

Notice

Please read carefully the footnotes to this year's Production, Supply, and Distribution (PS&D) data. Data for the European Union (EU) and Eastern Europe for marketing years 2004/05 and years thereafter will not be comparable to prior years because of the accession of ten European countries, also known as "New Member States" (NMS) into the EU. The PS&D data shows the situation for the EU for 2003/04 and prior years for the countries then comprising the EU. For 2004/05 and years forward, the EU data shows the situation for the 25 countries that will comprise the EU for that period and in the future. Persons wishing to see a five-year historically comparable period for the EU-15, the New Member States, and the EU-25 should access the EU 2005 Annual Sugar report, [5 Year Historical EU and NMS](#) through the FAS Web site.

World Sugar Situation – November 2005

World sugar production for the 2005/06 marketing year is forecast at 144.2 million tons, raw value, up 3.3 million tons from the revised 2004/05 estimate. Consumption is forecast at 142.8 million tons, up 1.7 million tons from a year earlier. Exports are forecast at 47.7 million tons, up 1.4 tons; and ending stocks are forecast at 31.5 million tons, down 3.6 million tons.

Forecast increases in 2005/06 world production and trade are mainly due to higher production in India, up 4.2 million tons; Brazil, up 500,000 million tons; and China, up 700,000 tons. The world export forecast for 2005/06 is revised upward by 3 percent despite reduced shipments from Thailand of 900,000 tons. Reduced Thai shipments are offset by increased shipments from the EU of 1.7 million tons, and Brazil of 200,000 tons. Thai exports for 2005/06 are forecast at 2.7 million tons. Exports during the previous four years averaged 4.5 million tons.

Revisions of the 2004/05 PS&D May estimates place world beginning stocks at 38.8 million tons, down 200,000 tons; world production at 140.8 million tons, down 1.3 million tons; world exports at 46.3 million tons, up 300,000 tons; world consumption at 141.1 million tons, down 400,000 tons; and ending stocks at 35.1 million tons, down 600,000 tons.

Principal country changes in 2005/06 PS&D forecast world production from the May estimate are: Brazil, down 800,000 tons; the EU up 800,000 tons; and the United States down 600,000 tons. Since the May forecast, EU exports are forecast to increase by 1.8 million tons; Brazilian exports are revised downward by 550,000 tons; Thai exports are reduced by 200,000 tons; Pakistan's shipments are down 215,000 tons; and India's exports are up 180,000 tons.