

PRESS RELEASE – REVIEW OF SUGAR PRODUCTION ESTIMATES FOR 2022-23 SS

- The Committee of ISMA, having sugar producers from across the country, in its meeting held on 25th April, 2023 noted that the sugar production for the country upto 15th April'2023 was around 311 lac tons.
- Crushing season in Maharashtra have ended at around 105 lac tons, lower than our earlier estimate, due to unexpectedly lower cane yields owing to higher ratoon crop share and uneven distribution of rainfall. Main season in Karnataka is on the verge of closure and have produced around 55 lac tons so far. However, special season will operate in Karnataka from June / July'2023.
- The Committee also discussed the sugar recovery, cane yield, remaining harvestable area / sugarcane and expected dates of closure of factories in other states where crushing season is still operational and noted that cane yield in Uttar Pradesh is slightly better than expected and therefore the state is expected to produce around 105 lac tons of sugar after diversion towards production of ethanol.
- Estimated sugar diversion towards ethanol was also discussed and based on feed stock wise allocations upto Cycle-6 and estimated for the rest of season, it is estimated that around 40 lac tons of sugar will be diverted.
- Accordingly, ISMA has revised its all-India sugar production estimate for 2022-23 SS (after diversion into ethanol) as 328 lac tons, after considering diversion of about 40 lac tons of sugar equivalent into ethanol. The state wise breakup is given as below:

S.No	States	2022-23 2nd Advance estimates (Jan'2023)			2022-23 Latest estimates (April'2023)		
		Estimated sugar production	Estimated sugar diversion	Actual sugar production	Estimated sugar production	Estimated sugar diversion	Actual sugar production
		BEFORE DIVERSION		AFTER DIVERSION	BEFORE DIVERSION		AFTER DIVERSION
		Lac tons	Lac tons	Lac tons	Lac tons	Lac tons	Lac tons
1	Uttar Pradesh	117	16	101	119	14	105
2	Maharashtra	136	15	121	118	13	105
3	Karnataka	67	11	56	67	10	57
4	Tamil Nadu	16	3	16	16	3	16
5	Gujarat	12		12	10		10
6	Others	37		34	38		35
7	Total	385	45	340	368	40	328