

Sugar Monthly Import and Re-Exports

Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Report

February 2017

The February 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.

The third tranche of the FY 2017 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.

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/} 9-Feb-17	Percent of WASDE Projection
	<i>Metric Tons, Raw Value</i>												<i>MTRV</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Total Quota (Sum of tables 3-5)													609,130	1,389,596	44%
Table 3 WTO raw sugar TRQ	126,395	97,479	198,133	33,123									455,130	1,027,195	44%
Table 4 WTO refined sugar TRQ	8,731	41,354	2,925	41,046									94,056	159,046	59%
Table 5 FTA sugar TRQs	7,269	18,689	3,580	30,406									59,944	203,355	29%
Table 7 Re-export program imports	71,911	26,101	1,134	0									99,146	204,117	49%
Table 2 Mexico	34,163	58,156	42,400	116,600									251,319	882,007	28%
High-duty sugar	656	945	800	850									3,251	13,608	24%
Total	249,125	242,724	248,972	222,025									962,846	2,489,327	39%
	<i>Short Tons, Raw Value</i>												<i>STRV</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Total Quota (Sum of tables 3-5)													671,451	1,531,767	44%
Table 3 WTO raw sugar TRQ	139,327	107,452	218,404	36,512									501,695	1,132,289	44%
Table 4 WTO refined sugar TRQ	9,624	45,585	3,224	45,245									103,679	175,318	59%
Table 5 FTA sugar TRQs	8,013	20,601	3,946	33,517									66,077	224,161	29%
Table 7 Re-export program imports	79,268	28,771	1,250	0									109,290	225,000	49%
Table 2 Mexico	37,658	64,106	46,738	128,529									277,031	972,246	28%
High-duty sugar	723	1,042	882	937									3,584	15,000	24%
Total	274,613	267,557	274,445	244,741									1,061,356	2,744,013	39%

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 Final	Dec-16 Forecast	Jan-17 Forecast	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	27,096									27,096
El Paso, TX	2,172	4,802	7,803	7,322									22,099
Houston-Galveston, TX	153	0	0	0									153
Laredo, TX	5,211	10,048	13,199	13,466									41,924
Mobile, AL	1,870	2,214	2,495	845									7,424
New Orleans, LA ^{3/}	10,667	13,660	0	0									24,327
Nogales, AZ	8,415	7,829	8,835	5,491									30,570
Philadelphia, PA	160	12,316	140	28,837									41,453
San Diego, CA	1,007	1,554	1,539	902									5,002
San Juan, PR	1,875	0	152	685									2,712
Savannah, GA	0	0	0	20,000									20,000
Seattle, WA	0	601	436	632									1,669
Tampa, FL	699	1,840	2,443	2,222									7,204
Total sugar, commercial weight	32,229	54,864	40,000	110,000									237,093
<i>Total sugar, raw value ^{2/}</i>	<i>34,163</i>	<i>58,156</i>	<i>42,400</i>	<i>116,600</i>									<i>251,319</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	109									45,281	45,281	0	100.0%
Australia	31,495	28,398	27,129	0									87,022	87,402	380	99.6%
Barbados	6,007	0	0	0									6,007	7,371	1,364	81.5%
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	33,094	80,449	28,389									141,932	152,691	10,759	93.0%
Colombia	260	662	2,021	1,029									3,972	25,273	21,301	15.7%
Congo	0	0	0	0									0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Costa Rica	0	0	13,874	0									13,874	15,796	1,922	87.8%
Cote d'Ivoire	0	0	0	0									0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Dominican Republic	0	280	0	236									516	185,335	184,819	0.3%
Ecuador	11,528	0	0	0									11,528	11,584	56	99.5%
El Salvador	27,325	0	0	11									27,336	27,379	43	99.8%
Fiji	0	0	0	0									0	9,477	9,477	0.0%
Gabon	0	0	0	0									0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Guatemala	6,937	4,109	216	0									11,262	50,546	39,284	22.3%
Guyana	12,636	0	0	0									12,636	12,636	0	100.0%
Haiti	0	0	0	0									0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Honduras	0	0	0	0									0	10,530	10,530	0.0%
India	0	0	0	0									0	8,424	8,424	0.0%
Jamaica	0	16	0	0									16	11,584	11,568	0.1%
Madagascar	0	0	0	0									0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Malawi	6,933	267	204	132									7,536	10,530	2,994	71.6%
Mauritius	1,243	779	1,484	431									3,937	12,636	8,699	31.2%
Mexico ^{2/}	0	0	0	0									0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Mozambique	2,894	10,796	0	0									13,690	13,690	0	100.0%
Nicaragua	0	9,073	0	2,546									11,619	22,114	10,495	52.5%
Panama	26	0	0	0									26	30,538	30,512	0.1%
Papua New Guinea	0	0	0	0									0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Paraguay	106	106	766	240									1,218	7,258	6,040	16.8%
Peru	0	0	29,828	0									29,828	43,175	13,347	69.1%
Philippines	0	0	0	0									0	142,160	142,160	0.0%
South Africa	0	0	0	0									0	24,220	24,220	0.0%
St. Kitts and Nevis	0	0	0	0									0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Swaziland	16,061	0	0	0									16,061	16,849	788	95.3%
Taiwan	0	0	0	0									0	12,636	12,636	0.0%
Thailand	0	0	0	0									0	14,743	14,743	0.0%
Trinidad-Tobago	0	0	0	0									0	7,371	7,371	0.0%
Uruguay	0	0	0	0									0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Zimbabwe	2,944	9,692	-2,803	0									9,833	12,636	2,803	77.8%
Total	126,395	97,479	198,133	33,123									455,130	1,117,195	662,065	40.7%

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	0									7,090	7,090	100%
Canada	0	1,354	2,925	1,046									5,325	10,300	52%
Mexico ^{1/}														2,954	0%
Specialty, WTO minimum ^{2/}	1,641	0	0	0									1,641	1,656	99%
Specialty, Additional ^{2/}	0	40,000	0	40,000									80,000	140,000	57%
Total	8,731	41,354	2,925	41,046									94,056	162,000	58%

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	29,509									29,509	133,020	29,717
Costa Rica	13,187	13	0	0	13,200	13,200										0	13,420	13
Costa Rica special	1,358	12	20	100	1,490	2,000	20									20	2,000	152
Dominican Republic ^{2/}	303	40	10	13	366	12,000	0									0	0	63
El Salvador	32,860	0	0	0	32,860	32,860	16,284									16,284	34,000	16,284
Guatemala	44,520	0	0	0	44,520	44,520	212									212	47,000	212
Honduras	9,600	0	0	0	9,600	9,600	0									0	9,760	0
Nicaragua	26,400	0	0	0	26,400	26,400	12,993									12,993	26,840	12,993
Colombia	23,518	6,705	18,160	2,369	50,752	53,000	897									897	53,750	28,131
Panama, Total	3,867	499	499	1,098	5,963	7,325	0									0	6,860	2,096
Panama, General ^{2/}	0	0	0	0	0	525	0									0	0	0
Panama, Raw Sugar	3,867	499	499	1,098	5,963	6,300	0									0	6,360	2,096
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	155,613	7,269	18,689	3,580	185,151	202,905	30,406									30,406	195,630	59,944

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	2,686	0									3,362	59,250	6%
Other Countries	1,965	1,498	544	0									4,007	5,459	73%
Total	2,308	1,831	3,230	0									7,369	64,709	11%

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	642									4,818
All Other Countries	1,628	1,653	1,857	1,312									6,450
Total	3,048	2,663	3,603	1,954									11,268

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	26,101	1,134	0									99,146

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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

	TRQ	February 2017 Forecast		January	Change	Change
		Shortfall, or entry in a different Fiscal Year	Total	Forecast	February from January	February from January
	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	1,117,195	0	0
Shortfall		-90,000		-90,000	0	0
Sub-Total WTO Raw Sugar TRQ	<u>1,117,195</u>		<u>1,027,195</u>	<u>1,027,195</u>	0	0
FY 2017 WTO Refined sugar TRQ:						
Canada Quantity	10,300		10,300	10,300	0	0
Mexico Quantity	2,954	-2,954				
Global Quantity	7,090		7,090	7,090	0	0
Specialty Sugar						
WTO Minimum Quantity	1,656		1,656	1,656	0	0
Additional Quantity	140,000		140,000	140,000	0	0
Sub-Total WTO Refined Sugar TRQ	<u>162,000</u>		<u>159,046</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	208	0	0
Jan-Sep 2017			119,718	119,718	0	0
Peru CY 2017	2,000					
Oct-Dec 2016			0	0	0	0
Jan-Sep 2017			0	0	0	0
Colombia CY 2017	53,750					
Oct-Dec 2016			27,234	27,234	0	0
Jan-Sep 2017			48,375	48,375	0	0
Panama CY 2017	6,860					
Oct-Dec 2016			2,096	2,096	0	0
Jan-Sep 2017			5,724	5,724	0	0
Sub-Total Free Trade Agreements	<u>195,630</u>		<u>203,355</u>	<u>203,355</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total TRQ	<u>1,474,825</u>		<u>1,389,596</u>	<u>1,389,596</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Mexico ^{1/}			882,007	882,007	0	0
Re-export Program Imports			204,117	158,757	45,359	50,000
Sugar syrups, High-Tier			13,608	13,608	0	0
Total Projected Imports ^{2/}			<u>2,489,327</u>	<u>2,443,968</u>	<u>45,359</u>	<u>50,000</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		
	Metric tons raw value				Short tons, refined sugar			Short tons, refined sugar		
	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

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.