

# **Sugar Monthly Import and Re-Exports**

## **Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Report**

### **November 2017**

The November WASDE report shows FY 2018 WTO raw sugar tariff-rate quota (TRQ) shortfall projected at 99,208 short tons raw value (STRV), unchanged from last month. No information is available about specific countries.

The second tranche of the FY 2018 specialty sugar TRQ is full. The third tranche of 48,000 metric tons raw value will open on Tuesday, January 23, 2018. A valid specialty sugar certificate must accompany the imported sugar.

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**Table 1 -- U.S. Monthly Sugar Imports, Fiscal Year (FY) 2018**

Reference	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Entries	WASDE Projection <sup>1/</sup> <b>9-Nov-17</b>	Percent of WASDE Projection
	<i>Metric Tons, Raw Value</i>												<i>MTRV</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Total Quota (Sum of tables 3-5)													281,436	<b>1,593,037</b>	18%
Table 3 WTO raw sugar TRQ	210,492												210,492	<b>1,203,179</b>	17%
Table 4 WTO refined sugar TRQ	57,157												57,157	<b>179,046</b>	32%
Table 5 FTA sugar TRQs	13,787												13,787	<b>210,812</b>	7%
Table 7 Re-export program imports	55,818												55,818	<b>226,796</b>	25%
Table 2 Mexico	20,000												20,000	<b>1,536,771</b>	1%
High-duty sugar	900												900	<b>9,072</b>	10%
Total	358,154												358,154	<b>3,365,676</b>	11%
	<i>Short Tons, Raw Value</i>												<i>STRV</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Total Quota (Sum of tables 3-5)													310,230	<b>1,756,023</b>	18%
Table 3 WTO raw sugar TRQ	232,028												232,028	<b>1,326,278</b>	17%
Table 4 WTO refined sugar TRQ	63,005												63,005	<b>197,364</b>	32%
Table 5 FTA sugar TRQs	15,198												15,198	<b>232,380</b>	7%
Table 7 Re-export program imports	61,529												61,529	<b>250,000</b>	25%
Table 2 Mexico	22,046												22,046	<b>1,694,000</b>	1%
High-duty sugar	992												992	<b>10,000</b>	10%
Total	394,797												394,797	<b>3,710,023</b>	11%

Source: See individual reference tables for sources.

<sup>1/</sup> USDA World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report for month indicated.

Factor for Metric tons to Short Tons: 1.10231125

**Table 2 -- U.S. Imports of Sugar from Mexico, Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 <sup>1/</sup>**

	Oct-17 Forecast	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	FY 2018 Entries
<b>District Port Name</b>													
Baltimore, MD													0
Detroit, MI													0
El Paso, TX													0
Houston-Galveston, TX													0
Laredo, TX													0
Mobile, AL													0
New Orleans, LA													0
Nogales, AZ													0
Philadelphia, PA													0
San Diego, CA													0
San Francisco, CA													0
San Juan, PR													0
Savannah, GA													0
Seattle, WA													0
Tampa, FL													0
Total sugar, commercial weight	18,868												18,868
<i>Total sugar, raw value <sup>2/</sup></i>	<i>20,000</i>												<i>20,000</i>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Trade Data, except forecast is FAS.

1/ Includes all entries under U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) lines 1701.12.10, 1701.12.50, 1701.13.10, 1701.13.50, 1701.14.10, 1701.14.50, 1701.91.10, 1701.91.30, 1701.99.10, and 1701.99.50 (and all associated 10-digit HTS lines).

2/ Raw value is commercial weight multiplied by a factor of 1.06.

Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Table 3 -- U.S. Raw Sugar Tariff-Rate Quota (TRQ) WTO Allocations and Entries By Month, Fiscal Year (FY) 2018**

	FY 2017 TRQ		Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	FY 2018			
	Entered in October 2017	To Enter in November 2017	10/30/2017	12/4/2017	1/2/2018	1/29/2018	2/26/2018	4/2/2018	4/30/2018	6/4/2018	7/2/2018	7/30/2018	9/4/2018	9/30/2018	FY 2018 TRQ Entries	TRQ <sup>1/</sup>	Not entered to date	Entries as percent of TRQ
	<i>Metric Tons, Raw Value</i>																	
Argentina	1,091		847												847	45,281	44,434	1.9%
Australia	6,321		0												0	87,402	87,402	0.0%
Barbados	0		0												0	7,371	7,371	0.0%
Belize	5,201		0												0	11,584	11,584	0.0%
Bolivia	0		0												0	8,424	8,424	0.0%
Brazil	0		10,574												10,574	152,691	142,117	6.9%
Colombia	4,773		1,242												1,242	25,273	24,031	4.9%
Congo	0		0												0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Costa Rica	6,876		0												0	15,796	15,796	0.0%
Cote d'Ivoire	0		0												0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Dominican Republic	0		235												235	185,335	185,100	0.1%
Ecuador	0		0												0	11,584	11,584	0.0%
El Salvador	6,426		0												0	27,379	27,379	0.0%
Fiji	3,739		9,034												9,034	9,477	443	95.3%
Gabon	0		0												0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Guatemala	0		0												0	50,546	50,546	0.0%
Guyana	0		0												0	12,636	12,636	0.0%
Haiti	0		0												0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Honduras	4,747		0												0	10,530	10,530	0.0%
India	208		1												1	8,424	8,423	0.0%
Jamaica	0		0												0	11,584	11,584	0.0%
Madagascar	0		0												0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Malawi	5,431		5,010												5,010	10,530	5,520	47.6%
Mauritius	133		939												939	12,636	11,697	7.4%
Mexico <sup>2/</sup>	0		0												0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Mozambique	6,147		0												0	13,690	13,690	0.0%
Nicaragua	0		0												0	22,114	22,114	0.0%
Panama	0		815												815	30,538	29,723	2.7%
Papua New Guinea	0		0												0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Paraguay	1,391		0												0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Peru	32,444		0												0	43,175	43,175	0.0%
Philippines	0		0												0	142,160	142,160	0.0%
South Africa	6,450		24,220												24,220	24,220	0	100.0%
St. Kitts and Nevis	0		0												0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Swaziland	7,565		16,848												16,848	16,849	1	100.0%
Taiwan	0		0												0	12,636	12,636	0.0%
Thailand	21,362		14,743												14,743	14,743	0	100.0%
Trinidad-Tobago	0		0												0	7,371	7,371	0.0%
Uruguay	0		0												0	7,258	7,258	0.0%
Zimbabwe	5,679		0												0	12,636	12,636	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>125,984</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>84,508</b>												<b>84,508</b>	<b>1,117,195</b>	<b>1,032,687</b>	<b>7.6%</b>

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Weekly Quota Status Report.

1/ On June 30, 2017, USDA set the raw sugar TRQ at the minimum level to which the United States is committed in the Uruguay Round Agreement on Agriculture.

2/ For all sugar imports from Mexico, see Table 2, U.S. Imports of Sugar from Mexico. All sugar from Mexico currently enters the United States under NAFTA access provisions.

**Table 4 -- U.S. Refined Sugar Tariff-Rate Quota (TRQ) WTO Allocations and Entries By Month, Fiscal Year (FY) 2018**

	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Fiscal Year 2018-----		
	10/30/2017	12/4/2017	1/2/2018	1/29/2018	2/26/2018	4/2/2018	4/30/2018	6/4/2018	7/2/2018	7/30/2018	9/4/2018	9/30/2018	Entries YTD	TRQ	Entries as percent of TRQ
	<i>Metric Tons, Raw Value</i>														
Global Minimum	7,090												7,090	7,090	100%
Canada	411												411	10,300	4%
Mexico <sup>1/</sup>														2,954	0%
Specialty, WTO minimum <sup>2/</sup>	1,656												1,656	1,656	100%
Specialty, Additional <sup>2/</sup>	48,000												48,000	160,000	30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,157</b>												<b>57,157</b>	<b>182,000</b>	<b>31%</b>

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Weekly Quota Status Report.

1/ For all sugar imports from Mexico, see Table 2, U.S. Imports of Sugar from Mexico. All sugar from Mexico currently enters the United States under NAFTA access provisions.

2/ The tranches of the FY 2018 specialty sugar TRQ open as follows in MTRV. See Federal Register notice of June 30, 2017, Vol. 82, No. 125, Page 29822.

Tranche 1	1,656	10/2/2017
Tranche 2	48,000	10/18/2017
Tranche 3	48,000	1/23/2018
Tranche 4	32,000	4/17/2018
Tranche 5	32,000	7/17/2018

**Table 5A -- U.S. Sugar and Sugar-Containing Product Tariff-Rate Quotas (TRQs) Allocations and Entries by Month Under Other Free Trade Agreements <sup>1/</sup>**

	CY 2017 Jan-Sep	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	CY 2017 Entries	CY 2017 TRQ	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	CY 2018 Entries	CY 2018 TRQ	FY 2018 Entries	
		10/30/2017	12/4/2017	1/2/2018			1/29/2018	2/26/2018	4/2/2018	4/30/2018	6/4/2018	7/2/2018	7/30/2018	9/4/2018	9/30/2018				
	<i>Metric Tons, Raw Value</i>																		
CAFTA-DR, Total	123,797	3,519			127,316	133,020													3,519
Costa Rica	13,420	0			13,420	13,420													0
Costa Rica special	706	200			906	2,000													200
Dominican Republic <sup>2/</sup>	0	0			0	0													0
El Salvador	33,666	334			34,000	34,000													334
Guatemala	40,679	2,485			43,164	47,000													2,485
Honduras	9,760	0			9,760	9,760													0
Nicaragua	25,566	500			26,066	26,840													500
Colombia	33,759	10,268			44,027	53,750													10,268
Panama, Total	3,754	0			3,754	6,860													0
Panama, General <sup>2/</sup>	0	0			0	0													0
Panama, Raw Sugar	3,754	0			3,754	6,360													0
Panama, Specialty	0	0			0	500													0
Peru, Total	0	0			0	2,000													0
Peru <sup>2/</sup>	0	0			0	0													0
Peru special	0	0			0	2,000													0
<b>Total</b>	<b>161,310</b>	<b>13,787</b>			<b>175,097</b>	<b>195,630</b>													<b>13,787</b>

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Weekly Quota Status Report.

1/ These TRQs are established on a calendar year basis. See Federal Register Notice of December 23, 2016.

2/ Determined not to have a trade surplus as defined under the Free Trade Agreements, and thus the CY 2017 TRQs are zero. See Federal Register Notice of December 23, 2016.

**Additional countries with which the United States has Free Trade Agreements covering sugar:**

- 1) Singapore has unlimited access for originating sugar, but does not produce sugar.
- 2) Bahrain has unlimited access for originating sugar, but does not produce sugar.
- 3) Oman has unlimited access for originating sugar, but does not produce sugar.
- 4) Chile was determined to have no trade surplus as defined under the Free Trade Agreement, and thus the CY 2017 TRQ is zero. See Federal Register Notice of December 23, 2016.
- 5) Morocco was determined to have no trade surplus as defined under the Free Trade Agreement, and thus the CY 2017 TRQ is zero. See Federal Register Notice of December 23, 2016.

**Table 5B -- U.S. Sugar-Containing Products<sup>1/</sup> Tariff-Rate Quota (TRQ) Allocations and Entries By Month, Fiscal Year (FY) 2018**

	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	-----Fiscal Year 2018-----		
	10/30/2017	12/4/2017	1/2/2018	1/29/2018	2/26/2018	4/2/2018	4/30/2018	6/4/2018	7/2/2018	7/30/2018	9/4/2018	9/30/2018	Entries YTD	TRQ	Entries as percent of TRQ
	<i>Metric Tons</i>														
Canada	327												327	59,250	1%
Other Countries	623												623	5,459	11%
Total	950												950	64,709	1%

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Weekly Quota Status Report.

1/ Authorized under Additional U.S. Note 8 of Chapter 17 of the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule: 59,250 MT to Canada, and 5,459 MT to other countries on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Table 6 -- U.S. Refined Sugar Reported for Export Credit Under the U.S. Refined Sugar Re-Export Program, Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 <sup>1/</sup>**

	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Entries YTD
	<i>Metric Tons, Raw Value</i>												
Mexico	1,457												1,457
All Other Countries	0												0
Total	1,457												1,457

Source: USDA Foreign Agricultural Service.

1/ Reporting deadline is the end of the calendar quarter following the quarter in which the transaction occurs. Monthly totals are preliminary until after reporting deadline.

**Table 7 -- U.S. Raw Sugar Imports Under the U.S. Sugar Re-Export Program, Fiscal Year (FY) 2018**

	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Entries YTD
	<i>Metric Tons, Raw Value</i>												
Re-export sugar	55,818												55,818

Source: U.S. Customs and Border Protection.



**Table 8 -- Fiscal Year 2018 Sugar Import Forecast** <sup>1/</sup>

	TRQ	October	November	Change in Forecast, November vs October	October	November	Change in Forecast, November vs October
	<b>MTRV</b>	----- MTRV -----			----- STRV -----		
<b>FY 2018 WTO Raw sugar TRQ:</b>							
WTO Minimum Quantity	1,117,195	1,117,195	1,117,195	0	1,231,497	1,231,497	0
Shortfall (of FY 2018 sugar only)		-90,000	-90,000	0	-99,208	-99,208	0
FY 2017 TRQ Entered in FY 2018		198,971	175,984	-22,987	219,328	193,989	25,339
<b>Sub-Total WTO Raw Sugar TRQ</b>	<b><u>1,117,195</u></b>	<b><u>1,226,166</u></b>	<b><u>1,203,179</u></b>	<b><u>-22,987</u></b>	<b><u>1,351,617</u></b>	<b><u>1,326,278</u></b>	<b><u>-25,339</u></b>
<b>FY 2018 WTO Refined sugar TRQ:</b>							
Canada Quantity	10,300	10,300	10,300	0	11,354	11,354	0
Mexico Quantity	2,954	0	0	0	0	0	0
Global Quantity	7,090	7,090	7,090	0	7,815	7,815	0
Specialty Sugar							
WTO Minimum Quantity	1,656	1,656	1,656	0	1,825	1,825	0
Additional Quantity	160,000	160,000	160,000	0	176,370	176,370	0
<b>Sub-Total WTO Refined Sugar TRQ</b>	<b><u>182,000</u></b>	<b><u>179,046</u></b>	<b><u>179,046</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>197,364</u></b>	<b><u>197,364</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
<b>Free Trade Agreements (Calendar Year TRQs):</b>							
CAFTA/DR CY 2018	135,460						
Oct-Dec 2017		9,223	9,223	0	10,167	10,167	0
Jan-Sep 2018		121,914	121,914	0	134,387	134,387	0
Peru CY 2018	2,000						
Oct-Dec 2017		0	0	0	0	0	0
Jan-Sep 2018		1,800	1,800	0	1,984	1,984	0
Colombia CY 2018	54,500						
Oct-Dec 2017		19,991	19,991	0	22,036	22,036	0
Jan-Sep 2018		49,050	49,050	0	54,068	54,068	0
Panama CY 2018	6,920						
Oct-Dec 2017		2,606	2,606	0	2,873	2,873	0
Jan-Sep 2018		6,228	6,228	0	6,865	6,865	0
<b>Sub-Total Free Trade Agreements</b>	<b><u>198,880</u></b>	<b><u>210,812</u></b>	<b><u>210,812</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>	<b><u>232,380</u></b>	<b><u>232,380</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>
<b>Total TRQ</b>	<b><u>1,498,075</u></b>	<b><u>1,616,024</u></b>	<b><u>1,593,037</u></b>	<b><u>-22,987</u></b>	<b><u>1,781,361</u></b>	<b><u>1,756,023</u></b>	<b><u>25,339</u></b>
Mexico <sup>2/</sup>		1,622,954	1,536,771	-86,183	1,789,000	1,694,000	-95,000
Re-export Program Imports <sup>3/</sup>		226,796	226,796	0	250,000	250,000	0
Sugar syrups, High-Tier		9,072	9,072	0	10,000	10,000	0
<b>Total Projected Imports</b> <sup>4/</sup>		<b><u>3,474,846</u></b>	<b><u>3,365,676</u></b>	<b><u>-109,170</u></b>	<b><u>3,830,362</u></b>	<b><u>3,710,023</u></b>	<b><u>-120,339</u></b>

Sources: US Census, US Customs and Border Protection.

1/ October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018.

2/ All sugar covered by the scope of the U.S.-Mexico suspension agreement.

3/ Includes sugar from Mexico imported for the U.S. sugar re-export program (HTS 1701.14.20), which is not covered by the scope of the suspension agreements.

4/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Table 9 -- U.S. Sugar Re-Export Program License Balances and Transactions, Fiscal Years (October 1 - September 30)**

Fiscal Year by Quarter <sup>5/</sup>	Refiners				Sugar-Containing Product			Polyhydric Alcohol		
	Metric tons raw value				Short tons, refined sugar			Short tons, refined sugar		
	Refiner Beginning Balances <sup>1/</sup>	Imports	Export Credits	Transfers to SCP and Poly Licenses	SCP Beginning Balances <sup>3/</sup>	Transfers from Licensed Refiners	Export Credits	POLY Beginning Balances <sup>4/</sup>	Transfers from Licensed Refiners	Used to make Polyhydric Alcohols
<b>FY 2013:</b>										
October-December	-24,065	53,532	51,312	34,096	-169,810	29,701	47,349	-10,260	5,530	4,787
January-March	-55,942	24,033	42,023	28,466	-187,458	23,280	49,033	-9,516	6,071	4,781
April-June	-102,399	40,551	47,541	77,777	-213,211	74,947	51,015	-8,226	5,172	6,423
July-September <sup>2/</sup>	-187,166	536,285	103,769	109,808	-189,278	89,236	56,010	-9,477	10,373	4,167
<b>Total</b>		654,401	244,646	250,148		217,165	203,406		27,146	20,158
<b>FY 2014:</b>										
October-December	135,542	15	48,936	22,486	-156,052	19,480	53,708	-3,271	3,688	6,632
January-March	64,135	32,582	128,062	51,048	-190,280	48,395	53,746	-6,216	4,211	3,267
April-June	-82,392	91,432	56,216	78,109	-195,631	75,006	53,378	-5,271	5,487	5,241
July-September	-125,286	154,970	33,620	84,510	-174,003	79,538	59,615	-5,026	7,574	6,273
<b>Total</b>		278,999	266,834	236,153		222,418	220,446		20,959	21,414
<b>FY 2015:</b>										
October-December	-88,447	84,433	23,374	72,892	-154,080	69,685	61,808	-3,726	5,440	5,286
January-March	-100,280	193,809	44,476	75,023	-146,202	72,482	64,798	-3,572	4,903	4,819
April-June	-25,970	44,820	37,566	74,274	-138,518	70,783	67,644	-3,488	5,861	6,282
July-September	-92,990	104,841	37,207	67,843	-135,379	63,721	68,672	-3,909	6,317	5,689
<b>Total</b>		427,903	142,624	290,031		276,672	262,923		22,521	22,076
<b>FY 2016:</b>										
October-December	-93,199	86,329	36,104	61,723	-140,330	58,073	67,244	-3,281	5,622	5,965
January-March	-104,697	56,298	21,049	75,977	-149,502	72,097	60,613	-3,624	5,972	7,347
April-June	-145,425	106,804	12,803	65,253	-138,017	61,014	62,939	-4,999	6,306	6,890
July-September	-116,678	113,245	5,019	63,939	-139,943	59,805	64,914	-5,584	6,161	8,210
<b>Total</b>		362,675	74,976	266,892		250,989	255,711		24,061	28,412
<b>FY 2017:</b>										
October-December	-72,391	99,208	9,330	67,354	-145,052	63,799	70,239	-7,632	5,630	7,339
January-March	-49,867	21,320	9,196	81,047	-151,493	77,280	70,881	-9,341	6,338	9,314
April-June	-118,791	125,595	10,979	100,955	-145,094	100,818	33,462	-12,317	3,984	4,648
<b>Summary by Fiscal Year:</b>										
FY 2009	-35,172	282,237	138,228	136,097	-119,831	124,042	172,227	-7,774	16,409	15,557
FY 2010	-27,260	410,358	188,227	240,645	-168,069	229,528	192,834	-6,922	18,550	17,560
FY 2011	-45,775	264,093	199,195	212,326	-131,374	199,167	198,973	-5,931	20,451	13,821
FY 2012	-193,203	610,930	263,208	178,584	-131,230	162,998	200,271	699	21,613	32,572
FY 2013 <sup>2/</sup>	-24,065	654,401	244,646	250,148	-169,810	217,165	203,406	-10,260	27,146	20,158
FY 2014	135,542	278,999	266,834	236,153	-156,052	222,418	220,446	-3,271	20,959	21,414
FY 2015	-88,447	427,903	142,624	290,031	-154,080	276,672	262,923	-3,726	22,521	22,076
FY 2016	-93,199	362,675	74,976	266,892	-140,330	250,989	255,711	-3,281	24,061	28,412

1/ A negative balance indicates that cumulative exports and transfers exceed cumulative imports. A positive balance indicates that cumulative imports exceed cumulative exports and transfers.

2/ The July-Sept. amount of 536,285 in "Refiners Imports" is the sum of the following: imports, 6,175 MTRV; exchange of CCC-owned sugar for credits, 516,981 MTRV; transfers between refiners, 13,129 MTRV.

3/ A negative balance indicates that cumulative exports exceed cumulative transfers from refiners. A positive balance indicates that cumulative transfers from refiners exceed cumulative exports.

4/ A negative balance indicates that cumulative use exceeds cumulative transfers from refiners. A positive balance indicates that cumulative transfers from refiners exceed cumulative use.

5/ Historic balances may vary slightly from previously published figures due to corrections or adjustments to reported transactions.