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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****ISO revises 2023/24 global sugar deficit forecast to 2.95 million T**

The International Sugar Organisation (ISO) has revised its forecast for the 2023/24 global sugar deficit to 2.954 million metric tonnes, compared to a deficit of 689,000 tonnes estimated in February, reports Sugaronline.

The global sugar consumption forecast was increased by 1.786 million tonnes to 182.22 million tonnes in 2023/24, while the estimate for global sugar production was reduced by 479,000 tonnes to 179.27 million tonnes, according to ISO's Quarterly Market Outlook.

ISO anticipates Brazil's sugar production to increase by 1.038 million tonnes from the previous season, a much smaller expansion than last season's rise of 11.273 million tonnes. China's 2023/24 sugar production is expected to rise by around 980,000 tonnes.

Production in Thailand is estimated to fall by 2.25 million tonnes.

In India, sugar production is expected to be 1.1 million tonnes lower than in the previous season, at 31.7 million tonnes.

ISO estimates Mexico's sugar production to decline by 580,000 tonnes from the previous season.

**TURKEY: Turkish firm buys sugar on Belarusian exchange for first time**

A Turkish company purchased 136 metric tonnes of sugar on the Belarusian Universal Commodity Exchange (BUCE), the first time a Turkish-based firm closed a sugar-purchasing deal on BUCE, according to SB News.

Countries in central and northeast Asia, the main markets for Belarusian sugar through the stock exchange platform, increased purchases of Belarusian white granulated sugar through BUCE by 3.6 times in the first five months in 2024 to 33,500 tonnes.

**BARBADOS: Sugar industry concerned over delayed start of cane harvest**

The chairman of Barbados Sugar Industry Limited (BSIL) Mark Sealy has said that the delay of the 2024 sugarcane harvest would not only cause disruptions during the rainy season but also impact cultivation practices, according to Barbados Today.

The sugarcane harvest, which usually takes three months, started later than usual this year at the end of March, and some farmers have yet to complete harvesting sugarcane, which is overripe.

### **PAKISTAN: Sugarcane crop area declines in 2023/24, cane yield rises**

Sugarcane was cultivated in 1.2 million hectares in Pakistan in the 2023/24 season, compared to 1.3 million hectares in the previous year, but sugarcane yield has improved, according to the Pakistan Economic Survey 2023/24 released by the government, **reports Sugaronline**.

Sugarcane production declined 0.4% to around 87.64 million metric tonnes.

"Though the total production area has decreased, the yield increase (Kg/ha) is encouraging, highlighting the optimal agriculture policy mix," according to the Economic Survey.

The 2023/24 sugarcane yield is estimated at 74.25 t/h, compared to 66.71 t/h in 2022/23. The decline in the cane crop area was partially attributed to crop switching.

### **UK: NFU Sugar and British Sugar announce changes to UK beet seed model**

NFU Sugar and British Sugar announced changes to the UK sugarbeet seed model on June 11 to give growers more choice and flexibility in seed purchasing, **reports Sugaronline**.

"The model has been reformed with the intention of preventing the rush to secure seed at the same time, from the same place, and de-linking seed and contracting decisions," NFU Sugar said in a statement.

"Growers will be empowered to take up new genetics sooner, to increase the opportunity to secure the right varieties and traits they need, and to significantly reduce the risk of substitutions."

From the 2025 crop onwards, growers and seed breeders will be empowered to buy and sell seed directly or via third-party suppliers, as well as via the existing UK Seed Account, operated by British Sugar and overseen by NFU Sugar.

This change will give growers more choices regarding where and how to buy their seed, according to NFU.

To supply British Sugar, growers will be permitted to grow a wider choice of beet varieties which is expected to allow earlier uptake of new genetics and increase choice for growers.

British Sugar's seed-selling process through the UK seed account will also change. The company will sell seeds throughout the year and stocks will be released for sale as they become available, meaning growers can buy their desired seeds when it is right for them.

The Recommended List trials will move to evaluating finished products rather than genetics alone.

"We're pleased to have worked together with British Sugar to agree these important changes to seed purchasing so that it remains fit for purpose in our sector, which is facing exciting opportunities," said NFU Sugar Board joint seed lead Andrew Fletcher.

Nick Morris, head of the Agriculture Supply Chain at British Sugar, said the changes will empower growers by giving them more choice and flexibility in seed purchasing.

"Sugar beet seed is a fundamental part of our industry and we're committed to evolving the buying model to meet grower demands, as well as supporting continued investment in seed breeding and seed technology. This will mean we can continue to adapt to emerging threats and performance opportunities," he said.

## ECRUU Sugar News

### WORLD - Brazil's June shipments down 14% so far, Ukraine origin competitive

Brazil exported 587,000mt of sugar in the first week of June, a daily loading rate 14% below last year when a total of 2.9 million mt was exported, according to Secex. Ukrprominvest-Agro argued that Ukrainian white sugar was competitive with Brazilian sugar at the moment, although container shipping needed to be optimised. (Includes content from: Latifundist) ([Msweet](#) & [UkrAgroConsult](#))

### THAILAND - Industry federation cancels sugar price measure

The Federation of Thai Industries (FTI) approved the cancellation of the measure that fixed the exfactory prices of sugar, an official from the commerce ministry said, adding that sugar remained a controlled product. ([Ch7](#))

### MEXICO - Drought gets worse, prices keep increasing

The proportion of municipalities affected by drought went from 85.1% to 88.1% in the second half of May, according to the Agricultural Markets Consulting Group (GCMA). The agency pegged sugar production this year at 4.6 million mt, down by 9.8% on year, and imports at 650,000mt. Meanwhile, retail prices of standard sugar reached MXN 45.669/kg (USD 2.4/kg) in the week ending June 7, up by 50.06% on year, the National Committee for the Sustainable Development of Sugar Cane (CONADESUCA) said. ([Publimetro](#) & [Zafranet](#))

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## FoodNavigator.com

### Ultra-processed food kills, says WHO



The World Health Organization is linking ultra-processed food, alcohol, tobacco, and fossil fuel industries to millions of deaths in Europe every year.

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### How are 'better for you' and other health claims regulated?



Despite widespread use, terms such as 'better for you' and 'healthy' can't just be used outright. They must be used in the right context.

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## EDF Man Daily

**Brazil 'sugar mix' watched for signs of a possibly smaller crop** - Reuters - Sugar market players will be keen to check for signs that 2024/25 sugar production may be less than expected when industry group UNICA releases its report this week. UNICA was to release production data for the second half of May in coming days. Among the data is the so-called "sugar mix": the average cane allocation split for production of sugar and ethanol. "The second half of May is being approached with caution by most market analysts, following the first half of May sugar mix, which performed below expectations and raised some concerns," said Bianca Guimaraes, a sugar analyst with S&P Global Commodity Insights. The latest UNICA report brought a sugar mix of 48.27%, while a S&P survey of analysts expected 51.73%. If the mix remains below expectations, Brazil will produce less sugar in the full crop than expected. The market consensus for the Centre-South crop is around 42.5 million tons, which would equals the record production in 2023/24.

**Egypt implements three-month ban on sugar exports to meet local demand** - Bloomberg - The Egyptian trade and industry ministry has extended its ban on sugar exports for an additional three months, Al Mal reported on Tuesday, June 11. The decision excludes any quantity that exceeds the local demand after getting necessary approvals from the ministry. Ali Al-Moselhy, the supply and internal trade minister, said last week that the sugarcane cultivated area had reached 600,000 acres and confirmed that the country's strategic sugar reserves were sufficient for six months consumption. Moselhy said that farmers will continue supplying sugar to factories affiliated with the Holding Company for Food Industries. The minister said that the government paid between EGP1,450 (\$30.4/€28.3) and EGP1,900 for each tonne of beet, with EGP 250-400 provided as additional incentives per tonne. He said that EGP1,750 per ton will be disbursed for supplies from March 16 to 31, 2024, which includes EGP1,400 as a basic price and EGP350 as an additional incentive per tonne.

**Sugar substitute xylitol linked to increased risk of heart attack, stroke** - The Washington Post - The popular sugar substitute xylitol, commonly used by those wanting to lose weight or who are diabetic, is associated with an increased risk of a cardiovascular event such as a heart attack and stroke, according to a study published in the European Heart Journal on Thursday. Researchers from the Cleveland Clinic conducted several studies. In one, they analyzed saved plasma samples of participants of an earlier study — more than 3,000 subjects who had been fasting. These subjects had been followed over three years, during which some of them had suffered a cardiovascular event such as a heart attack or stroke. In the new study, researchers found that those who had suffered a cardiovascular event had high blood levels of xylitol.

**Expensive US sugar encourages relocation to Canada** – Bloomberg - Several major confectionery makers are setting up factories in Canada to have access to cheaper sugar than in the US, according to industry sources. USDA data, meanwhile, showed a surge in the export of confectionery from Canada to the US. Czarnikow added that high-tier US sugar imports would continue to increase due to the poor crop in Mexico, which should lead to lower exports to the US.