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Report Highlights:

For Marketing Year October 2025 – September 2026 (MY 2025/26), sugar production in the Dominican Republic (DR) is forecast at 580,000 metric tons (MT). The increase is driven by expansion of planted and harvested areas, which is expected to partially offset the negative effects of reduced rainfall in the eastern region—a critical area that accounts for more than 80 percent of national production. In MY 2024/25, total sugar output rose by 5 percent to 520,831 MT compared to the previous marketing year, supported by improved rainfall conditions. For MY 2025/26, raw cane sugar exports are projected at 190,000 MT, a volume sufficient to cover the Dominican Republic's U.S. tariff-rate quota (TRQ) for Fiscal Year 2026 (FY 2026). Meanwhile, imports are forecast lower at 30,000 MT, as higher domestic production is expected to meet growing local consumption.

1. Production, Supply, and Distribution Data

Table 1. Sugar Cane for Centrifugal During MY's 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26

Sugar Cane for Centrifugal	2023/2024		2024/2025		2025/2026	
Market Year Begins	Nov 2023		Nov 2024		Nov 2025	
Dominican Republic	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Planted (1000 HA)	113	113	120	120	0	125
Area Harvested (1000 HA)	113	113	120	120	0	125
Production (1000 MT)	5000	5000	5500	5500	0	5700
Total Supply (1000 MT)	5000	5000	5500	5500	0	5700
Utilization for Sugar (1000 MT)	5000	5000	5500	5500	0	5700
Utilization for Alcohol (1000 MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Utilization (1000 MT)	5000	5000	5500	5500	0	5700
(1000 HA),(1000 MT)						
OFFICIAL DATA CAN BE ACCESSED AT: PSD Online Advanced Query						

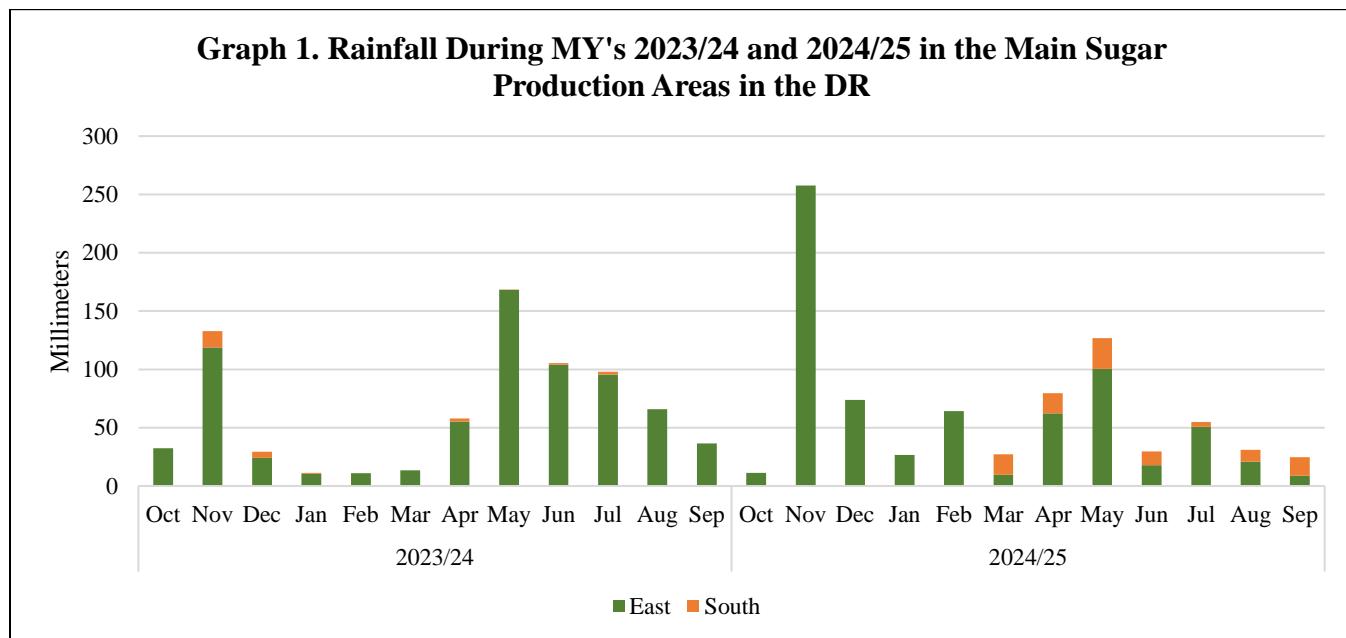
Table 2. Sugar, Centrifugal During MY's 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26

Sugar, Centrifugal	2023/2024		2024/2025		2025/2026	
Market Year Begins	Oct 2023		Oct 2024		Oct 2025	
Dominican Republic	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Beginning Stocks (1000 MT)	71	71	116	116	124	80
Beet Sugar Production (1000 MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cane Sugar Production (1000 MT)	495	495	590	521	600	580
Total Sugar Production (1000 MT)	495	495	590	521	600	580
Raw Imports (1000 MT)	126	126	0	25	0	20
Refined Imp.(Raw Val) (1000 MT)	10	10	10	10	10	10
Total Imports (1000 MT)	136	136	10	35	10	30
Total Supply (1000 MT)	702	702	716	672	734	690
Raw Exports (1000 MT)	185	185	190	190	190	190
Refined Exp.(Raw Val) (1000 MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Exports (1000 MT)	185	185	190	190	190	190
Human Dom. Consumption (1000 MT)	401	401	402	402	403	403
Other Disappearance (1000 MT)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Use (1000 MT)	401	401	402	402	403	403
Ending Stocks (1000 MT)	116	116	124	80	141	97
Total Distribution (1000 MT)	702	702	716	672	734	690
(1000 MT)						
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2. Production

For MY 2025/26, Post forecasts overall production at 580,000 MT, 11 percent higher than the previous marketing year. This forecast is based on the overall expansion of planted and harvested areas in key production zones, which is expected to partially offset the negative impact of reduced rainfall on productivity, particularly in the East.

As shown in Graph 1, the eastern and southern regions of the Dominican Republic recorded 6 percent more rainfall between October and September 2025 compared to the same period last year. However, the eastern region responsible for approximately 80 percent of local production received 4 percent less rainfall during the same period last year with the majority of the precipitation concentrated in November 2024.



Source: Built by Post with information from CLIMARED accessed on 09/11/24.

During MY 2024/25, total sugar production increased to 520,831 MT (346,698 MT of raw sugar and 174,133 MT of refined sugar), as a result of better rainfall conditions compared to the previous marketing year. This represents a 5-percent increase in total sugar production relative to MY 2023/24.

Table 1. Sugar Production in the Dominican Republic During MY 2023/24 and MY 2024/25 (MT)

Mill	MY 2023/24			MY 2024/25		
	Raw	Refined	Total	Raw	Refined	Total
Central Romana	113,312	147,566	260,878	108,234	169,808	278,042
CAEI (Cristobal Colon)	144,043	0	144,043	148,512	4,325	152,837
Consorcio Azucarero Central (Barahona)	89,664	0	89,664	89,026	0	89,026
Azucarera Porvenir	206	0	206	926	0	926
TOTAL	347,225	147,566	494,791	346,698	174,133	520,831

Source: Boletín Cierre Zafra Azucarera 2024-2025 (INAZUCAR)

**Market year begins in October and ends in September.*

Total sugar production from Central Romana, the largest private sugar producer in the country, rose by 7 percent, or 17,164 MT, driving up total national production. Favorable precipitation patterns resulted in higher production yields. On March 17, 2025, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) lifted its [Withhold Release Order](#)¹, allowing the company to resume shipments of sugar and sugar products to the United States.

Sugar output from the rest of the local producing mills varied considerably during the calendar year. Cristobal Colon (CAEI), the second-largest mill, increased production of refined sugar by 6 percent. In the case of Consorcio Azucarero Central (CAC), the third-largest producer in the country, production fell by 1 percent, or 638 MT. Finally, sugar output from Azucarera Porvenir, the only mill managed by the national government, increased by 350 percent, or 720 MT.

2. Consumption

For MY 2025/26, Post forecasts sugar consumption higher at 403,000 MT powered by a record number of foreign tourists. From January through July 2025, the Dominican Republic received over 5.4 million foreign tourists, 100,000 more than the same period last year, according to the Dominican Central Bank.

3. Trade

For MY 2025/26, Post projects exports of raw cane sugar at 190,000 MT, virtually flat year over year. This forecast is driven by the U.S. WTO TRQ available to the DR for FY 2026 in addition to modest quantities of Dominican sugar exports to the Haitian market.

The United States remains the top priority market for Dominican sugar and was the main destination for sugar exports in MY 2024/25. Smaller quantities, between 3,000 and 5,000 MT per year are exported mainly to Haiti in response to cross-border price differentials.

In FY 2025, the Dominican Republic received the largest single-country allocation for the U.S. TRQ, totaling 189,343 MT – 17 percent – out of 1,117,195 MT. As of September 11, 2025, the DR has filled 94 percent of the quota.

¹ <https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/cbp-issues-withhold-release-order-central-romana-corporation>

As part of the Dominican Republic-Central America Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR), an additional quota exists for products containing sugar. The quota is allocated to CAFTA-DR signatories each calendar year and is based on the country's performance² and availability. For calendar year 2025 (CY 2025), the United States assigned no additional allocation to the DR.

For MY 2025/26, Post forecasts imports to decline to 20,000 MT as overall higher sugar production is expected to displace import demand. In MY 2024/25, total sugar imports are estimated at 35,000 MT. The main suppliers of sugar to the Dominican Republic for MY 2024/25 were Guatemala (58 percent) and Colombia (29 percent).

4. Stocks

For MY 2025/26, Post forecasts ending stocks to reach 97,000 MT, slightly higher than the previous marketing year as production levels continue to increase. Producers hold the lion's share of stocks, which allows significant control over market availability.

Attachments:

No Attachments

² In the Final Text of the CAFTA-DR, please see Appendix I the Schedule of the United States to Annex 3.3 for more details: http://www.ustr.gov/sites/default/files/uploads/agreements/cafta/asset_upload_file971_3958.pdf