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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

EGYPT: Export value of beet pulp, sugarcane bagasse and sugar industry residues rises 54%

The export value of Egypt's beet pulp, sugarcane bagasse, and other sugar industry residues rose 54% in 2025 compared with 2024, with the country ranking second among exporters of these products, per data released by the Food Export Council (FEC), according to Egyptian Streets. Egypt's exports of these products totaled USD176 million in 2025, with a total export volume at 889,000 metric tonnes.

From 2020 to 2025, the Egyptian export value of these products rose at a compound annual growth rate of 17%, while export volumes increased 11%. The country also exported USD 290 million of refined cane and beet sugar in 2025, ranking 14th globally.

POLAND: Lower House approves increase in tax on sugary drinks

Poland's lower house, the Sejm, passed an amendment to the public health law on Oct. 22 that raises the sugar levy on beverages, according to Polish News. The bill still needs approval from the Senate.

The fixed rate for sugar content of up to 5 grams per 100 ml of a beverage, or for the presence of any amount of at least one sweetener, will rise from 50 to 70 groszy per litre. The variable rate for each gram of sugar above 5 grams per 100 ml will double, from 5 to 10 groszy. The maximum fee per litre will increase from PLN 1.20 to 1.80 (USD0.30-0.46). The new rules would take effect on Jan. 1, 2027.

PHILIPPINES: SRA pushes to retain lower tax rates for sugary beverages

The Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) administrator Pablo Luis Azcona said beverages sweetened with natural sugar should remain at a lower tax tier than those that use artificial sweeteners, according to the Philippine Star.

A bill proposed by the Department of Finance seeks to hike the tax for sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs) under Tier 1 to PHP20 per litre from the current PHP6 per litre, which would apply to beverages that use cane sugar or other caloric or non-caloric sweeteners.
For Tier 2, which includes beverages using high-fructose corn syrup, the excise tax rate would increase from PHP12 to PHP40 per litre.

Azcona said SRA hopes to keep the tax rate for Tier 1 under PHP6 per litre, and if the DOF wants to determine an increase, the SRA is willing to "sit down and talk about it."

BRAZIL: Datagro forecasts global sugar deficit of 3.9 million T in 2026/27

Consultancy Datagro estimates a global sugar deficit of 3.92 million metric tonnes in the 2026/27 season, per estimates presented during the 26th International Datagro Conference on Sugar and Ethanol this week, according to CNN.

The prospect of lower supply in important producing regions, such as the European Union and Central America, and the possibility of increased Indian imports are among the factors impacting the global sugar balance in 2026/27.

Sugar production in the European Union is projected to fall to 12.7 million tonnes in 2026/27 from 16.6 million tonnes in 2025/26, leading Europe to import around 3 million tonnes of sugar from the international market to supplement its supply, according to the consultancy's estimates. Datagro also projects that India could import between 2 million and 2.5 million tonnes of sugar in 2026/27.

INDIA: Minister says government has no immediate plan to increase ethanol blending beyond 20%

Union minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri said on Oct. 27 that the government has no immediate plan to increase ethanol blending in petrol beyond the current 20%, according to the Press Trust of India (PTI).

He also claimed that misinformation was being spread about biofuels, during an interaction at the inauguration of the 29th Energy Technology and Innovation Meet in South Goa, Puri, according to the news report. The minister said that E20 was the target and that "there is no desire, just now, to increase by more than 20%."

INDIA: Food Ministry plans real-time sugar production tracking – news report

India's Food Ministry plans to collect monthly sugar production data in real time to improve domestic production projections and make timely policy decisions to regulate prices, amid concerns about rising sugar prices, according to a news report by the New Indian Express on Oct. 28.

The new system will be used only for internal government purposes. Sugar mills will add a column to record estimated sugar crushing and monthly estimates of sugar availability and production, under the digital P2 format. According to an unnamed official cited by the news report, this data was previously recorded manually and late, making it difficult to verify claims.

The government also plans to collect production estimates from state sugar commissioners and the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

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Judge blocks USDA reorganization under Trump, but relief may be brief



A federal judge has temporarily blocked key parts of USDA's reorganization, including planned office closures and employee relocations, pending litigation
https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2026/10/16/judge-blocks-usda-reorganization-under-trump/

Why Coke and Pepsi are using soda to win sports fans



While sports drinks and water are more closely tied to athletic performance, soda brands such as Pepsi, Sprite and Mountain Dew are using sports partnerships to connect with fans rather than athletes
https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2026/10/16/why-coke-and-pepsi-are-using-soda-to-win-sports-fans/

Can GLP-1 innovation benefit all consumers?



The same protein-, fiber- and nutrient-dense formulations designed for GLP-1 users could help brands meet broader consumer demand for functional, value-driven foods
https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2026/10/15/can-glp-1-innovation-benefit-all-consumers/

Lindt ousts CEO in bid to reignite growth

Chocolate maker parts ways with Group CEO Adalbert Lechner as Board cites need to restore growth
https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2026/10/19/lindt-ceo-out-as-board-seeks-to-reignite-growth/

