Sugar Monthly Imports and Re-Exports

February 2015 Report

The February WASDE report shows fiscal year (FY) 2015 WTO raw sugar tariff-rate quota (TRQ) shortfall projected at 99,208 short tons raw value (STRV), unchanged from last month. The country details are shown on Table 3.

The third tranche of the FY 2015 specialty sugar TRQ is full. The two remaining specialty sugar TRQ tranches (#4 and #5) have not yet opened. A valid specialty sugar certificate must accompany the imported sugar.

FY 2015 raw sugar imports under the Re-Export Program to date totaled 178,810 metric tons raw value.

Beginning January 1, 2015, quantitative limits on sugar items from Bahrain are removed. Given that under the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement, items must be originating goods of Bahrain, and no significant change in trade patterns is anticipated.

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Table 1 -- U.S. Monthly Sugar Imports, Fiscal Year (FY) 2015

Reference		Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Entries	WASDE Projection 1/ 10-Feb-15	Entries	WASDE Projection 1/ 10-Feb-15	Percent of WASDE Projection
		Metric Tons, Raw Value												*MTRV*		*Short Tons, Raw Value*		*Percent*
Total Quota (Sum of tables 3-5)														490,041	1,353,285	540,178	1,491,741	36%
Table 3	WTO raw sugar TRQ	61,187	53,937	128,840	111,569									355,533	1,027,195	391,908	1,132,289	35%
Table 4	WTO refined sugar TRQ	47,596	748	504	23,068									71,916	127,000	79,274	139,994	57%
Table 5	FTA sugar TRQs	23,235	10,615	12,803	15,939									62,592	199,090	68,996	219,459	31%
Table 7	Re-export program imports	51,427	29,215	1,734	96,434									178,810	362,874	197,104	400,000	49%
Table 2	Mexico	36,218	11,984	14,245	15,000									77,448	1,453,310	85,372	1,602,000	5%
	High-duty sugar	419	503	350	350									1,622	9,072	1,788	10,000	18%
	Total	220,082	107,002	158,476	262,360									747,921	3,178,541	824,442	3,503,741	24%

Source: See individual reference tables for sources.

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

Table 2 -- U.S. Imports of Sugar from Mexico, Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 [1/]

	Oct-14 Final	Nov-14 Final	Dec-14 Forecast	Jan-15 Forecast	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	FY 2015 Entries
District Port Name													
Baltimore, MD	0	0	0										0
Brownsville, TX	0	0	1,081										1,081
Calexico-East	0	0	0										0
Chicago, IL	0	0	0										0
Cleveland, OH	0	0	0										0
Detroit, MI	0	0	0										0
Eagle Pass, TX	0	0	1,590										1,590
El Paso, TX	2,223	375	442										3,040
Hidalgo, TX	0	0	134										134
Houston-Galvestin, TX	0	0	0										0
Laredo, TX	17,901	4,994	3,432										26,327
Los Angeles, CA	0	0	0										0
Miami, FL	0	0	0										0
Mobile, AL	2,290	1,680	1,121										5,091
New Orleans, LA	0	0	0										0
New York, NY	0	0	0										0
Nogales, AZ	4,004	3,501	5,212										12,717
Norfolk, VA	0	0	0										0
Otay Mesa	0	0	196										196
Philadelphia, PA	7,050	349	0										7,399
Portland, OR	25	0	0										25
Progreso, TX	0	0	59										59
Rio Grande City, TX	0	0	19										19
San Diego, CA	460	314	0										774
San Francisco, CA	0	0	0										0
San Juan, PR	25	93	153										271
Santa Teresa, NM	0	0	0										0
Savannah, GA	0	0	0										0
Seattle, WA	190	0	0										190
Total sugar, commerical weight	34,168	11,306	13,439	14,151									73,064
Total sugar, raw value [2/]	*36,218*	*11,984*	*14,245*	*15,000*									*77,448*

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.

Table 3 -- U.S. Raw Sugar Tariff-Rate Quota (TRQ) WTO Allocations and Entries By Month, Fiscal Year (FY) 2015

	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Fiscal Year 2015				
	11/3/2014	12/1/2014	12/29/2014	2/2/2015	3/2/2015	3/30/2015	5/4/2015	6/1/2015	6/29/2015	8/3/2015	8/31/2015	9/28/2015	Entries	TRQ 1/	Not entered to date	Entries as percentage of TRQ	Projected Shortfalls
	Metric Tons, Raw Value																
Argentina	0	0	0	0									0	45,281	45,281	0%	0
Australia	34,444	0	28,494	0									62,938	87,402	24,464	72%	0
Barbados	7,371	0	0	0									7,371	7,371	0	100%	0
Belize	0	0	0	0									0	11,584	11,584	0%	0
Bolivia	0	0	0	0									0	8,424	8,424	0%	0
Brazil	0	0	33,000	76,723									109,723	152,691	42,968	72%	0
Colombia	88	8,778	2,030	2,970									13,866	25,273	11,407	55%	0
Congo	0	0	0	0									0	7,258	7,258	0%	7,258
Costa Rica	0	0	0	0									0	15,796	15,796	0%	0
Cote d'Ivoire	0	0	0	0									0	7,258	7,258	0%	7,258
Dominican Republic	426	474	0	994									1,894	185,335	183,441	1%	0
Ecuador	0	0	0	0									0	11,584	11,584	0%	0
El Salvador	18,266	9,084	0	0									27,350	27,379	29	99.9%	0
Fiji	0	0	0	0									0	9,477	9,477	0%	0
Gabon	0	0	0	0									0	7,258	7,258	0%	7,258
Guatemala	0	34,957	229	5,416									40,602	50,546	9,944	80%	0
Guyana	0	0	0	0									0	12,636	12,636	0%	0
Haiti	0	0	0	0									0	7,258	7,258	0%	7,258
Honduras	253	0	0	0									253	10,530	10,277	2%	0
India	0	0	0	0									0	8,424	8,424	0%	0
Jamaica	0	0	0	0									0	11,584	11,584	0%	0
Madagascar	0	0	0	0									0	7,258	7,258	0%	7,258
Malawi	0	0	227	588									815	10,530	9,715	8%	2,500
Mauritius	339	91	144	877									1,451	12,636	11,185	11%	2,171
Mexico 2/	0	0	0	0									0	7,258	7,258	0%	7,258
Mozambique	0	0	0	13,690									13,690	13,690	0	100%	0
Nicaragua	0	0	0	10,311									10,311	22,114	11,803	47%	0
Panama	0	0	0	0									0	30,538	30,538	0%	0
Papua New Guinea	0	0	0	0									0	7,258	7,258	0%	7,258
Paraguay	0	553	209	0									762	7,258	6,496	10%	0
Peru	0	0	19,301	0									19,301	43,175	23,874	45%	0
Philippines	0	0	0	0									0	142,160	142,160	0%	0
South Africa	0	0	24,220	0									24,220	24,220	0	100%	0
St. Kitts and Nevis	0	0	0	0									0	7,258	7,258	0%	7,258
Swaziland	0	0	8,350	0									8,350	16,849	8,499	50%	0
Taiwan	0	0	0	0									0	12,636	12,636	0%	12,636
Thailand	0	0	0	0									0	14,743	14,743	0%	0
Trinidad-Tobago	0	0	0	0									0	7,371	7,371	0%	7,371
Uruguay	0	0	0	0									0	7,258	7,258	0%	7,258
Zimbabwe	0	0	12,636	0									12,636	12,636	0	100%	0
Total	61,187	53,937	128,840	111,569									355,533	1,117,195	761,662	32%	90,000

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

1/ In September 2014, 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. All sugar from Mexico currently enters the United States under NAFTA access provisions.

Table 4 -- U.S. Refined Sugar Tariff-Rate Quota (TRQ) WTO Allocations and Entries By Month, Fiscal Year (FY) 2015

	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	----------Fiscal Year 2015----------		
	11/3/2014	12/1/2014	12/29/2014	2/2/2015	3/2/2015	3/30/2015	5/4/2015	6/1/2015	6/29/2015	8/3/2015	8/31/2015	9/28/2015	Entries	TRQ	Entries to date as percent of TRQ
						Metric Tons, Raw Value									
FY 2015 TRQ															
Global Minimum	7,090	0	0	0									7,090	7,090	100%
Canada	0	748	504	1,018									2,270	10,300	22%
Mexico [1/]	0	0	0	0									0	2,954	0%
Specialty, WTO minimum [2/]	1,656	0	0	0									1,656	1,656	100%
Specialty, Additional [2/]	38,850	0	0	22,050									60,900	105,000	58%
Total	47,596	748	504	23,068									71,916	127,000	57%

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

1/ For all sugar imports from Mexico, see Table 2, U.S. Imports of Sugar from Mexico. All sugar from Mexico currently enters the United States under NAFTA access provisions.

2/ The tranches of the FY 2015 specialty sugar TRQ open as follows in MTRV:

Tranche 1	1,656	10/10/2014
Tranche 2	38,850	10/24/2014
Tranche 3	22,050	1/9/2015
Tranche 4	22,050	4/10/2015
Tranche 5	22,050	7/10/2015

Table 5A -- U.S. Sugar and Sugar-Containing Product Tariff-Rate Quotas (TRQs) Allocations and Entries by Month Under Other Free Trade Agreements [1/]

	CY 2014 Jan-Sep	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	CY 2014 Entries	CY 2014 TRQ	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	CY 2015 Entries	CY 2015 TRQ	FY 2015 Entries
		11/3/2014	12/1/2014	12/29/2014			2/2/2015	3/2/2015	3/30/2015	5/4/2015	6/1/2015	6/29/2015	8/3/2015	8/31/2015	9/28/2015			
	Metric Tons, Raw Value																	
CAFTA-DR, Total	93,113	20,484	5,936	3,442	122,975	124,020	15,450									15,450	138,100	45,312
Costa Rica	1,510	8,575	2,675	0	12,760	12,760	10,000									10,000	12,980	21,250
Costa Rica special	300	0	550	980	1,830	2,000	20									20	2,000	1,550
Dominican Republic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									0	11,800	0
El Salvador	31,620	0	0	0	31,620	31,620	45									45	32,240	45
Guatemala	27,357	10,559	2,160	2,462	42,538	42,840	2,229									2,229	43,680	17,410
Honduras	7,379	1,350	551	0	9,280	9,280	0									0	9,440	1,901
Nicaragua	24,947	0	0	0	24,947	25,520	3,156									3,156	25,960	3,156
Colombia	34,037	2,751	4,566	9,247	50,601	51,500	489									489	52,250	17,053
Panama, Total	3,000	0	113	114	3,227	6,680	0									0	6,740	227
Panama, General [2/]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									0	0	0
Panama, Raw Sugar	3,000	0	113	114	3,227	6,180	0									0	6,240	227
Panama, Specialty	0	0	0	0	0	500	0									0	500	0
Peru, Total	0	0	0	0	0	2,000	0									0	2,000	0
Peru [2/]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									0	0	0
Peru special	0	0	0	0	0	2,000	0									0	2,000	0
Total	130,150	23,235	10,615	12,803	176,803	184,200	15,939									15,939	199,090	62,592

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

1/ These TRQs are established on a calendar year basis. See Federal Register Notice of December 19, 2014.

2/ Determined not to have a trade surplus as defined under the Free Trade Agreements, and thus the CY 2015 TRQs are zero. See Federal Register Notice of December 19, 2014.

Table 5B -- U.S. Sugar and Sugar-Containing Product Tariff-Rate Quotas (TRQs) Allocations and Entries by Month Under Other Free Trade Agreements [1/]

	CY 2014 Jan-Sep	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	CY 2014 Entries	CY 2014 TRQ	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	CY 2015 Entries	CY 2015 TRQ	FY 2015 Entries
		11/3/2014	12/1/2014	12/29/2014			2/2/2015	3/2/2015	3/30/2015	5/4/2015	6/1/2015	6/29/2015	8/3/2015	8/31/2015	9/28/2015			
	Metric Tons, Raw Value																	
Singapore [2/]	0	0	0	0	0	∞	0									0	∞	0
Bahrain [2/]	0	0	0	0	0	22	0									0	∞	0
Oman [2/]	0	0	0	0	0	19	0									0	21	0
Chile [3/]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									0	0	0
Morocco [3/]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	∞	0									0	∞	0

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

1/ These TRQs are established on a calendar year basis.

2/ TRQs for CY 2015 are: Singapore and Bahrain, Unlimited; Oman 21.101 metric tons. These items are not included in WASDE sugar import estimates.

3/ Determined not to have a trade surplus as defined under the Free Trade Agreement, and thus the CY 2015 TRQs are zero. See Federal Register Notice of December 19, 2014.

Table 5C -- U.S. Sugar-Containing Products[1/] Tariff-Rate Quota (TRQ) Allocations and Entries By Month, Fiscal Year (FY) 2014

	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	----------Fiscal Year 2015----------		
	11/3/2014	12/1/2014	12/29/2014	2/2/2015	3/2/2015	3/30/2015	5/4/2015	6/1/2015	6/29/2015	8/3/2015	8/31/2015	9/28/2015	Entries	TRQ	Entries to date as percent of TRQ
						Metric Tons									
FY 2015 TRQ															
Canada	1,625	1,861	1,679	2,688									7,853	59,250	13.3%
Other Countries	3,556	1,891	12	0									5,459	5,459	100.0%
Total	5,181	3,752	1,691	2,688									13,312	64,709	20.6%

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

1/ 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.

Table 6 -- U.S. Refined Sugar Reported for Export Credit Under the U.S. Refined Sugar Re-Export Program, Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 [1/]

	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	FY 2015 Entries Reported to date
	Metric Tons, Raw Value												
Mexico	8,826	5,723	2,397	4,887									21,833
All Other Countries	2,151	1,968	1,951	1,173									7,243
Total	10,977	7,691	4,348	6,060									29,076

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) 2015

	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	FY 2015 Entries
	Metric Tons, Raw Value												
Re-export sugar	51,427	29,215	1,734	96,434									178,810

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Table 8 -- USDA Estimate of FY 2015 Sugar Imports (October 1, 2014 - September 30, 2015)

		February 2015 Forecast			January	Change	Change
	TRQ	*Shortfall, or entry in a different Fiscal Year*	*Total*	***Total***	*Forecast*	*February from Juanuary*	*February from Juanuary*
	MTRV	***Metric Tons Raw Value (MTRV)***		***Short Tons Raw Value***	***MTRV***	***MTRV***	***STRV***
FY 2015 WTO Raw sugar TRQ:							
WTO Minimum Quantity	1,117,195		1,117,195	***1,231,497***	1,117,195	0	0
Shortfall		-90,000		***-99,208***	-90,000	0	0
Sub-Total WTO Raw Sugar TRQ	**1,117,195**		**1,027,195**	***1,132,289***	**1,027,195**	**0**	**0**
FY 2015 WTO Refined sugar TRQ:							
Canada Quantity	10,300		10,300	***11,354***	10,300	0	0
Mexico Quantity	2,954		2,954	***3,256***	2,954	0	0
Global Quantity	7,090		7,090	***7,815***	7,090	0	0
Specialty Sugar							
WTO Minimum Quantity	1,656		1,656	***1,825***	1,656	0	0
Additional Quantity	105,000		105,000	***115,743***	105,000	0	0
Sub-Total WTO Refined Sugar TRQ	**127,000**		**127,000**	***139,994***	**127,000**	**0**	**0**
Free Trade Agreements (Calendar Year TRQs):							
CAFTA/DR CY 2015	138,100						
Oct-Dec 2014			29,862	***32,917***	29,862	0	0
Jan-Sep 2015			108,238	***119,312***	108,238	0	0
Peru CY 2015	2,000						
Oct-Dec 2014			0	***0***	0	0	0
Jan-Sep 2015			2,000	***2,205***	2,000	0	0
Colombia CY 2015	52,250						
Oct-Dec 2014			16,564	***18,259***	16,564	0	0
Jan-Sep 2015			35,686	***39,337***	35,686	0	0
Panama CY 2015	6,740						
Oct-Dec 2014			227	***250***	227	0	0
Jan-Sep 2015			6,513	***7,179***	6,513	0	0
Sub-Total Free Trade Agreements	**199,090**		**199,090**	***219,459***	**199,090**	**0**	**0**
Total TRQ	**1,443,285**		**1,353,285**	***1,491,741***	**1,353,285**	**0**	**0**
Mexico [1/]			1,453,310	***1,602,000***	1,453,310	0	0
Re-export Program Imports			362,874	***400,000***	362,874	0	0
Sugar syrups, High-Tier			9,072	***10,000***	9,072	0	0
Total Projected Imports [2/]			**3,178,541**	***3,503,741***	**3,178,541**	**0**	**0**

Source:
1/ All entries from Mexico reflected in row labeled "Mexico."
2/ 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)

	Refiners					Sugar-Containing Product			Polyhydric Alcohol		
	Metric tons raw value					*Short tons, refined sugar*			*Short tons, refined sugar*		
Fiscal Year by Quarter 6/	Refiner Beginning Balances 2/	Imports	CCC Swaps 1/	Export Credits	Transfers to SCP and Poly Licenses	SCP Beginning Balances 3/	Transfers from Licensed Refiners	Export Credits	POLY Beginning Balances 4/	Transfers from Licensed Refiners	Used to make Polyhydric Alcohols
FY 2013:											
October-December	-24,065	53,532		51,312	34,096	-156,588	29,701	47,315	-10,260	5,530	4,787
January-March	-55,942	24,033		42,019	28,466	-174,202	23,280	50,003	-9,516	6,071	4,781
April-June	-102,399	40,551		47,535	77,777	-200,925	74,947	53,650	-8,226	5,172	6,406
July-September	-187,166	536,285	516,981	103,769	109,808	-179,628	89,236	60,154	-9,460	10,373	4,170
Total		137,420		244,636	250,148		217,165	211,123		27,146	20,143
FY 2014:											
October-December	135,542	15		48,936	22,486	-150,546	19,480	58,994	-3,257	3,688	6,631
January-March	64,135	32,582		128,062	51,048	-190,060	48,395	58,029	-6,200	4,211	3,163
April-June	-82,392	90,660		56,403	76,361	-199,694	73,204	53,468	-5,152	5,487	5,659
July-September	-124,496										
Total											
Summary by Fiscal Year:											
FY 2008	-152,901	564,648		243,978	202,941	-98,335	141,420	163,534	-5,455	18,668	20,987
FY 2009	-35,172	282,237		138,228	136,097	-120,448	124,042	165,551	-7,774	16,409	15,557
FY 2010	-27,260	410,358		188,227	240,645	-162,009	229,528	189,604	-6,922	18,550	17,560
FY 2011	-45,775	264,093		199,195	212,326	-122,086	199,167	196,994	-5,931	20,451	13,821
FY 2012	-193,203	610,930		263,208	178,584	-119,962	162,998	198,316	699	21,613	32,572
FY 2013 5/	-24,065	137,420	516,981	244,646	250,148	-156,588	217,165	211,123	-10,260	27,146	20,143
FY 2014	135,542										

1/ CCC exchanged CCC-owned sugar for 516,981 MTRV of import credits as outlined in July 2, 2013 CCC Announcement KCRSRP1 - "The licensed refiner agrees that any exchange resulting in a positive balance on their RSRP account shall be deemed an entry of raw cane sugar for the purposes of the provisions of 7 CFR Section 1530.105(a)

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

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/ A waiver to temporarily permit a licensed refiner to transfer to another licensed refiner was announced on May 1, 2013, which expired September 30, 2013 (Fed Reg Vol 78, No. 84). A total of 13,128.50 MTRV sugar was transfered between refiners during the waiver period. This transaction is reflected in September 2013 Refiner columns as both "Transfer" and an "Import." The transfers reported in the SCP and Poly Transfer columns do not reflect this amount.

6/ Historic balances may vary slightly from previously published figures due to corrections or adjusments to reported transactions.