



# KENYA SUGAR BOARD

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**SUGAR MARKET NEWSLETTER**



## Highlights:

- 1) Sugarcane Milled and Sugar production
  - 2) Molasses Production, sales and stocks
  - 3) Local Sugar Market
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    - Wholesale sugar ices
    - Retail sugar prices
  - 4) Foreign trade
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    - Molasses exports
    - CIF value
  - 5) World sugar market
- Global sugar outlook

The Kenya Sugar Board 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 **May 2026** newsletter gives a comparative analysis of industry performance in the period January – May 2026 and 2025.

In May 2026, Kenya's sugar mills processed 638,742 MT of cane, compared to 782,988 MT in April 2026, a drop of 18%. Cumulative cane milled from January – May 2026 was 3,927,158 MT of cane, compared to 3,140,022 MT in the same period of 2025.

Sugar made in May 2026 decreased by 21.2% to 54,049 MT, down from 68,560 MT in April 2026.

The industry average cane to sugar ratio (TC/TS) in May 2026 dropped to 11.41 from 11.82 in April 2026.

Total sugar production (bagged) in May 2026 decreased to 53,310 MT compared to 68,801 MT achieved in April 2026.

Sugar sales dropped by 11.6% in May 2026, totaling 56,749 MT, compared to 64,219 MT in April 2026.

The review period ended with sugar closing stocks of 43,764 MT, down 8 % from 47,795 MT in April 2026.

In May 2026, molasses production decreased by 21 % to 24,224 MT, from 30,729 MT in April 2026.

Molasses sales decreased by 28% to 24,260 MT, from 33,768 MT in April 2026. The total closing stocks of molasses as at the end of May 2026 were 28,175 MT, down 2.5% from 28,898 MT in April 2026.

In May 2026, sugarcane prices remained at Kshs. 5,500 per ton, in compliance with the minimum set price. The last revision was done by the, Interim Sugarcane Pricing Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

The average weighted ex-factory sugar price for May 2026 increased by 5 % to Kshs. 6,203 from Kshs. 5,884 per 50 kg bag in April 2026.

In May 2026, wholesale sugar prices increased by 4 % to an

average of Kshs. 6,650 per 50 kg bag, from Kshs. 6,378 per 50 kg bag in April 2026.

The average retail price in May 2026 was Kshs. 155 per kilogram, up 1.3% from Kshs. 153 per kilogram recorded in April 2026.

In May 2026, molasses exports were 750 MT, destined for Uganda.

In May 2026, total sugar exports decreased by 59% to 9.88 MT from 24.26 MT in April 2026.

Kenya remains a net sugar deficit country, with most of its production consumed locally.

Sugar imports in May 2026 totaled 25,219 MT, up 1.2% from 24,920 MT in April 2026. The imports comprised 8,541 MT of mill white/brown sugar and 16,678 MT of white refined sugar.

In May 2026, CIF Mombasa landed values for imported white refined sugar averaged Kshs. 77,606 per MT, while mill white/brown sugar averaged Kshs. 75,213 per MT.

The overall average CIF value for both white refined and mill white/brown sugar in May 2026 was Kshs. 76,795 per MT from Kshs. 79,362 per MT recorded in April 2026.

The average ISA Daily Raw Sugar Price in May rose to USD15.37 cents/lb, a USD1.07 cents/lb from April.

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