



WASDE – July 12, 2018

SUGAR: U.S. sugar supply for 2018/19 is increased 143,867 short tons, raw value (STRV) as increases in beginning stocks and imports more than offset a reduction in cane sugar production. The increase in imports results from the Secretary of Agriculture establishing 2018/19 sugar tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) that include an allocation for specialty sugar beyond the minimum level that the United States is bound under the WTO. In addition there is a small increase in projected imports from Mexico. Cane sugar production is reduced in all producing States. Production changes in Florida and Louisiana result from applying updated yield and recovery projections on NASS 2018/19 area harvested forecasts. Texas production is reduced on processor reporting. U.S. sugar use for 2018/19 is reduced by 100,000 STRV on lower deliveries for human consumption. Ending stocks are residually projected at 1.707 million STRV for an ending stocks-to-use ratio of 13.5 percent.

U.S. beet sugar production for 2017/18 is increased 55,000 STRV to 5.276 million based on processor reporting of late season sucrose recovery from sugarbeet slicing to a robust 15.2 percent. High-tier tariff imports are increased 15,000 STRV. Deliveries for human consumption are reduced by 65,000 STRV to 12.235 million on a continuing slow pace as refiners’ inventories of raw stocks remain elevated.

Mexico production for 2017/18 is increased to 6.009 million metric tons (MT) on official preliminary reporting of the completed harvest season. Ending stocks for 2017/18 are estimated at 1.246 million MT based on domestic consumption in 2018/19 before the start of the campaign and sugar that can be exported to the United States in 2018/19 at a return that is expected to be higher than can currently be obtained in the world market. Exports for 2017/18 to non-U.S. destinations are residually increased by 36,375 MT. For 2018/19, exports to the United States are increased by a small amount to 1.417 million MT to equal U.S. Needs as defined in the amended Suspension Agreements.

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U.S. Sugar Supply and Use 1/

	2016/17	2017/18 Est.	2018/19 Proj.	2018/19 Proj.
			Jun	Jul
	<i>1,000 Short Tons,</i>		<i>Raw Value</i>	
Beginning Stocks	2054	1876	1876	2011
Production 2/	8969	9293	8961	8776
Beet Sugar	5103	5276	5036	5036
Cane Sugar	3866	4017	3925	3740
Florida	2055	1983	2085	2000
Hawaii	43	0	0	0
Louisiana	1628	1859	1680	1590
Texas	140	175	160	150
Imports	3244	3402	3365	3560
TRQ 3/	1611	1788	1355	1539
Other Program 4/	419	300	350	350
Other 5/	1213	1314	1660	1670
Mexico	1201	1269	1645	1655
Total Supply	14267	14571	14203	14347
Exports	95	170	85	85
Deliveries	12258	12390	12655	12555
Food 6/	12102	12235	12500	12400
Other 7/	156	155	155	155
Miscellaneous	38	0	0	0



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Total Use	12391	12560	12740	12640
Ending Stocks	1876	2011	1463	1707
Stocks to Use Ratio	15.1	16	11.5	13.5

1/ Fiscal years beginning Oct 1. Data and projections correspond to category components from "Sweetener Market Data" (SMD). 2/ Production projections for 2017/18 and 2018/19 are based on Crop Production and processor projections where appropriate. 3/ For 2017/18, WTO raw sugar TRQ shortfall (183) and for 2018/19 (99). 4/ Composed of sugar under the re-export and polyhydric alcohol programs. 5/ Imports from Mexico, high-tier tariff sugar, and syrups not otherwise specified. 6/ After 2014/15, SMD deliveries for domestic human food use and for miscellaneous uses reported separately. 7/ Transfers accompanying deliveries for sugar-containing products to be exported (SCP) and polyhydric alcohol manufacture (POLY), and deliveries for livestock feed and ethanol. Total refiner license transfers for SCP and POLY inclusive of WASDE-reported deliveries: 2016/17 -- 389; estimated 2017/18 -- 254; projected 2018/19 -- 346.

Mexico Sugar Supply and Use and High Fructose Corn Syrup Imports 1/

		Beginning Stocks	Production	Imports	Domestic 2/	Exports	Ending Stocks
		<i>1,000 Metric Tons, Actual Weight</i>					
Sugar							
2017/18	Jun						
Est.		1002	5970	190	4727	1192	1243
	Jul	1002	6009	190	4727	1228	1247
2018/19	Jun						
Proj.		1243	6025	115	4952	1418	1014
	Jul	1247	6025	115	4952	1427	1008

1/ HFCS consumption by Mexico (1,000 metric tons, dry basis): Oct-Sep 2016/17 = 1,522, Estimated 2017/18 = 1,608; Oct - May 2016/17 = 981; Oct - May 2017/18 = 1,040; Projected 2018/19 = 1,608. Footnote source for estimate: Comité Nacional para el Desarrollo Sustentable de la Cana de Azúcar. 2/Includes deliveries for consumption, Mexico's products export program (IMMEX), and Other Deliveries/Ending Year Statistical Adjustments. IMMEX: 2017/18 (390 est); 2018/19 (390). Other Deliveries/Ending Year Statistical Adjustments: 2017/18 (0), 2018/19 (0).