



SUGAR DIRECTORATE

SUGAR MARKET NEWS

SEPTEMBER 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 Sep 2023 newsletter gives a comparative analysis of industry performance in the period January to September 2022 and 2023.

Total sugarcane milled by all sugar factories dropped by 38% to 182,970 MT in September 2023

from 295,809 MT in August and 395,232 MT in July.

Sugar made in Sep decreased to 16,706 MT from 27,596 MT in August and 32,702 MT in July.

Total sugar bagged in September 2023 was 16,760 MT, 39% down from 27,680 MT in August and 33,246 MT in July.

The total sugar sales in September 2023 decreased by 48% to 15,708 MT from 30,412 MT in August.

Total closing stocks of sugar held by all factories as at the end of September 2023 increased to 4,168 MT from 3,133 MT in August.

In September 2023, molasses production decreased by 50% to 6,927 MT from 13,854 MT in August.

In September 2023, the average molasses price was Ksh 40,157/tonne, up 6% from Ksh 37,902/ tonne in August.

Sugarcane prices in September ranged between Kshs. 5,500 and Kshs 6,086 per tonne with an

average price of Ksh 5,874 per tonne.

The weighted ex-factory sugar price for September 2023 dropped marginally to Ksh 9,317 from Ksh 9,322 per 50 kg bag in August.

The wholesale prices slightly decreased to an average of Ksh 9,529 per 50kg bag, down 1% from Ksh 9,624 per 50kg bag in August.

Retail sugar prices in September 2023 averaged Ksh 223 per kilo, a slight drop from Ksh 224 per kilo in August.

Sugar imports in September totaled 66,755 MT, 17% up from 57,250 MT last month. The imports comprised of 49,085 MT Table sugar and 17,670 MT White Refined sugar.

In Sep 2023, CIF Mombasa landed values for imported white refined sugar averaged Kshs 100,035/tonne compared to Kshs 93,027/tonne for Mill White/Brown sugar.