



Ban on Sugarcane Juice for Ethanol

The Centre's recent ban on using [sugarcane](#) juice and sugar syrup for ethanol production in the 2023-24 supply year aims to maintain adequate sugar availability for domestic consumption and stabilize prices. However, the government has permitted the use of **B-molasses for ethanol production**.

- The [Indian Sugar Mills Association \(ISMA\)](#) forecasts a **9% reduction in gross sugar production for the 2023-24 marketing year**, further complicating the situation.
- India has emerged as the world's largest producer and consumer of sugar as well as the **world's 2nd largest exporter** of sugar after Brazil, in **Sugar Season (Oct-Sep) 2021-22**.

Read more: [Sugar Industry](#)

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