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Report Highlights:

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Summary

The marketing year used in this report runs from April to March with the 2003/04 season designated as MY 2004 and the 2004/05 season shown as MY 2005.

Swaziland's MY 2005 cane crop, currently being cut, is estimated at 4.4 million tons after more than 5 million tons were cut in 2004. The decrease is due to an early summer drought. Sugar production is expected to reach about 540,000 tons after 630,000 tons were produced in 2004. Southern African Customs Union, (SACU), sales are expected to reach about 300,000 tons this season after about 340,000 tons were sold in 2004. The customs union sales include domestic consumption of about 30,000 tons with the rest going to South Africa. Other, mostly preferential, export sales are expected to reach about 225,000 tons in 2005 after 285,000 tons were exported in 2004. As the 2004 marketing year only closed at the end of March 2004, detailed information are not yet available.

Source; Swaziland Sugar Association

www.ssa.co.sz

Sugar Cane

Country Commodity	Swaziland Sugar Cane						
	1000 Hectare	2003	Revised	2004	Estimate	2005	Forecast
1000 Metric ton	USDA [Old]	Post	[New]	USDA [Old]	Post New]	USDA [Old]	Post New]
Market Year Begin		04/2002		04/2003		04/2004	
Area Planted	47	48		0	50	0	50
Area Harvested	46	45		0	46	0	45
Production	4388	4609		0	5048	0	4400
TOTAL SUPPLY	4388	4609		0	5048	0	4400
Utilization for Sugar	4388	4609		0	5048	0	4400
Utilizatn for Alcohol	0	0		0	0	0	0
TOTAL UTILIZATION	4388	4609		0	5048	0	4400

Production

The current, 2004/05, sugar cane crop in Swaziland, for which the milling season started in April 2004, is expected to be more than 12% smaller than the 2003/04 crop. The decrease is mainly due to the fact that the 2004 crop was exceptionally good while the first half of the 2004/05 rainy season was dry. Since January 2004 rainfall has picked up. The average yield is expected to be about 98 tons per hectare compared to 108 in 2003/04 and 102 in 2002/03. This is in spite of the fact that all cane in Swaziland is grown under irrigation.

Sugar

Country
CommoditySwaziland
Centrifugal sugar

Market Year Begin	2003	Revised	2004	Estimate	2005	Forecast
	USDA [Old]	Post [New]	USDA [Old]	Post [New]	USDA [Old]	Post (New)
	04/2002		04/2003		04/2004	
Beginning Stocks	59	66	103	84	163	86
Beet Sugar Production	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cane Sugar Production	566	583	560	628	0	539
TOTAL Sugar Production	566	583	560	628	0	539
Raw Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Refined Imp.(Raw Val)	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	625	649	663	712	163	625
Raw Exports	230	278	210	283	0	221
Refined Exp.(Raw Val)	0	0	0	2	0	5
TOTAL EXPORTS	230	278	210	285	0	226
Human Dom. Consumption	292	281	290	339	0	300
Other Disappearance	0	6	0	2	0	4
Total Disappearance	292	287	290	341	0	304
Ending Stocks	103	84	163	86	0	95
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	625	649	663	712	0	625

Production

Sugar is expected to reach about 540,000 tons this year after about 630,000 tons were produced in MY2004.

Swaziland has three sugar mills with an annual production capacity in excess of 500,000 metric tons. Two of the mills produce both refined and VHP sugar while one does not produce refined sugar. All three mills produce raw bulk sugar and molasses. In the 2002/03 season when the country produced 583,000 tons the Simunye mill produced 221,000 tons, the Mhlume Mill produced 147,000 tons and the Ubombo mill 215,000 tons.

Molasses is a by-product of the process and is produced at all three mills at a rate of about 180,000 tons per annum. In 2002/03 the Simunye mill produced about 51,000 tons, the Mhlume mill 47,000 and Ubombo about 81,000 tons. Two main distillers use most of the molasses for alcohol production.

Consumption

Consumption figures are misleading, as figures shown are Southern African Customs Union (SACU) sales figures. A market sharing agreement between the Swazi and South African sugar industries limit Swaziland's sales into SACU. Swaziland's own consumption is unofficially estimated at about 30,000 tons per annum.

Trade

The Swazi sugar industry sells into four main markets, the Southern African Customs Union, (SACU), the European Union, the United States and the world market. Sales to both the EU and US benefit from preferential market access allowances.

Swaziland's sugar exports during the 2002/03 season amounted to 278,000 tons, which increased to an estimated 285,000 in 2003/04. Details are, however, not yet available. The intention is to export about 226,000 tons in 2004/05.