

# Sweetener Users Association Conference Call

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# SUA June 2021: Market Overview

- **US Sugar supply/demand**
  - **2020-21** S-T-U ratio lowered from May to 14.3%.
  - Only change in WASDE was 50,000-ton reduction in re-export imports (affected total imports, total supply & ending stocks).
  - Time running out for TRQ increase; reallocation still possible.
  - SMD showed Oct.-April deliveries down 2.7% from last year but improved from down 3.1% in Oct.-March.
  - Cash prices are steady to firmer from May.
  - **2021-22** WASDE projections were unchanged except for lower beginning stocks, lower ending stocks and lower S-T-U (11.8%).
- **Corn sweetener supply/demand**
  - Spot corn sweetener demand strong. Prices to jump in 2022.
- **Global sugar supply/demand**
  - Brazil production is recovering from slow start.
  - Strong exports from India.
  - Nearby world raws in 17c to 18c range.

# SUA June 2021: USDA WASDE

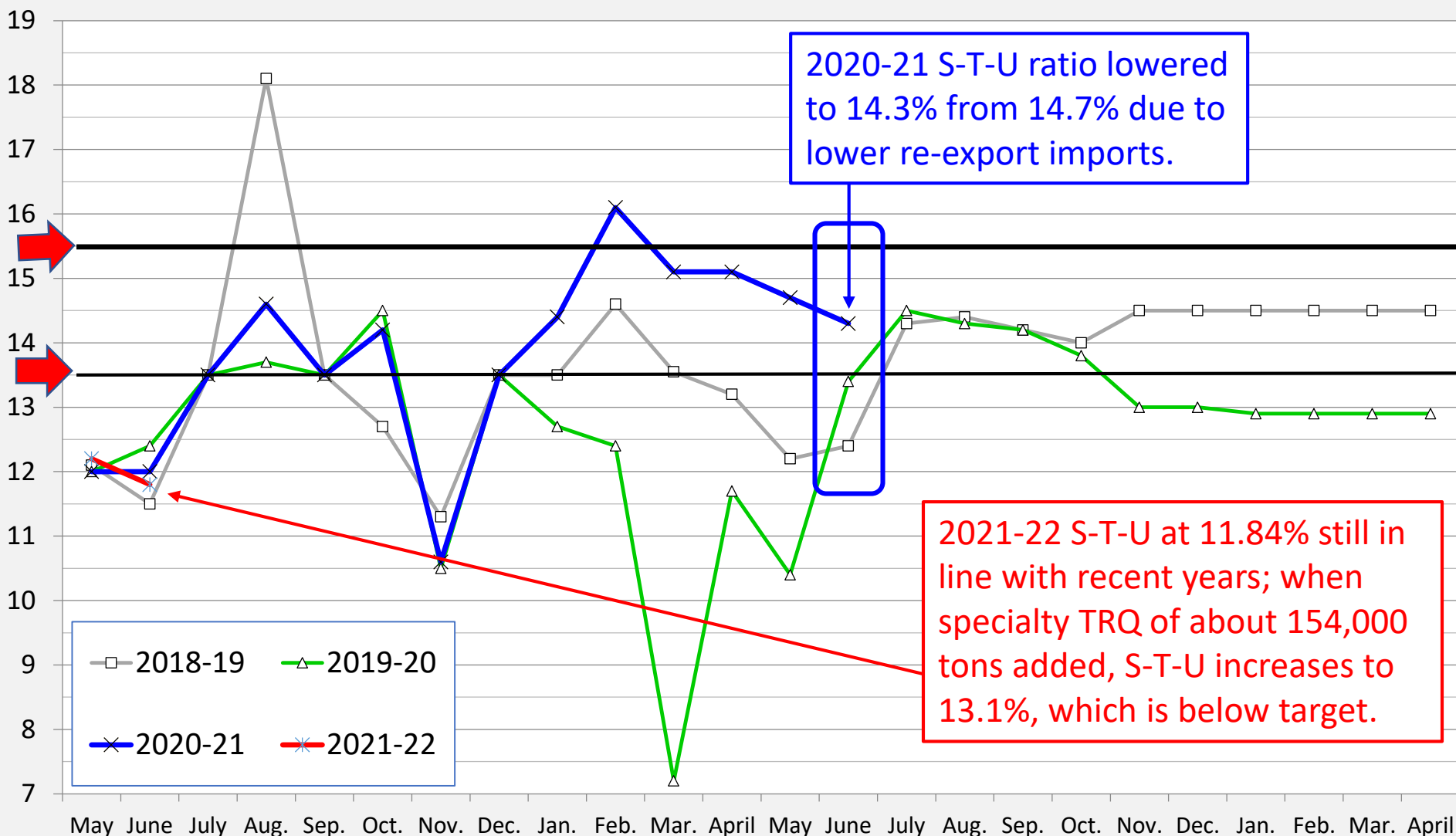
1,000 STRV	June	Change from May		Change from 19-20		June	Change from May		Change from 20-21		RS-SPC
	20-21	Tons	%	Tons	%	21-22	Tons	%	Tons	%	20-21
Begin. Stocks	1,618	-	0.0%	(165)	-9.3%	1,755	(50)	-2.8%	137	8.5%	1,620
Production	9,299	-	0.0%	1,150	14.1%	9,310	-	0.0%	11	0.1%	9,275
Beet	5,118	-	0.0%	767	17.6%	5,225	-	0.0%	107	2.1%	5,100
Cane	4,181	-	0.0%	383	10.1%	4,085	-	0.0%	(96)	-2.3%	4,175
Imports	3,104	(50)	-1.6%	(1,131)	-26.7%	2,652	-	0.0%	(452)	-14.6%	3,080
T.R.Q.	1,673	-	0.0%	(479)	-22.3%	1,387	-	0.0%	(286)	-17.1%	1,650
Other Prog.	250	(50)	-16.7%	(182)	-42.1%	250	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	250
Mexico	981	-	0.0%	(395)	-28.7%	965	-	0.0%	(16)	-1.6%	980
High Tier	200	-	0.0%	(75)	-27.3%	50	-	0.0%	(150)	-75.0%	200
Ttl Supply	14,020	(50)	-0.4%	(146)	-1.0%	13,717	(50)	-0.4%	(303)	-2.2%	13,975
Exports	35	-	0.0%	(26)	-42.6%	35	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	35
Deliveries	12,230	-	0.0%	(184)	-1.5%	12,230	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	12,250
Food	12,125	-	0.0%	(191)	-1.6%	12,125	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	12,150
Other	105	-	0.0%	7	7.1%	105	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	100
Misc.	-	-	0.0%	(74)	-100.0%	-	-	-	-	-100.0%	-
Total Use	12,265	-	0.0%	(284)	-2.3%	12,265	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	12,285
End. Stocks	1,755	(50)	-2.8%	137	8.5%	1,452	(50)	-3.3%	(303)	-17.3%	1,690
Stocks-to-use*	14.3%	- 0.4		-	+1.4	11.8%	- 0.4		- 2.5		13.8%

My only differences for 2020-21 are slightly lower production and slightly higher deliveries for food, with S-T-U ratio at 13.8%.

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

# SUA June 2021: Monthly S-T-U Ratios

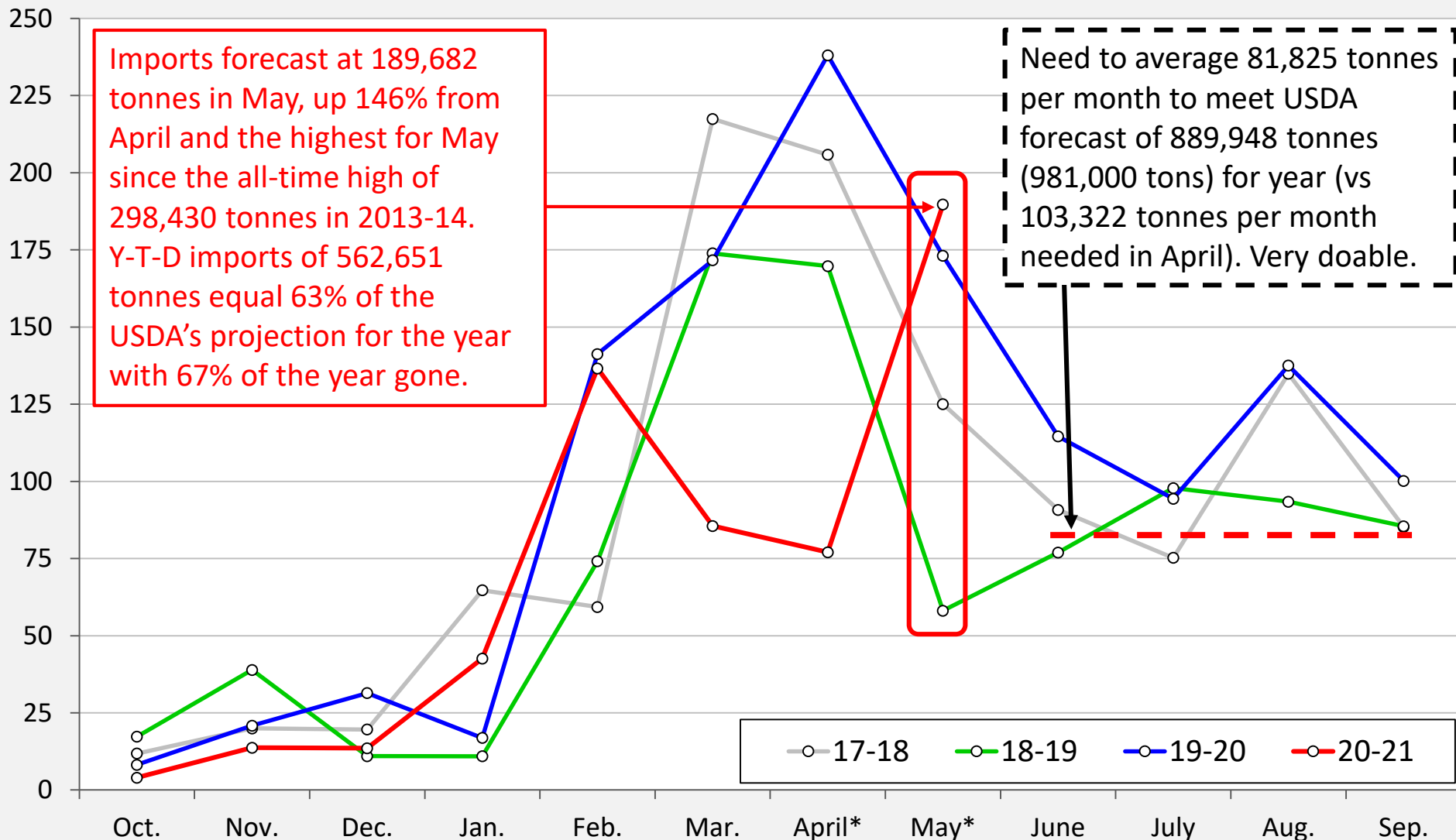
Two-year S-T-U ratios in per cent, beginning with first forecast in May for each marketing year.



Source: USDA

# SUA June 2021: Imports from Mexico

In 1,000 tonnes, raw value. \*2020-21 forecast. Sources: USDA and US Census Bureau



Forecast imports from Mexico surged in May.

# SUA June 2021: Year-To-Date Sugar Imports

In short tons, raw value. Sources: USDA and US Census Bureau.

<b>58% of year elapsed</b>	<b>Oct.-May 2020-21</b>	<b>% of Projected</b>	<b>Full-year Forecast</b>
WTO Raw TRQ	1,024,726	82%	1,255,627
WTO Refined TRQ	174,091	99%	175,318
<b>FTA Sugar in TRQs</b>	153,764	<b>63%</b>	242,463
Total Quota	1,352,581	81%	1,673,409
<b>Re-export Program</b>	115,339	<b>46%</b>	<b>250,000</b>
<b>Mexico</b>	620,217	<b>63%</b>	981,000
High-duty Sugar	181,845	91%	200,000
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>2,269,982</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>3,104,409</b>

Total imports at 73% of projected total for year are ahead of pace needed to reach USDA projection with 67% of year elapsed. Re-export imports revised lower in June WASDE. WTO raw and refined TRQ and high-duty imports are ahead of projected pace; FTA, re-export imports and Mexico area behind.

# SUA June 2021: SMD April 2020-21

Source: USDA.

<i>Short tons, Raw value</i>	<b>April</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>Change from 19-20</b>	
	<b><u>2020-21</u></b>	<b><u>2019-20</u></b>	<b><u>Tons</u></b>	<b><u>%</u></b>
Beginning stocks	4,866,406	4,059,538	806,868	19.9%
<b>Total production</b>	<b>437,592</b>	<b>287,954</b>	<b>149,638</b>	<b>52.0%</b>
Beet	194,670	113,627	81,042	71.3%
Cane	242,922	174,327	68,596	39.3%
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>302,637</b>	522,589	<b>(219,952)</b>	<b>-42.1%</b>
Total supply	5,606,634	4,870,080	736,554	15.1%
Total exports	3,353	1,430	1,923	134.4%
Total deliveries	1,070,002	1,076,880	(6,878)	-0.6%
<b>Deliveries, human use</b>	<b>1,062,482</b>	1,069,892	<b>(7,410)</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>
Misc. supply adj.	(1,079)	(5,346)	4,267	-80.0%
Total use	1,072,276	1,072,964	(688)	-0.1%
Ending stocks	4,534,358	3,797,116	737,242	19.4%

# SUA June 2021: SMD Oct.-April 2020-21

Source: USDA.

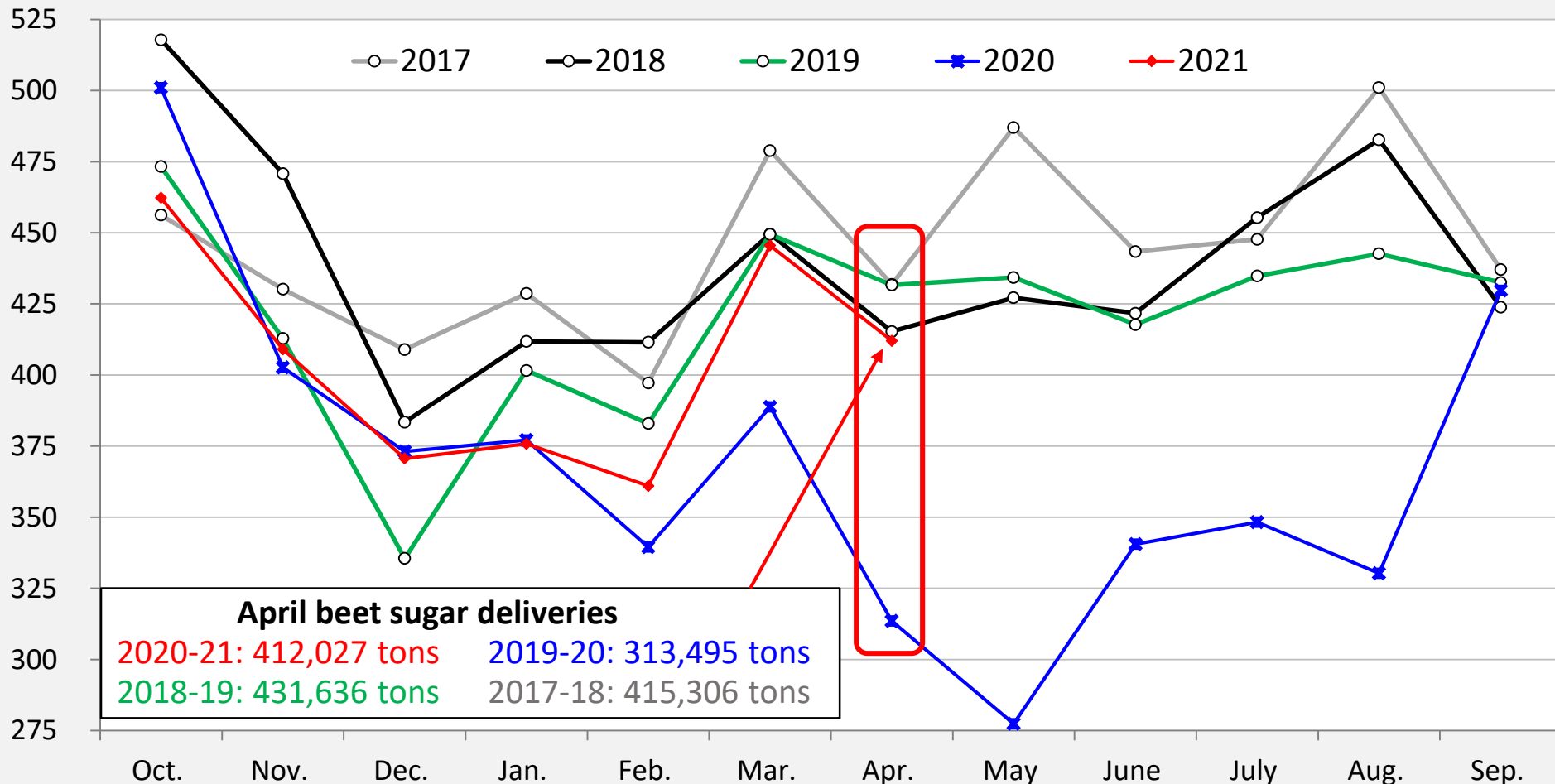
<i>Short tons, Raw value</i>	<b>Oct.-April</b>	<b>Oct.-April</b>	<b>Change from 19-20</b>	
	<b><u>2020-21</u></b>	<b><u>2019-20</u></b>	<b><u>Tons</u></b>	<b><u>%</u></b>
Beginning stocks	1,617,589	1,782,548	(164,959)	-9.3%
<b>Total production</b>	<b>8,056,159</b>	7,001,499	<b>1,054,660</b>	<b>15.1%</b>
Beet	4,183,930	3,369,572	814,358	24.2%
Cane	3,872,229	3,631,927	240,302	6.6%
<b>Total imports</b>	<b>1,919,987</b>	2,261,668	<b>(341,681)</b>	<b>-15.1%</b>
Total supply	11,593,734	11,045,715	548,019	5.0%
Total exports	26,915	12,760	14,154	110.9%
Total deliveries	7,025,261	7,219,745	(194,484)	-2.7%
<b>Deliveries, human use</b>	<b>6,964,634</b>	7,160,589	<b>(195,955)</b>	<b>-2.7%</b>
Misc. supply adj.	7,201	16,093	(8,893)	-55.3%
Total use	7,059,376	7,248,599	(189,222)	-2.6%
Ending stocks	4,534,358	3,797,116	737,242	19.4%

USDA projects 2020-21 deliveries for food down 1.55% from 2019-20. Current pace of -2.7% will require rebound in last half of marketing year, which many expect will happen to some degree.



# SUA June 2021: Beet Sugar Deliveries

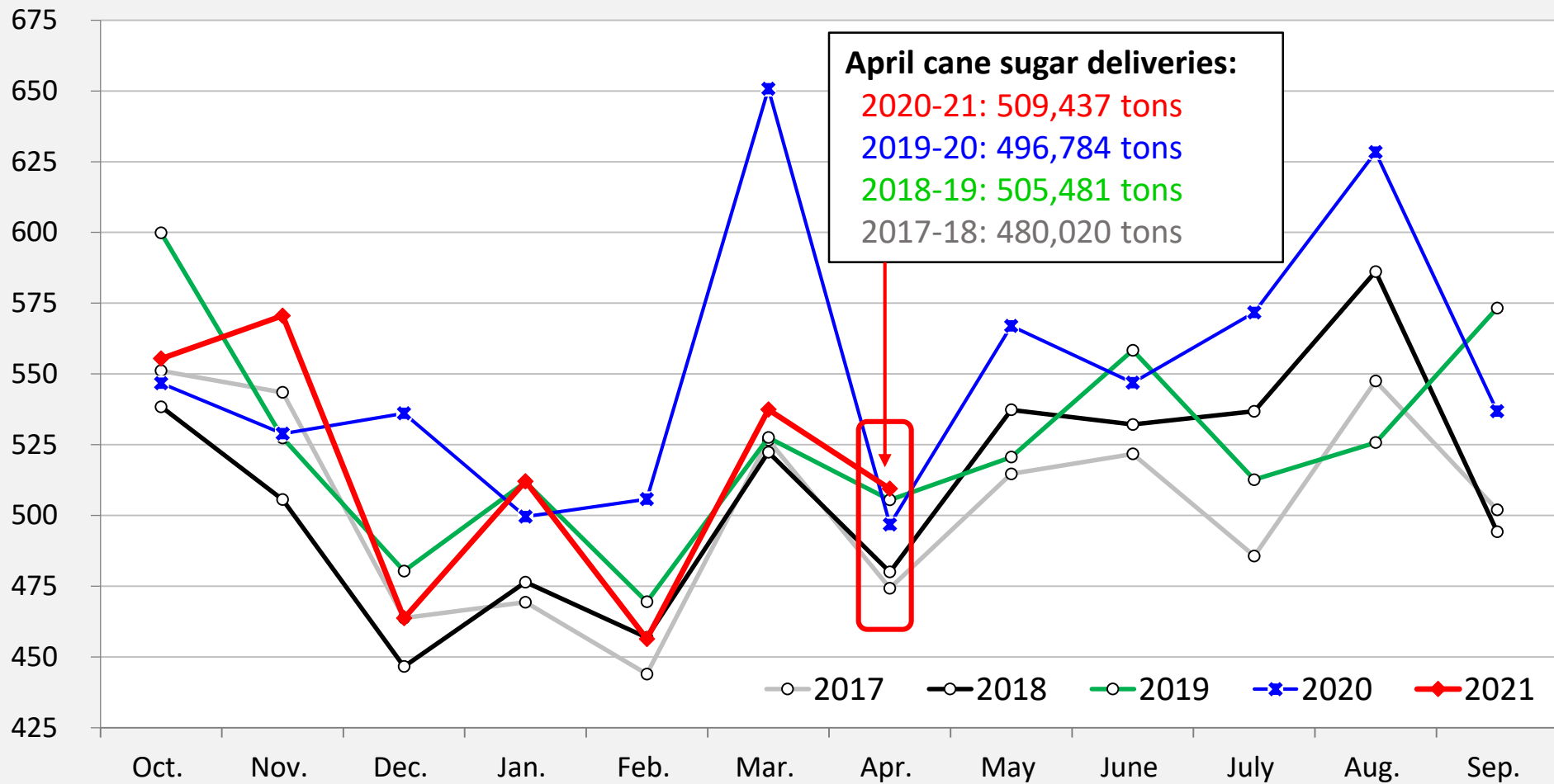
Monthly beet sugar deliveries, in 1,000 tons, raw value, fiscal year. Source: USDA



April beet sugar deliveries of 412,027 tons were down 7.5% from March but were up 31% from a year ago. Oct.-April beet deliveries of 2,836,282 tons were up 5.2% from a year earlier, when the force majeure were in force and COVID-19 hit. Expect beet sugar deliveries to be strong this year.

# SUA June 2021: Refined Cane Deliveries

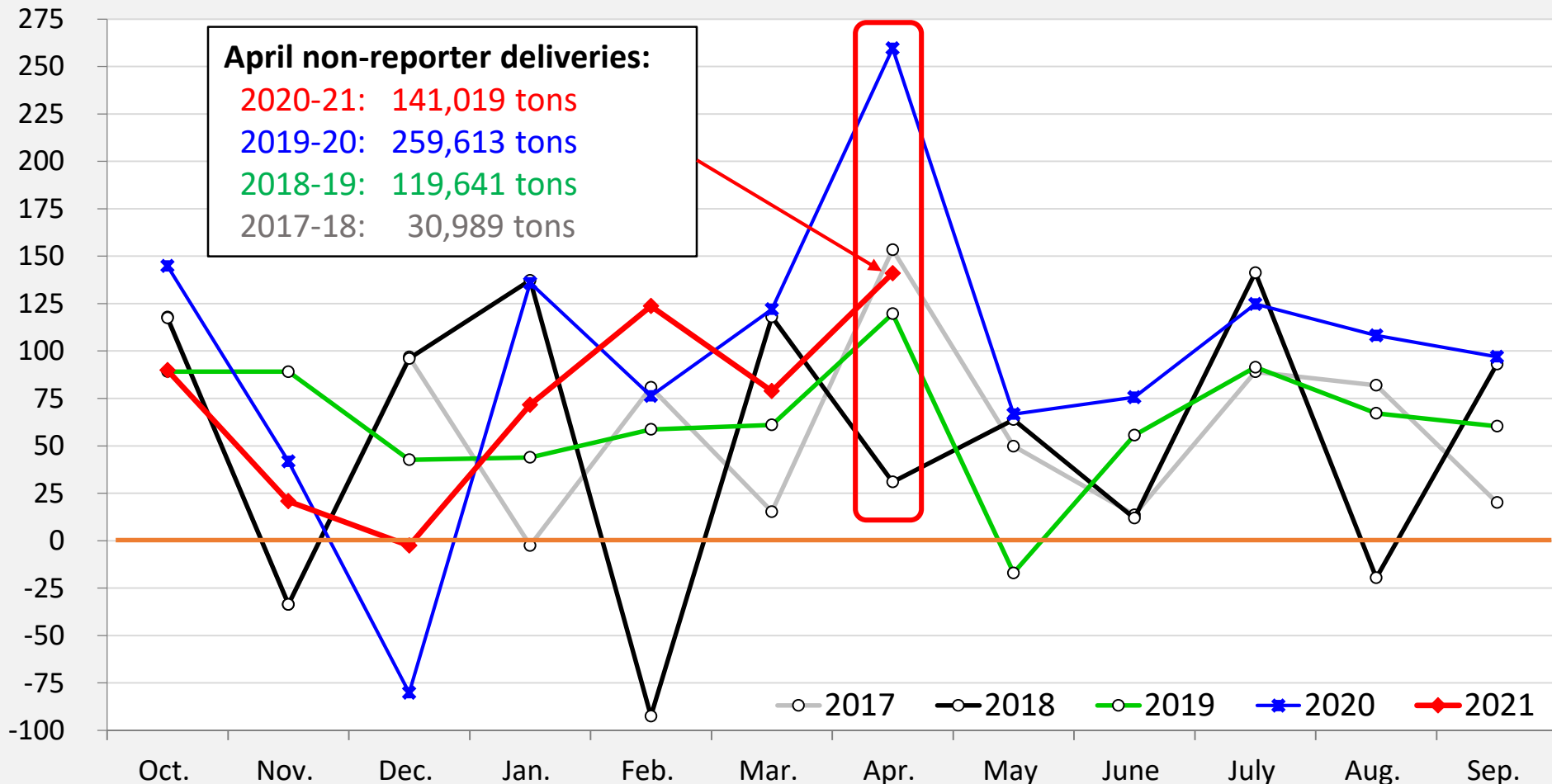
Monthly refined cane sugar deliveries, in 1,000 tons, raw value. Source: USDA



April cane sugar deliveries of 509,437 tons fell 5.2% from March but were up 2.5% from a year ago. Oct.-April deliveries of 3,604,982 tons were down 4.2% from the same period a year ago (April 2020 was lowest month of 2019-20 for cane deliveries). Expect cane deliveries to follow more seasonal pattern this year.

# SUA June 2021: Deliveries by Non-Reporters

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



Non-reporter deliveries in April jumped to 141,019 tons, up 79% from March but down 46% from a record-high 259,613 tons in April 2020. Oct.-April non-reporter deliveries of 523,370 tons were down 25% from a year earlier. N-R deliveries have been fairly high in April in most recent years.

# SUA June 2021: Deliveries for Human Use

<u>PRODUCT OR BUSINESS OF BUYER</u>	FY 2021	FY 2020	Oct.-April	Oct.-March
	Oct.-April	Oct.-April	% change	% change
<b>Total Deliveries</b> /1 (short tons, <u>actual weight</u> )	6,062,699	6,081,856	-0.3	-2.3
1-Bakery, cereal, and related products	1,432,461	1,406,678	1.8	-1.0
5-Confectionery and related products	558,820	618,958	-9.7	-12.1
6-Ice cream and dairy products	470,652	441,670	6.6	4.3
7-Beverages	408,443	363,711	12.3	5.9
8-Canned, bottled and frozen foods	222,306	249,292	-10.8	-10.4
4-Multiple and all other food uses	654,328	621,439	5.3	3.5
10-Non-food uses	72,648	73,029	-0.5	0.9
11-Hotels, restaurants, institutions	51,269	46,361	10.6	11.8
2-Wholesale grocers, jobbers, dealers	1,305,042	1,308,411	-0.3	-3.5
<b>3-Retail grocers, chain stores</b>	710,038	769,917	-7.8	-4.8
12-Government agencies	9,021	6,231	44.8	61.2
9-All other deliveries	167,673	176,159	-4.8	-8.8
<b>Total Deliveries</b> /1 (short tons, <u>raw value</u> )	6,487,088	6,507,586	-0.3	-2.3
Crystalline:	5,551,601	5,635,250	-1.5	-3.3
Consumer-size packages (retail)	1,256,782	1,318,587	-4.7	-2.4
Packages 50 lbs and greater	1,677,026	1,704,100	-1.6	-5.2
Unpackaged (bulk)	2,617,792	2,612,563	0.2	-2.6
Non-crystalline/2	935,487	872,336	7.2	4.3

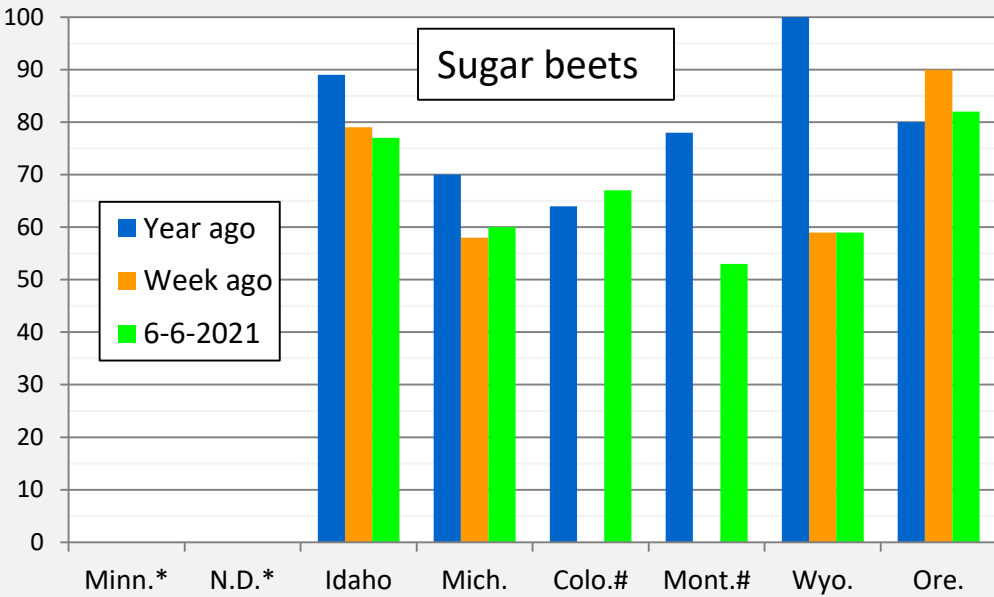
1/Deliveries from domestic sugar beet processors, sugar cane processors and refiners.

<sup>12</sup> 2/Includes all liquid, edible molasses, sugar syrups and cane juice.

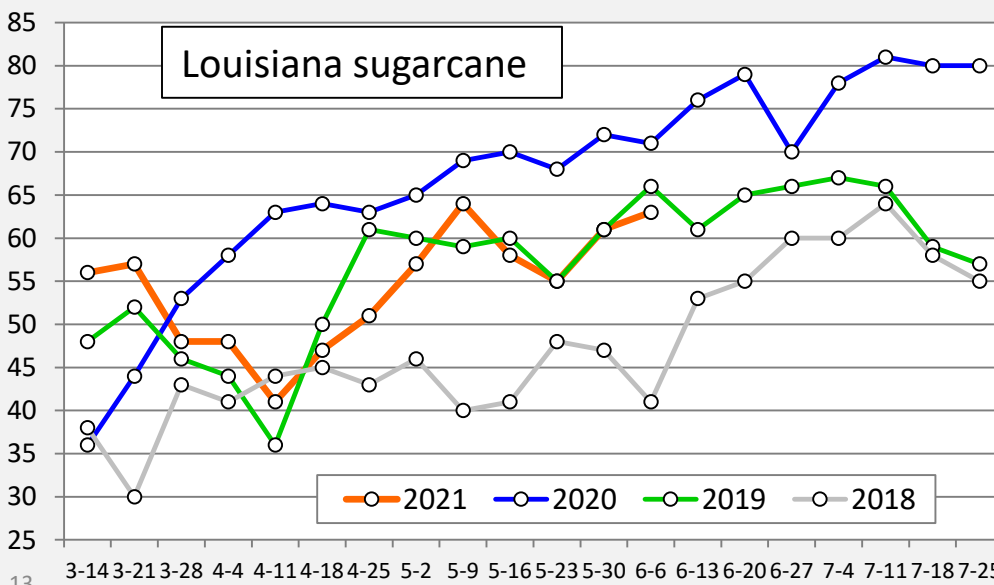
Source: USDA

# SUA June 2021: Sugar Beet/Cane Crop Ratings

Good-to-excellent ratings, in per cent, as of June 6. Source: USDA state Crop Progress reports.



Sugar beet planting is completed. Emergence ranged from 77% to 100% as of June 6. Good-to-excellent ratings ranged from 53% (good) in Montana to 82% in Oregon. Ratings were lowest in Michigan and the states of the Western Sugar Coop., but much of the latter is irrigated. Generally decent ratings for this early in the season but watching dryness in PNW and Upper Midwest. No data from Minnesota or N. Dakota.



Louisiana sugarcane was rated 63% good to excellent as of June 6. Crop recovered nicely from February freeze, but then suffered from excessive wetness in early May. Somewhat trending like 2019. No real concerns at this point in season.

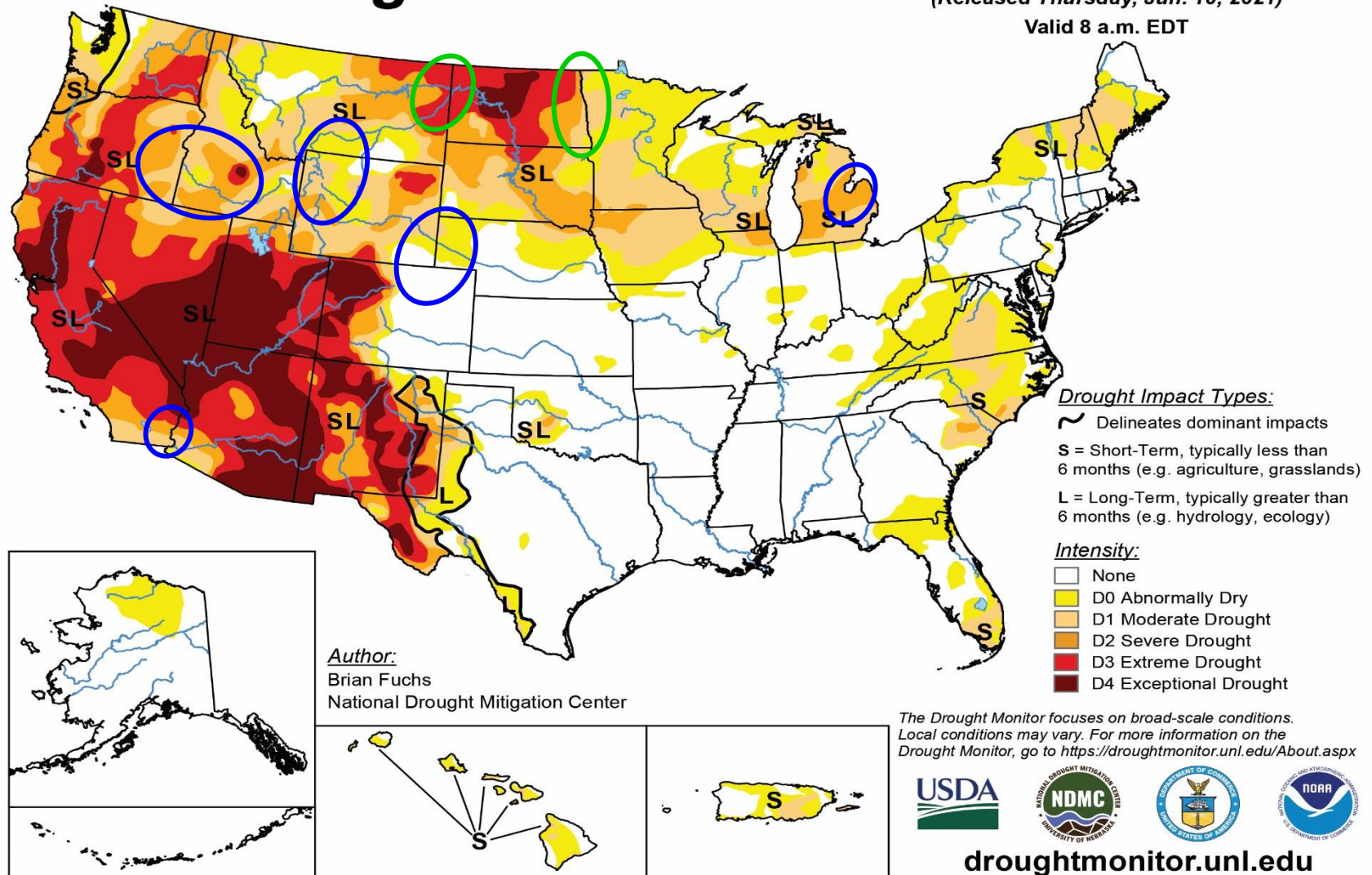
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# SUA June 2021: US Drought Monitor

## U.S. Drought Monitor

June 8, 2021  
 (Released Thursday, Jun. 10, 2021)  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



Green ovals show areas of concern; blue are other beet growing areas.



# SUA June 2021: Cash Sugar Prices

<b>Beet sugar 2020-21</b>	Offers are firm at about 36.5c f.o.b. Midwest, 39c in Michigan and near 40c on the West Coast.
<b>Cane sugar 2020-21</b> (changes from May)	Offers are at 45c a lb in the NE and West Coast, up 1c. Southeast offered at 38.5c to 44c, steady to up 2c. Gulf offered at 40c to 44, up 2c.
<b>Beet &amp; cane 2021-22</b>	Offers are unchanged from May (36.5c Midwest, 38c Michigan, 42c NE and WC, 38.5c-39.5c SE, 38c-39.5c Gulf)

## Recent developments and factors to watch in cash sugar market

- The cash market has a firm tone for this year and next year.
- Beet refiners indicate stronger deliveries in late May-early June vs April.
- Sellers are seeing increased demand spot through December.
- Trade sources indicate raws are being drawn out of Louisiana to East Coast refineries with nearby raw prices around 33c a lb.
- Logistics and worker shortages continue to hamper food manufacturers, slow deliveries and increase delivered prices.
- Sales for 2021-22 were active in late May-early June, with some bulk sales over 80% completed (bagged sales well below that); overall, beet sales were at about 50% to 60% of prospective 2021-22 production.

# SUA June 2021: Mexico WASDE

In 1,000 tonnes, actual weight. Source: USDA June 2021 WASDE

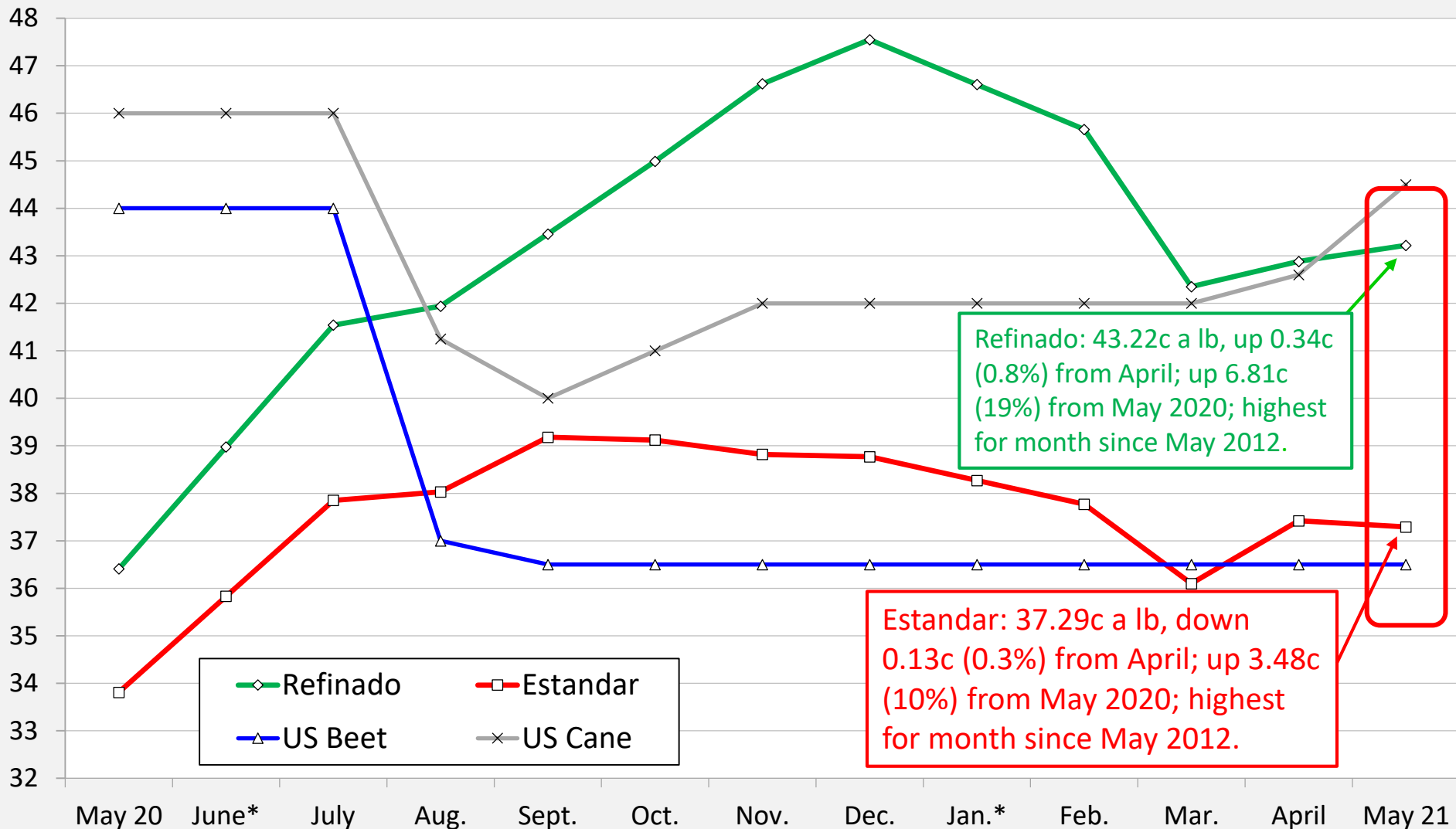
	June	Change from		June	2021-22 change from			
	<u>20-21</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>19-20</u>	<u>21-22</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>20-21</u>	<u>%</u>
<b>Begin. Stocks</b>	858	-	(311)	910	-	0.0%	52	6.1%
<b>Production</b>	5,700	(125)	422	5,809	-	0.0%	109	1.9%
<b>Imports</b>	105	-	28	85	-	0.0%	(20)	-19.0%
<b>Total Supply</b>	6,663	(125)	139	6,804	-	0.0%	141	2.1%
<b>Exports</b>	1,374	(125)	162	1,524	-	0.0%	150	10.9%
<b>Domestic Use</b>	4,378	-	(77)	4,370	-	0.0%	(8)	-0.2%
<b>Total Use</b>	5,752	(125)	85	5,894	-	0.0%	142	2.5%
<b>Ending Stocks</b>	910	-	52	910	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
<b>S-T-U (total)</b>	15.8%	-		15.4	-		- 0.4	
<b>S-T-U (dom.)</b>	20.8%	-		20.8	-		-	

There are still dry areas in Mexico, but the 2020-21 harvest actually was cut short by the early arrival of season rains, thus the USDA reduced current-year production by 125,000 tonnes. No impact on exports to US since reduction is taken in exports to third-countries. No changes for 2021-22.



# SUA June 2021: US & Mexico Sugar Prices

Average monthly cash prices in cents/lb. \*Prices average of before/after months.



Sources: USDA and Sosland Publishing Company.

# SUA June 2021: New York #16 Raw Futures

ICE domestic raw sugar futures as of June 9, 2021, in cents per lb. Source: Tech Nova

Contract	Last	Net Change	High	Low	Volume	Open Interest	Time	Settlement
ESFU21 (D10)	33.50 S	0.40	34.00	33.01	33	1597	1:16:19 PM EDT - 06/09/21	33.50 S
ESFX21 (D10)	31.50 S	-0.01	32.50	31.50	13	2362	1:16:19 PM EDT - 06/09/21	31.50 S
ESFF22 (D10)	30.36 S	0.20	30.42	30.30	60	667	1:16:19 PM EDT - 06/09/21	30.36 S
ESFH22 (D10)	30.17 S	0.01	30.40	30.00	100	570	1:16:19 PM EDT - 06/09/21	30.17 S
ESFK22 (D10)	30.36 S	0.20	30.42	30.30	60	615	1:16:19 PM EDT - 06/09/21	30.36 S
ESFN22 (D10)	30.36 S	0.20	30.42	30.30	60	534	1:16:19 PM EDT - 06/09/21	30.36 S
ESFU22 (D10)	30.36 S	0.20	30.42	30.30	60	420	1:16:19 PM EDT - 06/09/21	30.36 S
ESFX22 (D10)	30.25 S	0.09			0	720	1:16:19 PM EDT - 06/09/21	30.25 S
ESFF23 (D10)	29.20 S	-0.01			0	710	1:16:19 PM EDT - 06/09/21	29.20 S
ESFH23 (D10)	28.95 S	-0.01			0	490	1:16:19 PM EDT - 06/09/21	28.95 S
ESFK23 (D10)	28.75 S	0.00			0		1:16:19 PM EDT - 06/09/21	28.75 S

Domestic raws have strengthened from a month ago, with nearby hitting fresh 4-year high in late May of 34c a lb. The spot month (now September vs July when 34c high was set) is up about 2c a lb, with later months up about 0.75c. Current nearby trading range appears to be 33c to 33.50c a lb. Prices notably above 30c a lb through 2022. Spot premium 2c to November, 3c or more to 2022 months, and 4.75c to 2023.

# SUA June 2021: Global Sugar Overview

## ■ Global supply/demand fundamentals

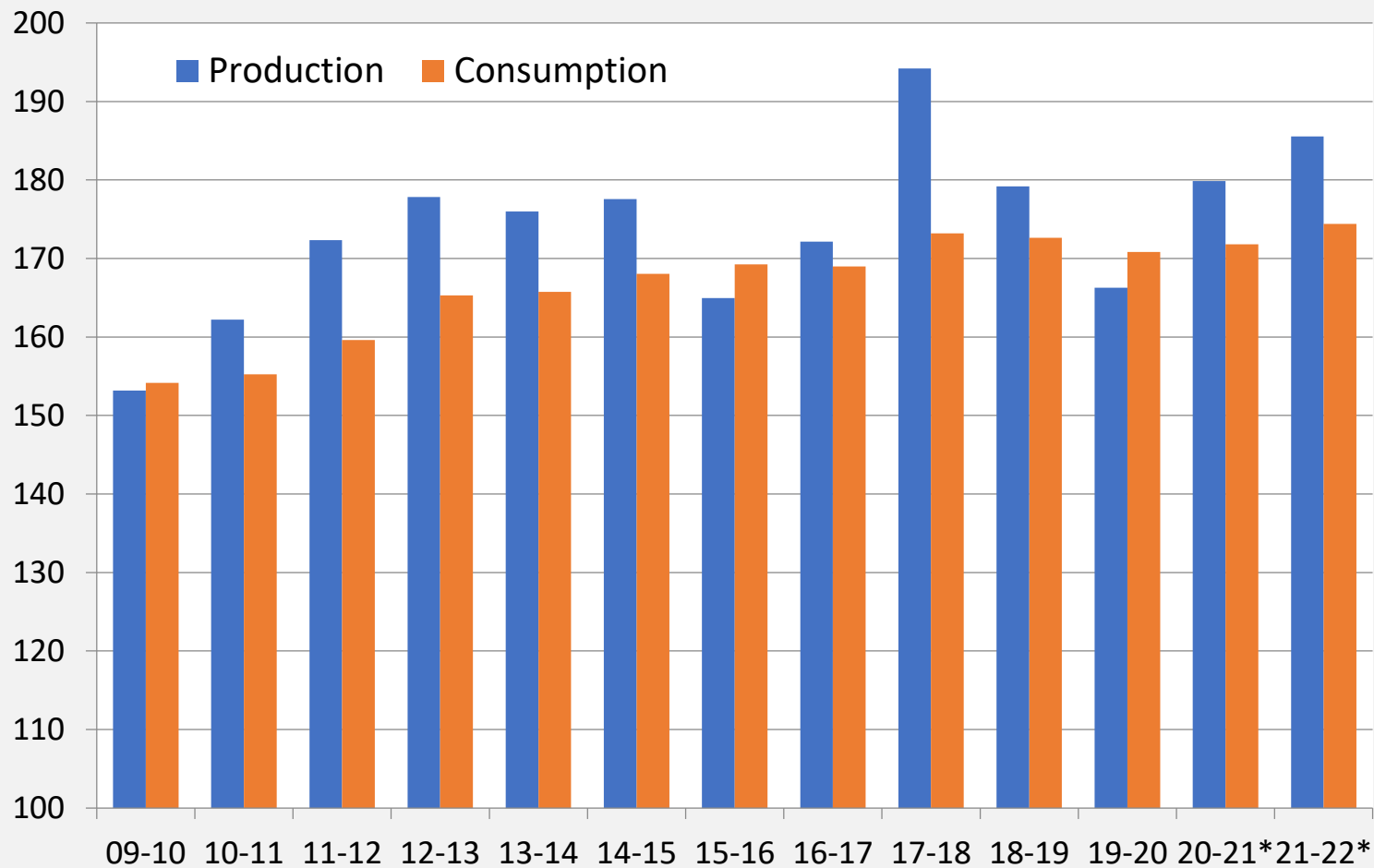
- Concerns about dry weather and lower sugar production in Brazil were supportive, ALTHOUGH, last-half May sugar outturn was record high.
- Rising energy prices move sugar/ethanol closer to parity in Brazil.
- Prolonged weakness in US dollar (stronger Brazilian currency) may deter exports from Brazil.
- Strong exports from India may top 6-million-tonne subsidized level.
- India's monsoon expected slightly above average (for 2021-22 crop).
- Ongoing uncertainty from COVID-19, esp. in India and Brazil.
- Mixed ideas about global surplus/deficit this year and next year (USDA has surplus both years; ISO has deficit both years; most analysts have deficit this year, surplus next year).
- Logistics remain a concern.

## ■ Pricing

- Prices off peak but above 17c and in trading range nearby.
- Large fund net long continues to provide support and can cause volatility week-to-week or day-to-day.

# SUA June 2021: World Sugar Production/Use

In its semi-annual *Sugar: World Markets and Trade* report, the USDA projected 2021-22 global centrifugal sugar production at 185,537,000 tonnes, up 3.2% from a forecast 179,855,000 tonnes in the current year and second highest on record after 194,193,000 tonnes in 2017-18. Global sugar consumption was forecast at a record-high 174,408,000 tonnes, up 1.5% from 171,802,000 tonnes forecast for 2020-21. *The chart below is in million tonnes.* \*Forecast

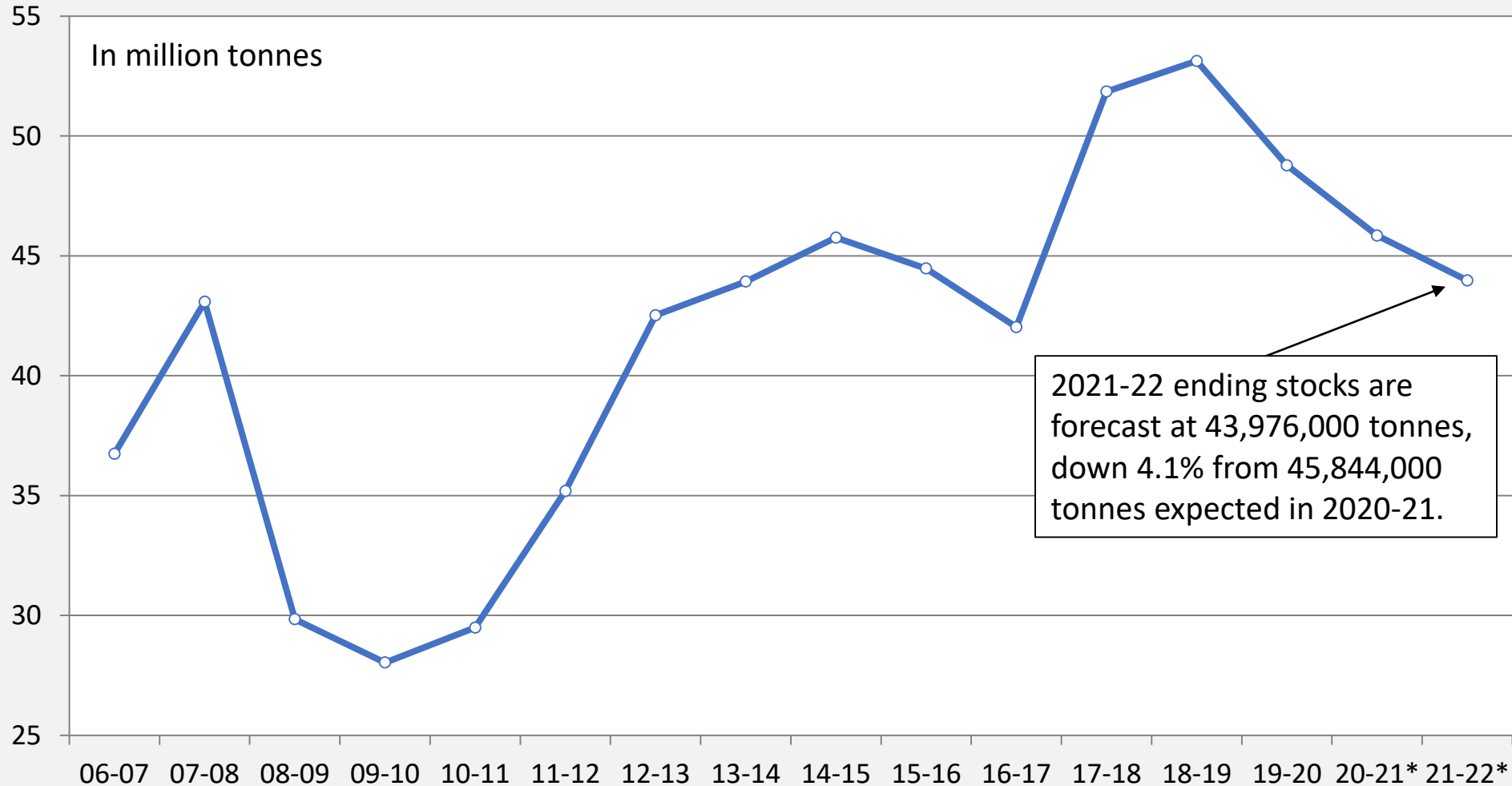


USDA forecasts a second consecutive year of global sugar surplus in 2021-22. Several analysts expect a small deficit in 2020-21 and most forecast a surplus for 2021-22.

# SUA June 2021: World Sugar Ending Stocks

USDA forecasts a third consecutive year of declining global ending stocks in 2021-22, despite an expected global sugar surplus forecast this year and next year.

\*Forecast. Source: *USDA Sugar: World Markets and Trade*.



# SUA June 2021: New York #11 Raw Futures

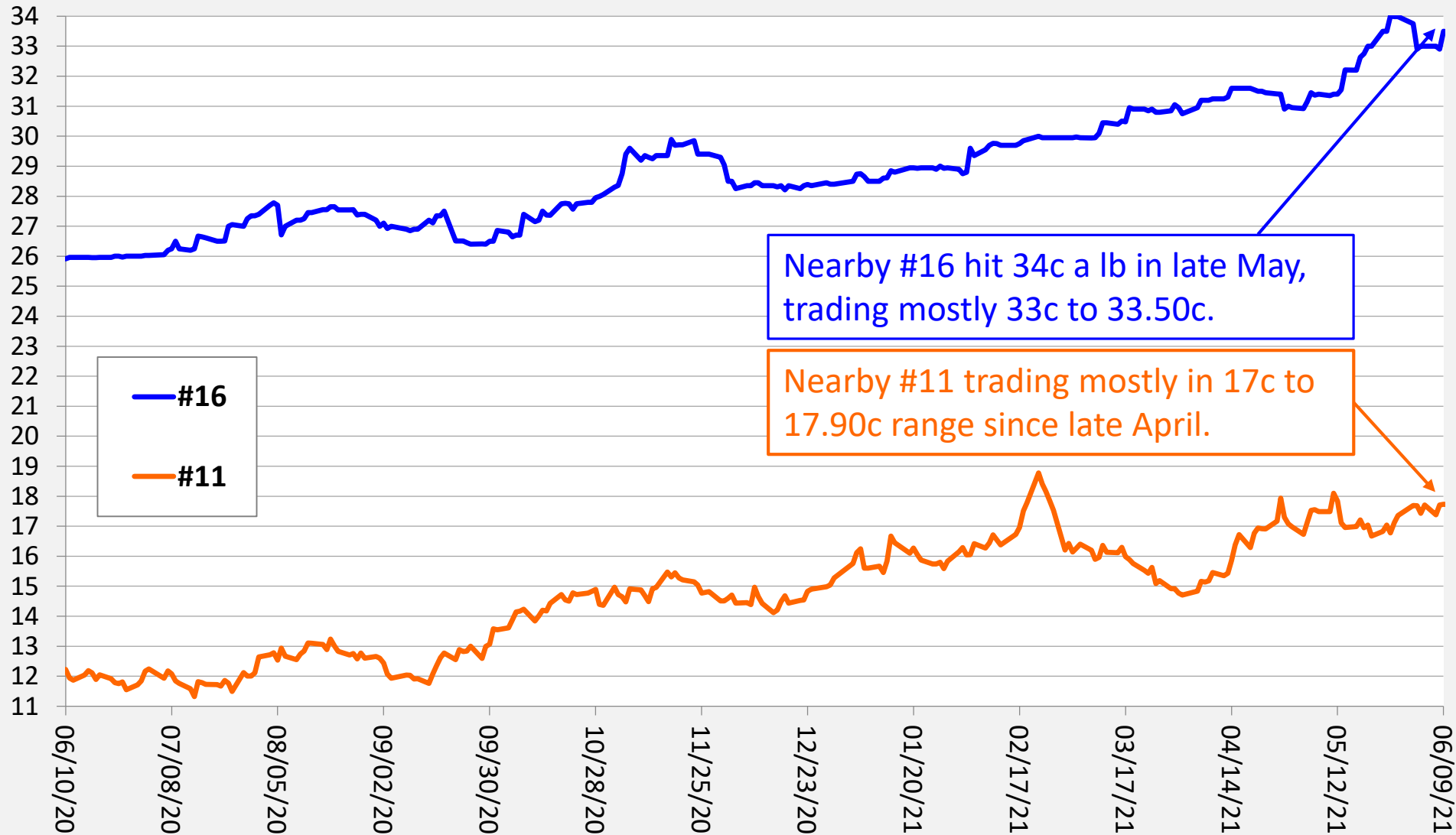
ICE world raw sugar futures as of June 9, 2021, in cents per lb. Source: Tech Nova

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ESBN21 (D10)	17.73 S	0.02	17.90	17.56	99685	295806	1:07:53 PM EDT - 06/09/21	17.73 S
ESBV21 (D10)	17.75 S	0.00	17.91	17.59	96593	307848	1:07:53 PM EDT - 06/09/21	17.75 S
ESBH22 (D10)	17.92 S	-0.01	18.04	17.77	29142	150526	1:07:53 PM EDT - 06/09/21	17.92 S
ESBK22 (D10)	17.02 S	-0.01	17.12	16.88	5798	77333	1:07:53 PM EDT - 06/09/21	17.02 S
ESBN22 (D10)	16.32 S	-0.02	16.41	16.19	6203	77375	1:07:53 PM EDT - 06/09/21	16.32 S
ESBV22 (D10)	15.91 S	-0.02	15.98	15.80	1848	53254	1:07:53 PM EDT - 06/09/21	15.91 S
ESBH23 (D10)	16.00 S	-0.04	16.06	15.91	767	22627	1:07:53 PM EDT - 06/09/21	16.00 S
ESBK23 (D10)	15.28 S	-0.05	15.33	15.25	77	9709	1:07:53 PM EDT - 06/09/21	15.28 S
ESBN23 (D10)	14.72 S	-0.07	14.72	14.70	55	13227	1:07:53 PM EDT - 06/09/21	14.72 S
ESBV23 (D10)	14.33 S	-0.08	14.32	14.31	39	9503	1:07:53 PM EDT - 06/09/21	14.33 S
ESBH24 (D10)	14.34 S	-0.10			1	679	1:07:53 PM EDT - 06/09/21	14.34 S
ESBK24 (D10)	13.94 S	-0.10			0		1:07:53 PM EDT - 06/09/21	13.94 S

World raws are narrowly mixed from a month ago, with spot once again creeping nearer to May 11 high close of 18.11c a lb. Nearby trading range appears to be 17c to 17.90c a lb for now. Top end limited by improved weather (debatable) in Brazil, large India exports and uncertainty about demand as world tries to emerge from COVID-19. Nearby supported by large fund net long, higher energy prices that may pull sugar into ethanol in Brazil and possible demand boost amid emergence from COVID-19. Flat through March 2022 with increasing premium to later months.

# SUA June 2021: World/Domestic Futures

Nearby ICE New York raw sugar futures, in cents per lb, as of June 9, 2021.



Nearby #16 hit 34c a lb in late May, trading mostly 33c to 33.50c.

Nearby #11 trading mostly in 17c to 17.90c range since late April.

— #16  
— #11

# SUA June 2021: Corn Sweeteners

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

## 42% HFCS Spot

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Midwest	25½-26	25½-26
Northeast	27-27½	27-27½
Southeast	27¼-27¾	27¼-27¾
South	26¾-27¼	26¾-27¼
West	27½-28¾	27½-28¾

## 55% HFCS Spot

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Midwest	32¾-33¾	32¾-33¾
Northeast	34¼-35¼	34¼-35¼
Southeast	34¼-35¼	34¼-35¼
South	34-35	34-35
West	34¾-35¾	34¾-35¾

## Corn Syrup Spot

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Midwest	36¾-37¼	36¾-37¼
Northeast	39-39½	39-39½
Southeast	39-39½	39-39½
South	40-40½	40-40½
West	41-41½	41-41½

Craig Ruffalo, in virtual Sosland Purchasing Seminar presentation June 8, forecast a 3c to 5c a lb increase “to start” in 2022 corn sweetener prices, due mostly to higher corn prices.

Corn refiners indicate strong nearby deliveries with demand back to or above pre-pandemic levels; disruptions in April.

USDA left Mexico HFCS consumption forecasts for this year and next year unchanged from May after lowering forecasts in May. Oct.-April consumption down 3.9% from year ago (vs down 6.4% in Oct.-March). Full 2020-21 forecast at 1,325,000 tonnes down 4.5% from 2019-20 with 2021-22 forecast at 1,300,000 tonnes, down 1.9% from current year.

Indicated use of corn for HFCS, dextrose and glucose was unchanged from May in June WASDE; use of corn for ethanol was raised. Corn prices currently are up about 70% to 110% from a year ago.

## Dextrose Spot

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
East	42-42½	42-42½
Midwest	41-41½	41-41½
South	43-43½	43-43½
West	44-44½	44-44½

USDA WASDE report was bullish for corn due to higher export and ethanol forecasts. Weather key as demand remains strong.



## ■ Watch Points

- Added sugars was top item tabbed for removal by 28% of respondents in recent Food Processing (Sosland competitor) survey: 18% taking it out; 8.7% replacing with non-nutritive sweetener; 5.4% using nutritive sweetener not an added sugar.
- UK government will ban free refills of sugary drinks in April 2022, GlobalData said, allowing beverage makers to “innovate low-calorie and zero-sugar beverage choices.”
- Yearly declines in Mexico’s per capita sweetener consumption (both sugar and corn sweeteners) has been attributed to its soda tax and government efforts to reduce caloric intake.
- Russell Stover Chocolates (owned by Lindt) debuts first line of no-added-sugar chocolate bars.
- **Regulation and reformulation are as active as ever.**
- Labor woes for US manufacturers.
- Logistics rate, supply and driver issues continue.

# SUA June 2021: Conclusions

## ■ Domestic Sweetener Market

- S-T-U of 14.3% still not indicative of current supply situation.
- Demand “pop” could tighten supplies below 13%.
- Deliveries appear to be stronger in late May-early June.
- Spot inquiries still above expectations.
- Louisiana raws are moving to East Coast refiners.
- Strong imports from Mexico in May.
- Cash and #16 prices are firm nearby and for 2021-22.
- Pace of contracting for 2021-22 has picked up noticeably.
- Nearby corn sweetener demand is good (still long-term down trend); prices for 2022 expected sharply higher.

## ■ Global Sugar Market

- Nearby world market appears well supplied.
- Production recovers from slow start in Brazil.
- Very strong exports from India.
- Nearby prices in 17c to 17.90c trading range.