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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
Czarnikow estimates 2027/28 global sugar deficit of 2.9 million T

Czarnikow expects a global sugar deficit of 2.9 million metric tonnes in the 2027/28 season, following a deficit of 900,000 tonnes estimated for 2026/27, reports Sugaronline.

The company increased its 2026/27 global sugar deficit estimate from [-600,000 tonnes](#) last month to -900,000 tonnes to consider a reduction in the production forecast for Brazil's centre-south to 38.6 million tonnes, which more than offset higher forecasts for China, Pakistan, Indonesia and the United States.

Czarnikow's global sugar deficit estimate for the 2027/28 season is impacted by lower cane and beet availability reducing output in India, Thailand and the European Union impacting production, according to [projections](#) released Aug. 14.

The 2027/28 global sugar production is estimated at 177 million tonnes and global consumption at 179.9 million tonnes.

India's sugar production is expected to fall to 26 million to 27 million tonnes in 2027/28, as poor monsoon conditions could reduce cane planting in parts of Maharashtra and Karnataka. For 2026/27, India's production is projected at 28.4 million tonnes, but Czarnikow said output could be higher if rising domestic sugar prices reduce diversion to ethanol.

In the EU, Czarnikow estimates production to fall to 13.2 million tonnes of sugar in 2027/28, from 13.9 million projected for 2026/27, amid continued pressure on grower and processor profitability that could lead to a further reduction in beet area. The projections have a growing downside risk due to extreme heat and drought.

For Thailand, sugar production is projected at 9.3 million tonnes in 2027/28 amid lower cane crush due to competition with cassava.

COSTA RICA: Sugarcane industry plans investment to modernise production

The Costa Rican sugarcane sector will invest CRC1.98 billion (USD4.4 million) to modernise production for more than 3,200 independent farmers through an agreement between the Sugarcane Agricultural and Industrial League (LAICA) and the National Institute for Rural Development (INDER), according to La Republica.

This initiative aims to promote mechanisation, facilitate access to strategic inputs, and strengthen

technical assistance, primarily for micro, small, and medium-sized producers.

The funds will enable the distribution of fertilisers to producers, the acquisition of six high-tech mechanical harvesters, and the purchase of complementary equipment to improve agricultural practices and reduce production costs.

The agreement is part of a long-term strategy to incorporate new technologies and agricultural practices to improve efficiency and competitiveness.

FIJI: Sugarcane production expected to drop to 1.3 million T due to El Niño

Fiji's Sugar minister Charan Jeath Singh has said sugarcane production in the country this season is expected to decline by about 200,000 tonnes from an initial forecast of around 1.3 million tonnes, due to El Niño, according to Fiji Times.

Sugarcane processing at the Labasa sugar mill is now estimated at 550,000 tonnes, down from the 650 tonnes projected earlier.

Singh said the decline in sugarcane production is one of the major challenges in the sugar industry, as sugar mills need sufficient cane supply to operate effectively.

He also cited aging machinery, the declining number of young people entering cane farming, and the expiry of land leases as concerns in the sector.

INDIA: Skymet downgrades monsoon forecast, expects 70% chance of drought

India's weather analytics firm Skymet Weather Services Private Limited has downgraded its rainfall forecast for the 2026 monsoon, predicting a drier season than initially projected, reports Sugaronline.

Skymet now expects the seasonal rainfall to be 85% of the long-period average (LPA), compared to a forecast of 94% of the LPA released in [April](#). The new forecast translates into a 70% chance of drought.

The southwest monsoon nearly stalled during the onset phase, with average rainfall in June totaling 65% of the long-term average. Rains recovered in July, but the cumulative rainfall as of July 31, halfway through the monsoon, showed a 13% deficit, according to Skymet.

For August, Skymet predicts a monthly rainfall shortfall of 16%, and September is likely to record a rainfall deficit of 20%.

"The El Niño is gaining strength. Strong coupling of the atmospheric and oceanic circulation across the equatorial Pacific Ocean is raising the probability of a powerful El Niño. It is likely to make a transition from the strong to very strong category during early September," Skymet managing director, Jatin Singh, said in a [press release](#).

"The Super El Niño events tend to tilt the odds and presage a weaker monsoon. Positive Indian Ocean Dipole is likely to develop, but there remains some uncertainty in its timing and strength."

NIGERIA: Sugar development council announces \$1 billion investment pipeline to achieve self-sufficiency

The National Sugar Development Council has said it is working to unlock a \$1 billion investment pipeline to accelerate Nigeria's self-sufficiency in sugar production, according to Punch.

The executive secretary and CEO of the NSDC, Kamar Bakrin, said last week that this development will be supported by an engineering, procurement and construction-plus-finance partnership with Sinomach of China and a NGN 10 billion Sugar Project Acceleration Fund established with the Bank of Industry.

The Sugar Project Acceleration Fund will finance feasibility studies and project preparation, converting greenfield sites into investment-ready packages.

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US snack giants find their fastest growth is no longer at home



Tariffs, weight-loss drugs and a more cautious US shopper are pushing the industry's biggest names to chase growth in India, Latin America and Southeast Asia instead

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2026/08/14/us-snack-sales-growth-shifts-overseas-in-2026/>

Global Top 100 confectionery companies announced



Snack Food & Wholesale Bakery's 2026 Global Top 100 confectionery list has been revealed

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2026/08/13/global-top-100-candy-companies-2026-announced/>

New Trump tariffs 'like deja vu' according to food industry panel



As the administration replaces IEEPA duties with section 301 forced labor tariffs, food and beverage importers face renewed legal battles and supply chain uncertainty

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2026/08/13/trump-tariffs-return-food-industry-faces-legal-battles/>

No ingredient can make up for a balanced diet: Why 'maxxing' trends are not the answer



Consumers should not focus single-mindedly on any ingredient

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2026/08/17/maxxing-trends-focus-too-much-on-single-ingredients/>