



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.

ECRUU Sugar News Monitor

WORLD - ICE passes rules for GM sugar

The Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) issued a rule according to which sugar delivered under its contracts should be certified non-genetically modified (GM). This could slow Brazil's efforts to step up GM cane usage and could complicate logistics if types of sugar need to be separated, Bloomberg said. ([Bloomberg](#))

CHINA - Dry conditions in Guangxi threaten crop

Dry conditions in Guangxi could lower cane output, with some industry sources saying that sugar production could drop below last year's 6.2 million mt, a local analyst said. He disagreed, however, stating that production should be around 6.7-7.2 million mt. Output in Inner Mongolia is also lower than expected because of wet weather. Another analyst argued that China was on track to produce 10.89 million mt of sugar in 2024/25, up 920,000mt on year but slightly lower than the 11 million mt estimate by the agriculture ministry. ([Msweet](#) & [Yunnan Sugar Network](#))

WORLD - Ukraine to affect Brazil-EU sugar flows more than Mercosur deal

The EU-Mercosur deal isn't expected to affect Brazil's sugar exports to the EU, which are already higher than the 180,000mt duty free quota included in the trade deal, according to an analyst at Hedgepoint Global Markets. She argued that Ukraine imports to the EU were having a bigger impact by displacing Brazilian sugar. ([Jornal Cana](#) & [Revista RPA News](#))

RUSSIA - Struggling to export sugar, beet pulp exports rising

Russia will have a sugar surplus of 1 million mt this year, but might export just 770,000mt, in part because neighbouring countries are seeing bumper beet crops, according to IKAR. Sugar.ru said exports of white sugar in December could drop to 55,000mt, down from 83,000mt in November, although 50,000mt of raw beet sugar could be exported. Otherwise, IKAR noted that mills were able to export 1.4 million mt of beet pulp, included molassed pulp, in Jan-Nov, with most shipments going to China, Latvia and Turkey. Beet pulp exports could reach 1.6 million mt/year by 2030, the agency estimated. ([Agroinvestor](#) & [Agroinvestor](#) & [Sugar.ru](#))

KYRGYZSTAN - Close to being self-sufficient in sugar

Kyrgyzstan could harvest as much as 900,000mt of beet to make 120,000mt of sugar this year, the largest crop in 40 years and almost enough to meet the local demand of 120,000-145,000mt, the government said. Officials signed a protocol to boost local production to 200,000mt/year by 2030. A total of 67,600mt of sugar was produced as of December 1, meanwhile, the ministry of agriculture said. ([FOR](#) & [Sugar.ru](#))

Sugaronline Ebriefing

INDONESIA: Minister says country will import raw sugar for industrial use in 2025

Indonesia's minister of Food Affairs, Zulkifli Hasan, said on Dec. 9 that the country will import 3.4 million metric tonnes of raw sugar in 2025 for industrial use, according to Reuters.

He said there would be no imports for direct consumption.

The minister also said the country will import 900,000 tonnes of food-grade corn.

BRAZIL: Fertiliser firm Yara starts producing renewable ammonia

Yara Brasil has started producing renewable ammonia using biomethane from sugarcane residues, contributing to decarbonise part of its operations, reports Sugaronline.

The company's Cubatão industrial hub, located in São Paulo, receives biomethane through the gas distribution network. The biomethane is produced from sugarcane waste in Piracicaba, provided by Raízen.

Yara said the production of renewable ammonia contributes to decarbonising part of its operations and portfolio, with the potential to impact the entire production chain that uses nitrogen fertilisers with a lower carbon footprint.

"By combining this new generation of fertilisers with a lower carbon footprint with our agronomic knowledge, we will bring even more value to farmers – opening up new markets and sources of revenue," said Yara Brasil president Marcelo Altieri, according to a statement released by Yara Brasil on Dec. 6.

PERU: USDA estimates decline in fuel ethanol imports as consumption remains stable

Peru is expected to import 190 million litres of fuel ethanol in 2024, compared to 237 million in 2023, mainly from the United States, according to the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) post in Lima, reports Sugaronline.

The country's domestic fuel ethanol production is estimated to increase slightly to 160 million litres, from 155 million litres in 2023. Total fuel ethanol consumption for 2024 is forecast at 225 million litres, compared to 220 million in 2023.

The ethanol blend rate is expected to remain steady in 2024. However, the [USDA said](#) that the FAS post Lima is actively working with the US and Peruvian private and public sectors to increase the ethanol mandate in the country.

Peru met the E7.8 requirement in 2013 after a three-year delay and has maintained this blend rate ever since.

KENYA: Sugar Board should draft regulations for sugar sector in 6 months

The Kenya Sugar Board (KSB) will have six months to draft regulations for the sugar sector reform to ensure the implementation of the Sugar Bill, according to People Daily.

The draft regulations will define key roles and responsibilities, set guidelines for managing research institutions, and establish the KSB board, according to Agriculture Principal Secretary Kiprono Ronoh.

He said the regulations would provide clarity on the sugar development levy funds and their usage.

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Kazakhstan will reduce area under sugar beet in 2025 due to shortage of processing factories - [Interfax -Kazakhstan](#) will reduce the area under sugar beet in 2025 because of a shortage of sugar factories, Deputy Prime Minister Serik Zhumangarin said during parliamentary hearings on Friday. "Our main problem with sugar is that we can easily increase the area under sugar beet, but next year we will have to reduce the area because we don't have enough factories to process it. We are dealing with the situation; there are several investors to finance construction of a sugar factory," Zhumangarin said. So, Kazakhstan will have to import sugar in the medium term. Kazakhstan will need to build one or two additional sugar factories to add about 2 million tonnes to the country's processing capacity, he said.

Unica expresses support for the free trade agreement between Mercosur and EU – Novacana - The Sugarcane and Bioenergy Industry Union (Unica) expressed its support for the free trade agreement between Mercosur and the European Union and congratulated the Brazilian government for its commitment to advancing this agenda. "By establishing a robust partnership between the two economic blocs, the agreement opens up new opportunities for the productive sectors, including the sugar and bioenergy agroindustry," said the entity. Unica also believes that this pact will allow Brazil to expand its presence in the European market, with significant potential for "diversifying exports and increasing the competitiveness of the sugar-energy sector, which remains committed to sustainable production and a low-carbon economy."

ECRUU Ethanol News Monitor

WORLD - Biofuel production up 50% in 10 years

Global biofuel production gained 50% from 2013 to 2023, while demand was up 48%, according to a report by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA). Ethanol represented 65% of global biofuel production. ([El Observador](#) & [Company Website](#))

BELGIUM - Terra Mater to make SAF

Belgium's Terra Mater announced that it signed a deal with Brazil's Petrom to produce sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) from ethanol at the North Sea Port. Petrom will supply the required feedstock for five years. ([Ethanol Producer Magazine](#))

EUROPEAN UNION - Asked to reverse ban on fossil fuel cars

The European People's Party (EPP) is planning to ask the block to reverse its plan to ban the sale of internal combustion engine cars by 2035. They cited the alternative of using more biofuels and plug-in hybrids. ([Reuters](#))

FoodNavigator.com**Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee omits ultra-processed food guidance, pushes for health equity**

Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee stops short on offering guidance for ultra-processed foods but for the first time calls on regulators to factor in race, culture and socioeconomic status in nutrition guidelines in its highly anticipated final report published today.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2024/12/10/dietary-guidelines-submits-final-recommendations/>

Kraft Heinz and Mondelez International among companies targeted by UPF lawsuit

A US lawsuit alleges major food companies engineer UPFs to make them as addictive as possible to consumers, especially children.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2024/12/12/kraft-heinz-mondelez-targeted-by-anti-upf-lawsuit/>