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(English only)****15 September 2026****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**KENYA: President says country to become net sugar exporter in 3 years**

Kenya is expected to become a net sugar exporter in three years, driven by reforms that are beginning to restore production and improve farmers' earnings, President William Ruto said, according to The Star.

Ruto said on Sept. 14 that sugarcane growers were now being paid more regularly, while workers in sugar mills were receiving their dues, citing positive impacts of reforms undertaken in the sugar industry.

He added that the administration had also introduced a digital platform to register farmers, reduced the cost of fertiliser from Sh7,000 to Sh2,000 and removed brokers from the sugar value chain.

PHILIPPINES: Food Manufacturers oppose increase in sugar tax

The Philippine Chamber of Food Manufacturers opposes a proposed increase in the excise tax rates on sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs) and has urged Congress to retain the existing PHP6 to PHP12 per litre rates, according to the Manila Times.

The PCFMI said in a statement that an increase would be economically imprudent amid current economic conditions of a 6.4-percent inflation rate, 2.3% gross domestic product (GDP) growth, and consumer confidence at negative 42.

Food manufacturers said the government's projected 27.2% decline in SSB consumption under a higher tax could negatively affect revenue collections. The group said SSB volumes declined by 9.25% in 2025 from the previous year under the existing tax, while the adult obesity rate reached 43.1%.

EGYPT: Sugar and chemically pure sucrose exports hit record high in 2025

Egypt exported 581,000 metric tonnes of sugar and chemically pure sucrose in solid form in 2025 setting a new record, according to MENA.

Egypt's Food Export Council (FEC) said on Sept. 13 that Egyptian sugar and chemically pure sucrose exports totaled USD290 million in value in 2025. Export value recorded a compound annual growth rate of 17% between 2020 and 2025, while export volumes grew at a compound annual rate of 11% over the same period.

Most of the exports went to Lebanon, accounting for 37% of Egypt's total shipments of the product, followed by Sudan (24%), Somalia (10%), Yemen (7%) and Italy (5%).

NETHERLANDS: Cosun Beet Company projects lower production in 2026 campaign

Cosun Beet Company forecasts a 25% decline in beet production in the upcoming 2026 campaign due to persistent drought, leading to less sugar production, reports Sugaronline.

The company lowered its sugar yield projection to 14 metric tonnes of sugar per hectare (t/ha), down by 0.5 t/ha from a July forecast. The latest estimate is also lower than the record 15.6 t/ha of the previous campaign, when the company processed 7.7 million tonnes of sugarbeets.

Cosun has decided to start the campaign at the end of September to give sugarbeets more time to develop. Processing is expected to be completed in the first half of January, the company said in a [statement](#) on Sept. 10.

In addition to weather conditions, the sector is facing geopolitical and economic uncertainty coupled with relatively high inflation, the company added.

Cosun continues to invest to improve production efficiency and reduce energy and natural gas consumption to ensure sustainability.

"A successful campaign remains of great importance to our growers, employees, and customers. Especially in a sector that is constantly changing, it is important to keep looking ahead. That is why we continue to invest in innovation, sustainability, and a strong sugar chain together with our growers. This joint approach gives us the confidence that we can continue to create value for our members and customers in the future," said Maikel van Bakel, CEO of Cosun Beet Company.

FRANCE: Ethanol consumption rises amid soaring gasoline prices

Sales of the E85 ethanol fuel blend in France increased by 11% since the start of the conflict in the Middle East in July, compared with the same period last year, according to newswire RFI,, citing a report in the the newspaper [Le Parisien](#).

Prices for the ethanol-based blend averaged EUR0.85 per litre, instead of an average of EUR2.12 for gasoline.

Sales of flex-fuel cars in Europe increased 20% from 2024 to 2025 and are expected to rise even more in 2026, according to the news report. In 20 years, 480,000 drivers in France have opted for vehicles powered by biofuel or flex-fuel.

Mechanics interviewed by the newspaper report a rush to install flex-fuel engine conversions in the country.

INDIA: 2026/27 gross sugar production estimated around 29-31 million T

India's 2026/27 gross sugar production is expected to range from 29-31 million tonnes, impacted by El Niño-induced dryness, per estimates from 11 traders, analysts and millers, according to a Bloomberg news report on Sept. 11.

For the current 2025/26 season, which officially concludes at the end of September, sugar production was estimated by the sugar industry association ISMA at 31 million tonnes.

Six respondents in the survey said there would be no diversion of sugar into ethanol, while five said India may need imports for a second consecutive year to rebuild pipeline stockpiles.

Claudiu Covrig, lead analyst at Covrig Analytics, said India may begin importing sugar as early as July next year to rebuild inventories after the current quota is filled, with inbound shipments expected between 2 million and 3 million tonnes.

INDIA: Government tightens sugar stockholding rules

India's government has issued new directions to sugar mills, tightening monitoring of sugar stockholding volumes, dealer registration and dispatches, according to the Rural Voice.

Sugar mills were directed to strictly comply with the prescribed stock-related norms, according to a letter by the Directorate of Sugar & Vegetable Oils under the Department of Food & Public Distribution dated Sept.10.

The measure aims to ensure that sugar prices in the country remain at reasonable levels.

India's government has enacted measures over the past month, including changes in the monthly sugar release quota, new sales norms and inspections of traders, to contain record prices in the domestic markets. After these interventions, prices fell to around INR4,250-4,300 per quintal, but subsequently recovered.

On Sept. 10, prices in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra were around INR4,800 per quintal.

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