

Sugar Monthly Import and Re-Exports

Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Report

January 2017

The January WASDE report shows FY 2017 WTO raw sugar tariff-rate quota (TRQ) shortfall projected at 99,208 short tons raw value (STRV), unchanged from last month. No information available about specific countries.

On January 6, 2017, the third tranche of the FY 2017 specialty sugar TRQ opened for 40,000 metric tons raw value (MTRV). A valid specialty sugar certificate must accompany the imported sugar.

On December 23, 2016, USTR announced calendar year (CY) 2017 FTA TRQs. See Federal Register Notice: <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/12/23/2016-30926/determination-of-trade-surplus-in-certain-sugar-and-syrup-goods-and-sugar-containing-products-of>

The amount by which CY 2016 final FTA entries fell short of TRQ allocations (CAFTA-DR, Colombia, Panama and Peru) totaled 17,754 MTRV, compared to 15,968 MTRV in CY 2015. The country details are shown on Table 5A.

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Table 1 -- U.S. Monthly Sugar Imports, Fiscal Year (FY) 2017

Reference	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Entries	WASDE Projection ^{1/} 12-Jan-17	Percent of WASDE Projection
	<i>Metric Tons, Raw Value</i>												<i>MTRV</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
Total Quota (Sum of tables 3-5)													504,555	1,389,596	36%
Table 3 WTO raw sugar TRQ	126,395	97,479	198,133										422,007	1,027,195	41%
Table 4 WTO refined sugar TRQ	8,731	41,354	2,925										53,010	159,046	33%
Table 5 FTA sugar TRQs	7,269	18,689	3,580										29,538	203,355	15%
Table 7 Re-export program imports	71,911	25,330	0										97,241	158,757	61%
Table 2 Mexico	34,163	58,300	42,400										134,863	882,007	15%
High-duty sugar	656	920	800										2,376	13,608	17%
Total	249,125	242,072	247,838										739,035	2,443,968	30%
	<i>Short Tons, Raw Value</i>												<i>STRV</i>	<i>Percent</i>	
Total Quota (Sum of tables 3-5)													556,177	1,531,767	36%
Table 3 WTO raw sugar TRQ	139,327	107,452	218,404										465,183	1,132,289	41%
Table 4 WTO refined sugar TRQ	9,624	45,585	3,224										58,434	175,318	33%
Table 5 FTA sugar TRQs	8,013	20,601	3,946										32,560	224,161	15%
Table 7 Re-export program imports	79,268	27,922	0										107,190	175,000	61%
Table 2 Mexico	37,658	64,265	46,738										148,661	972,246	15%
High-duty sugar	723	1,014	882										2,619	15,000	17%
Total	274,613	266,839	273,195										814,646	2,694,013	30%

Source: See individual reference tables for sources.

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

Factor for Metric tons to Short Tons: 1.10231125

Table 2 -- U.S. Imports of Sugar from Mexico, Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 ^{1/}

	Oct-16 Final ^{3/}	Nov-16 Forecast	Dec-16 Forecast	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	FY 2017 Entries
District Port Name													
Baltimore, MD	0	0											0
Chicago, IL	0	0											0
El Paso, TX	2,172	4,802											6,974
Houston-Galveston, TX	153	0											153
Laredo, TX	5,211	9,904											15,115
Miami, FL	0	0											0
Mobile, AL	1,870	2,214											4,084
New Orleans, LA	10,667	13,660											24,327
New York, NY	0	0											0
Nogales, AZ	8,415	7,829											16,244
Philadelphia, PA	160	12,316											12,476
San Diego, CA	1,007	1,478											2,485
San Juan, PR	1,875	0											1,875
Savannah, GA	0	0											0
Seattle, WA	0	601											601
Tampa, FL	699	1,416											2,115
Total sugar, commercial weight	32,229	55,000	40,000										127,229
<i>Total sugar, raw value ^{2/}</i>	<i>34,163</i>	<i>58,300</i>	<i>42,400</i>										<i>134,863</i>

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, 1701.14.20, 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.

3/ The New Orleans entries reported by the U.S. Census Bureau in October were included within Mexico's shipments under the October 2015-September 2016 Export Limit Period. Totals may not add due to rounding.

Table 3 -- U.S. Raw Sugar Tariff-Rate Quota (TRQ) WTO Allocations and Entries By Month, Fiscal Year (FY) 2017

	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	----- FY 2017 -----			
	10/31/2016	11/28/2016	1/3/2017	1/30/2017	2/27/2017	4/3/2017	5/1/2017	5/29/2017	7/3/2017	7/31/2017	9/5/2017	9/30/2017	Entries	TRQ ^{1/}	Not entered to date	Entries as percentage of TRQ
	<i>Metric Tons, Raw Value</i>															
Argentina	0	207	44,965										45,172	45,281	109	99.8%
Australia	31,495	28,398	27,129										87,022	87,402	380	99.6%
Barbados	6,007	0	0										6,007	7,371	1,364	81.5%
Belize	0	0	0										0	11,584	11,584	0.0%
Bolivia	0	0	0										0	8,424	8,424	0.0%
Brazil	0	33,094	80,449										113,543	152,691	39,148	74.4%
Colombia	260	662	2,021										2,943	25,273	22,330	11.6%
Congo	0	0	0										0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Costa Rica	0	0	13,874										13,874	15,796	1,922	87.8%
Cote d'Ivoire	0	0	0										0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Dominican Republic	0	280	0										280	185,335	185,055	0.2%
Ecuador	11,528	0	0										11,528	11,584	56	99.5%
El Salvador	27,325	0	0										27,325	27,379	54	99.8%
Fiji	0	0	0										0	9,477	9,477	0.0%
Gabon	0	0	0										0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Guatemala	6,937	4,109	216										11,262	50,546	39,284	22.3%
Guyana	12,636	0	0										12,636	12,636	0	100.0%
Haiti	0	0	0										0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Honduras	0	0	0										0	10,530	10,530	0.0%
India	0	0	0										0	8,424	8,424	0.0%
Jamaica	0	16	0										16	11,584	11,568	0.1%
Madagascar	0	0	0										0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Malawi	6,933	267	204										7,404	10,530	3,126	70.3%
Mauritius	1,243	779	1,484										3,506	12,636	9,130	27.7%
Mexico ^{2/}	0	0	0										0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Mozambique	2,894	10,796	0										13,690	13,690	0	100.0%
Nicaragua	0	9,073	0										9,073	22,114	13,041	41.0%
Panama	26	0	0										26	30,538	30,512	0.1%
Papua New Guinea	0	0	0										0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Paraguay	106	106	766										978	7,258	6,280	13.5%
Peru	0	0	29,828										29,828	43,175	13,347	69.1%
Philippines	0	0	0										0	142,160	142,160	0.0%
South Africa	0	0	0										0	24,220	24,220	0.0%
St. Kitts and Nevis	0	0	0										0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Swaziland	16,061	0	0										16,061	16,849	788	95.3%
Taiwan	0	0	0										0	12,636	12,636	0.0%
Thailand	0	0	0										0	14,743	14,743	0.0%
Trinidad-Tobago	0	0	0										0	7,371	7,371	0.0%
Uruguay	0	0	0										0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Zimbabwe	2,944	9,692	-2,803										9,833	12,636	2,803	77.8%
Total	126,395	97,479	198,133										422,007	1,117,195	695,188	37.8%

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

1/ In May 6, 2016, 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) 2017

	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	Fiscal Year 2017-----		
	10/31/2016	11/28/2016	1/3/2017	1/30/2017	2/27/2017	4/3/2017	5/1/2017	5/29/2017	7/3/2017	7/31/2017	9/5/2017	9/30/2017	Entries	TRQ	Entries to date as percent of TRQ
	<i>Metric Tons, Raw Value</i>														
Global Minimum	7,090	0	0										7,090	7,090	100%
Canada	0	1,354	2,925										4,279	10,300	42%
Mexico ^{1/}														2,954	0%
Specialty, WTO minimum ^{2/}	1,641	0	0										1,641	1,656	99%
Specialty, Additional ^{2/}	0	40,000	0										40,000	140,000	29%
Total	8,731	41,354	2,925										53,010	162,000	33%

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 2017 specialty sugar TRQ open as follows in MTRV. See Federal Register notice of May 6, 2016, Vol. 81, No. 88, Pages 27390-27391.

Tranche 1	1,656	10/3/2016
Tranche 2	40,000	10/26/2016
Tranche 3	40,000	1/6/2017
Tranche 4	30,000	4/7/2017
Tranche 5	30,000	7/7/2017

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 2016 Jan-Sep	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	CY 2016 Entries	CY 2016 TRQ	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	CY 2017 Entries	CY 2017 TRQ	FY 2017 Entries
		10/31/2016	11/28/2016	1/3/2017			1/30/2017	2/27/2017	4/3/2017	5/1/2017	5/29/2017	7/3/2017	7/31/2017	9/5/2017	9/30/2017			
	<i>Metric Tons, Raw Value</i>																	
CAFTA-DR, Total	128,228	65	30	113	128,436	140,580											133,020	208
Costa Rica	13,187	13	0	0	13,200	13,200											13,420	13
Costa Rica special	1,358	12	20	100	1,490	2,000											2,000	132
Dominican Republic ^{2/}	303	40	10	13	366	12,000											0	63
El Salvador	32,860	0	0	0	32,860	32,860											34,000	0
Guatemala	44,520	0	0	0	44,520	44,520											47,000	0
Honduras	9,600	0	0	0	9,600	9,600											9,760	0
Nicaragua	26,400	0	0	0	26,400	26,400											26,840	0
Colombia	23,518	6,705	18,160	2,369	50,752	53,000											53,750	27,234
Panama, Total	3,867	499	499	1,098	5,963	7,325											6,860	2,096
Panama, General ^{2/}	0	0	0	0	0	525											0	0
Panama, Raw Sugar	3,867	499	499	1,098	5,963	6,300											6,360	2,096
Panama, Specialty	0	0	0	0	0	500											500	0
Peru, Total	0	0	0	0	0	2,000											2,000	0
Peru ^{2/}	0	0	0	0	0	0											0	0
Peru special	0	0	0	0	0	2,000											2,000	0
Total	155,613	7,269	18,689	3,580	185,151	202,905											195,630	29,538

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

^{1/} These TRQs are established on a calendar year basis. See Federal Register Notice of December 23, 2016.

^{2/} Determined not to have a trade surplus as defined under the Free Trade Agreements, and thus the CY 2017 TRQs are zero. See Federal Register Notice of December 23, 2016.

Additional countries with which the United States has Free Trade Agreements covering sugar:

- 1) Singapore has unlimited access for originating sugar, but does not produce sugar.
- 2) Bahrain has unlimited access for originating sugar, but does not produce sugar.
- 3) Oman has 22.162 metric tons for CY 2017 TRQ.
- 4) Chile was determined to have no trade surplus as defined under the Free Trade Agreement, and thus the CY 2017 TRQ is zero. See Federal Register Notice of December 23, 2016.
- 5) Morocco was determined to have no trade surplus as defined under the Free Trade Agreement, and thus the CY 2017 TRQ is zero. See Federal Register Notice of December 23, 2016.

Table 5B -- U.S. Sugar-Containing Products^{1/} Tariff-Rate Quota (TRQ) Allocations and Entries By Month, Fiscal Year (FY) 2017

	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	-----Fiscal Year 2017-----		
	10/31/2016	11/28/2016	1/3/2017	1/30/2017	2/27/2017	4/3/2017	5/1/2017	5/29/2017	7/3/2017	7/31/2017	9/5/2017	9/30/2017	Entries	TRQ	Entries to date as percent of TRQ
	<i>Metric Tons</i>														
Canada	343	333	268										944	59,250	2%
Other Countries	1,965	1,498	276										3,739	5,459	68%
Total	2,308	1,831	544										4,683	64,709	7%

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) 2017 ^{1/}

	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	FY 2017 Entries Reported to date
	<i>Metric Tons, Raw Value</i>												
Mexico	1,420	1,010	1,746										4,176
All Other Countries	1,628	1,653	1,066										4,347
Total	3,048	2,663	2,812										8,523

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) 2017

	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17	FY 2017 Entries
	<i>Metric Tons, Raw Value</i>												
Re-export sugar	71,911	25,330	0										97,241

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Table 8 -- USDA Estimate of FY 2017 Sugar Imports (October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017)

	January 2017 Forecast			December	Change	Change	
	TRQ	Shortfall, or entry in a different Fiscal Year	Total	Total	Forecast	January from December	January from December
	MTRV	Metric Tons Raw Value (MTRV)	Short Tons Raw Value	MTRV	MTRV	STRV	
FY 2017 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	<u>1,117,195</u>		<u>1,027,195</u>	<u>1,132,289</u>	<u>1,027,195</u>	0	0
FY 2017 WTO Refined sugar TRQ:							
Canada Quantity	10,300		10,300	11,354	10,300	0	0
Mexico Quantity	2,954	-2,954					
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	140,000		140,000	154,324	140,000	0	0
Sub-Total WTO Refined Sugar TRQ	<u>162,000</u>		<u>159,046</u>	<u>175,318</u>	<u>159,046</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Free Trade Agreements (Calendar Year TRQs):							
CAFTA/DR CY 2017	133,020						
Oct-Dec 2016			208	229	200	8	9
Jan-Sep 2017			119,718	131,966	120,318	-600	-661
Peru CY 2017	2,000						
Oct-Dec 2016			0	0	0	0	0
Jan-Sep 2017			0	0	0	0	0
Colombia CY 2017	53,750						
Oct-Dec 2016			27,234	30,020	29,482	-2,248	-2,478
Jan-Sep 2017			48,375	53,324	48,375	0	0
Panama CY 2017	6,860						
Oct-Dec 2016			2,096	2,310	630	1,466	1,616
Jan-Sep 2017			5,724	6,310	5,724	0	0
Sub-Total Free Trade Agreements	<u>195,630</u>		<u>203,355</u>	<u>224,161</u>	<u>204,729</u>	<u>-1,374</u>	<u>-1,515</u>
Total TRQ	<u>1,474,825</u>		<u>1,389,596</u>	<u>1,531,767</u>	<u>1,390,970</u>	<u>-1,374</u>	<u>-1,515</u>
Mexico ^{1/}			882,007	972,246	882,007	0	0
Re-export Program Imports			158,757	175,000	158,757	0	0
Sugar syrups, High-Tier			13,608	15,000	13,608	0	0
Total Projected Imports ^{2/}			<u>2,443,968</u>	<u>2,694,013</u>	<u>2,445,342</u>	<u>-1,374</u>	<u>-1,515</u>

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)										
Fiscal Year by Quarter ^{5/}	Refiners				Sugar-Containing Product			Polyhydric Alcohol		
	<i>Metric tons raw value</i>				<i>Short tons, refined sugar</i>			<i>Short tons, refined sugar</i>		
	Refiner Beginning Balances ^{1/}	Imports	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	-169,810	29,701	47,349	-10,260	5,530	4,787
January-March	-55,942	24,033	42,023	28,466	-187,458	23,280	49,033	-9,516	6,071	4,781
April-June	-102,399	40,551	47,541	77,777	-213,211	74,947	51,015	-8,226	5,172	6,423
July-September ^{2/}	-187,166	536,285	103,769	109,808	-189,278	89,236	56,010	-9,477	10,373	4,167
Total		654,401	244,646	250,148		217,165	203,406		27,146	20,158
FY 2014:										
October-December	135,542	15	48,936	22,486	-156,052	19,480	53,708	-3,271	3,688	6,632
January-March	64,135	32,582	128,062	51,048	-190,280	48,395	53,746	-6,216	4,211	3,267
April-June	-82,392	91,432	56,216	78,109	-195,631	75,006	53,378	-5,271	5,487	5,241
July-September	-125,286	154,970	33,620	84,510	-174,003	79,538	59,615	-5,026	7,574	6,273
Total		278,999	266,834	236,153		222,418	220,446		20,959	21,414
FY 2015:										
October-December	-88,447	84,433	23,374	72,892	-154,080	69,685	61,808	-3,726	5,440	5,286
January-March	-100,280	193,809	44,476	75,023	-146,202	72,482	64,798	-3,572	4,903	4,819
April-June	-25,970	44,820	37,566	74,274	-138,518	70,783	67,644	-3,488	5,861	6,282
July-September	-92,990	104,841	37,207	67,843	-135,379	63,721	68,631	-3,909	6,317	5,689
Total		427,903	142,624	290,031		276,672	262,881		22,521	22,076
FY 2016:										
October-December	-93,199	86,329	36,104	61,723	-140,289	58,073	67,214	-3,281	5,622	5,965
January-March	-104,697	56,298	21,049	75,977	-149,429	72,097	59,811	-3,624	5,972	7,347
April-June	-145,425	106,804	12,803	65,316	-137,143	61,078	60,884	-4,999	6,306	6,890
July-September	-116,740	113,245	5,019	63,956	-136,948	59,823	62,754	-5,584	6,161	8,210
Total		362,675	74,976	266,971		251,072	250,662		24,061	28,412
FY 2017:										
October-December	-72,471	97,241	8,524	58,531	-139,880	56,579	26,200	-7,632	3,746	4,145
Summary by Fiscal Year:										
FY 2009	-35,172	282,237	138,228	136,097	-119,831	124,042	172,227	-7,774	16,409	15,557
FY 2010	-27,260	410,358	188,227	240,645	-168,069	229,528	192,834	-6,922	18,550	17,560
FY 2011	-45,775	264,093	199,195	212,326	-131,374	199,167	198,973	-5,931	20,451	13,821
FY 2012	-193,203	610,930	263,208	178,584	-131,230	162,998	200,271	699	21,613	32,572
FY 2013 ^{2/}	-24,065	654,401	244,646	250,148	-169,810	217,165	203,406	-10,260	27,146	20,158
FY 2014	135,542	278,999	266,834	236,153	-156,052	222,418	220,446	-3,271	20,959	21,414
FY 2015	-88,447	427,903	142,624	290,031	-154,080	276,672	262,881	-3,726	22,521	22,076
FY 2016	-93,199	362,675	74,976	266,971	-140,289	251,072	250,662	-3,281	24,061	28,412

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

2/ The July-Sept. amount of 536,285 in "Refiners Imports" is the sum of the following: imports, 6,175 MTRV; exchange of CCC-owned sugar for credits, 516,981 MTRV; transfers between refiners, 13,129 MTRV.

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