



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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Major investment secured to revive Kenya's sugar sector - Chinimandi - The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development has secured a Ksh. 12.29 billion investment to revive four key state-owned sugar factories—Nzoia Sugar, Chemilil Sugar, Sony Sugar, and Muhoroni Sugar. This funding will come from four private companies that have each been awarded a 30-year lease to operate and rehabilitate one of the factories. The goal of this partnership is to restore the factories to full operational capacity, protect the livelihoods of workers, and boost earnings for sugarcane farmers, reports KBC. West Kenya Sugar Company will take over the management of Nzoia Sugar Company and inject Ksh. 5.76 billion into its revival. Kibos Sugar & Allied Industries Ltd. will invest Ksh. 4.5 billion in Chemilil Sugar Company, while West Valley Sugar Company Ltd. will commit Ksh. 1.02 billion to Muhoroni Sugar Company. Busia Sugar Industry Ltd. will invest Ksh. 1 billion into Sony Sugar Company. These investments are intended to bring the mills back to full working order, improve efficiency, and increase sugar output.

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EGYPT: Sugar production estimated to rise in 2025/26

Egypt's sugar production in 2025/26 is expected to rise by 80,000 metric tonnes to 3.18 million tonnes due to increased sugarbeet production driven by industrial demand and higher prices for sugarbeets, according to the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) post in Cairo, reports Sugaronline.

Around 2.47 million tonnes of sugar will be derived from sugarbeets, and 710,000 tonnes from sugarcane, according to estimates in the [Sugar Annual](#) report released May 16.

Domestic sugar consumption is estimated to increase by 2.6% to 3.85 million tonnes, driven by population growth. "Furthermore, the expansion of Egypt's confectionery food products sector is demanding higher sugar inputs," according to FAS Cairo.

Egypt is expected to import 1 million tonnes of sugar in 2025/26, down 16.6% from the previous year, amid an increase in domestic production.

INDIA: Ethanol production capacity in UP is expected to rise

India's Uttar Pradesh state (UP) is expected to see an increase in ethanol supplies drive by investments from the private sector, according to Business Standard.

Private investors are establishing ethanol production facilities in the state worth INR67.72 billion (US\$792.3 million), which will expand the ethanol production capacity by an additional 1.06 billion litres, according to the news report, citing a senior official.

In 2023/24, UP produced over 1.5 billion litres of ethanol.

SOUTH AFRICA: Canegrowers' group welcomes proposed competition exemptions

The South African sugarcane growers association (SA Canegrowers) has welcomed a proposal that would allow retailers and food and beverage producers to negotiate with cane growers and millers to secure commitment to prioritise local sugar procurement, according to Engineering News.

SA Canegrowers has said that the proposed competition exemptions outlined in a draft regulation by the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition would facilitate joint planning, inclusive decision-making, stability in the sugar industry, and negotiations to support a fair pricing structure for consumers.

SPAIN: Government expands options for phytosanitary products to combat aphids in beet crops

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food has authorised the exceptional use of phytosanitary products formulated with 50% flonicamid and 10% cyantraniliprole in sugarbeet crops, according to Phytoma.

The ministry has authorised flonicamid products to be used in beet crops in Castilla y León, the Basque Country, and La Rioja, and cyantraniliprole in crops in Castilla y León.

The first authorization is valid until July 13. The authorisation that allows 10% cyantraniliprole in crops in Castilla y León is valid until August 12.

INDIA: Sugar factory must pay compensation for environmental damage

TwentyOne Sugar Factory, controlled by Congress leader Amit Deshmukh, has been ordered by the National Green Tribunal (NGT) to pay INR16.7 million (US\$195,518) to compensate for environmental damage and crop loss, according to the Hindustan Times.

The money will be used to restore the affected areas within six months and to compensate 31 farmers who lost their crops due to effluents and pollutants from the factory.

NIGERIA: House committee to hold hearing on sugar development act

Nigeria's House of Representatives Committee on Industry will hold a public hearing on May 22 on a proposed amendment to the National Sugar Development Council Act aimed at redefining the functions and powers of the Council and mandating that all funds received by the Council be paid into the Federation Account, according to Punch.

Representatives have invited stakeholders in the sugar industry to attend the meeting, including Dangote Sugar Refinery, BUA Sugar Refinery, Flour Mills of Nigeria, Golden Sugar Company, members of the Sugar Road Map Implementation Committee, among ministers and others.

PHILIPPINES: SRA increases sugar production estimate for the season

Sugar production in the Philippines this season is now expected to reach up to 1.837 million metric tonnes, compared to the previous forecast of 1.782 million tonnes, said the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) on May 19, according to the Philippine News Agency (PNA).

A total of 1.815 million tonnes of sugar have already been produced this season due to an increase in sugarcane tonnage per hectare and despite a low sugar recovery rate, according to SRA Administrator Pablo Luis Azcona.

TANZANIA: Mkulazi Sugar to start industrial sugar production in 2025/26

Tanzania's Mkulazi Sugar is set to begin production of refined industrial sugar in the 2025/26 fiscal year, per information revealed by the company's chief executive officer (CEO) Selestine Some during an event on May 16, according to The Citizen.

This production is expected to significantly reduce the country's reliance on imported industrial sugar, in line with the directive issued by Tanzania's President Samia Suluhu Hassan in August 2024.

In 2024/25, Mkulazi Sugar produced 19,124 metric tonnes of brown sugar for domestic consumption.

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USDA approves first state SNAP waiver to ban 'junk food' – dozens could follow despite industry warnings of 'disruptions' and unintended consequences



It begins: USDA Secretary Brooke Rollins yesterday signed the first of what could be several state waivers restricting the use of government funds by low-income residents to buy select "junk" foods and beverages, such as soda and candy

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2025/05/20/nebraska-becomes-first-state-to-restrict-the-use-of-snap-funds-for-junk/>

Fighting words: What does Walmart and Trump's tussle on tariffs mean for manufacturers and other retailers?



Walmart says it is committed to 'treating our suppliers well' and warns it may raise prices as the Trump administration's tariffs take effect – a message with which the president appears to have taken umbrage as suggested by his warning that companies should absorb tariff-related cost increases

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2025/05/19/fighting-words-walmart-and-trump-tussle-over-higher-costs-from-tariffs/>

Could climate change strategies protect against geopolitical turmoil and tariff fallout?



Climate-forward strategies can protect more than the environment – they can safeguard businesses against widespread geopolitical fallout, including tariff-related threats to supply chains, funding freezes, reduced agricultural labor forces and deteriorating consumer confidence

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2025/04/22/strategies-to-simultaneously-advance-climate-action-and-protect-against-geopolitical-fallout/>