



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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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

KENYA: President says local industry will produce enough sugar for exports by 2026

Kenya's president William Ruto has said the country's sugar industry will soon be able to meet domestic demand and even be able to export by 2026, according to People Daily.

Ruto said that the country produced a record 832,000 metric tonnes of sugar last year and is on course to attain surplus production and commence regional exports by 2026, turning sugarcane cultivation into "a viable and rewarding venture."

GHANA: Minister-designate vows to revive Komenda Sugar Factory

The Central Regional Minister-designate Eduamoah Ekow Panyin Okyere has promised to revive the Komenda Sugar Factory as soon as possible, as he believes the factory will create jobs in the region, according to Onua Online.

According to the news report, Okyere finds it unacceptable that the factory has been abandoned even after a massive investment by the government.

BRAZIL: Atvos plans to diversify biofuel production

Atvos, controlled by Abu Dhabi's Mubadala Capital fund, plans to invest BRL10 billion (US\$1.6 billion) to build new plants to produce corn-based ethanol, biomethane from sugarcane, and sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) from ethanol in the next eight years, according to Globo Rural.

The company, after its judicial recovery and having undergone two changes in control to pay off a billion-dollar debt, is preparing a new cycle of industrial expansion.

The plan was disclosed last week in Atvos' report for the 2023/24 season, which ended in March 2024.

INDIA: Government announces authorisation for 1 million T in sugar exports in 2024/25

India's government has authorised sugar mills in the country to export 1 million metric tonnes of sugar during the current 2024/25 crushing season, according to an order issued by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Distribution on Jan. 20, reports Sugaronline.

The sugar sector had been urging the government to allow exports, citing a surplus in the country this season.

Food minister Pralhad Joshi said in [a post](#) on social media that the decision supports 50 million farmer families and 500,000 workers, "and strengthens the sugar sector."

Sugar industry association ISMA has welcomed the government's decision, adding that the export authorisation will aid sugar mills by enhancing financial liquidity, ensuring timely payments to sugarcane farmers, and contributing to the overall strength of the agricultural economy.

"The permission to export 1 MT of sugar reflects the government's commitment to balance domestic availability with the industry's financial health. This decision provides significant relief to sugar mills, enabling them to generate crucial revenue, which will contribute to timely cane payments to farmers," ISMA director Deepak Ballani said in a statement.

INDONESIA: Analyst says gradual strategy needed to meet industrial sugar and salt demand

Indonesia's move to ban imports of table sugar, salt, corn and rice was lauded by an analyst, but he added that the country needs a more specific and gradual strategy to meet the industrial sugar and salt demand, according to Jakarta Global.

Ragimun, lead economic and finance researcher at the National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN), said specifications required by industries differ from those for household consumption.

He also suggested that the regulations related to the distribution of the four food commodities should be tightened to support the acceleration of Indonesia's food self-sufficiency program.

INDIA: NFCSF forecasts 2024/25 sugar production at 27 million T

The National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories (NFCSF) expects sugar production in India to total 27 million metric tonnes in 2024/25, down 15.3% from the volume produced in 2023/24, reports Sugaronline.

The estimate was updated on Jan. 15 and released through [NFCSF social media](#) channels.

Sugar production in India has reached 13.05 million metric tonnes so far this season, up to Jan. 15, down 13.6% from one year earlier, according to [the federation](#).

Sugar industry association [ISMA estimated](#) in November last year that India's 2024/25 net sugar production will total around 29 million tonnes.

Earlier this month, commodities trader Wilmar [cut its estimate](#) for India's net sugar production to 26.3 million tonnes.

INDIA: Working conditions in cane industry concern US government

A spokesperson for the US Embassy in New Delhi has said the US government is concerned about the "poor working conditions" in Maharashtra's sugarcane industry, according to the Indian Express.

He said the government is engaged with stakeholders in organised labour, the Indian government and the private sector on the matter.

India's sugarcane industry has opposed a recent report from the US Department of Labour that classified sugarcane harvesting in Maharashtra's Beed district as forced labor.

SRI LANKA: Sugar production rises 110% in October

Sri Lanka's domestic sugar production increased 109.8% in October from the same month last year, according to the [Agricultural Sector Bulletin](#) released by the Economic Research Department of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL).

In the October/November period, domestic sugar prices in Sri Lanka declined, following the trend in international sugar markets.

“International sugar prices decreased amid the ongoing crushing season in India and Thailand and improving sugarcane crop prospects in the main producing countries,” the CBSL said in the report.

In the first 10 months of 2024, Sri Lanka produced 79,252 metric tonnes of sugar, compared to 65,667 tonnes in the same period in 2023. Sugar imports declined to 470,166 tonnes, from 470,166 in Jan-Oct 2023, according to data on the bulletin.

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Australian sugar industry reacts on India allowing sugar exports of 1 million tonnes – Chinimandi – After India allowed 1 million tonnes (MT) of sugar, the Australian sugar industry reacted, citing its effect on their industry. Australian Sugar Milling Council (ASMC) said that the Indian Government’s announcement to export up to one-million tonnes of sugar has raised alarms about potential market disruptions causing a decline in sugar prices globally. “The Australian sugar industry exports more than 80% of its production, and these exports are worth well over \$2 billion. This decision threatens the livelihoods of Australian sugar manufacturers, growers, and regional communities that rely on a stable and profitable sugar industry” said Ash Salardini, CEO of the ASMC.

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Natural market headed for another ‘good year’ in 2025, SPINS reports



Demand for natural products remains strong in 2025 as the market continues to grapple with slumping product innovation

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2025/01/21/natural-food-and-beverage-market-primed-for-growth-in-2025/>

FDA bans Red Dye No. 3: What it means for bakery and snacks



The FDA has officially banned Red Dye No. 3 in food products, citing cancer concerns under the Delaney Clause. How will this long-awaited decision reshape the bakery and snack industries that rely on the vibrant hue?

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2025/01/16/how-the-fdas-red-dye-no-3-ban-will->

[affect-bakery-and-snacks/](#)

It's all about texture: The secret ingredient driving bakery and snacks innovation in new window



From the satisfying crunch of a chip to the chewy bite of a snack bar and the stretchability of tortillas, texture is emerging as a key differentiator in food innovation

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