

**International Sugar Organization**1 Canada Square  
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(English only)****9 August 2024****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****ARGENTINA: Ethanol consumption in 2024 to remain flat at 1.12 billion litres – USDA attaché**

Argentina's bioethanol consumption in 2024 is estimated at 1.12 billion litres, unchanged from the previous two years, according to the US Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Foreign Agricultural Service post in Buenos Aires, reports Sugaronline.

Around 60% of the ethanol is estimated to be produced from corn and 40% from sugarcane. However, these percentages could change depending on the damage to the sugarcane crop.

"A very cold winter is affecting sugarcane plantations, particularly in Tucuman province. There are 19 local sugar mills, but only 12 produce bioethanol in Tucuman, Salta, and Jujuy provinces," the attaché said in a [report released Aug. 5](#).

Exports of ethanol for fuel use are projected at 40 million liters, with the European Union and the United Kingdom as main destinations.

"With a new government in place since December 2023, the biofuels sector is projected to move on to a freer business environment through less limitations and official controls. Changes are expected to come through a new biofuels law or reforms to the current one in place since 2021," the attaché said.

**BRAZIL: Sugar exports rise 28.5% in July to 3.78 million T**

Brazil exported 3.78 million metric tonnes of sugar in July (23 business days), up 28.5% from the 2.94 million tonnes in total exports in July 2023 (21 business days), according to data released by the Department of Foreign Trade of the Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade (MDIC) on Aug. 6, reports Sugaronline.

Revenue from sugar exports reached US\$1.73 billion in July 2024, compared with US\$1.49 billion in the same month last year. The average price of sugar exported in July 2024 was US\$457.2 per tonne, compared with US\$506.3 per tonne in July 2023.

**UKRAINE: Beverage producer defends differentiated excise rates on sugary and carbonated water**

Ukrainian beverage producer IDS Ukraine has proposed differentiated excise rates on sugary and carbonated water to be considered for the bill that introduces a tax on drinks with added sugar, sweeteners and flavorings, according to Interfax Ukraine.

A member of the board of directors and legal advisor to IDS Ukraine, Vadym Vychka, has said that setting differentiated excise rates based on the sugar content is fairer than the government's proposal of a EURO.1 per litre flat rate for sugary and carbonated drinks.

### **US: Sugar industry shows support to sugar policy provisions in Farm Bill**

US farmers, workers, and food manufacturers support the sugar policy provisions in the bipartisan Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024, according to the The American Sugar Alliance (ASA).

The association said in a post on its website on Aug. 6 that Randy Green, speaking on behalf of the Sweetener Users Association (SUA), said the bill is "responsive and positive" and would result in more American-made sugar, according to ASA.

"The Users view [the bill] as a pretty balanced package. It seems to us that the committees have been responsive to both the needs of both growers and users," Green said during the 39th International Sweetener Symposium, according to ASA.

ASA's director of Economics and Policy Analysis, Rob Johansson, said the improvements to the sugar policy put forward by the House and Senate "better reflect the economic realities of planting, cultivating, harvesting, and refining sugarbeets and sugarcane."

### **INDIA: Minister says companies preparing to produce 100% ethanol-run cars**

India's minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, said on Aug. 5 that companies in India are setting up plants to produce cars and two-wheelers that will run 100% on ethanol, according to Economic Times.

According to the news report, Toyota will invest INR200 billion (US\$2.38 billion) to build a plant to produce flex-fuel cars in Aurangabad, Maharashtra. Gadkari said Tatas and Suzuki were also working on making 100% ethanol or flex-fuel cars.

### **INDIA: Ethanol blended in petrol reaches 13% in 2023/24**

India's minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Suresh Gopi, said on Aug. 8 that ethanol blending with petrol has crossed 13% in the current 2023/24 supply year, compared to 12.06% in the previous year, according to IANS.

Government-owned Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have invited bids for the to supply almost 660 million litres of ethanol for the 2023/24 year (November-October).

The government has set a goal to reach 20% ethanol blending in petrol by 2025/26.

### **PHILIPPINES: SRA working to determine volume of "other sugars" products entering the country**

Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) administrator Pablo Luis Azcona said on Aug. 8 that the SRA is working to determine the actual volume of products labeled "other sugars" entering the country, according to the Philippine News Agency (PNA).

He said that 200,000 to 300,00m metric tonnes of these sugar-based products had been entering the country every year for the last ten years. Imports of "other sugars" including glucose, sucrose, maltose, dextrose, maltodextrin, and lactose are not regulated.

### **KENYA: Sugarcane farmers to receive early-maturing cane varieties**

The Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) will distribute new early-maturing sugarcane varieties to Kenyan farmers and provide them with subsidised fertilisers, as part of the government's effort to support the revival of the local sugar industry, according to the Kenya News Agency.

The new seed varieties, which take 9–14 months to be ready for harvesting, were developed by the Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research Organisation (KALRO) to help cane growers adapt to changing climate conditions and increase their yields.

**KENYA: Agriculture secretary says privatisation of 4 mills in on course**

Kenya's Agriculture Principal secretary Paul Ronoh has said the government was settling arrears with cane farmers and workers as part of the preparations for the planned privatisation of four state-owned sugar mills, according to Citizen Digital.

He said sugar mills Chemelil, Muhoroni, Nzoia, and Sony had been operating at losses, and most of them were run on old technology.

**ECRUU Ethanol News Monitor****UNITED STATES - Ethanol exports on track to reach new record**

The US exported 145.9 million gal of ethanol in June, a record for the month but down 6% from the previous month, in part because of the drop in shipments to Canada, according to the RFA. Exports for Jan-Jun averaged 125,600bbl/day, 2.2% higher than the record pace in 2018, USDA data showed. Exports were helped by the large output and low corn prices, along with strong demand from the UK and Asia. Imports remained low, at 183bbl/day, most of it from Brazil and going to LanzaJet's sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) plant.

([Brownfield Ag News](#) & [Argus Media](#))

**UNITED STATES - LanzaTech signs deals with India, Kazakhstan**

LanzaTech signed an engineering agreement with Jackson Green to oversee the development of a plant in Chhattisgarh, India, to make ethanol from CO2 and hydrogen, in partnership with NTPC. Similarly, the firm signed a deal with Kazakhstan's KazMunayGas to study the production of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF). ([Business Insider](#) & [Inform](#))

**WORLD - Soda consumption up by 23% in 1990-2018**

Children between the age of 3 and 19 consumed 23% more sugar-sweetened drinks in 2018 when compared to 1990, according to a paper by Tufts University based on the Global Dietary Database. The paper highlighted the large variations across different regions, with the highest consumption in Latin America, and the lowest in South Asia.

([University Website](#) & [MENA FN](#))

**FoodNavigator.com****Breaking down the regulations impacting the EU and US bakery and snacks sectors in 2024**

Recent regulatory changes in the US and European bakery and snack industries are rapidly evolving as their respective legal bodies introduce and update laws on nutritional labeling, ingredient restrictions and food safety standards.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2024/08/07/the-regulations-impacting-the-eu-and-us-bakery-and-snacks-sectors-in-2024>

**How to produce a clean-label beverage with a long shelf life**



Without artificial additives, ensuring that products have a long shelf-life is more challenging.  
<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2024/08/07/clean-label-beverage-production-with-a-long-shelf-life>

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