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Report Highlights:

In 2003, sugar beet acreage amounted to 43,267 ha (106,915 acres), a decrease of 1,197 ha (2,958 acres) compared to the previous year. The sugar beet harvest amounted to 2.54 million MT. Yields amounted to 587 MT per ha and were under average. However, sugar content was higher than the previous year, and 415,000 MT of sugar was extracted. Austria is net exporter of sugar. Total imports of sugar to Austria rose from 29,000 MT in 2001/2002 to 41,000 MT in 2002/2003. Major import countries include Yugoslavia, Croatia, Italy and Germany. Austrian sugar exports also increased in 2002/2003 and accounted for 129,000 MT (2001/2002: 126,000 MT). Major export countries include Croatia, Romania, Italy, Bosnia Herzegovina and Macedonia.

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Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Production

Austria's planting areas of sugar beets are located in the eastern parts of the country. Almost 75 % of the total production can be found in the province of Lower Austria, followed by Upper Austria (14 %) and Burgenland (11 %). In 2003 sugar beet acreage amounted to 43,267 ha (106,915 acres). This amounted to a decrease of 1,197 ha (2,958 acres) compared to the previous year. Sugar beet harvest yielded to 2.54 million MT in 2003. Compared to 2002 total yields declined by 16.6 %. Sugar beet yields per ha were under the average and amounted to 587 MT per ha (238 MT per acre) in 2003. Planting conditions in 2003 were difficult (frost and wind erosion) and summer's drought reduced the per hectare yield but increased beet's sugar content.

The beet's sugar content was higher in 2003 than the year before and permitted the extraction of 415,000 MT of sugar in total. The per hectare sugar yield lay close to the long-term average at approximately 9.5 MT.

Sugar production for the marketing year 2004/05 is expected to rise slightly because of around same production area but higher yields per hectare.

Consumption

Human domestic consumption accounted for 313 thousand MT. Austrians consume 39 kg sugar per capita a year on an average.

Trade

Austria's EU sugar quota for 2003/2004 has been set at 381,550 MT (2002/2003: 364,200 MT). The variable quota cut has turned out to be substantially smaller than in 2002/2003 because production of a number of countries (e.g. Italy, Greece, Spain) was substantially below quota as a result of the dry weather conditions.

Austria is net exporter on sugar and the degree of self-sufficiency on sugar amounts to 139 %.

Total imports of sugar to Austria rose from 29,000 MT in 2001/2002 to 41,000 MT in 2002/2003. Major import countries are Yugoslavia, Croatia, Italy and Germany. Austrian sugar exports also increased in 2002/2003 and accounted for 129,000 MT (2001/2002: 126,000 MT). Major export countries are Croatia, Romania, Italy, Bosnia Herzegovina and Macedonia.

Sugar Industry

In the past the Austrian sugar industry used to be made up of numerous separate companies. In 1988 those companies merged to form the "AGRANA Zucker-Ges.m.b.H.". In 1999 "AGRANA Zucker-Ges.m.b.H." (sugar industry) merged with "AGRANA Staerke-Ges.m.b.H." (starch industry) and the company created by the merger was transformed into a stock corporation called "AGRANA Zucker und Staerke Aktiengesellschaft". Three sugar factories in Austria belong to the AGRANA's corporation. During the two and a half months beet campaign in autumn, those three factories process 400 to 450 thousand MT of sugar.

PSD Table							
Country	Austria						
Commodity	Centrifugal Sugar						(1000 MT)
	2002	Revised	2003	Estimate	2004	Forecast	UOM
	USDA Official	Estimate	DA Official	Estimate	DA Official	Estimate	[New]
Market Year Begin		10/2001		10/2002		10/2003	MM/YYYY
Beginning Stocks	0	197	0	182	0	208	(1000 MT)
Beet Sugar Production	0	423	0	455	0	415	(1000 MT)
Cane Sugar Production	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Sugar Production	0	423	0	455	0	415	(1000 MT)
Raw Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Refined Imp.(Raw Val)	0	29	0	41	0	40	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Imports	0	29	0	41	0	40	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	0	649	0	678	0	663	(1000 MT)
Raw Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Refined Exp.(Raw Val)	0	126	0	129	0	130	(1000 MT)
TOTAL EXPORTS	0	126	0	129	0	130	(1000 MT)
Human Dom. Consumptio	0	314	0	313	0	314	(1000 MT)
Other Disappearance	0	27	0	28	0	15	(1000 MT)
Total Disappearance	0	341	0	341	0	329	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	0	182	0	208	0	204	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	0	649	0	678	0	663	(1000 MT)

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Country	Austria						
Commodity	Sugar Beets						(1000 HA)(1000 MT)
	2002	Revised	2003	Estimate	2004	Forecast	UOM
	USDA Official	Estimate	DA Official	Estimate	DA Official	Estimate	[New]
Market Year Begin		10/2001		10/2002		10/2003	MM/YYYY
Area Planted	0	44	0	43	0	44	(1000 HA)
Area Harvested	0	44	0	43	0	44	(1000 HA)
Production	0	3043	0	2540	0	2700	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	0	3043	0	2540	0	2700	(1000 MT)
Utilization for Sugar	0	3043	0	2540	0	2700	(1000 MT)
Utilizatn for Alcohol	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL UTILIZATION	0	3043	0	2540	0	2700	(1000 MT)

Export Trade Matrix			
Country	Austria		
Commodity	Centrifugal Sugar		
Time Period	Oct-01	Units:	Oct-02
Exports for:			1
U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others	
Italy	30796	Croatia	28871
Romania	22325	Romania	25481
Croatia	21671	Italy	22899
Bosnia-Herz.	19778	Bosnia-Herzeg	15175
Macedonia	14206	Macedonia	12951
		Moldova, Repu	8200
		Slovenia	6091
		Germany	5558
		Hungary	4352
		Czech Republic	2227
Total for Others	108776		131805
Others not Listed	23398		3539
Grand Total	132174		135344

Import Trade Matrix			
Country	Austria		
Commodity	Centrifugal Sugar		
Time Period	Oct-01	Units:	Oct-02
Imports for:			1
U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others	
Germany	8349	Yugoslavia	11888
Yugoslavia	7589	Croatia	6424
Italy	7071	Italy	5183
Czech Republic	3762	Germany	4755
		Switzerland	4092
		Czech Republic	2438
Total for Others	26771		34780
Others not Listed	7228		4978
Grand Total	33999		39758