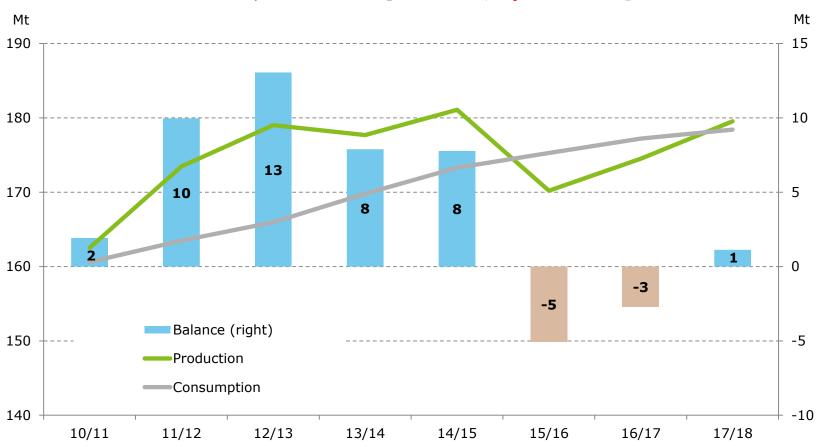


GLOBAL MARKETS & PRICE PERSPECTIVES

## **GLOBAL BALANCE: A SMALL SURPLUS AT FIRST...**

# A small 2017/18 surplus on the near term...

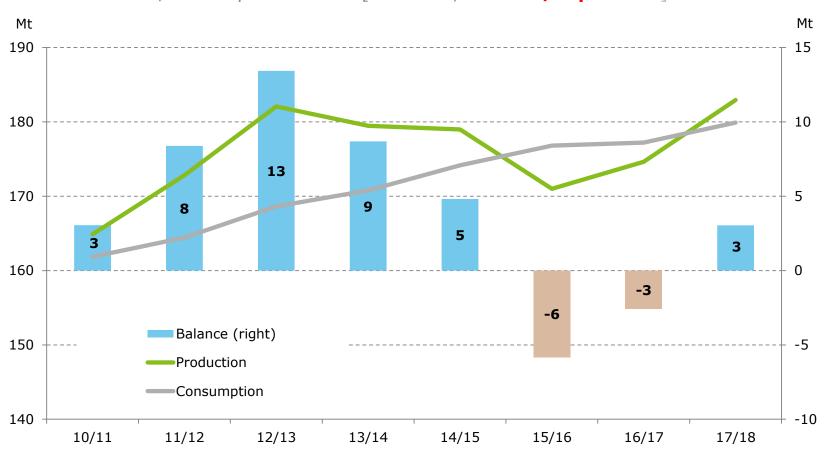
Global Production/Consumption balance [raw value, April/March]



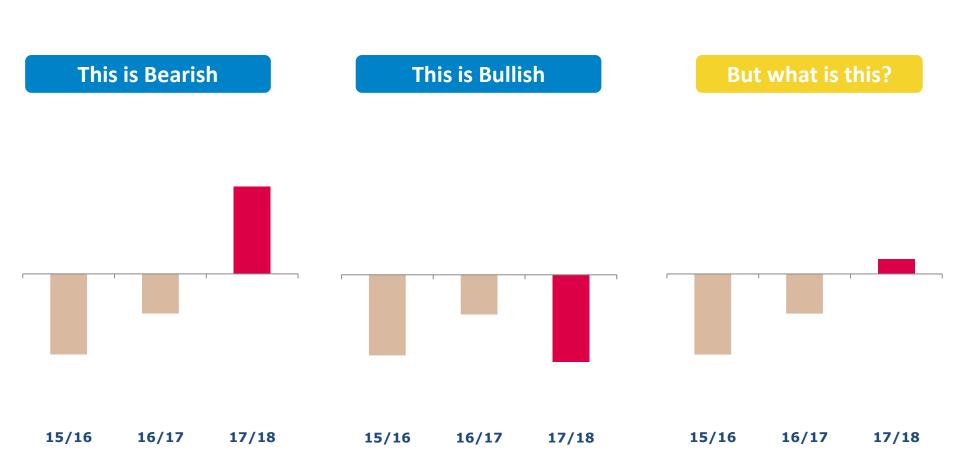
# ...BUT A TENDENCY TO GROW AS TIME GOES BY

# ...Getting bigger as time goes by

Global Production/Consumption balance [raw value, October/September]



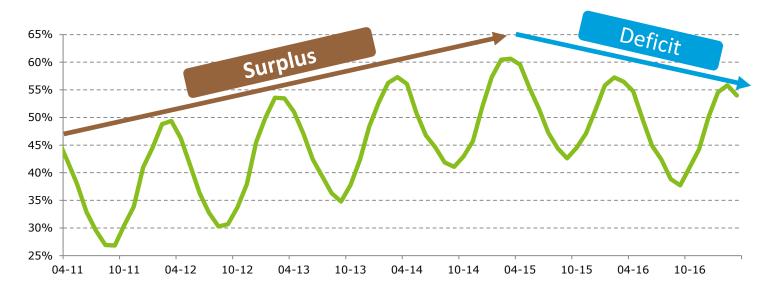
# IS THIS A "SMALL" OR A "BIG" SURPLUS?



## **GLOBAL STOCKS AT INTERMEDIATE LEVEL**

# Stocks on the decline for past 2 years...now at intermediate level

Monthly global stocks as % of consumption

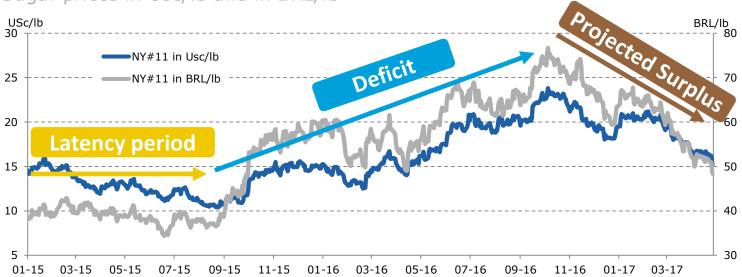


Global stocks have declined during 2 years of deficit They have now reached an intermediate level

# IS THIS (PROJECTED) SURPLUS ALREADY PRICED IN?

## Is the projected surplus already priced in?





# Sugar prices lost:

- 35% since October 2016 (USc23.8/lb)
- 25% since February 2017 (USc20.5/lb)

# What comes next will depend on:

- Surplus confirmed? Assumptions correct? No weather disruption?
- More dynamically, how will trade flows adjust to market changes?

## CS BRAZIL: STRONG SUGAR OUTPUT DESPITE CANE CHALLENGES

#### Sugar output to remain strong as new sugar capacity offset dwindling cane supply

Sucden CS Brazil crop forecasts for 2017/18 and 2018/19 [tel quel, Apr/Mar]

		2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Cane crushed	mt	534	599	573	618	607	580	600
ATR Sugar ratio	kg/t %	135,6 49,5%	133,3 45,2%	136,5 43,0%	130,5 40,7%	133,0 46,3%	134,6 48,0%	134,0 47,5%
Sugar production Ethanol production	mt mm3	<b>34,1</b> 21,4	<b>34,4</b> 25,6	<b>32,0</b> 26,1	<b>31,2</b> 28,1	<b>35,6</b> 25,4	<b>35,7</b> 23,8	<b>36,5</b> 24,7

## Rationale for 2017/18

- Less cane because of older cane, less bis cane, more renovation and not-ideal weather
- But investments in sugar capacity should allow higher mix and near-record sugar output
- Above forecast at 35.7 Mt assumes MAX sugar environment...which is no longer the case in current market environment (see next slide for more details)

## Rationale for 2018/19

- Very early time
- Cane might recover thanks to positive impact of increased plantings (weather permitting)
- Higher cane availability to drive sugar output to new record at 36.5 Mt

## CS BRAZIL: HOW WILL MIX ADJUST TO LOWER PRICES?

## **Ethanol parity**

- Last week, ethanol parity at USc15,0/lb (spot) and USc14.5/lb (forward - July 17)
- Sugar advantage reduced to 50-100pts (from 300-400pts before)

#### Mix reaction

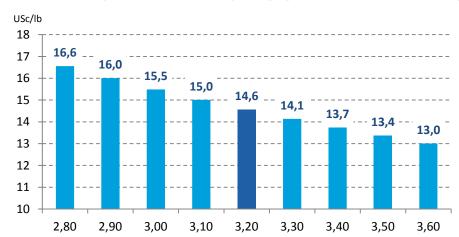
- At such levels, this is no longer MAX sugar
- Mix decreasing in Goias and Mato Grosso do Sul at first. Sugar output to decrease 200-500 kt
- A bigger adjustment may occur in case sugar prices decrease further towards ethanol parity

#### Mid-term: bullish ethanol?

- Today, ethanol prices retain mostly bullish risks:
- Tight end-of-season stocks
- Domestic gasoline prices sensitive to to crude oil prices. Bullish crude oil?
- Bullish BRL?
- Brazil considering an import tax on ethanol

#### Ethanol parity at USc14.6/lb at current BMF

Forward July-2017 ethanol parity (basis current futures)



#### Mix -1% down = 750 kt sugar less

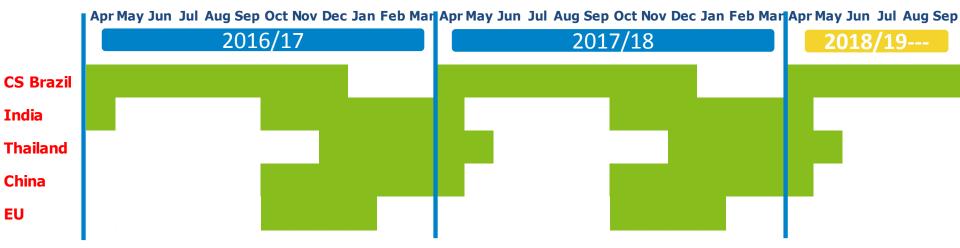
Sugar production sensitivity to Cane x Mix

					/						
ATR:	134,6					Suga	r mix				
	40%	41%	42%	43%	44%	45%	46%	47%	48%	49%	50%
570	29,2	30,0	30,7	31,4	32,2	32,9	33,6	34,4	35,1	35,8	36,6
575	29,5	30,2	31,0	31,7	32,4	33,2	33,9	34,7	35,4	36,1	36,9
580	29,8	30,5	31,2	32,0	32,7	33,5	34,2	35,0	35,7	36,4	37,2
585	30,0	30,8	31,5	32,3	33,0	33,8	34,5	35,3	36,0	36,8	37,5
590	30,3	31,0	31,8	32,5	33,3	34,1	34,8	35,6	36,3	37,1	37,8
595	30,5	31,3	32,1	32,8	33,6	34,3	35,1	35,9	36,6	37,4	38,2
600	30,8	31,5	32,3	33,1	33,9	34,6	35,4	36,2	36,9	37,7	38,5
605	31,0	31,8	32,6	33,4	34,1	34,9	35,7	36,5	37,2	38,0	38,8
610	31,3	32,1	32,9	33,6	34,4	35,2	36,0	36,8	37,6	38,3	39,1
615	31,5	32,3	33,1	33,9	34,7	35,5	36,3	37,1	37,9	38,6	39,4

# CS BRAZIL 18/19: WHY IT MATTERS

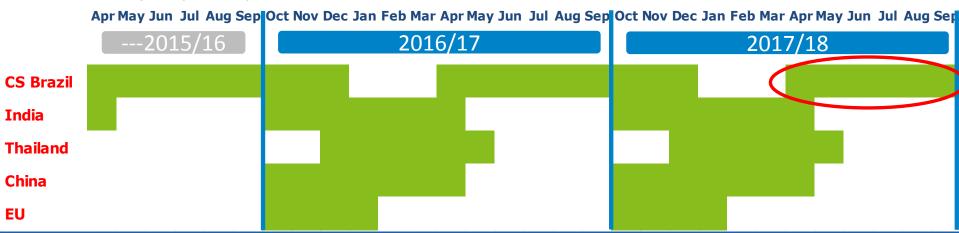
# April/March 2017/18 traces CS Brazil season, missing only tail end of other crops

Harvest calendar of key crops vs Apr/Mar seasons



# Oct/Sep 2017/18 surplus includes start of 2018/19 season in CS Brazil

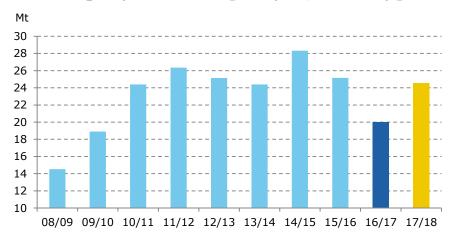
calendar of key crops vs Apr/Mar seasons



## **INDIA: HOW MUCH IMPORTS ARE NEEDED?**

## 2016/17 crop at 20 Mt only

India sugar production [tel quel, Oct/Sep]



## **India likely needs more imports**

Projected India SnD for 2016/17

Opening stocks	7,7
Production	20,0
Consumption	24,8
Stocks on 30 Sep [no imports]	2,9
- in days of consumption	43
Production Oct/Nov	2,4
Consumption Oct/Nov	4,2
Stocks on 30 Nov [no imports]	1,1
Imports	1,3
Stocks on 30 Sept [with imports]	4,2
- in days of consumption	62
Stocks on 30 Nov [with imports]	2,4

#### **Domestic deficit**

- With a crop at 20 Mt, a deficit of 5 Mt means imports are needed
- 500 kt already granted

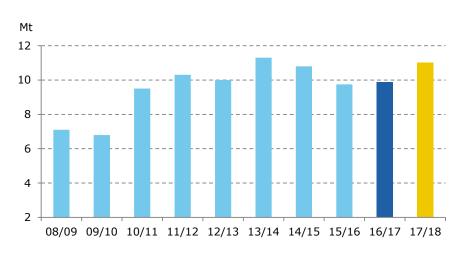
## More imports to come?

- More are probably needed in order to keep stocks at a comfortable level
- Dry weather and/or monsoon forecasts/El Nino could be the trigger for additional batches
- India may need some more imports in 2017/18 with a crop at 24.5 Mt

## THAILAND: BAD THINGS DON'T ALWAYS COME IN THREE

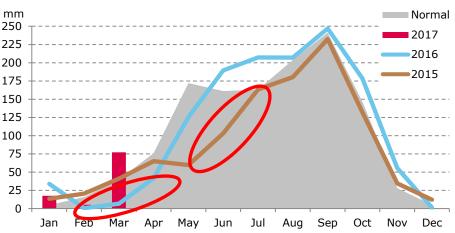
#### **Expected rebound for 2017/18 crop**

Thailand sugar production [tel quel, Dec/Nov]



#### Will Thailand enjoy normal weather this year?

Monthly rainfall in Thailand



## Previous two seasons thwarted by bad weather

- In 2015/16, a disappointing rainy season cut cane to 94 Mt and Sugar to 9.8 Mt
- In 2016/17, hot, dry weather pre-rainy season also cut cane to 92 Mt and Sugar to 9.9 Mt

## 2017/18 outlook and flags

- Pre-seasonal rains were mostly normal
- Long-term weather forecast are normal or even above-normal
- 11.1 Mt in 2017/18 based on 105 Mt cane might appear conservative

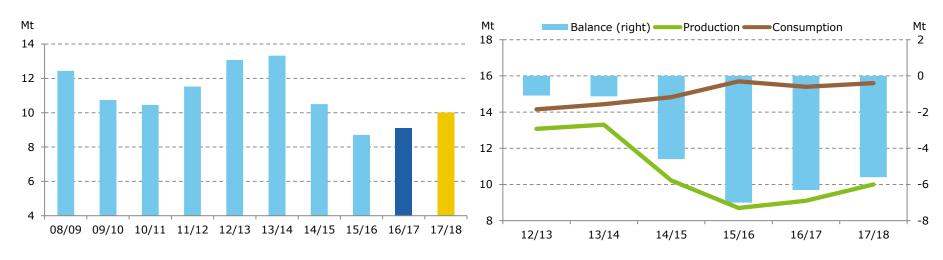
## CHINA: HOW TO FILL THE DEFICIT?

#### **Sugar production slow recovery**

China sugar production [tel quel, Oct/Sep]

## **Deficit narrowing but still sizeable**

China Supply/Demand balance [Oct/Sep, tel quel]



## Ways to fill the deficit

In 2016/17, a deficit of around 6 Mt could be filed by 1.5 Mt of Stocks release and roughly
 4.5 Mt of imports split between white sugar and raw sugar

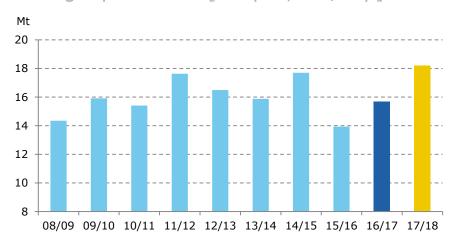
# **Main flags**

- 2016/17 imports depend on AIL licenses distribution and outcome of the investigation process. Will, and to what extent, import duty be raised? Rumours semm to favour a bearish outcome for Raw imports
- Weather ahead of the 2017/18 crop: long-term forecast seem to favour good rains

# THE EU: COUNTDOWN TO QUOTA-FREE MARKET STARTED

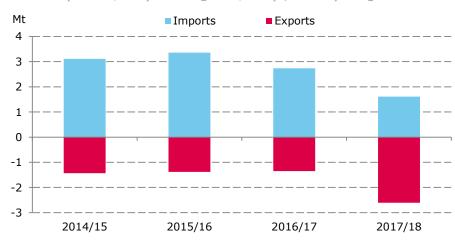
## **Sugar production to jump in 2017/18**

EU sugar production [tel quel, Oct/Sep]



## ...and EU exports as well

EU imports/exports [Oct/Sep, tel quel]



## **Production and export to jump:**

- Sugar production likely to jump to around 18.2 Mt (weather permitting) thanks to the strong increase in planted area ahead of the liberalisation of the market
- Imports may decrease but exports could jump to over 2.5 Mt

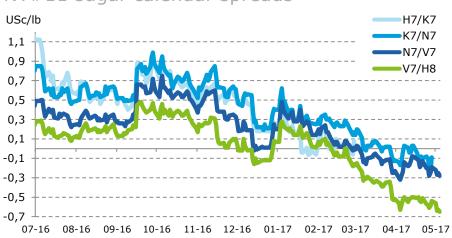
# **Main flags**

- Weather during the growing season
- Exports to start early probably

## REFINERS: ADJUSTING TO MARKET ENVIRONMENT

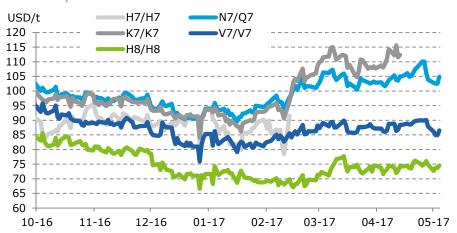
#### **Increasing carry for raw sugar**

NY#11 sugar calendar spreads



#### White premium lower on the forward

White premium for various contracts



#### **MENA Refiners**

- Roughly 11.5 Mt raw sugar imports (1/3rd of global trade)
- 2/3rd Domestic market & 1/3rd re-export
- Refiners do not change the production/consumption balance per say
- They impact trade flows by adjusting to market environment (flat price, structure and WP)
- They will see more competition from EU exports (and also from EU decreasing imports)

# **KEY CROPS RECAP**

# Most 2017/18 crops in the green

Key crop forecasts [tel quel, local year]

	Production	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	:
CS Brazil	Apr-Dec	33,3	31,3	34,1	34,4	32,0	31,2	35,6	35,5	
Australia	Jun-Dec	3,7	3,7	4,3	4,4	4,6	4,7	4,8	4,6	
ussia	Sep-Jan	2,7	5,0	4,8	4,4	4,4	5,2	6,1	5,7	
U	Oct-Jan	15,4	17,6	16,5	15,9	17,7	13,9	15,8	18,2	
JS	Oct-Mar	6,7	7,3	7,7	7,2	7,4	7,7	7,8	7,9	
NE Brazil	Sep-Apr	4,6	4,6	4,1	3,3	3,6	2,6	3,1	2,9	
ndia	Oct-Apr	24,4	26,3	25,1	24,4	28,3	25,2	20,0	24,5	
China	Oct-Apr	10,5	11,5	13,1	13,3	10,5	8,7	9,1	10,0	
Central America	Nov-Apr	3,9	4,7	5,2	5,2	5,4	5,0	5,2	5,4	
⁄lexico	Oct-May	5,2	5,0	7,0	6,0	6,0	6,1	6,0	6,4	
Γhailand	Dec-May	9,5	10,3	10,0	11,3	10,8	9,7	10,0	11,1	
Total		119,9	127,4	131,8	129,8	130,7	120,1	123,4	132,1	
						Crop scale:	bad crop	"normal"	good crop	



#### **TAKEAWAYS**

#### **Drivers of the renewed market weakness**

- Surplus not very big but gradually confirmed while stocks remain "satisfactory"
- Weather accommodative so far, some crops already downgraded (NE Brazil, Australia, Russia)
- Mostly normal start in CS Brazil
- Imports to India: publicity over doubts if more will come
- Imports to China: policy rumours point to less raw imports
- Thailand on course for 1 Mt rebound
- EU exports approaching and white supply heavy from Q4
- No strong reaction from refiners so far
- Funds selling heavily, including fresh gross shorts

#### **TAKEAWAYS**

## Where/When are the potential supportive news?

#### Short term - Current market

- Weather disruption? Monsoon news? El Nino?
- India to need more imports
- CS Brazil logistics against the background of giant grain crops (and late exports)
- China? Possibility of more white imports??

#### In case of further market weakness

- CS Brazil sugar mix to adjust down (and some diversion to ethanol in Thailand)
- Incremental refiners demand and possible duty-based Indian imports

#### Mid term

- Weather disruption? Monsoon news? El Nino?
- Ethanol potential bullishness
- Risks of rainy end-of-season in CS Brazil in case of El Nino
- 2018/19 CS Brazil assuming 36.5 Mt sugar to prove too optimistic?

# **TAKEAWAYS: BUSY AGENDA NEAR TERM**

May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
CS Brazil Info on Ag yields and Mix	CS Brazi Logistics	Ethar	Brazil nol tax? oil? BRL?	CS Brazil Rainy end of season?		CS Brazil 18/19 outlook 36.5 Mt?	CS Brazil Rainy season starts
India  Domestic pri  New import  Monsoon appro	s?		<b>India</b> Monsoon near olantings on-go		<b>India</b> 17/18 starts		
China Import duty? AIL licenses?			China Rain near en 17/18 outloo		Thailan Rain near 6 17/18 outl	end,	
Weather Disruptions? El Nino?	?		<b>EU</b> News on growing sea		EU Start of que free expo		



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION



The statistics charts and any other information given in this market review are collected from sources believed to be reliable. However the SUCRES & DENREES Group is not liable for ensuring the accuracy, completeness or timeless of the information which is provided as general information and for your reference only and should not be relied upon or used as the sole basis for making significant decisions without consulting primary or more accurate, more comprehensive sources of information. Any reliance upon the information will be at your own risk. The analyses and opinions expressed by the SUCRES & DENREES Group and formed out of the Information constitute its own current views and opinions but do not necessarily state or reflect those of others. Thus, the SUCRES & DENREES Group accepts no liability whatsoever with regard to these views and opinions, which are personal to the SUCRES & DENREES Group. Consequently, SUCRES & DENREES Group does not accept any liability for any loss or damage which may arise directly or indirectly from your use of or reliance upon the Information or upon the views and opinions of the SUCRES&DENREES Group.