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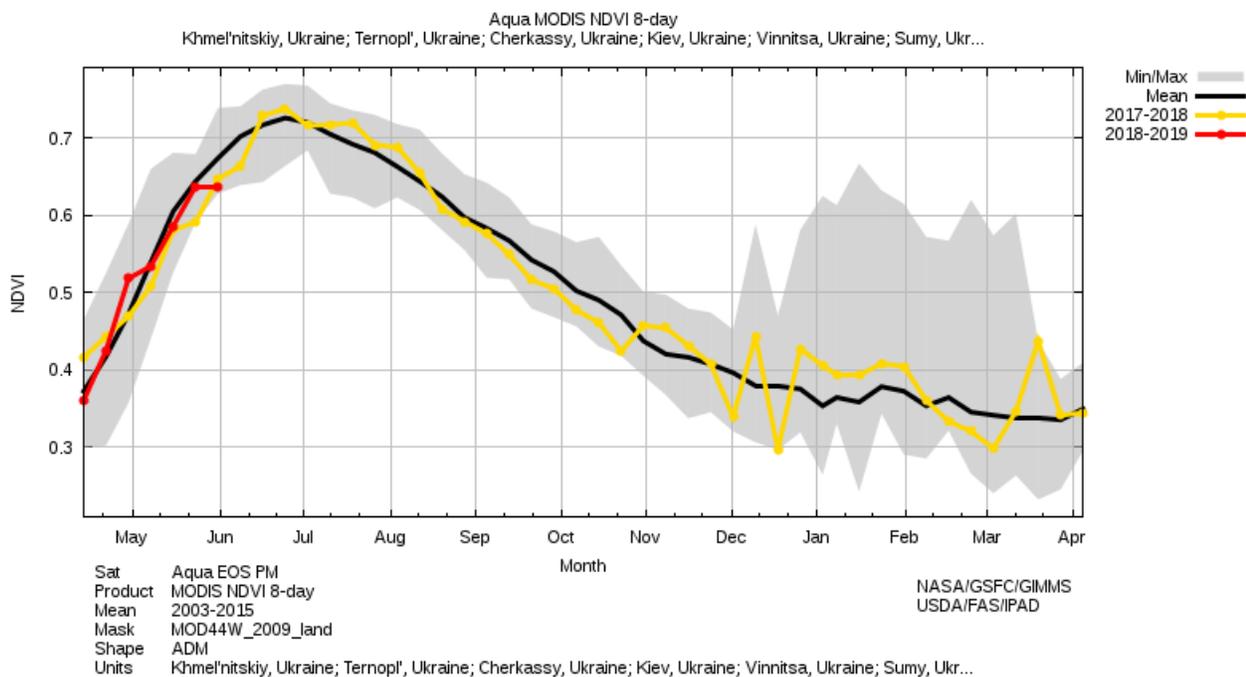
This report contains revised PSDs for sugar beet and sugar for MY2018/19 based on planting data.

General Information:

By the end of May 2018, sugar beet planting was concluded in Ukraine. According to data by the Ministry of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine, Ukrainian farmers planted 282 thousand hectares of sugar beets, around 10 percent lower compared to the area planted in 2017.

FAS Kyiv uses this number as a baseline for decreasing our initial production estimates outlined earlier in the [Sugar Annual Report](#). Another factor behind this decrease is a lowered yield estimate, compared to initial forecasts in the 2018 Annual Report.

The decrease in expected yield is based on industry reports indicating low soil moisture levels. These are confirmed by the vegetative development index for the top eight sugar beet producing regions in Ukraine, as shown to the end of May 2018. To date, the vegetative development index demonstrates similar growing conditions as in 2017.



As a result, estimated sugar beet production for MY2018/19 has been decreased to 12.9 million metric

tons (MMT), around 11 percent lower compared to the previous MY. The revised numbers are included in the Production, Supply and Distribution (PSD) table below.

Sugar Beets Market Begin Year	2016/2017		2017/2018		2018/2019	
	Sep 2016		Sep 2016		Sep 2019	
Ukraine	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Area Planted	292	292	310	315	0	282
Area Harvested	288	288	304	311	0	280
Production	13879	14011	14279	14491	0	12880
Total Supply	13879	14011	14279	14491	0	12880
Utilization for Sugar	13879	14011	14279	14491	0	12880
Utilizatn for Alcohol	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Distribution	13879	14011	14279	14491	0	12880

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Based on the mentioned decrease in sugar beet production in Ukraine for MY2018/19, FAS-Kyiv has subsequently decreased sugar production (around 2.1 MMT), as well as its export forecast (730 thousand MT) compared to our initial estimates. Revised numbers are available in the PSD table below.

Sugar, Centrifugal Market Begin Year	2016/2017		2017/2018		2018/2019	
	Oct 2016		Oct 2017		Oct 2018	
Ukraine	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Beginning Stocks	131	131	76	76	44	44
Beet Sugar Production	2156	2156	2326	2326	2315	2067
Cane Sugar Production	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Sugar Production	2156	2156	2326	2326	2315	2067
Raw Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Refined Imp.(Raw Val)	2	2	2	2	2	2
Total Imports	2	2	2	2	2	2
Total Supply	2289	2289	2404	2404	2361	2113
Raw Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Refined Exp.(Raw Val)	813	813	1000	1000	980	730
Total Exports	813	813	1000	1000	980	730
Human Dom. Consumption	1320	1320	1280	1280	1255	1255
Other Disappearance	80	80	80	80	80	80
Total Use	1400	1400	1360	1360	1335	1335
Ending Stocks	76	76	44	44	46	48
Total Distribution	2289	2289	2404	2404	2361	2113

(1000 MT)