



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.

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German association sees higher refined sugar output this season - Reuters - Germany's refined sugar production from beets in the new 2024/25 season now underway is forecast to rise to about 4.64 million metric tons from 4.22 million tons last season, Germany's sugar industry association WVZ said in its third harvest forecast. This was slightly down from its second new season production estimate of 4.95 million metric tons in October. Although output is expected to be well up on the year, the association said it was concerned about the spread of crop disease in Germany, which is threatening yields. The two beet diseases, SBR (syndrome of low sugar content) and RTD (rubbery taproot disease), pose major challenges for sugar beet growers and the sugar industry, it said. About 75,000 hectares of German beets are suffering from these diseases, up from around 40,000 hectares in previous years, and it was watching the development with "great concern," the WVZ said.

France raises wheat, maize crop estimates, cuts sugar beet - Reuters - France's farm ministry on Tuesday raised its estimate of the country's 2024 soft wheat output to 25.56 million metric tons from 25.43 million last month, still one of the smallest soft wheat harvests since the 1980s. Repeated heavy rain in France, the European Union's largest grain producer, reduced planting and hampered development of wheat crops. For maize, harvesting of which is still under way, the ministry also raised its projection of 2024 output, including crop grown for seeds, to 14.62 million tons from 14.47 million last month. In contrast it cut its projection for the sugar beet harvest, also currently being harvested, to 33.73 million tons from 34.18 million tons last month.

Russia ramps up sugar exports to Uzbekistan 3.3-fold YoY in Jan-Oct - Agroexpert - Russia ramped up sugar exports to Uzbekistan 3.3-fold year-on-year to over 190,000 tonnes in January-October 2024, the Agriculture Ministry's Agroexport center said, citing analysts' estimates. Uzbekistan ranks second among the main buyers of Russian sugar. Kazakhstan ranks first in purchases, and Tajikistan rounds out the top three buyers.

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KENYA: Sugarcane production rises in coastal region

Sugarcane production contracted from 1,500 farmers by coast-based Kwale International Sugar Company (Kiscol) has increased over the years as continued good rains have drawn farmers to plant more sugarcane, according to The Standard.

The local sugar mill was active for six months in 2023 and nine months in 2024. In 2025, it is projected to operate for 11 months, according to the chairperson of Kwale Farmers Sugarcane Association David Ndirangu.

THAILAND: Mitr Phol Sugar secures sustainability-linked loan

Mitr Phol Sugar has secured a THB1.5 billion (US\$43.4 million) sustainability-linked loan with bank UOB Thailand, which will serve as working capital for the company's business operations, according to the Bangkok Post.

The loan is linked to ESG (environmental, social, and governance) performance targets.

Mith Phol has set a roadmap to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030 and net zero by 2050, pledged under the Science Based Target Initiative (SBTi).

THAILAND: Raw sugar exports may set record in early 2025, says Czarnikow

Thailand may export a record volume of raw sugar in the first quarter of the 2025 if there is no delay in the start of the campaign and logistics conditions are "almost perfect," according to commodities trader Czarnikow, reports Sugaronline.

"This means Thailand could export a record amount of raw sugar next season," Czarnikow analyst Panisa Wongsuwan wrote in a [recent report](#).

In the first quarter of 2025, Thailand could export as much as 2.15 million metric tonnes of raw sugar, according to the analyst.

Czarnikow reduced its estimate for Thailand's 2024/25 sugarcane crop to 105 million metric tonnes from 111 million tonnes estimated previously due to lower yields.

[In October](#), the US Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) Post in Bangkok [estimated](#) Thailand's raw sugar exports to more than double in 2024/25, from the 2023/24 estimate, to 5.3 million tonnes.

Total sugar exports, including raw and refined sugar, were estimated at 10 million tonnes in 2024/25, in a scenario of India's export restrictions and lower exportable surplus from Brazil, according to the USDA.

The FAS Bangkok Post expected sugarcane production in Thailand to total 95,900 tonnes in 2024/25, up 13% from the previous season, due to favourable weather conditions during the tillering and elongation growth stages of sugarcane in the northeastern region and the central plains.

WHO calls for policies to promote healthy diets amid rise in diabetes cases

The director-general of the World Health Organization (WHO) has urged governments to promote policies to support healthy diets following a recent study showing that the number of diabetes cases worldwide has more than quadrupled since 1990, reports Sugaronline.

In 2022, around 800 million adults were living with diabetes globally, according to a study released by the NCD Risk Factor Collaboration (NCD-RisC), with support from the WHO, in the scientific journal [The Lancet](#). The NCD-RisC is a worldwide network of over 1,500 researchers and practitioners.

"We have seen an alarming rise in diabetes over the past three decades, which reflects the increase in obesity, compounded by the impacts of the marketing of unhealthy food, a lack of physical activity and economic hardship," said WHO director-general, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, in a [statement](#).

“To bring the global diabetes epidemic under control, countries must urgently take action. This starts with enacting policies that support healthy diets and physical activity, and, most importantly, health systems that provide prevention, early detection and treatment.”

Global diabetes prevalence in adults rose from 7% to 14% between 1990 and 2022, with low- and middle-income countries recording the largest increases.

Almost 450 million adults aged 30 and older (about 59% of all adults with diabetes) remained untreated in 2022 and 90% of the untreated adults are living in low- and middle-income countries.

The study is based on data from over 140 million people aged 18 years or older that were included in more than 1,000 studies covering populations worldwide.

GUYANA: President defends investment in sugar industry

Guyana’s president, Irfann Ali, has defended the government’s decision to continue to invest in the state-run sugar firm Guyana Sugar Corporation (GuySuCo) despite the company’s high production costs that surpass the sugar selling price, according to News Source Guyana and Demerara News.

Since his government took office over four years ago, investments in GuySuCo have been focused on supporting the reopening of closed sugar estates and ensuring sugarcane fields and factories are ready to produce again.

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How Trump's trade, tax policies could impact food industry



Donald Trump's election as the 47th US president signals a sea change in economic and trade policies from the Biden Administration, as the president-elect is expected to raise tariffs, which can kick start inflation again and complicate stressed supply chains.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2024/10/17/2024-presidential-election-s-impact-on-food-industry>

Food Traceability Rule compliance threatened by too much tech, over-eager retailers



Food industry players across the value chain are frustrated by lingering questions about how to implement sweeping food safety changes that go into effect in little over a year, including fears of some stakeholders “going berserk” with new technology or asking for more than the law

requires and before the national deadline.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2024/10/22/over-eager-retailers-excessive-tech-threaten-food-traceability-rule-compliance>

Are there hidden dangers to fortification?



Fortification is fast becoming the go-to for F&B brands looking to boost the health benefits of products. But could this actually have the opposite effect?

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2024/11/19/Is-fortification-damaging-to-health>

Saccharin daily intake threshold almost doubles post EFSA review



Safe daily intake limits for saccharin have been almost doubled by the European Food Safety Authority following a new review on the sweetener.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2024/11/15/Saccharin-safe-and-ADI-threshold-increased-after-EFSA-review>

F&B trade groups on Trump: Organizations share concerns, optimism for next four years



Donald Trump's electoral win as the 47th US President is already being felt across the food and beverage industry, as various trade groups and non-profits share their hopes for a collaborative next four years while other raise concerns about what the new administration would mean for food regulation, food safety and health policy.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2024/11/14/trade-groups-respond-to-a-second-trump-term>

Trade associations respond to RFK Jr.'s HHS nomination

Dietary supplement trade associations have responded to President-elect Trump's nomination of Robert F. Kennedy Jr. as Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.



<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2024/11/15/Supplement-trade-associations-respond-to-RFK-Jr.-s-HHS-nomination>
