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## Projected U.S. Beet Sugar Production in 2016/17 Lowered, Imports from Mexico Raised

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The March *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates* (WASDE) lowers 2016/17 projected sugar supplies by 31,000 short tons, raw value (STRV), compared with the previous month's report. The reduction is due mainly to 265,000 STRV less beet sugar production projected. Domestic cane sugar projection remains unchanged. Projected imports are raised 234,000 STRV. This is mainly due to projected imports from Mexico being increased 190,000 from the anticipated calculation of the Export Limit by the U.S. Department of Commerce, according to the terms of the suspension agreements with the Government of Mexico. Projected total sugar use is raised 100,000 due to an increase of deliveries to domestic users for food and beverage use. Ending stocks are projected to be 131,000 STRV lower than the February report, resulting in a stocks-to-use ratio of 13.6 percent, compared with the previous month's ratio of 14.8 percent.

Mexico projected sugar production is unchanged from the previous month's 6.371 million metric tons, actual value (MT). Total supplies in Mexico are also projected to be unchanged at 7.468 million MT. Total use is lowered 49,000 MT from the February report, although domestic deliveries are unchanged. Exports to the United States are raised 162,000 MT, although shipments to other countries are lowered 211,000 MT, resulting in the net decline of projected total use. Mexico's ending stocks are projected to be 1.278 million MT, resulting in a stocks-to-consumption ratio of 29.1 percent—an increase from the previous month's projection of 28.0 percent.





















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