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SUA August 2020: Presentation Overview

Domestic Sugar Market

- Minor changes to 2019-20 WASDE estimates. S-T-U ratio lowered slightly.
- Supply for 2020-21 raised based on big increase to beet sugar forecast.
- SMD June update beet sugar deliveries up from May, cane sugar down.
- Non-reporters still a key factor in overall deliveries.
- Sugar beet harvest is underway early.

Global Sugar Market

- Decade-low crop in Thailand, issues in Europe, others trim global forecasts.
- But record production, exports expected from Brazil mostly offset.
- Better demand indications in parts of Asia (China).
- Coronavirus still expected to be negative for demand.

Corn Sweetener Market

- Coronavirus expected to negatively impact HFCS demand.
- HFCS consumption in Mexico continues to decline from year ago.

Other factors affecting sugar

GMO labeling challenge; California preemption lawsuit (soda taxes).

Conclusions



SUA August 2020: US Market Overview

Sugar supply/demand

- 2019-20 S-T-U ratio at 14.3%, down on lower production, imports.
- Imports: TRQ up 35,000 tons; high-tier down 50,000 tons.
- Production down 13,000 tons from July, 1 million from 2018-19.
- Deliveries for 2019-20 unchanged from July.
- Spot prices are unchanged, demand good, some supply tightness.
- 2020-21 S-T-U ratio raised to 14.6% on huge beet sugar increase.
- Domestic production forecast second highest on record.
- Delivery forecasts for 2020-21 unchanged from July.
- 2020-21 prices fluctuating, most recently firming.

Corn sweetener supply/demand

- Mexico forecast HFCS consumption for this year and next unchanged from July, but Oct.-June consumption down 9.6%.
- Early US contracting steady to weaker amid huge corn supply and demand uncertainty.

| SUA August 2020: USDA 2019-20 WASDE | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|--------------|--|
| 1,000 short tons | August | August | Change | e from July | Change fro | om 18-19 | August | |
| raw value | <u> 18-19</u> | <u> 19-20</u> | <u>Tons</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>Tons</u> | <u>%</u> | <u>20-21</u> | |
| Begin. Stocks | 2,008 | 1,783 | - | 0.0% | (225) | -11.2% | 1,744 | |

(13)

(12)

(16)

(50)

(28)

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(1)

35

Production

Beet

Cane

Imports

T.R.Q.

Mexico

Exports

Food

Other

Misc.

Deliveries

High Tier

Other Prog.

Ttl Supply

Total Use

Ending Stocks

Stocks-to-use

8,999

4,939

4,060

3,070

1,541

1,000

14,077

12,231

12,106

12,294

1,783

14.5%

126

28

438

92

35

7,989

4,244

3,745

4,162

2,238

1,395

13,934

12,155

12,050

12,190

1,744

14.3%

* S-T-U Ratio change is from prior S-T-U, not in tons or per cent.

105

350

180

35

-0.2%

-0.3%

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-0.4%

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-21.7%

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(88)

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(56)

(21)

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(104)

(39)

-0.2

-11.2%

-14.1%

-7.8%

35.6%

45.2%

-20.1%

39.5%

95.7%

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-0.6%

-0.5%

-0.8%

-2.2%

-16.7%

From

July

(28)

175

199

(24)

(15)

(15)

132

132

1.1

9,265

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12,230

12,125

12,265

1,788

14.6%

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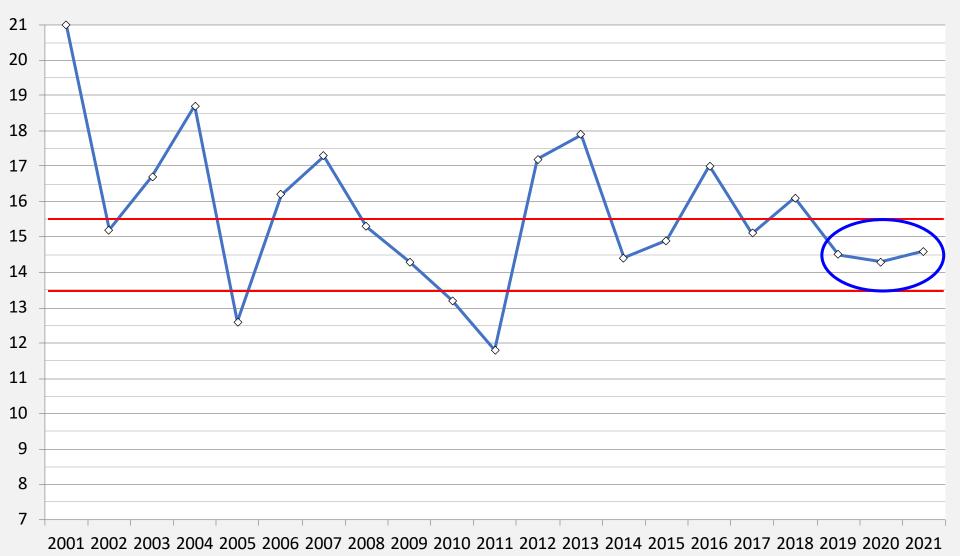
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SUA August 2020: Annual S-T-U Ratios

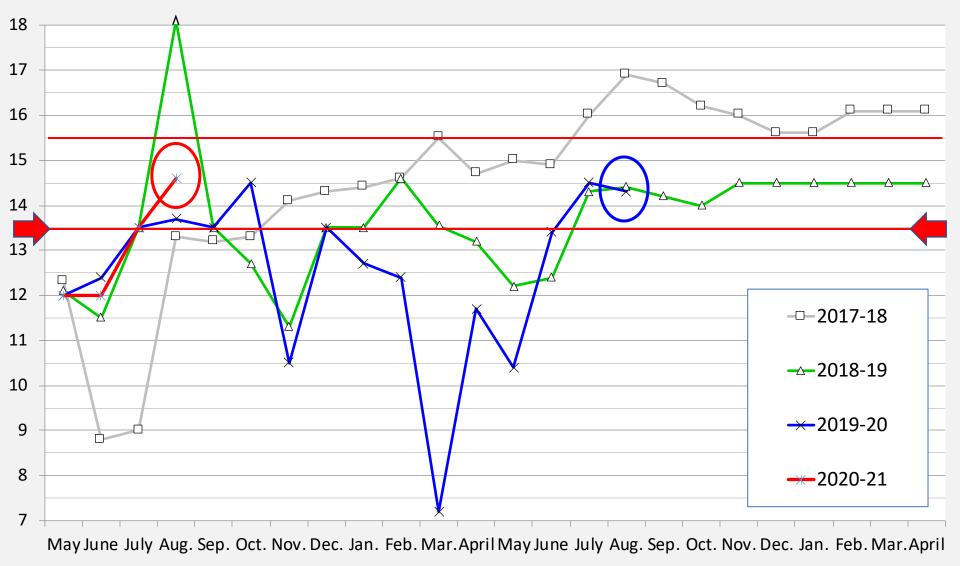
Annual stocks-to-use ratios, in percent. 2019-20, 2020-21 forecast as of August 12.





SUA August 2020: Monthly S-T-U Ratios

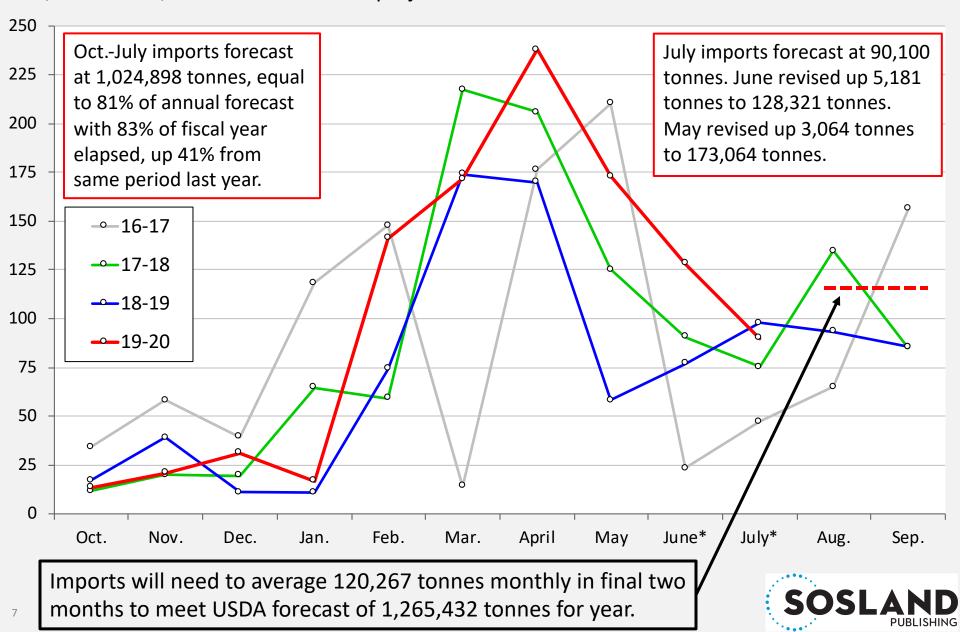
Two-year S-T-U ratios in per cent, beginning with first forecast in May for each marketing year.



Source: USDA SOSLA

SUA August 2020: Monthly Imports from Mexico

In 1,000 tonnes, raw value. *2019-20 projected. Sources: USDA and US Census Bureau.



SUA August 2020: SMD June

Source: USDA.

| Short tons, | June | June | Change fro | m 18-19 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|----------|
| Raw value | <u> 2019-20</u> | <u>2018-20</u> | <u>Tons</u> | <u>%</u> |
| Beginning stocks | 3,432,728 | 4,187,000 | (754,272) | -18.0% |
| Total production | 61,849 | 71,144 | (9,295) | -13.1% |
| Beet | 60,649 | 71,144 | (10,495) | -14.8% |
| Cane | 1,200 | 0 | 1,200 | 0.0% |
| Total imports | 346,664 | 261,743 | 84,921 | 32.4% |
| Total supply | 3,841,241 | 4,519,887 | (678,646) | -15.0% |
| | | | | |
| Total exports | 12,431 | 2,106 | 10,325 | 490.3% |
| Total deliveries | 984,631 | 1,042,386 | (57,755) | -5.5% |
| Deliveries, human use | 977,884 | 1,031,655 | (53,771) | -5.2% |
| Misc. supply adj. | (1,249) | (52,315) | 51,066 | -98.0% |
| Total use | 995,812 | 992,178 | (3,634) | 0.4% |
| Ending stocks | 2,845,429 | 3,527,709 | (682,280) | -19.3% |



SUA August 2020: SMD October-June

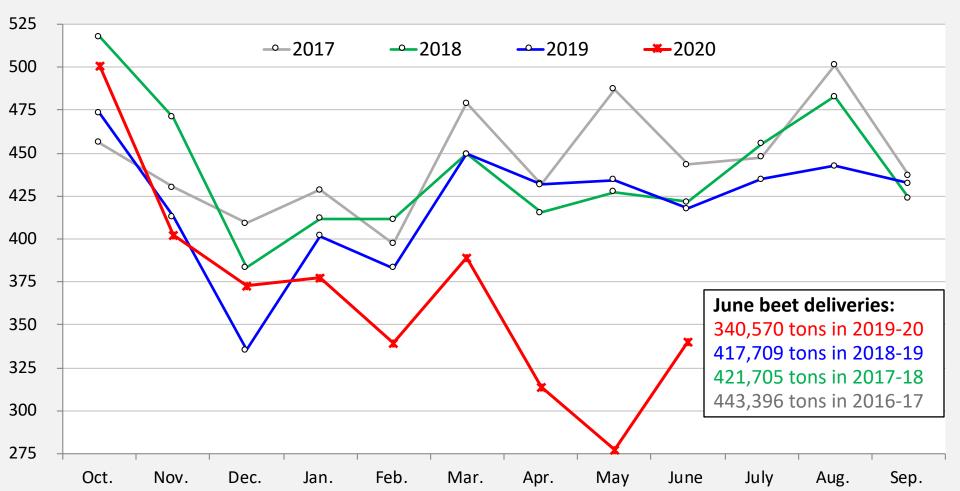
Source: USDA.

| Short tons, | OctJune | OctJune | Change fro | om 18-19 |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------|
| Raw value | <u>2019-20</u> | <u> 2018-19</u> | <u>Tons</u> | <u>%</u> |
| Beginning stocks | 1,782,548 | 2,007,901 | (225,353) | -11.2% |
| Total production | 7,245,647 | 8,306,277 | (1,060,630) | -12.8% |
| Beet | 3,549,261 | 4,309,453 | (760,192) | -17.6% |
| Cane | 3,696,386 | 3,996,822 | (300,436) | -7.5% |
| Total imports | 2,997,739 | 2,323,799 | 673,940 | 29.0% |
| Total supply | 12,025,934 | 12,637,977 | (612,043) | -4.8% |
| | | | | |
| Total exports | 27,671 | 26,972 | (1,301) | -4.5% |
| Total deliveries | 9,138,430 | 9,064,795 | 73,635 | 0.8% |
| Deliveries, human use | 9,065,843 | 8,970,975 | 94,868 | 1.1% |
| Misc. supply adj. | 14,404 | 16,497 | (2,093) | -12.7% |
| Total use | 9,180,505 | 9,110,267 | 70,238 | 0.8% |
| Ending stocks | 2,845,429 | 3,527,709 | (682,280) | -19.3% |



SUA August 2020: Beet Sugar Deliveries

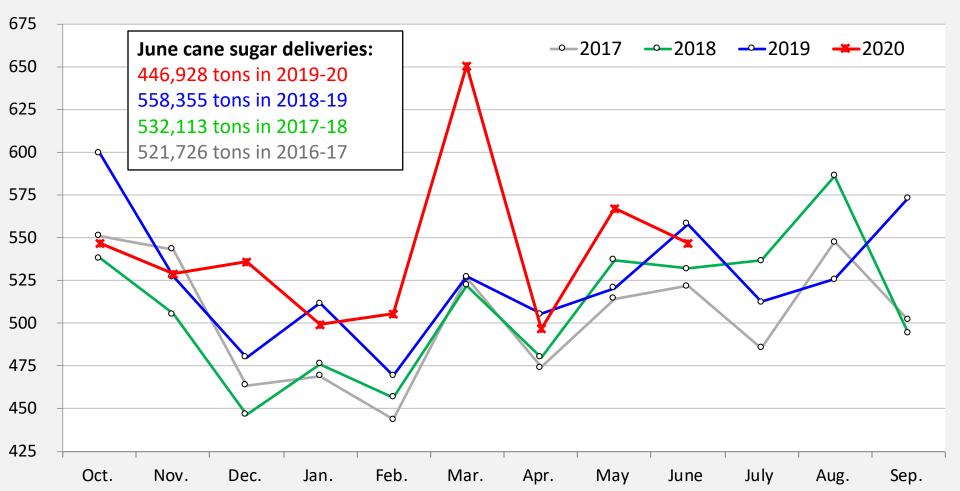
Monthly beet sugar deliveries, in 1,000 tons, raw value. Source: USDA



June beet sugar deliveries jumped 23% from May but were down 18% from June 2019 and were the lowest for the month since June 2002. Beet sugar deliveries typically decline in June as processing of the beet crop is completed and focus shifts to cane. Year-to-date deliveries are down 11.4% from a year ago.

SUA August 2020: Refined Cane Deliveries

Monthly refined cane sugar deliveries, in 1,000 tons, raw value. Source: USDA

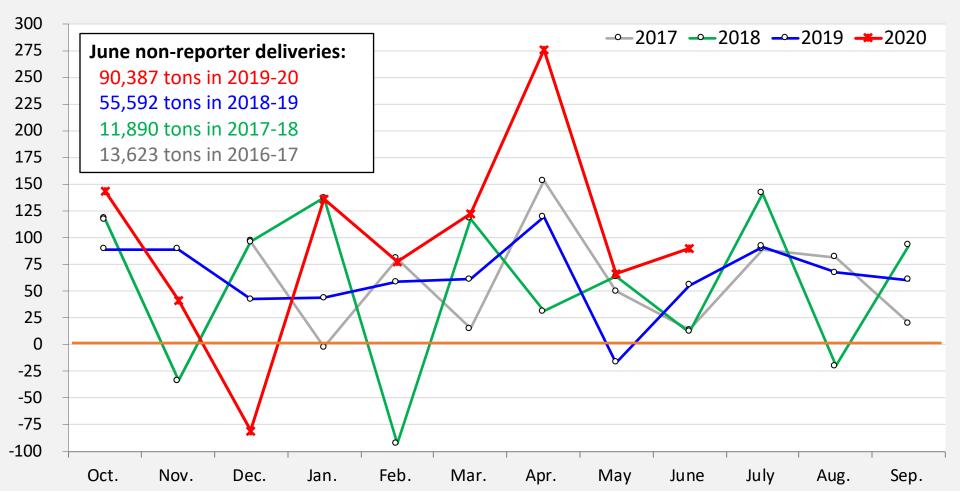


June cane sugar deliveries declined 3.5% from May and were down 2% from June 2019. Cane sugar deliveries typically increase in June, replacing declining beet sugar supplies. Decline in June likely reflected continued weak foodservice demand. Year-to-date

deliveries were up 3.8%. NOTE: Oct.-May deliveries all revised lower.

SUA August 2020: Deliveries by Non-Reporters

Monthly non-reporter deliveries, in 1,000 tons, raw value. Source: USDA



Non-reporter deliveries in June increased 34% from May and were up 61% from Jun 2019. Non-reporter deliveries vary widely in June but typically are modest. Year-to-date non-reporter deliveries were up 331,000 tons, or 61%, from 2018-19, and remain a key factor limiting total delivery decline.

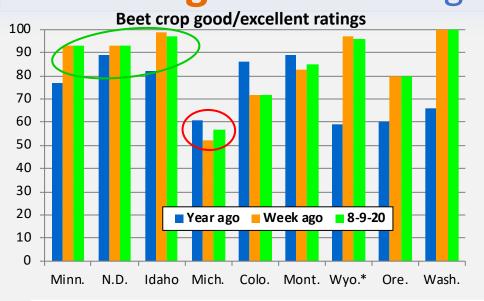
SUA August 2020: Deliveries for Human Use

| | FY 2020 | FY 2019 | OctJune | OctMay |
|--|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| PRODUCT OR BUSINESS OF BUYER | OctJune | OctJune | % change | % change |
| Total Deliveries/1 (short tons, actual weight) | 7,710,388 | 7,945,596 | -3.0 | <mark>-1.9</mark> |
| 1-Bakery, cereal, and related products | 1,794,036 | 1,844,688 | -2.7 | -2.2 |
| 5-Confectionery and related products | 770,266 | 899,237 | -14.3 | -12.2 |
| 6-Ice cream and dairy products | 567,621 | 554,431 | 2.4 | 2.5 |
| 7-Beverages | 460,579 | 535,597 | -14.0 | -13.3 |
| 8-Canned, bottled and frozen foods | 323,261 | 308,911 | <mark>4.6</mark> | 3.0 |
| 4-Multiple and all other food uses | 777,308 | 845,632 | -8.1 | · -7.6 |
| 10-Non-food uses | 94,123 | 111,585 | -15.6 | -10.3 |
| 11-Hotels, restaurants, institutions | 61,738 | 64,004 | -3.5 | -3.0 |
| 2-Wholesale grocers, jobbers, dealers | 1,655,357 | 1,657,662 | -0.1 | 1.2 |
| 3-Retail grocers, chain stores | 974,098 | 890,452 | 9.4 | <mark>11.3</mark> |
| 12-Government agencies | 9,121 | 9,912 | <mark>-8.0</mark> | -9.3 |
| 9-All other deliveries | 222,880 | 223,483 | -0.3 | 1.2 |
| Total Deliveries/1 (short tons, raw value) | 8,250,115 | 8,501,788 | -3.0 | -1.9 |
| Crystalline: | 7,103,510 | 7,348,942 | - 3.3 | -2.3 |
| Consumer-size packages (retail) | 1,684,596 | 1,643,925 | 2.5 | <mark>5.2</mark> |
| Packages 50 lbs and greater | 2,163,888 | 2,200,656 | -1.7 | <mark>-0.9</mark> |
| Unpackaged (bulk) | 3,255,026 | 3,504,361 | <mark>-7.1</mark> | <mark>-6.6</mark> |
| Non-crystalline/2 | 1,146,605 | 1,152,846 | - 0.5 | 0.5 |

^{1/}Deliveries from domestic sugar beet processors, sugar cane processors and refiners.



SUA August 2020: Sugar beet ratings/production



Good-to-excellent ratings remain above 90% in five of the nine reporting states, including the top three. Only real concern has been Michigan, but growers there say the crop is better than reported. Harvest has begun in Michigan, the Red River Valley and in some other areas, about two weeks early in some cases. This may affect size of 2020-21 sugar supply.

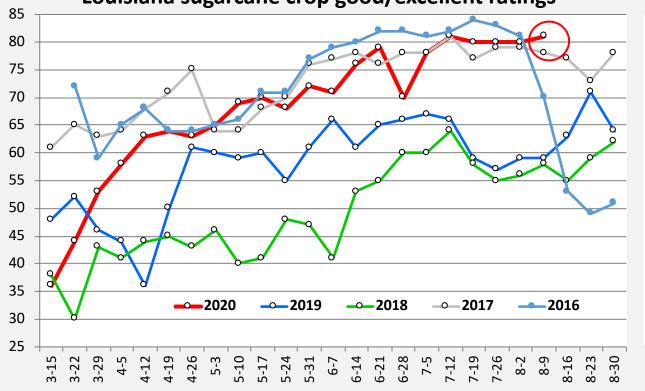
| 1,000 tons | | August | Fre | om 2019 |
|------------|--------|--------|-------|---------|
| Beet | 2019 | 2020 | Tons | % |
| Minnesota | 8,400 | 12,180 | 3,780 | 45.0% |
| N. Dakota | 4,420 | 6,014 | 1,594 | 36.1% |
| Idaho | 6,435 | 6,607 | 172 | 2.7% |
| Michigan | 4,147 | 4,499 | 352 | 8.5% |
| Nebraska | 1,069 | 1,484 | 415 | 38.8% |
| Montana | 1,153 | 1,385 | 232 | 20.1% |
| California | 1,080 | 1,105 | 25 | 2.3% |
| Colorado | 749 | 799 | 50 | 6.7% |
| Wyoming | 679 | 876 | 197 | 29.0% |
| Oregon | 377 | 358 | (19) | -5.0% |
| Washington | 91 | 86 | (5) | -5.5% |
| U.S. | 28,600 | 35,393 | 6,793 | 23.8% |

Sugar beet production

In its Aug. 12 Crop Production report, USDA forecast 2020 US sugar beet production at 35,393,000 tons, up 24% from the weather-reduced 2019 crop, and the highest since 2016 but up only 4.4% from the five-year average. Total harvested are was forecast at 1,126,800 acres, up 15% from 2019, and average yield at 31.4 tons per acre, up 7.5%. Idaho is now the second largest beet producing state after Minnesota.

SUA August 2020: Sugarcane ratings/production





Louisiana's cane condition has been outstanding, with the good-to-excellent rating on Aug. 9 at 81%, holding at 80% or above since July 12. The highly-rated 2016 crop tanked at this time that year due to floods and heavy rains, ending the season at 53% good to excellent. Now the crop is most like 2017.

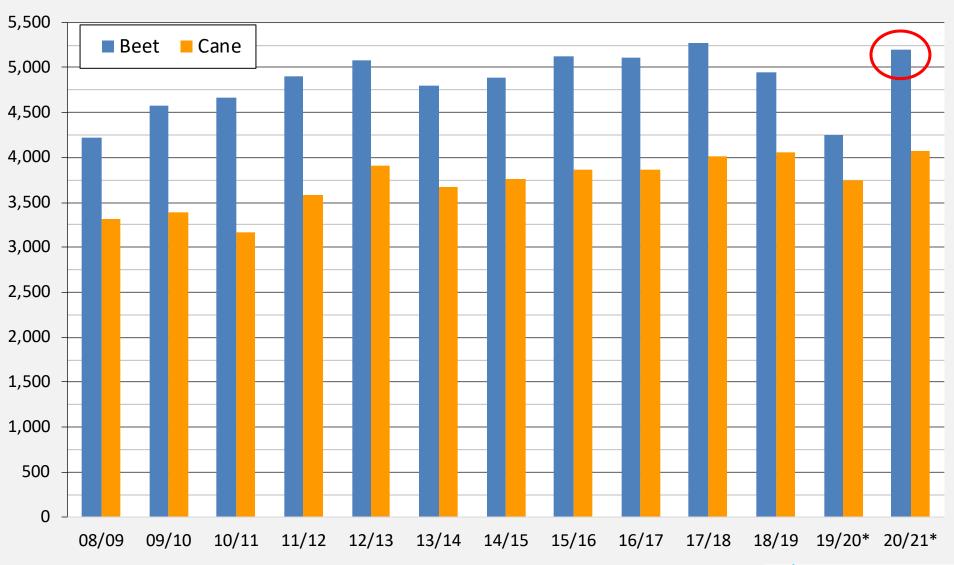
Sugarcane production

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|------------|--------|--------|-------|---------|
| 1,000 tons | | August | Fro | om 2019 |
| | 2019 | 2020 | Tons | % |
| Florida | 17,644 | 17,993 | 349 | 2.0% |
| Louisiana | 13,161 | 14,688 | 1,527 | 11.6% |
| Texas | 1,132 | 797 | (335) | -29.6% |
| U.S. | 31,937 | 33,478 | 1,541 | 4.8% |

USDA forecast 2020 US production of sugarcane for sugar and seed at 33,478,000 tons, up 5% from last year, with harvested area at 924,400 acres, up slightly, and average yield at 36.2 tons per acre, up 3.4%. Louisiana production forecast up 11.6%.

SUA August 2020: Beet/cane sugar production

Marketing year sugar production in 1,000 tons, raw value. *Forecast. Source: USDA.



Beet sugar forecast is second highest ever, cane is third highest, total is second highest. Beet uncertain until late September-early October.



SUA August 2020: Cash sugar prices

Beet sugar 2019-20

Beet sugar prices remain nominal; Supply is increasing as new crop beets are being sliced but not offered on spot.

Cane sugar 2019-20 Prices in all regions at 46c f.o.b. from one major refiner, with capacity available. Prices haven't changed since February. Some supply available from other refiners.

Beet sugar 2020-21 Sugar has sold as low as 34c a lb f.o.b. Midwest (or even a bit lower), as prices weakened in July. But prices are beginning to firm with most beet sales in the 34.5c to 35.5c range. Some offers still as high as 36.5c.

Refined cane sugar prices eased in July, but now firming.
Northeast and West Coast offered at 40c to 41c, steady.
Gulf offered at 37c to 39c, steady but bottom coming up.
Southeast offered at 37c to 39c, steady.
Sugar probably can be bought below those levels.

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Cane sugar 2020-21

SUA August 2020: Cash sugar situation

Recent developments and factors to watch in cash sugar market

- For 2019-20, impact from the coronavirus remains unclear, but refiners/processors indicate stronger June/July sales continuing into August, both retail and bulk. Sales/demand for Halloween a major concern.
- Beet harvest has started early with some new crop supply now available.
- Cane refiners have run hard with capacity available in some cases, but likely due to high price. Sales lost to foodservice during shutdown a factor.
- Lingering concerns that Mexico will not ship 100% of its export limit, and they already have dipped into their normal 2.5-month ending stocks supply. Shipments from Mexico have fallen sharply since April.
- For 2020-21, sales have increased noticeably in late July and August.
- Beet processors have 70% to 90% of prospective 2020-21 production sold.
- High percentage of sales will tend to offset large USDA beet sugar forecast.
- Sales surged during price weakness in June/July, but prices since have steadied and may firm slightly.
- One beet processor in particular has been very aggressive in pricing, even taking market share from other processors.
- Oct.-Dec. 2020 bookings appear very solid.

SUA August 2020: Mexico WASDE

In 1,000 tonnes, actual weight. Source: USDA August 12, 2020, WASDE

| | August | Change from | | August | Chan | ge from |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------|---------|
| | <u>19-20</u> | July | <u> 18-29</u> | <u>20-21</u> | July | 19-20 |
| Begin. Stocks | 1,169 | - | (226) | 807 | (122) | (362) |
| Production | 5,278 | (4) | (1,148) | 6,000 | (100) | 722 |
| Imports | 91 | 2 | 6 | 89 | - | (2) |
| Total Supply | 6,538 | (2) | (1,368) | 6,896 | (222) | 358 |
| Exports | 1,233 | - | (971) | 1,497 | (234) | 264 |
| Domestic Use | 4,498 | 120 | (34) | 4,468 | 10 | (30) |
| Total Use | 5,731 | 120 | (1,005) | 5,965 | (224) | 234 |
| Ending Stocks | 807 | (122) | (362) | 931 | 2 | 124 |
| S-T-U (total) | 14.1% | (2.5) | (3.3) | 16.6 | 1.6 | 2.5 |
| S-T-U (domestic) | 17.9% | (3.3) | (7.9) | 20.8 | - | 2.9 |

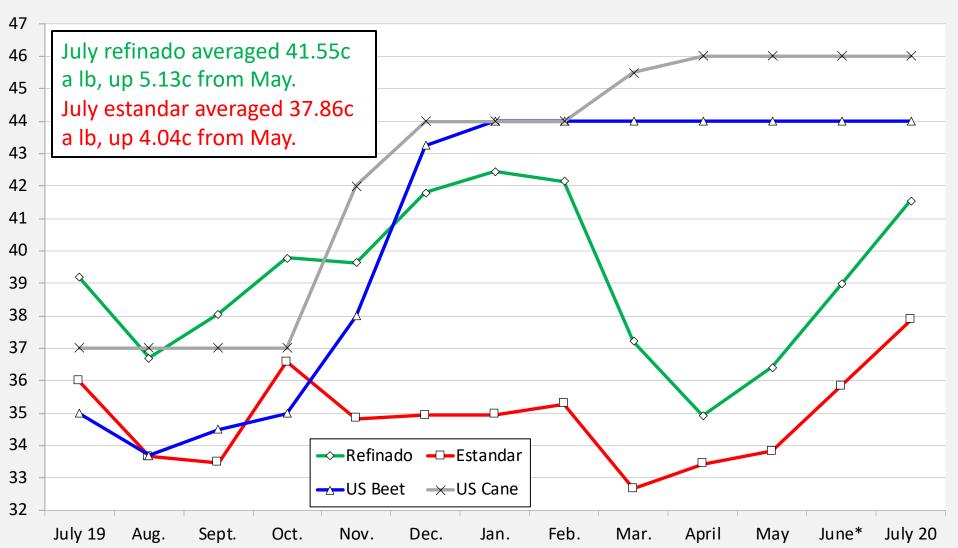
For 2019-20, domestic use was raised about 3% (still down from last year), while HFCS consumption continues to decline and sugar prices remain high.

NOTE: Lower ending stocks to 2.2 months from normal 2.5 months, an indication some suggest means Mexico may miss its current-year export target to US.

For 2020-21, production was lowered 100,000 tonnes. Watch to see if increased tropical storm forecast reduces lingering drought in some areas.

SUA August 2020: US & Mexico sugar prices

Average monthly cash prices in cents/lb. *June prices not available, used May-July average.



Sources: USDA and Sosland Publishing Company.



SUA August 2020: New York #16 Raw Futures

ICE domestic raw sugar futures as of August 12, 2020, in cents per lb. Source: Tech Nova

| Contract | Last | Net Change | High | Low | Volume | Open Interest | Time | Settlement |
|--------------|---------|------------|-------|-------|--------|---------------|---------------------------|------------|
| ESFX20 (D10) | 27.25 S | 0.05 | | | 0 | 2558 | 1:16:46 PM EDT - 08/12/20 | 27.25 S |
| ESFF21 (D10) | 26.89 S | 0.09 | 26.90 | 26.90 | 150 | 2002 | 1:16:46 PM EDT - 08/12/20 | 26.89 S |
| ESFH21 (D10) | 26.85 S | 0.05 | 26.85 | 26.85 | 200 | 1483 | 1:16:46 PM EDT - 08/12/20 | 26.85 S |
| ESFK21 (D10) | 26.85 S | 0.00 | | | 0 | 849 | 1:16:46 PM EDT - 08/12/20 | 26.85 S |
| ESFN21 (D10) | 26.85 S | 0.00 | | | 0 | 1544 | 1:16:46 PM EDT - 08/12/20 | 26.85 S |
| ESFU21 (D10) | 26.85 S | 0.00 | 27.05 | 27.05 | 5 | 1405 | 1:16:46 PM EDT - 08/12/20 | 26.85 S |
| ESFX21 (D10) | 26.85 S | 0.00 | | | 0 | 614 | 1:16:46 PM EDT - 08/12/20 | 26.85 S |
| ESFF22 (D10) | 26.65 S | 0.00 | | | 0 | | 1:16:46 PM EDT - 08/12/20 | 26.65 S |
| ESFH22 (D10) | 26.65 S | 0.00 | | | 0 | | 1:16:46 PM EDT - 08/12/20 | 26.65 S |
| ESFK22 (D10) | 26.65 S | 0.00 | | | 0 | | 1:16:46 PM EDT - 08/12/20 | 26.65 S |
| ESFN22 (D10) | 26.65 S | 0.00 | | | 0 | | 1:16:46 PM EDT - 08/12/20 | 26.65 S |

The spot contract has moved above the 27c a lb range during August. There is no carry in the market, with 2021 and 2022 months at a discount, mainly due to expected adequate to ample sugar supplies next year. Nothing dramatic expected.



SUA August 2020: Global Sugar Overview

Global supply/demand

- Another small cane crop in Thailand, with production forecasts also trimmed for Russia (five-year low) and parts of Europe.
- Cane and sugar production in Brazil remain at record pace.
- Possible record sugar imports by China; Pakistan also buying.
- Coronavirus remains a drag on global demand.

Some shifts in global balance

 Some analysts have shifted to net deficit for 2020-21; most still expect a global surplus due to Brazil production and coronavirus.

Pricing

- World raw prices have firmed over the past month, trading mostly in the 12.5c to 13c a lb range, with resistance evident near 13c a lb.
- Full impact of coronavirus on demand still unknown.



SUA August 2020: New York #11 Raw Futures

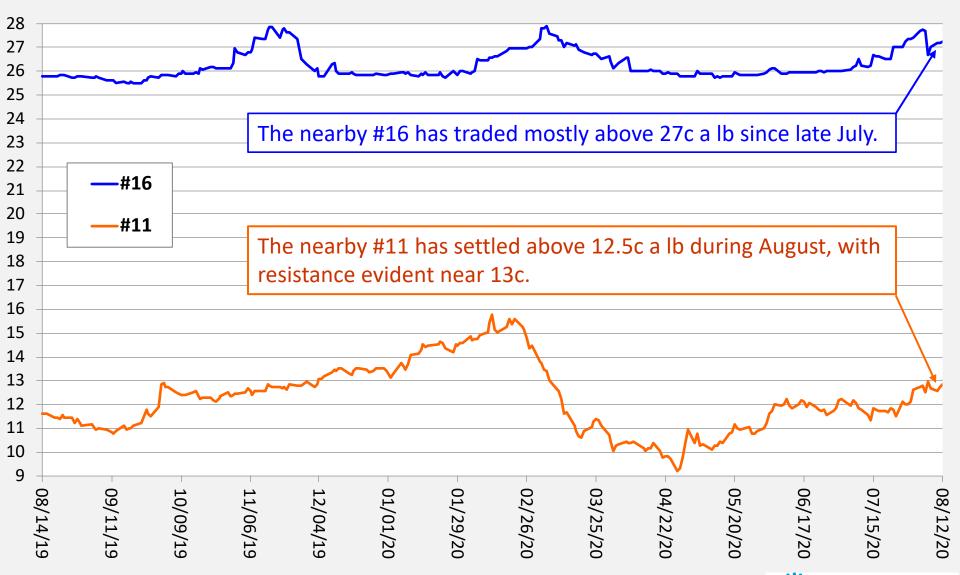
ICE world raw sugar futures as of August 12, 2020, in cents per lb. Source: Tech Nova

| Contract | Last | Net Change | High | Low | Volume | Open Interest | Time | Settlement |
|--------------|---------|------------|-------|-------|--------|---------------|---------------------------|------------|
| ESBV20 (D10) | 12.84 S | 0.10 | 12.93 | 12.65 | 43238 | 371959 | 1:20:31 PM EDT - 08/12/20 | 12.84 S |
| ESBH21 (D10) | 13.40 S | 0.08 | 13.48 | 13.25 | 27258 | 237188 | 1:20:31 PM EDT - 08/12/20 | 13.40 S |
| ESBK21 (D10) | 13.08 S | 0.03 | 13.16 | 12.99 | 15808 | 120985 | 1:20:31 PM EDT - 08/12/20 | 13.08 S |
| ESBN21 (D10) | 12.72 S | -0.02 | 12.84 | 12.65 | 10799 | 90603 | 1:20:31 PM EDT - 08/12/20 | 12.72 S |
| ESBV21 (D10) | 12.54 S | -0.06 | 12.69 | 12.47 | 4782 | 70752 | 1:20:31 PM EDT - 08/12/20 | 12.54 S |
| ESBH22 (D10) | 12.68 S | -0.09 | 12.87 | 12.60 | 3287 | 42264 | 1:20:31 PM EDT - 08/12/20 | 12.68 S |
| ESBK22 (D10) | 12.33 S | -0.12 | 12.53 | 12.25 | 3691 | 24216 | 1:20:31 PM EDT - 08/12/20 | 12.33 S |
| ESBN22 (D10) | 12.07 S | -0.15 | 12.28 | 11.99 | 3037 | 21820 | 1:20:31 PM EDT - 08/12/20 | 12.07 S |
| ESBV22 (D10) | 12.00 S | -0.16 | 12.17 | 11.92 | 888 | 16006 | 1:20:31 PM EDT - 08/12/20 | 12.00 S |
| ESBH23 (D10) | 12.22 S | -0.20 | 12.23 | 12.15 | 321 | 6082 | 1:20:31 PM EDT - 08/12/20 | 12.22 S |
| ESBK23 (D10) | 12.07 S | -0.19 | 12.05 | 12.01 | 50 | 359 | 1:20:31 PM EDT - 08/12/20 | 12.07 S |
| ESBN23 (D10) | 11.97 S | -0.21 | | | 6 | 219 | 1:20:31 PM EDT - 08/12/20 | 11.97 S |
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Nearby world raws remain in current trading range but have moved up a notch within that range nearer 13c a lb, where there is resistance due to expected record Brazilian production. Fairly large and growing speculative long position has provided support but could be a pressuring factor at some point. Market is more positive than in the past couple of months due to lower production in some key countries and improved demand in China. Forward months at a discount to nearby months even as some analysts switch to deficit forecast.

SUA August 2020: World/Domestic Futures

Nearby ICE New York raw sugar futures, in cents per lb, as of August 12, 2020.





SUA August 2020: Corn Sweetener Prices

Cents/lb or \$/cwt. NOTE: Prices shown reflect sales to small/med. users; large sales lower.

| | 42% HFCS Spot | | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | <u>2020</u> | <u>2019</u> | | | | | |
| Midwest | 25½-26 | 25-25¾ | | | | | |
| Northeast | 27-27½ | 26½-27¼ | | | | | |
| Southeast | 271/4-273/4 | 26¾-27½ | | | | | |
| South | 26¾-27¼ | 26¼-27 | | | | | |
| West | 27½-28¾ | 27-28¾ | | | | | |

| | 55% HFCS Spot | | | | | | |
|-----------|---------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | <u>2020</u> | <u>2019</u> | | | | | |
| Midwest | 32¾-33¾ | 31¾-32¼ | | | | | |
| Northeast | 34¼-35¼ | 33¼-33¾ | | | | | |
| Southeast | 34¼-35¼ | 33¼-33¾ | | | | | |
| South | 34-35 | 33-33½ | | | | | |
| West | 34¾-35¾ | 33%-35% | | | | | |

| | Corn Syrup Spot | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | <u>2020</u> | <u>2019</u> | | | | | | |
| Midwest | 36¾-37¼ | 35¾-36¼ | | | | | | |
| Northeast | 39-39½ | 38-38½ | | | | | | |
| Southeast | 39-39½ | 38-38½ | | | | | | |
| South | 40-40½ | 39-39½ | | | | | | |
| West | 41-41½ | 401/4-403/4 | | | | | | |

Annual contracting of corn sweeteners is underway but in very early stages as some were waiting for Wednesday's crop report, which gave mixed signals of record production but lower-than-expected ending stocks. Some early business done at rollover pricing from 2019, with most expecting rollover to slightly lower.

October-June HFCS consumption in Mexico was estimated at 1,033,000 tonnes, dry basis, down 9.6% from same period last year. Forecast consumption for 2019-20 and for 2020-21 was unchanged from July, with both years at 1,470,000 tonnes, down 3.8%, from 2018-19. At same time, sugar consumption in Mexico was forecast higher, suggesting some substitution for HFCS.

| Corn sweetener demand fell early in the | | |
|---|--|--|
| coronavirus period. Shipments have | | |
| since recovered, though not made up | | |
| lost volume. Loss of foodservice (esp. | | |

sporting events) remains a concern.

| Dextrose Spot | | |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| | <u>2019</u> | <u>2018</u> |
| East | 42-42½ | 40½-41½ |
| Midwest | 41-41½ | 39½-40½ |
| South | 43-43½ | 41½-42½ |
| West | 44-441/2 | 421/2-431/2 |



USDA forecast record large 2020 corn crop in August crop report. In WASDE, avg. corn price lowered 25c (July) and 50c (year ago).

SUA August 2020: Other Issues & Trends

- Sugar and corn sweetener demand appears to have recovered from shelter-at-home period, tough overall negative impact on demand still is expected due to ongoing number of cases and cancelaton of major events (sports, concerts, reduced dining out, etc.)
- **Trade** Mexico: Watch 2019-20 imports and 2020-21 crop.
- Labeling, US The Sugar Association FDA Citizen Petition.
- Labeling, GMO Lawsuit challenges exclusion of highly-refined ingredients and other aspects of USDA GMO labeling rule.
- **Sugar taxes** California lawsuit challenges preemption laws that stopped/slowed city and metro soda taxes since 2018.
- Labeling, Mexico 3-stage, front-of-package begins Oct. 1.
- Dietary Guidelines for Americans Sugar in crosshairs.
 - **Weather** NOAA raises tropical storm forecast.



SUA August 2020: Conclusions

Domestic Sugar Market

- Sugar and corn sweetener shipments have increased from declines seen early in pandemic period, creating some tightness in sugar, but early beet harvest/sugar production may offset to some degree.
- Beet processors are 70% to 90% sold for 2020-21, which should limit downside price potential going forward even with large beet production forecast in August WASDE.
- Oct.-Dec. coverage solid, sellers "comfortable" with calendar 2021 sales to date.
- Fingers crossed for no repeat of last year's weather debacle (not in forecast) and no major hurricanes (forecast number raised).

Global Sugar Market

 Raws have turned somewhat more bullish despite record production expected in Brazil.