



KENYA SUGAR BOARD

RE: JUNE 2026 SUGAR MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The Board, produces a monthly newsletter that gives insights into the performance of the sugar industry in a given period, focusing on the local sugar market prices, production, imports, exports, sugar by-products and the world sugar market. Below are the highlights for the June 2026 Sugar Newsletter.

- 1) The sugar industry's performance rebounded in June compared to the previous month. This improvement was observed across all sugar mills, with the exception of Nzoia and Chemelil factories.
- 2) Sugarcane milled increased by 56% to 998,010 MT in June 2026 from 638,742 MT in May 2026, reflecting increased factory operations and improved cane availability.
- 3) Cumulatively, a total of 4,925,168 MT of cane was processed between January and June 2026, compared to 3,617,460 MT in the same period of 2025, representing an increase of 36%.
- 4) Total sugar production (bagged) in June 2026 increased by 36,399 MT to 89,709 MT, compared to 53,310 MT in May 2026.
- 5) Cumulative sugar production from January to June 2026 totaled 437,853 MT, up 35% from the 323,754 MT produced in the same period last year.
- 6) Sugar sales by millers increased by 26% in June 2026, totaling 71,248 MT, compared to 56,749 MT in May 2026.
- 7) The review period ended with sugar closing stocks of 61,905 MT, up 41% from 43,764 MT in May 2026.
- 8) In June 2026, molasses production increased by 59% to 38,574 MT from 24,224 MT in May 2026. During the period January–June 2026, molasses production increased by 36% to 191,451 MT, compared to 140,487 MT during the same period last year.
- 9) Additionally, molasses sales increased by 20% to 185,027 MT, compared to 153,683 MT during the same period last year. Notably, closing stocks increased by 144% to 34,073 MT, compared to 13,974 MT during the same period last year.

- 10) The sugarcane price paid to farmers in both June and May 2026 averaged Kshs. 5,500 per tonne. This is in compliance with the minimum set price. The last revision was done by the, Interim Sugarcane Pricing Committee on 24th April 2026.
- 11) The average weighted ex-factory sugar price for June 2026 started at a mean price of Ksh 6,242 per 50 kg bag, then dropped to a low of Ksh 6,100 per 50 kg bag on 24th June. From then, the prices surged to a high of Ksh 6,400 per 50 kg bag on 30th June 2026.
- 12) Overall, ex-factory prices during the month under review ranged between Ksh 5,850 and Ksh 6,600 per 50 kg bag.
- 13) During the month of June 2026, wholesale sugar prices decreased by 1.8% to an average of Kshs. 6,529 per 50 kg bag, from Kshs. 6,650 per 50 kg bag in May 2026.
- 14) The average retail sugar price remained unchanged at Kshs. 155 per kilogram in June 2026, the same level recorded in May 2026.
- 15) In June 2026, CIF Mombasa landed values for imported white refined sugar averaged Kshs. 77,912 per MT, while mill white/brown sugar averaged Kshs. 80,723 per MT