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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**VIETNAM: Government plans to introduce E10 in April**

Vietnam's deputy minister of Industry and Trade, Nguyen Sinh Nhat Tan, said on March 26 that the nationwide transition to E10 biofuel should be completed by April 30, at the latest, leaving regulators and businesses about 30 days to meet the deadline, according to the Tuoi Tre News. Tan admitted that this is "a highly demanding task," which will require "the whole system to act with greater urgency and determination than usual."

Ethanol demand to meet the 10% ratio is estimated between 100,000 and 110,000 cubic metres per month, while domestic production capacity is around 92,000–100,000 cubic metres under favorable conditions. The industry is calling for support, citing challenges including limited working capital and difficulty accessing bank credit.

ARGENTINA: Government allows voluntary increase in ethanol blend in gasoline to 15%

Argentina's government has allowed a voluntary increase in the ethanol content of gasoline to 15% to mitigate the impact of rising crude oil prices on consumers, reports Sugaronline.

The Ministry of Economy's Energy Secretariat published a [resolution](#) last week that updates the technical specifications for gasoline quality, raising the maximum permitted oxygen level to 5.6%, which, in practice, allows the industry to increase ethanol blending in gasoline if it decides to do so.

The Resolution 79/2026 does not modify the mandatory bioethanol blend nor impose new requirements on refineries.

"Its objective is to adapt current regulations so that, if a company deems it appropriate, it can voluntarily incorporate up to 15% bioethanol into gasoline, within the established quality parameters," the Energy Secretariat said in a [statement](#) released March 27.

GHANA: Beverages association raises concerns over dual-purpose sugar classification

The Food and Beverages Association of Ghana (FABAG) has raised concerns about the government's classification of sugar as a "dual-purpose" product, which it says is artificially inflating production costs for local manufacturers, according to 3News.

Sugar is currently categorised as both a finished consumer good and a raw material for industrial use in Ghana. FABAG argues that this distinction is financially damaging, often subjecting industrial-grade sugar to the same high taxes and levies intended for retail-ready sugar.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: Sugar output estimated to rise to 580,000 T

The Dominican Republic is expected to produce 580,000 metric tonnes of sugar in the 2026/27 season (Oct-Sept), up from 550,000 tonnes estimated for the current 2025/26 season, amid stable rainfall conditions during the first half of the year, according to the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) post in Santo Domingo.

The continued normalisation of export flows to the United States, following the US Customs and Border Protection decision to lift a ban on imports from Central Romana in 2022, "has further strengthened sector confidence," according to the USDA's [Sugar Annual](#) report released on March 25.

FAS Santo Domingo expects the Dominican Republic to meet its US raw sugar tariff-rate quota (TRQ) allocation for fiscal year 2026.

EAEU countries produce 6.9 million T of sugar by late March

Sugar production by countries in the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) in the 2025/26 season reached 6.93 million metric tonnes by March 30, according to [information](#) released by the Eurasian Sugar Association.

Around 56.2 million tonnes of sugarbeets had been processed for the season, 3.3 million tonnes less than the previous year.

Sugar production in Russia totaled 6.08 million tonnes. In Belarus, 722,500 tonnes of sugar were produced. Sugar output in Kyrgyzstan reached 68,000 tonnes. In Kazakhstan, sugar production totaled 60,000 tonnes.

Sugar refineries in Russia and Belarus continued to process beet molasses and beet syrup, according to the Eurasian Sugar Association.

INDIA: Sugar production rises 9% yoy to 27.12 million T – NFCSF

India's sugar production in the 2025/26 season reached 27.12 million metric tonnes by late March, up 9% from last year, according to data released by the National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories (NFCSF), reports Sugaronline.

The total volume of cane crushed reached 283.54 million tonnes, up 6.8% year on year.

The pace of cane crushing has slowed in March as more mills finish operations. By March 31, only 74 mills were active, compared with 113 last year. So far, 467 units have completed operations, up from 420 in 2025.

In Maharashtra, where 8 sugar mills continued to crush sugarcane, sugar production totaled 9.89 million tonnes, up 23.5% year-on-year.

In Uttar Pradesh, 38 mills remained active and produced 8.74 million tonnes of sugar this year, slightly lower than the 8.77 million tonnes produced at the same time last year.

In Karnataka, where only one mill was active by March 31, 4.67 million tonnes of sugar were produced, compared to 3.99 million tonnes by the same date last season.

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