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India's sugar production in the 2022-23 season is estimated to be around 40 mt without accounting for 4.5 mt diverted towards making ethanol. This would be almost 0.6 mt, or 1.52 per cent more the estimated production of the current season. According to the Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA), the diversion of sugar for producing ethanol is estimated to be around 4.5 mt in the 2022-23 season, against 3.4 mt in the 2021-22 season.

After accounting for diversion towards ethanol, sugar production in the 2022-23 season is expected to be around 35.5 mt, while consumption is projected to be around 27.5 mt next season.

The surplus 8 mt needs to be exported, according to ISMA. "The above estimate is made, assuming normal rainfall and other optimum conditions during the remaining period," ISMA had said in a statement issued last month.