
China Sugar Market

Review & Outlook

2003/2004

Research Background

Sugar was one of the most valuable economic crops in China, second only to the cotton and oilseed crop, it was always charged and controlled by Chinese government. From 1980 to the later 1990, China beets sown area and sugar output increased step by step. The beets sown area was from 987 thousand ha. in 1981 increased to 1984 thousand ha. in 1998, annual average rose by 4%, the sugar output also from 2,570 thousand tons in 1981/1982 increased to 8,826 thousand tons in 1998/1999, annual average rose by 7.1%. But in the winter of 1999, there had a serious freeze disaster in the South, it made the sugar output in 1999/2000 declined to 6,869 thousand tons, and in 2000/2001 the output declined to 6,203 thousand tons again. The reduction of sugar production stimulated the lower price in sugar market, the rising sugar price and the purchase price improved the farmers to plant, the beetroots sown area in 2001/2002 increased again, moreover the more and more high-yield sugar was popularized at that time, the sugar output increased rapidly again, reached by 8,502 thousand tons in 2001/2002. In 2002/2003, the output was over 10,000 thousand tons again, hit 10,637 thousand tons.

In the recent two years, the sugar output increased, it made the domestic sugar price on down slope trend. In 2003, beets sown area was declined with great margin again in the North, the sugarcane sown area increased slightly in the South, but the drought in June and July made it grow worse, it will influence the sugar output in 2003/2004. Then what's happened in China Sugar market in 2002/2003 and different from the former years? We will give the balance sheet of supply and demand of China sugar, the controlling condition of saccharin or the other sweeteners. In 2003/2004, the new crushing season, we will give the sugar output and the price trend. How is the imported trend on the international sugar? How to direct and control the sugar market in next year by Chinese government, and so on? This study will offer the newest data and analysis.

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