



SUGAR DIRECTORATE

SUGAR MARKET NEWS

DECEMBER 2023

Highlights:

- 1) Local Sugar Market
 - Ex-factory sugar prices
 - Wholesale sugar prices
 - Retail sugar prices
- 2) Foreign trade
 - Sugar imports
 - CIF value
- 3) World sugar market
Global sugar outlook

The Agriculture and Food Authority – Sugar Directorate produces a monthly newsletter that gives insights into the performance of the sugar industry in a given period. Attention is focused on local sugar production, wholesale and retail prices, imports, exports, sugar by-products and the global sugar market outlook. The Dec 2023 newsletter gives a comparative analysis of industry performance in the period January to December 2022 and 2023.

Total sugarcane milled increased twofold in December 2023 to 610,023 MT, from 296,169 MT recorded the previous month.

Sugar made in December also increased by 97% to 49,780 MT from 25,307 MT in November and 24,880 MT in October.

The average industry cane to sugar ratio (TC/TS) in December dropped to 12.25 from 11.70 in November.

Total sugar bagged in December 2023 similarly increased by 94% to 48,877 MT, from 25,179 MT in November.

Total Sugar sales in December 2023 increased by 26% to 33,048 MT from 26,150 MT in November.

Total closing stocks of sugar held by all factories as at the end of December 2023 increased to 21,685 MT from 6,638 MT in November.

In December 2023, molasses production increased by 101% to 21,668 MT from 10,758 MT in November.

In December, the average molasses price dropped by 13% to Ksh 37,341/tonne, from 42,927/tonne in November.

In December 2023, sugar cane prices ranged between Kshs. 5,800

and Kshs 6,086 per tonne with an average price of Ksh 6,016 per tonne, an increase from Ksh 5,682 per tonne in the November.

The weighted ex-factory sugar price for December 2023 further dropped by 8% to Ksh 8,019 from Ksh 8,703 per 50 kg bag in November and Ksh 8,943/50kg bag in October.

In December, wholesale prices dropped to an average of Ksh 8,351 per 50kg bag, down 6% from Ksh 8,867/50kg bag in November and Ksh 9,145 per 50kg bag in October.

In December, the mean price was of Ksh 210 per kilo, a drop from Ksh 213 in November.

Sugar imports in December totaled 86,185 MT, 5% drop from 90,759 MT the previous month. The imports comprised of 66,750 MT Table sugar and 19,435 MT White Refined sugar.

In December 2023, CIF Mombasa landed values for imported White Refined Sugar averaged Kshs 98,086/tonne compared to Kshs 101,462/tonne for Mill White/Brown sugar.