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Sugar Facts & Figures

Some interesting facts about sugar in the ACP:

- In some ACP countries, sugar exports under the Protocol account for over one quarter of GDP, and no less than 85% of total agricultural exports.
- Sugar is produced in 110 countries in the world and consumed in all of them. Most sugar is produced and consumed in the same country; only about 25% is traded internationally, and much of that increasingly within regional trade blocs.
- The top ten exporters account for over 75% of world exports and the top four exporters over 50%.
- In addition to providing direct employment for over 300,000 people on estates and on smallholdings, the sugar industry gives indirect employment to hundreds of thousands of others and by extension supports the livelihoods of millions of family dependents.
- In all ACP supplying states sugar is one of the most significant contributors to the national economy. For example, sugar generates over 17% of GDP in Guyana and 24% in Swaziland, while in Fiji sugar production is responsible for over 90% of agricultural output.
- Sugar accounts for major percentage of overall agricultural output; in some countries it accounts for highest percentage of agricultural output.
- Sugar is one of highest contributors to GDP and one of the foreign exchange earners; in some countries it is the highest contributor to GDP and largest foreign exchange earner.
- In addition to employment, the sugar industry in ACP countries provides health, education/training, drainage and irrigation, social, community and sport services in rural districts.

ACP countries compared to other major sugar producers/exporters:

Country	2003 Sugar		Sugar as a % of:		Sugar Sector Employment
	Production	Exports (MT)	GDP	Total Agriculture	
Barbados	36,00	35,161	1.8	41.4	9,500
Belize	111,109	100,462	9.5	61.9	10,600
Congo	45,000	42,524	1.0	NA	1,000
Cote d'Ivoire	145,000	31,518	0.9	3.3	5,000
Fiji	330,356	273,756	8.1	93.0	101,600
Guyana	302,000	261,207	15.8	30.0	33,100
Jamaica	153,670	131,117	1.0	13.9	51,500
Kenya	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Madagascar	35,000	6,837	3.9	NA	18,000
Malawi	257,000	118,059	4.9	NA	21,800
Mauritius	537,723	517,506	8.0	70.0	51,600
Mozambique	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
St. Kitts and Nevis	22,000	15,921	28.0	74.0	9,400
Swaziland	615,949	478,648	24.0	51.0	93,000
Tanzania	217,513	22,723	3.1	5.0	52,000
Trinidad and Tobago	66,914	54,202	0.6	27.8	41,400
Zambia	229,757	118,784	2.3	15.0	62,000
Zimbabwe	482,309	124,289	2.3	17.2	162,000
Total	3,587,300	2,332,744			729,500

Impact of proposed reform on ACP countries:

Country	2003 Sugar Exports (MT)	2003 Sugar Production (MT)	Exports as % of Production
Brazil	13,386,081	25,956,400	52%
EU	2,102,108	16,578,405	13%
Thailand	5,484,758	7,737,186	71%
Australia	4,086,927	5,315,362	77%
Cuba	1,799,182	2,277,883	79%
ACP	2,332,098	3,587,300	65%
India	1,677,809	21,701,754	8%
Guatemala	1,090,199	1,800,719	61%
Colombia	1,287,258	2,645,832	49%
South Africa	1,076,592	2,417,880	45%