

# **U.S. Sugar Monthly Import and Re-Exports**

## **Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Report**

### **November 2018**

The November WASDE report shows FY 2019 WTO raw sugar tariff-rate quota (TRQ) shortfall projected at 99,208 short tons raw value (STRV), unchanged from last month. No information is available about specific countries.

The second tranche of the FY 2019 specialty sugar TRQ over-subscribed at opening day. The third tranche of 50,000 metric tons raw value will open on Wednesday, January 23, 2019. A valid specialty sugar certificate must accompany the imported sugar.

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**Table 1 -- U.S. Monthly Sugar Imports, Fiscal Year (FY) 2019**

Reference	2018			2019									Entries	WASDE Projection <sup>1/</sup>  8-Nov-18	Percent of WASDE Projection
	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September			
	<i>Metric Tons, Raw Value</i>												<i>MTRV</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Total Quota (Sum of tables 3-5)													169,287	<b>1,418,712</b>	12%
Table 3 WTO raw sugar TRQ	95,226												95,226	<b>1,027,195</b>	9%
Table 4 WTO refined sugar TRQ	58,802												58,802	<b>189,046</b>	31%
Table 5 FTA sugar TRQs	15,259												15,259	<b>202,471</b>	8%
Table 7 Re-export program imports	87,260												87,260	<b>317,515</b>	27%
Table 2 Mexico	25,000												25,000	<b>763,850</b>	3%
High-duty sugar <sup>2/</sup>	10,000												10,000	<b>40,823</b>	24%
Total	291,547												291,547	<b>2,540,900</b>	11%
	<i>Short Tons, Raw Value</i>												<i>STRV</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Total Quota (Sum of tables 3-5)													186,607	<b>1,563,862</b>	12%
Table 3 WTO raw sugar TRQ	104,969												104,969	<b>1,132,289</b>	9%
Table 4 WTO refined sugar TRQ	64,818												64,818	<b>208,388</b>	31%
Table 5 FTA sugar TRQs	16,820												16,820	<b>223,186</b>	8%
Table 7 Re-export program imports	96,188												96,188	<b>350,000</b>	27%
Table 2 Mexico	27,558												27,558	<b>842,000</b>	3%
High-duty sugar <sup>2/</sup>	11,023												11,023	<b>45,000</b>	24%
Total	321,376												321,376	<b>2,800,862</b>	11%

Source: See individual reference tables for sources.

1/ USDA World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report for month indicated.

2/ The current and previous months are forecasts. Sources: U.S. Census and FAS.

Factor for Metric tons to Short Tons: 1.10231125

**Table 2 -- U.S. Imports of Sugar from Mexico, Fiscal Year (FY) 2019<sup>1/</sup>**

	Oct-18 Forecast	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	FY 2019 Entries-to-date
	<i>Metric Tons</i>												
<b>District Port Name</b>													
Baltimore, MD													0
El Paso, TX													0
Honolulu, HI													0
Houston-Galveston, TX													0
Laredo, TX													0
Los Angeles, CA													0
Mobile, AL													0
New Orleans, LA													0
New York, NY													0
Nogales, AZ													0
Philadelphia, PA													0
San Diego, CA													0
San Francisco, CA													0
San Juan, PR													0
Savannah, GA													0
Seattle, WA													0
Tampa, FL													0
Total	23,585												23,585
<i>Total raw value</i> <sup>2/</sup>	25,000												25,000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Trade Data, except forecast is FAS.

1/ Includes all entries under U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) lines 1701.12.10, 1701.12.50, 1701.13.10, 1701.13.50, 1701.14.10, 1701.14.50, 1701.91.10, 1701.91.30, 1701.99.10, and 1701.99.50 (and all associated 10-digit HTS lines).

2/ Raw value is commercial weight multiplied by a factor of 1.06.

Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Table 3 -- U.S. Raw Sugar Tariff-Rate Quota (TRQ) WTO Allocations and Entries By Month, Fiscal Year (FY) 2019**

	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	----- FY 2019 -----			
	10/29/2018	11/26/2018	12/31/2018	1/28/2019	3/4/2019	4/1/2019	4/29/2018	6/3/2019	7/1/2019	7/29/2019	9/2/2019	9/30/2019	TRQ Entries-to- date	TRQ <sup>1/</sup>	Not entered to date	Percent Filled
	<i>Metric Tons, Raw Value</i>															
Argentina	185												185	45,281	45,096	0.4%
Australia	34,645												34,645	87,402	52,757	39.6%
Barbados	0													7,371	7,371	0.0%
Belize	0													11,584	11,584	0.0%
Bolivia	7,565												7,565	8,424	859	0.0%
Brazil	0													152,691	152,691	0.0%
Colombia	742												742	25,273	24,531	2.9%
Congo	0													7,258	7,258	0.0%
Costa Rica	0													15,796	15,796	0.0%
Cote d'Ivoire	0													7,258	7,258	0.0%
Dominican Republic	0													185,335	185,335	0.0%
Ecuador	0													11,584	11,584	0.0%
El Salvador	0													27,379	27,379	0.0%
Fiji	0													9,477	9,477	0.0%
Gabon	0													7,258	7,258	0.0%
Guatemala	183												183	50,546	50,363	0.4%
Guyana	0													12,636	12,636	0.0%
Haiti	0													7,258	7,258	0.0%
Honduras	0													10,530	10,530	0.0%
India	85												85	8,424	8,339	1.0%
Jamaica	0													11,584	11,584	0.0%
Madagascar	0													7,258	7,258	0.0%
Malawi	7,336												7,336	10,530	3,194	69.7%
Mauritius	822												822	12,636	11,814	6.5%
Mexico <sup>2/</sup>	0													7,258	7,258	0.0%
Mozambique	13,165												13,165	13,690	525	96.2%
Nicaragua	0													22,114	22,114	0.0%
Panama	0													30,538	30,538	0.0%
Papua New Guinea	0													7,258	7,258	0.0%
Paraguay	757												757	7,258	6,501	10.4%
Peru	4,969												4,969	43,175	38,206	11.5%
Philippines	12,136												12,136	142,160	130,024	8.5%
South Africa	0													24,220	24,220	0.0%
St. Kitts and Nevis	0													7,258	7,258	0.0%
Swaziland	0													16,849	16,849	0.0%
Taiwan	0													12,636	12,636	0.0%
Thailand	0													14,743	14,743	0.0%
Trinidad-Tobago	0													7,371	7,371	0.0%
Uruguay	0													7,258	7,258	0.0%
Zimbabwe	12,636												12,636	12,636	0	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95,226</b>												<b>95,226</b>	<b>1,117,195</b>	<b>1,021,969</b>	<b>8.5%</b>

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Weekly Quota Status Report.

1/ On June 29, 2018, USDA set the raw sugar TRQ at the minimum level to which the United States is committed in the Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture.

2/ For all sugar imports from Mexico, see Table 2, U.S. Imports of Sugar from Mexico.

**Table 4 -- U.S. Refined Sugar Tariff-Rate Quota (TRQ) WTO Allocations and Entries By Month, Fiscal Year (FY) 2019**

	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	-----Fiscal Year 2019-----		
	10/29/2018	11/26/2018	12/31/2018	1/28/2019	3/4/2019	4/1/2019	4/29/2018	6/3/2019	7/1/2019	7/29/2019	9/2/2019	9/30/2019	Entries-to-date	TRQ	Percent Filled
	<i>Metric Tons, Raw Value</i>														
Global Minimum	7,090												7,090	7,090	100%
Canada	95												95	10,300	1%
Mexico <sup>1/</sup>	0													2,954	0%
Specialty, WTO minimum <sup>2/</sup>	1,624												1,624	1,656	98%
Specialty, Additional <sup>2/</sup>	49,993												49,993	170,000	29%
<b>Total</b>	<b>58,802</b>												<b>58,802</b>	<b>192,000</b>	<b>31%</b>

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Weekly Quota Status Report.

1/ For all sugar imports from Mexico, see Table 2, U.S. Imports of Sugar from Mexico.

2/ The tranches of the FY 2019 specialty sugar TRQ open as follows in MTRV. See Federal Register notice of June 29, 2018, Vol. 83, No. 126, Page 30687.

Tranche 1	1,656	10/1/2018
Tranche 2	50,000	10/10/2018
Tranche 3	50,000	1/23/2019
Tranche 4	35,000	4/17/2019
Tranche 5	35,000	7/17/2019

**Table 5 -- U.S. Sugar and Sugar-Containing Product Tariff-Rate Quotas (TRQs) Allocations and Entries by Month Under Other Free Trade Agreements<sup>1/</sup>**

	Jan-Sep 2018	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Oct-Dec 2018	CY 2018		Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Jan-Sep 2019	Jan-Sep 2019	FY 2019	CY 2019
	Final	10/29/2018	11/26/2018	12/31/2018	Forecast	Entries-to-date	TRQ	1/28/2019	3/4/2019	4/1/2019	4/29/2018	6/3/2019	7/1/2019	7/29/2019	9/2/2019	9/30/2019	Entries-to-date	Forecast	Forecast	TRQ
	<i>Metric Tons, Raw Value</i>																			
CAFTA-DR, Total	<b>115,882</b>	12,968			<b>22,105</b>	<b>126,323</b>	<b>135,460</b>											<b>117,790</b>	<b>139,895</b>	<b>137,900</b>
Costa Rica	2,689	10,951			10,951	13,640	13,640											12,245	23,196	13,860
Costa Rica special	134	1,576			1,866	1,710	2,000											1,128	2,994	2,000
Dominican Republic <sup>2/</sup>	0	0			0	0	0											0	0	0
El Salvador	34,680	0			0	34,680	34,680											32,646	32,646	35,360
Guatemala <sup>3/</sup>	50,467	0			0	47,940	47,940											35,636	35,636	48,880
Honduras	7,488	261			2,432	7,749	9,920											8,898	11,330	10,080
Nicaragua	20,424	180			6,856	20,604	27,280											27,237	34,093	27,720
Colombia	<b>39,869</b>	2,191			<b>14,631</b>	<b>42,060</b>	<b>54,500</b>											<b>37,103</b>	51,734	<b>55,250</b>
Panama, Total	<b>2,149</b>	100			<b>4,771</b>	<b>2,249</b>	<b>6,920</b>											<b>6,071</b>	<b>10,842</b>	<b>7,020</b>
Panama, General <sup>2/</sup>	0	0			0	0	0											0	0	0
Panama, Raw Sugar	1,950	0			4,470	1,950	6,420											5,696	10,166	6,480
Panama, Specialty	199	100			301	299	500											375	676	540
Peru, Total	<b>0</b>	0			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,000</b>											<b>0</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>
Peru <sup>2/</sup>	0	0			0	0	0											0	0	0
Peru special	0	0			0	0	2,000											0	0	2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>157,900</b>	15,259			<b>41,507</b>	<b>170,632</b>	<b>198,880</b>											<b>160,964</b>	<b>204,471</b>	<b>202,170</b>

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Weekly Quota Status Report.

1/ These TRQs are established on a calendar year basis. See Federal Register Notice of December 28, 2017 for CY 2018.

2/ Determined not to have a trade surplus as defined under the Free Trade Agreements, and thus the CY 2018 TRQs are zero. See Federal Register Notice of December 28, 2017.

3/ Includes 2,527 tons for CY 2017 granted a waiver to permit entry in January 2018.

**Additional countries with which the United States has Free Trade Agreements covering sugar:**

Singapore has unlimited access for originating sugar, but does not produce sugar.

Bahrain has unlimited access for originating sugar, but does not produce sugar.

Oman has unlimited access for originating sugar, but does not produce sugar.

Chile was determined to have no trade surplus as defined under the Free Trade Agreement, and thus the CY 2018 TRQ is zero. See Federal Register Notice of December 28, 2017.

Morocco was determined to have no trade surplus as defined under the Free Trade Agreement, and thus the CY 2018 TRQ is zero. See Federal Register Notice of December 28, 2017.

**Table 6 -- U.S. Refined Sugar Reported for Export Credit Under the U.S. Refined Sugar Re-Export Program, Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 <sup>1/</sup>**

	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Entries-to-date
	<i>Metric Tons, Raw Value</i>												
Mexico	2,622												2,622
Canada	84												84
All Other	1,126												1,126
Total	3,832												3,832

Source: USDA Foreign Agricultural Service.

1/ Reporting deadline is the end of the calendar quarter following the quarter in which the transaction occurs. Monthly totals are preliminary until after reporting deadline.

**Table 7 -- U.S. Raw Sugar Imports Under the U.S. Sugar Re-Export Program, Fiscal Year (FY) 2019**

	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Entries-to-date
	<i>Metric Tons, Raw Value</i>												
Re-export sugar	87,260												87,260

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

**Table 8 -- Fiscal Year 2019 Sugar Imports Forecast <sup>1/</sup>**

	TRQ	October	November	Change in Forecast, November vs October	October	November	Change in Forecast, November vs October
	<b>MTRV</b>	<b>MTRV</b>			<b>STRV</b>		
<b>FY 2019 WTO Raw sugar TRQ:</b>							
WTO Minimum Quantity	1,117,195	1,117,195	1,117,195	0	1,231,497	1,231,497	0
Shortfall		-90,000	-90,000	0	-99,208	-99,208	0
<b>Sub-Total WTO Raw Sugar TRQ</b>	<b>1,117,195</b>	<b>1,027,195</b>	<b>1,027,195</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,132,289</b>	<b>1,132,289</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>FY 2019 WTO Refined sugar TRQ:</b>							
Canada Quantity	10,300	10,300	10,300	0	11,354	11,354	0
Mexico Quantity	2,954	0	0	0	0	0	0
Global Quantity	7,090	7,090	7,090	0	7,815	7,815	0
Specialty Sugar							
WTO Minimum Quantity	1,656	1,656	1,656	0	1,825	1,825	0
Additional Quantity	170,000	170,000	170,000	0	187,393	187,393	0
<b>Sub-Total WTO Refined Sugar TRQ</b>	<b>192,000</b>	<b>189,046</b>	<b>189,046</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>208,388</b>	<b>208,388</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Free Trade Agreements (Calendar Year TRQs):</b>							
CAFTA/DR CY 2019	137,900						
Oct-Dec 2018		22,105	22,105	0	24,367	24,367	0
Jan-Sep 2019		117,790	117,790	0	129,841	129,841	0
Peru CY 2019	2,000						
Oct-Dec 2018		0	0	0	0	0	0
Jan-Sep 2019		0	0	0	0	0	0
Colombia CY 2019	55,250						
Oct-Dec 2018		14,631	14,631	0	16,128	16,128	0
Jan-Sep 2019		37,103	37,103	0	40,899	40,899	0
Panama CY 2019	6,980						
Oct-Dec 2018		4,771	4,771	0	5,259	5,259	0
Jan-Sep 2019		6,071	6,071	0	6,692	6,692	0
<b>Sub-Total Free Trade Agreements</b>	<b>202,130</b>	<b>202,471</b>	<b>202,471</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>223,186</b>	<b>223,186</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total TRQ</b>	<b>1,511,325</b>	<b>1,418,712</b>	<b>1,418,712</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,563,862</b>	<b>1,563,862</b>	<b>0</b>
Mexico <sup>2/</sup>		763,850	763,850	0	842,000	842,000	0
Re-export Program Imports <sup>3/</sup>		317,515	317,515	0	350,000	350,000	0
Sugar syrups, High-Tier		40,823	40,823	0	45,000	45,000	0
<b>Total Projected Imports <sup>4/</sup></b>		<b>2,540,900</b>	<b>2,540,900</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,800,862</b>	<b>2,800,862</b>	<b>0</b>

Source:

1/ October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019.

2/ All sugar covered by the scope of the U.S.-Mexico suspension agreement.

3/ Includes sugar from Mexico imported for the U.S. sugar re-export program (HTS 1701.14.20), which is not covered by the scope of the suspension agreements.

4/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Table 9 -- U.S. Sugar Re-Export Program License Balances and Transactions, Fiscal Years (October 1 - September 30)**

Fiscal Year by Quarter <sup>5/</sup>	Refiners				Sugar-Containing Product			Polyhydric Alcohol		
	<i>Metric tons raw value</i>				<i>Short tons, refined sugar</i>			<i>Short tons, refined sugar</i>		
	Refiner Beginning Balances <sup>1/</sup>	Imports	Export Credits	Transfers to SCP and Poly Licenses	SCP Beginning Balances <sup>3/</sup>	Transfers from Licensed Refiners	Export Credits	POLY Beginning Balances <sup>4/</sup>	Transfers from Licensed Refiners	Used to make Polyhydric Alcohols
FY 2014:										
October-December	135,542	15	48,936	22,486	-156,052	19,480	53,708	-3,271	3,688	6,632
January-March	64,135	32,582	128,062	51,048	-190,280	48,395	53,746	-6,216	4,211	3,267
April-June	-82,392	91,432	56,216	78,109	-195,631	75,006	53,378	-5,271	5,487	5,241
July-September	-125,286	154,970	33,620	84,510	-174,004	79,538	59,615	-5,026	7,574	6,273
Total		278,999	266,834	236,153		222,418	220,446		20,959	21,414
FY 2015:										
October-December	-88,447	84,433	23,374	72,892	-154,080	69,685	61,808	-3,726	5,440	5,286
January-March	-100,280	193,809	44,476	75,023	-146,202	72,482	64,798	-3,572	4,903	4,819
April-June	-25,970	44,820	37,566	74,274	-138,519	70,783	67,644	-3,488	5,861	6,282
July-September	-92,990	104,841	37,207	67,843	-135,379	63,721	68,672	-3,909	6,317	5,689
Total		427,903	142,624	290,031		276,672	262,923		22,521	22,076
FY 2016:										
October-December	-93,199	86,329	36,104	61,723	-140,331	58,073	67,244	-3,281	5,622	5,965
January-March	-104,697	56,298	21,049	75,977	-149,502	72,097	60,613	-3,624	5,972	7,347
April-June	-145,425	104,756	12,803	65,253	-138,017	61,014	62,952	-4,999	6,306	6,890
July-September	-118,725	113,245	5,019	63,939	-139,956	59,805	64,980	-5,584	6,161	8,210
Total		360,628	74,976	266,892		250,989	255,790		24,061	28,412
FY 2017:										
October-December	-74,439	99,208	9,330	67,354	-145,131	63,799	70,406	-7,632	5,630	7,339
January-March	-51,915	21,320	9,196	81,047	-151,738	77,280	66,155	-9,341	6,338	9,314
April-June	-120,838	122,343	11,741	113,114	-140,614	111,345	66,758	-12,317	6,026	5,325
July-September	-123,350	138,952	34,229	91,309	-96,026	87,145	67,186	-11,616	7,122	6,551
Total		381,824	64,496	352,824		339,569	270,504		25,116	28,528
FY 2018:										
October-December	-109,936	86,691	11,981	55,354	-76,066	51,513	69,137	-11,045	5,695	5,580
January-March	-90,579	67,377	13,117	56,391	-93,690	52,368	61,033	-10,931	5,907	5,454
April-June <sup>6/</sup>	-92,709	28,903	32,179	61,567	-102,443	56,822	47,523	-10,823	6,714	6,845
Summary by Fiscal Year:										
FY 2009	-35,172	282,237	138,228	136,097	-119,832	124,042	172,227	-7,774	16,409	15,557
FY 2010	-27,260	410,358	188,227	240,645	-168,069	229,528	192,834	-6,922	18,550	17,560
FY 2011	-45,775	264,093	199,195	212,326	-131,375	199,167	198,973	-5,931	20,451	13,821
FY 2012	-193,203	610,930	263,208	178,584	-131,230	162,998	200,271	699	21,613	32,572
FY 2013 <sup>2/</sup>	-24,065	654,401	244,646	250,148	-169,810	217,165	203,406	-10,260	27,146	20,158
FY 2014	135,542	278,999	266,834	236,153	-156,052	222,418	220,446	-3,271	20,959	21,414
FY 2015	-88,447	427,903	142,624	290,031	-154,080	276,672	262,923	-3,726	22,521	22,076
FY 2016	-93,199	360,628	74,976	266,892	-140,331	250,989	255,790	-3,281	24,061	28,412
FY 2017	-74,439	381,824	64,496	352,824	-145,131	339,569	270,504	-7,632	25,116	28,528
FY 2018	-109,936	NA	NA	<b>240,000</b>	-76,066	NA	NA	-11,045	NA	NA
FY 2019 <sup>7/</sup>				<b>314,212</b>						

NA = data not available.

1/ A negative balance indicates that cumulative exports and transfers exceed cumulative imports. A positive balance indicates that cumulative imports exceed cumulative exports and transfers.

2/ The July-Sept. amount of 536,285 in "Refiners Imports" is the sum of the following: imports, 6,175 MTRV; exchange of CCC-owned sugar for credits, 516,981 MTRV; transfers between refiners, 13,129 MTRV.

3/ A negative balance indicates that cumulative exports exceed cumulative transfers from refiners. A positive balance indicates that cumulative transfers from refiners exceed cumulative exports.

4/ A negative balance indicates that cumulative use exceeds cumulative transfers from refiners. A positive balance indicates that cumulative transfers from refiners exceed cumulative use.

5/ Balances may vary slightly from previously published figures due to corrections or adjustments to reported transactions.

6/ Reporting deadline is the end of the calendar quarter following the quarter in which the transaction occurs. Monthly totals are preliminary until after reporting deadline.

7/ Forecast for refiner transfers is based on a linear trend of FY 2009-2017 of combined SCP exports and Polyhydric use.

**Table 10 -- U.S. Sugar-Containing Products<sup>1/</sup> Tariff-Rate Quota (TRQ) Allocations and Entries By Month, Fiscal Year (FY) 2019**

	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	-----Fiscal Year 2019-----		
	10/29/2018	11/26/2018	12/31/2018	1/28/2019	3/4/2019	4/1/2019	4/29/2018	6/3/2019	7/1/2019	7/29/2019	9/2/2019	9/30/2019	Entries-to-date	TRQ	Percent Filled
	<i>Metric Tons</i>														
Canada	1,242												1,242	59,250	2.1%
Other Countries	1,161												1,161	5,459	21%
Total	2,403												2,403	64,709	4%

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Weekly Quota Status Report.

<sup>1/</sup> Authorized under Additional U.S. Note 8 of Chapter 17 of the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule: 59,250 MT to Canada, and 5,459 MT to other countries on a first-come, first-served basis.