. 18 in New Delhi.

Shirgaokar said the association will continue to engage with the government to build resilience and growth for the sector. Shriram said ISMA will focus on strengthening ethanol capacity, encouraging technological innovation, and promoting sustainability across the sugar value chain.

PAKISTAN: USDA reduces sugar production estimate for 2025/26

USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) Post in Islamabad has reduced its estimate of Pakistan's 2025/26 total sugar production by more than 6% to 6.2 million metric tonnes due to crop losses from flooding, lower sucrose recovery, and reduced cane yields, reports Sugaronline.

Pakistan should continue to rely on imports to ensure local availability, given the outlook for continued production shortfalls in 2025/26, according to FAS Islamabad.

Local sugar consumption in 2025/26 is estimated at 6.8 million tonnes, up from 6.6 million tonnes in the previous season, driven by household demand from Pakistan's growing population and the expansion of the domestic food processing sector.

Imports are estimated to total 500,000 tonnes in 2025/26, reflecting Pakistan's likely need to stabilize domestic availability. "However, the final import requirement will depend on the outcomes of the upcoming crushing season, when more reliable production and stock data will become available," FAS Islamabad said in the Sugar [Semi-Annual report](#).

INDIA: Government plans to manage sugar surplus with exports & ethanol diversion

India's government plans to manage the country's sugar surplus through exports and by diverting more sugar for ethanol production, according to Reuters.

India's food secretary, Sanjeev Chopra, said on Dec. 18 that the surplus would hurt farmers and that the government would try to contain it through all possible measures.

He added that India's sugar industry expects prices to decline gradually by mid-January, when a supply glut is anticipated, posing challenges for the sector.

EUROPE: Sugar production & consumption to continue to decline through 2035 – EC

Sugarbeet production in the European Union is expected to decline by 1.1% annually through 2035 due to expected reductions in cultivated area and yield, according to the [EU Agricultural Outlook 2025-2035](#) released by the European Commission (EC) on Dec. 16.

The sugarbeet land area in the EU could decline by 10% in 2025/26 compared to the previous season to 1.45 million hectares (ha).

"As sugar prices are expected to remain relatively stable over the coming decade, and competition for land use by other crops is expected to intensify, the land area dedicated to sugar beet could decrease further, possibly to 1.42 million ha by 2035," the EC said in the report.

More frequent extreme weather events and the changing dynamics of plant pathogens are expected to lead to a slow decline in beet yields from around 75 t/ha in 2023 and 2024 to 72.4 t/ha by 2035.

Overall sugar consumption in the EU could decrease by 0.5% per year in the coming decade, reaching 14.5 million metric tonnes by 2035. The EC expects both sugar consumption and production in the EU to be largely in balance in 2035, as consumption would decline slightly faster than production.

With the expected decline in production, EU sugar exports could also decline and fall to 1 million tonnes by 2035. Sugar imports are also expected to slowly decline towards just over 1 million tonnes by 2035.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: US ambassador visits Central Romana

The Central Romana Corporation received a visit from US Ambassador Leah F. Campos, when she was presented with the technical and operational processes involved in sugarcane production, according to Dominican Today.

During the visit, Central Romana's team also delivered a corporate presentation on the company's operations, its diversification into agribusiness, manufacturing, services, tourism, and real estate, and its corporate social responsibility initiatives. The US delegation also toured agricultural communities, schools, housing, and medical centres supported by the company, according to the news report.

In March, the US government [lifted restrictions](#) on Central Romana's sugar exports to the US.

USDA estimates global sugar output to rise by 8.3 million T in 2025/26

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) estimates an increase of 8.3 million metric tonnes in global sugar production in 2025/26 to 189.3 million metric tonnes, boosted by higher production in Brazil, India and Thailand, offsetting lower output in the European Union, reports Sugaronline.

Global sugar consumption is expected to rise by 1.33% from the 2024/25 projection to 178.11 million tonnes, according to the USDA's latest estimates released on Dec. 16 in the [Sugar World Markets and Trade report](#).

Ending stocks should rise to 44.54 million tonnes in 2025/26, from 42.40 million tonnes in 2024/25.

The USDA expects Brazil's sugar production to increase by 700,000 tonnes from 2024/25 to 44.4 million. India's sugar output is estimated to jump 26% to 35.3 million tonnes in 2025/26, while Thailand's production is expected to increase by 2% to 10.3 million tonnes.

Sugar production is also expected to increase in China, by 340,000 tonnes to 11.5 million tonnes, and in Australia, by 150,000 tonnes to 4 million tonnes.

In turn, sugar output in the European Union is expected to fall 5% to 15.5 million tonnes, amid a 8% reduction in the sugarbeet planted area, mostly due to declines in France and Germany.

AUSTRALIA: Mackay Sugar concludes 2025 crushing season

Mackay Sugar, a subsidiary of Nordzucker, concluded the 2025 crushing season this week, with a total of 4.76 million metric tonnes of sugarcane processed at its three Australian factories, the company [announced](#) on Dec. 17, reports Sugaronline.

In the previous season, Mackay Sugar crushed 4.85 million tonnes of sugarcane, according to information released by Nordzucker in [January](#) this year.

In 2025, the Farleigh sugar mill, which concluded operations for the campaign on Dec. 13, crushed 1.33 million tonnes of sugarcane, with an average sugar content measured by Commercial Cane Sugar (CCS) of 13.38.

The Marian mill crushed 1.93 million tonnes of sugarcane, with an average CCS of 13.47.

The Racecourse sugar mill concluded activities on Dec. 12, after processing 1.5 million tonnes for the season, with an average sugar content of 13.99.

TAIWAN: Taisugar signs MoU to recycle carbon from sugar production

State-run sugar producer Taiwan Sugar Corp. (Taisugar) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the National Atomic Research Institute (NARI) and Nice Enterprise Co. on Dec. 16 to collaborate on a project to recycle carbon generated in the sugar-production process, according to the CNA news agency.

Carbon-capture technologies developed by NARI will be installed in Taisugar's factory chimneys to convert carbon dioxide emissions into sodium bicarbonate, which will then be used by cosmetics producer Nice as an ingredient in cleaning products.

On Dec. 16, Taisugar also opened its Huwei sugar refinery in Yunlin County to prepare for the 2025/26 sugar production season, when it is expected to crush 241,000 metric tonnes of sugarcane and produce around 21,000 tonnes of sugar.

ZAMBIA: Zambia Sugar to expand power generation capacity

Zambia Sugar Limited plans to expand its power generation capacity to 100 megawatts (MW), according to a [statement](#) released by Zambia's Ministry of Energy on Dec. 15.

The company made the announcement during the 4th Public-Private Dialogue Forum (PPDF) in Lusaka on Dec. 12, according to the Ministry.

Zambia Sugar has been authorised by the Energy Regulation Board (ERB) to increase its electricity generation capacity initially from 40 to 53 (MW), with a pathway toward the targeted 100 MW. The additional power generation will supply the national grid.

Zambia Sugar managing director Oswald Magwenzi said the company is implementing projects valued at USD132 million, reflecting sustained confidence in Zambia's economic outlook and policy environment.

OMAN: New sugar refinery prepares to start operations

The inauguration of a new sugar refinery at the Sohar Port and Freezone was scheduled for Dec. 15, following an investment of OMR150 million (USD390.1 million), according to a Dec. 14 news report by the Times of Oman.

The factory has completed its trial operation phase and has met Category 2 standards under European specifications. Commercial operations are expected to begin in January 2026.

The unit will have a production capacity of 1 million metric tonnes per year and storage capacity of 500,000 tonnes of raw sugar and 70,000 tonnes of refined sugar.

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China imported 440K MT of sugar in November 2025 - YNTW.com - According to data released by the General Administration of Customs on December 18, 2025, China imported 440K MT of sugar in November, a decrease of 310K MT from 750K MT in October, and a decrease of 18.2% year-on-year. From January to November 2025, China's cumulative sugar imports reached 4.34M MT, an increase of 9.7% year-on-year. Sugar imports were relatively slow in the first half

of the year, but accelerated in the third and fourth quarters, with a year-on-year increase of 9.7% from January to November. total sugar imports for 2024 reached 4.35M MT, compared to 3.97M MT in 2023. At its peak, imported over 5M MT of sugar annually.
