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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
FAO Sugar Price Index rises 6.1% in September

The FAO Sugar Price Index rose 6.1% in September from August and 14.7% from a year ago, marking its third consecutive monthly increase and reaching its highest level since April 2025, according to the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO), reports Sugaronline.

"The increase was mainly driven by prospects of tighter global sugar supplies in the 2026/27 season," FAO said in a statement on Oct. 2.

In the European Union, a decline in planted area and adverse weather conditions during the growing season are expected to result in a smaller sugarbeet output.

Forecasts of lower sugar production in Thailand and concerns over crop prospects in India, amid below-normal rainfall and strengthening El Niño conditions, contributed to the tighter global supply outlook.

"In addition, heavy rains disrupting harvest progress in Brazil's key Centre-South growing region exerted further upward pressure on international sugar prices."

Sugar is one of the five commodity groups considered to calculate the FAO Food Price Index, which rose 1.5% in September from its revised August level, driven by higher prices recorded for sugar, vegetable oils, and cereals.

KENYA: President announces plans to expand sugar production in Galana-Kulalu Dam

Kenya's president William Ruto announced on Oct. 1 plans to use the Galana-Kulalu irrigation scheme to expand sugarcane production in the region, using the National Infrastructure Fund to finance a major dam to support the project, according to People Daily.

Ruto said during a media engagement in Mombasa that irrigation would be key to developing sugarcane farming along the Coast, where he said the crop could mature faster than in other parts of the country.

He added that the first dam at Galana-Kulalu had already been contracted at an estimated cost of KES30 billion, with the National Infrastructure Fund expected to finance the water project.

The irrigation infrastructure is expected to support sugarcane production at Galana-Kulalu, with the first phase of sugar production expected within one to two years.

INDONESIA: Government seeks expansion of cane crop to support E20

Indonesia's government plans to expand sugarcane plantation areas to support Indonesia's E20 program and consider other crops as feedstock for ethanol production, as the current sugarcane supply in the country is insufficient to support the program, according to the Antara news agency.

Coordinating minister for Food Affairs Zulkifli Hasan told reporters on the sidelines of the Indonesia International Sustainability Forum in Jakarta on Oct. 6 that "the required plantations will be expanded" and that the government is also open to using other crops, including cassava, as feedstock for ethanol production.

BRAZIL: Tereos invests over BRL500 million to renew cane fields

Tereos allocated BRL568 million (USD114 million) to renew sugarcane fields during the 2025/26 season to maintain productivity in agricultural areas and prepare production for the next cycles, according to Notícias Agrícolas.

This amount represents the largest share of the BRL839 million the company invested to maintain operations and agricultural longevity during the period

Renewing sugarcane fields is part of the company's agricultural planning and involves identifying areas that have reached the appropriate time for replacement. The goal is to maintain the age of the sugarcane fields at adequate levels and prevent older areas from compromising production performance in subsequent harvests.

FRANCE: Sugarbeet growers urge government to scrap sugar tax proposal

French sugarbeet growers' group CGB issued a statement on Oct. 5 urging the government to immediately withdraw a proposal to introduce a tax on sugary products, included in its 2027 budget, reports Sugaronline.

CGB said the proposal would be another fiscal blow to the local sugarbeet sector, the agri-food industries, and the purchasing power of the French.

"For the CGB, this measure is unacceptable: it would further weaken a sector already in serious difficulty," the group said, citing an expected 30% drop in national production and a EUR1 billion loss to the sector due to the impacts of drought and heatwaves on the sugarbeet harvest.

The group calls for financial support to encourage growers to embark on a new production cycle or strengthen climate and specific non-critical activities insurance, as well as research and development to address the technical challenges faced by beet farmers in terms of plant protection.

"Our sugar beet farmers are already facing a major crisis. Their harvest has been severely impacted by drought, and the government's response is to impose a new tax! This is incomprehensible and unacceptable," said CGB president Franck Sander, warning of potential impacts to the industry, including factory closures, employment and purchasing power.

PAKISTAN: IMF seeks deregulation of sugar sector – news report

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is pushing for the deregulation of Pakistan's sugar sector and the end to tax exemptions for electric vehicles (EVs) under the country's auto policy, according to a news report from Minute Mirror on Oct. 6, citing sources familiar with the ongoing discussions.

The demands have emerged in talks between the IMF mission and government departments as the government works on economic and financial policy measures linked to its commitments under the IMF program.

According to the news report, the sugar sector has become a key point of discussion, with the IMF seeking greater deregulation. Measures to deregulate the sugar sector have not been finalised because the Sindh government has raised objections to the federal approach, describing the proposed sugar policy as an issue involving provincial autonomy.

FoodNavigator.com**Big Food's moves on climate, nutrition and tech**

Food companies, policymakers and researchers reshape the conversation around food production and processing, as business strategies are evolving alongside them

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2026/09/30/news-bites-big-foods-moves-on-climate-nutrition-and-tech/>

HHS' RFK Jr supports organic as Trump administration backs regenerative agriculture

HHS Secretary Robert F Kennedy Jr told organic industry leaders he would do "anything and everything" to help the sector grow, while distinguishing USDA Organic from the Trump administration's growing focus on regenerative agriculture

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2026/09/17/hhs-rfk-jr-backs-organic-amid-regenerative-push/>

Weight-loss maintenance: The next GLP-1 innovation frontier?

GLP-1 users want to maintain weight loss after they stop using the drugs

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2026/10/02/glp-1-users-weight-loss-maintenance-could-be-next-frontier/>

How much further is GLP-1 adoption going to affect the food and drink industry?

Five industry experts share their insights

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2026/10/02/how-much-further-is-glp-1-adoption-going-to-affect-the-food-and-drink-industry/>

How airports are driving trial for beverage brands



For many travelers, the airport has become a destination for beverage discovery

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2026/10/06/how-airports-are-driving-trial-for-beverage-brands/>

Post-GLP-1 weight regain could be mitigated by diet



A study on GLP-1 users saw those eating medically tailored meals put less weight back on than others

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2026/10/07/post-glp-1-weight-regain-mitigated-by-diet/>

Nestlé signs biggest-ever global brand deal with NBA



World's biggest CPG bets on basketball to reach the next generation, signing 21-market NBA deal

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2026/10/07/nestle-partners-with-nba-in-biggest-ever-global-brand-collaboration/>