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The Executive Secretary of the National Sugar Development Council, Dr. Latif Busari says there is acute shortage of local skilled manpower in the nation's sugar industry. The NSDC boss is of the opinion that technical assignments that should have been undertaken by Nigerians are being given to expatriates.

To address this challenge, he is proposing the setting up of a Sugar Industry Apprenticeship Centre to be saddled with the responsibility of providing technical training for young Nigerian graduates with relevant experience and knowledge of the sugar sector.

Also in the news, to expose experts in the sugar sector to modern technologies that would impact positively on their production process and business, the NSDC in conjunction with an international sugar process equipment provider, (BMA), organised a one Sugar Technology Symposium in Lagos. Participants were drawn from sugar companies, academia and government establishments.

As always, in this edition of SUGARNEWS are our usual industry-based interview segment, Health Corner, Staff Matters as well as other developments within the sugar industry.



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NSDC Executive Secretary decries dearth of skilled manpower in sugar sector

The Executive Secretary of the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC), Dr. Latif D. Busari says the nation's sugar industry lacks adequate local skilled manpower required to occupy positions specifically meant for Nigerians across sugar companies in the country.

Dr. Busari said this development is responsible for the soaring number of expatriates presently holding or occupying positions which would have been manned by Nigerians.

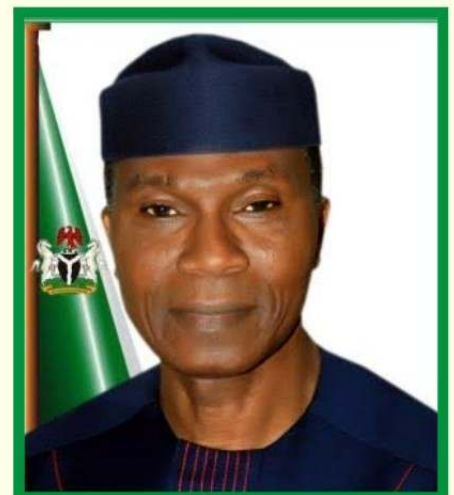
He noted that more Nigerians are being thrown into the labour market as a result of this issue, stressing that the Council is poised to come up with measures to address the development head

on. "Foreigners are taking over job opportunities meant for Nigerians. We must do something urgent to halt this trend. Nigerians are daily being thrown into the labour market since positions meant for them are now being occupied by skilled expatriates".

The NSDC boss said to address the shortage of skilled manpower in the local sugar industry, the Council has initiated the process of establishing the Sugar Industry Apprenticeship Centre, adding that the proposed centre would in collaboration with sugar companies organize trainings for workers in the sugar industry.

Dr. Busari said the goals and objectives of the centre will be to "conduct specialized training for all technical staff, dispense courses and continuous learning programmes

for different cadres of sugar industry staff to meet the requirements of an evolving and competitive industry and tap new technologies and innovative approaches as they emerge for the benefit of the industry".



Dr. Latif Busari
Executive Secretary
National Sugar Development Council (NSDC)

FAO: Drought, flood cause rise in sugar cost

The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), says the cost of sugar has climbed up by 2.6 per cent due to drought and flooding situation across the globe.

The spike in prices is predicated on drought in the world's largest sugar exporter — Brazil — and monsoon floods in India and Indonesia.

The price index for sugar is 21 per cent lower than September 2017 estimates, but a 2.6 per cent rise occurred between August and September 2018.

There was a step down in prices of other commodities in the FAO basket, due to an increased volume of production.

The Cereal Price Index lost 2.8 percent, thanks to expectations of a 'very large crop in the United States of America'.

This forced export quotations down. Strong sales and shipment of wheat crashed global prices. Rice, 35 per cent of which is produced by China, also saw its cost drop in the period under focus.

Palm oil prices saw the sharpest decline, with increased export expected from major producing countries. Prices are now 25 per cent lower than September 2017 figures. The Vegetable Oil Price Index reduced for the eighth month. This time round, it fell by 2.3 percent to a three-year low.

The Price Index for dairy products moved down by 2.4 percent in September, in keeping with its downward trend.

FAO projects that world cereal utilisation will rise to 647 million tonnes in the

2018/19 season, up 1.1 percent from the estimated level for the previous year.

Global trade in cereals is anticipated to reach 400 million, about 1.0 per cent less than the record level of the 2017/2018 marketing season.

International trade volumes of wheat and rice are predicted to decline, while maize volumes will likely increase.

According to the National Sugar Development Council, manufacturers in the country imported 1.4 million metric tonnes of raw sugar for refining in 2017. The country is said to have imported 4.5 million mt of wheat at the cost of \$2.05 billion chiefly from the U.S, while local production remained stagnated at 60,000 mt between 2015 and 2017.

SON confiscates bags of substandard sugar in Kano

The Standards Organization of Nigeria (SON) has confiscated more than 300 bags of substandard sugar in Singa market of Kano metropolis.

The seized sugar was believed to have been smuggled into the country through subterranean routes from Brazil without proper certification from the authorities.

The products were confiscated during routine raid exercise of the Organisation in its bid to get rid of substandard, fake and adulterated products from the markets.

The Organisation's coordinator in charge of Kano and Jigawa states, Malam Yunusa B. Mohammed who led other members of monitoring and compliance team on the raid stated that the sugar is lacking in some vital ingredients like vitamin A, and has a high level of icumsa concentration which is dangerous for consumption in the country.

He expressed concern over the current influx of unfortified sugar products in the markets, reiterating SON's determination to contain the menace in the two states within his jurisdiction.

"It is a federal government policy that certain products must be fortified with vitamin A, and one of these products is sugar. The influx of sugar into the country has been one of our major concerns as some of these sugar products are not fortified with vitamin A, besides that most of the sugar equally has very high level of icumsa value, for that reason, we were asked to sustain surveillance of these products and wherever we see them we should ensure that we evacuate them.

"For not fortifying them they have contravened Nigerian laws, secondly, on the several tests we conducted on some of these products it shows that they have high level of icumsa which is the

colour indicator and we want to ensure that whatever Nigerians are consuming is within the confines of the specifications of Nigerian standards" he emphasized.

The Usina Bazan brand of sugar was confiscated from three shops and Mohammed said the affected shop owners would be investigated and if found culpable they would be charged to court for prosecution.



NSDC hosts serge Capital & property investment



The Executive Secretary of the National Sugar Development Council, Dr. Latif D. Busari recently played host to the President, Serge Capital Limited, Mr. Greg Todd and his team in Abuja.

The company is an investment driven-international firm that explores and embarks on investments activities in the area of agro-allied business worldwide. The headquarters of the Company is in Heidelberg, Australia and branches in Lockhart, Cavan, Palm Beach (Australia), China and Nigeria.

According to Mr. Todd, the company's

main source of working capital is in China and the company also partners with property investment firms in China.

He said that the company wished to utilize the big market in Africa more particularly Nigeria and has thus discussed with the Australian Minister of Agriculture on the planned decision of the company to invest in 10,000 TCD Sugar plant expandable to 20,000 TCD in Nigeria. The Company is also to utilize technology in Australia as well as explore the possibility of integrating the proposed capacity with Australian

sugar industry model. He called on the Council to provide enabling investment climate for the Company to invest in Nigeria.

Responding, the Executive Secretary NSDC, Dr. Busari stated that the Council does not go into direct sugar production, exist principally to play regulatory and promotional roles in local sugar production. He thanked the delegation for showing interest in the Nigerian sugar sector, stressing that the sector holds a lot of opportunity and potential waiting to be tapped.

Lee Group visits Sugar Council, seeks for collaboration

The Management of the Lee Group, a major investor in the Nigerian sugar industry, has reiterated its readiness to partner the Council and discuss prospects for the implementation of the Nigerian Sugar Industry Master Plan (NSMP).

The Lee Group dropped this hint during a courtesy visit to the corporate headquarters of the NSDC which was at the instance of the Honourable Minister of State, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, Hajia Aisha Abubakar, said the group has put in place necessary machinery that would enable her function well within the nation's sugar industry.

In her remarks, Hajia Aisha Abubakar commended the group's investments in agro-allied activities as well as Lee Group's assurance to ram up the implementation of

the Gagarawa project for possible commissioning in 2021 or 2022.

The Chairman of the company, Mr. Lee was accompanied by the Project Director, Mr. Wilkins Lam, Director, Agric. Services, Dr.

Umar Majiyya, Deputy Director, Agric. Services, Malam Mohammed Jika.

The NSDC team was led by the Executive Secretary, Dr. Latif D. Busari.



STAR INTERVIEW

Zaria Sugarcane Bio-factory ready for commercial production, Dr. Shehu



General Manager, NSDC Sugarcane Bio-factory, Zaria, Dr. Inuwa Shehu Usman

The SUGARNEWS Editorial Team recently had a chat with the General Manager of the National Sugar Development Council Sugarcane Bio-factory, Dr. Inuwa Shehu Usman at the bio-factory which is located at the Institute for Agricultural Research (IAR), Ahmadu Bello University, Samaru, Zaria, Kaduna State.

Dr. Usman spoke on issues that necessitated the setting up of the first sugarcane bio-factory in Nigeria as well as its general operations. He said though the bio-factory, being the first of its kind Nigeria still faces some constraints, but said the centre is ready to go into full commercial production.

SUGARNEWS: Sir, could you please introduce yourself to our esteemed readers?

DR. USMAN: Well, my name is Dr. InuwaShehuUsman. I was trained as a Plant Physiologist. I am a Professor and I work with the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, at the Department of Plant Science. My core area of interest is Plant Biotechnology and more specifically, Plant Tissue Culture.

SUGARNEWS: Tell us about the National Sugar Development Council Sugarcane Bio-factory which you are the General Manager.

DR. USMAN: The NSDC Sugarcane bio-factory is a newly established commercial entity with the objective of producing disease-free seedlings of high quality to help revolutionize the Nigerian sugar sector as well as the agricultural sector. The bio-factory is located at the Institute for Agricultural Research (IAR), Ahmadu Bello University, Samaru, Zaria and was commissioned in 2015.

It was established to help translate Nigeria's potentialities into tangible wealth of realities. One of the challenges faced by sugarcane production worldwide is the vegetative nature of its conventional propagation. Because it is clonally propagated from cutting of stalks, there are chances of spread of pathogens and pathogenic infections. Therefore in order to achieve rapid development of our local sugar industry, the need arises for crop productivity enhancement. What this means is that if we aim at large scale

production of sugarcane would consequently require large quantity of quality planting materials. And for this purpose, the conventional system of propagation will not only be inefficient, but also less desirable as a result of possible pathogenic infection which affects yields.

Tissue culture techniques, biotechnology approach, can overcome these problems by providing mass uniform, disease-free plantlets within a relatively short time frame. Adoption of this biotechnology will have positive twin effects on both our local sugar industry and national economy.

Essentially, the bio-factory presents an opportunity to solve a critical problem facing sugar estates and sugarcane growers by providing more productive and sustainable planting materials. It is a proactive approach to alleviating problems of sugarcane production in Nigeria. Our vision is to be a world class laboratory using cutting edge micro-propagation techniques combined with excellence to service the quality planting material needs of the agricultural sector with special focus on the sugarcane industry.

SUGARNEWS: WHAT IS THE CURRENT COMMERCIAL STATUS OF THE BIO-FACTORY?

DR. USMAN: The Bio-factory has been able to establish linkage with one major plant, the Great Northern Agricultural Enterprises Limited. They are based in Kano, and they have their farm in Jigawa. They have commissioned us to produce 30,000 seedlings of variety of their choice which we are about to deliver any moment from now. We are also into negotiation with Savannah Sugar Company Limited. They want us to multiply a variety of interest for them. So we are about to enter into agreement with them on the commercial production to meet their demand for the seedlings.

SUGARNEWS: ARE THERE PECULIAR CHALLENGES YOU WOULD WANT TO

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R-L: Hon. Minister of State, Industry, Trade and Investment, Hajiya Aisha Abubakar and Executive Secretary, NSDC Dr. Latif Busari during the Minister's visit to the NSDC Office.



Hon. Minister of State (FMITI) interacting with the NSDC Management team led by Dr. Latif Busari



Director, PPRS, Mr. Hezekiah Kolawole represented the ES, Dr. Latif D. Busari at the First NSDC/BMA Sugar Technology symposium in Lagos



Director, Procurement, Alhaji Ishaq Odewale in a group photograph with members of the Northern Youths Initiative for Peace and Good Governance (NYIR99) during the award presentation to Alhaji Odewale



A cross section of NSDC staff during the SON Lead Auditor's Course



NSDC drivers in a group photograph with instructors from the Federal Road Safety Commission during an in-house training exercise for NSDC drivers.

Photo Speaks

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DR. USMAN: The main challenge is that the Bio-factory is the first of its kind in the country, and being that, we are starting to develop the Bio-factory. We are trying to develop a protocol that works and also we are trying to establish linkage with our clients and other stakeholders, it hasn't been easy.

Also, our work being a research process, it involves a lot of trial and error, sometimes we get it right and sometimes we have to go another way round, but by and large, I think we have been able to overcome our constraints. We now have a protocol that is working and also we are now ready to go into commercial scale production, which is a research endeavor that requires a lot of inputs that are not readily available in the country. One of them is getting the right quality of chemicals that we could use to get desired results. Tissue culture is an established commercial nurseries overseas, and they have standards and they can always access right quality chemicals but in our own case, it is not so.

Another challenge is that of power supply, the challenge that has to do with electricity. Though, we have a backup with the generator and then luckily, the

situation with power is improving all over the country, we are hoping we get to a situation that we will have perennial power supply, continuous and non-interruptible. So what we have is, if there is power outage for some days, it can lead to destruction of one to two years research work, so it is a big challenge.

Another thing has to do with water also, potable water supply is a key factor, but I think we doing good with the borehole that we have in place and the purification system, but we are seeking a more permanent solution to the water problem. Another issue is the staff. The issue with the staff is that, our work requires skills and quite a number of the staff in the Bio-factory lack the skills, so we are trying to train them to acquire those skills. Sometimes they are also not well motivated, but we are training and retraining them and making them understand that this is a Bio-factory, it is a different setting and it is not the university or the NSDC. It is an entity on its own and the environment is different, they need to understand this for us to be able to work as a Bio-factory.

Another issue related to challenges is marketing. This is so because, of all the sugar estates in the country, we are able to have effective demand from one. It is important to have good quality planting

materials because it is primary to the success of the sugar industry and also to the establishment of productive sugar estates that will make the industry to be profitable. Through this system, you will be able to select best planting materials in terms of sugar content, yield, fibre content, disease resistance and adaptability to the environments etc.

SUGARNEWS: IN ADDRESSING THE MANPOWER CHALLENGE/GAP, IS THERE ANY FORM OF COLLABORATION WITH SUGAR ESTATES IN THE COUNTRY WILLING TO BRING IN SOME OF THEIR STAFF TO THE CENTRE TO UNDERSTUDY WHAT YOU ARE DOING?

DR. USMAN: So far, no sugar company has approached us, but Savannah Sugar and some other companies have that in mind because they want to setup some facilities for secondary handling of seedlings. What we do at the Bio-factory is primary handling of seedlings; secondary handling is done at the site.

Dangote Sugar refinery appoints Singh as COO

The Dangote Sugar Refinery Plc has appointed Mr. Ravindra Singh Singhvi, as its Chief Operating Officer (COO).

The group said Mr. Singhvi has over 37 years' experience in leadership positions in manufacturing and processes in sugar, petrochemicals, cement and textiles products industries in India.

Mr. Singhvi is a chartered accountant with background in company secretarial duties and general management. He holds a B.Com (Hons) and Law (I) from the University of Jodhpur, India.

Prior to joining Dangote Sugar Refinery Plc, Mr. Singhvi was the Managing Director & CEO of NSL Sugar Limited, Hyderabad, India; Managing Director, EID Parry (1) Limited, Chennai, India, one of the top three sugar producing companies in India. He was also President, Indo Rama Group, Birla Group and Executive Director at S. Kumar Nationwide Limited amongst others.

He was also the national chairman of Power Committee of Indian Sugar Manufacturers Association.



Mr. Ravindra Singh Singhvi,
Chief Operating Officer (COO).
Dangote Sugar Refinery

Technology critical in achieving self-sufficiency in sugar production, Dr. Busari



Participants at the first NSDC/BMA Sugar Technology Symposium which held in Nigeria

The Executive Secretary of the National Sugar Development Council (NSDC), Dr. Latif Busari, wants stakeholders in the country's sugar industry to deploy modern technology in their operations, adding that modern machineries do not only improve outputs, but guarantee an efficient, effective production processes.

Dr. Busari who was represented by the Director, Policy, Planning Research and Statistics, Mr. Hezekiah Kolawole identified technology as the backbone of sugar processing, stressed the need for industry players to make adequate budgetary provision to procure technologies that would bring about meaningful output at the end of the day.

He stated this at the First NSDC/BMA Sugar Refinery Technology Symposium held in Lagos.

According to him, the Council is committed to providing the required support and cooperation through the formulation of business-friendly regulatory policies for the smooth

operations of sugar companies.

Underscoring the importance of the symposium and what participants stand to gain from it, Busari said "This would be the first of many of such events that would expose operators in Nigeria sugar industry to new technologies for field and factory operations; address deficiencies in skills and available manpower in the sector and provide platforms for business relationships that would enhance the capacity of the local sugar industry".

While assuring all stakeholders of Council's readiness to provide a level playing ground for them to do business, he equally stressed the need for industry players to redouble their efforts and be faithful to the various agreements they entered into with government.

"We at the Council are interested in growing the sugar industry. Our objectives as a government owned regulatory agency are targeted

towards building an all -inclusive sugar sector for the country and other interested parties".

Speaking further on the need to expose more sugar companies and stakeholders to modern technologies, Busari said that he would try to bring in other technology providers in order to give investors and other participants a range of different production and sugar processing technologies to consider".

In a presentation at the event, a sugar technology manufacturer, Mr. Landry Maffo Melli, said technology has made sugar business an interesting activity, noting that sugar companies have a lot to gain when they deploy modern sugar technologies in their operations.

The symposium with the theme "Sugar Recovery, Water and Steam Consumption in the Sugar Production Process" had in attendance industry players from both the private and public sectors.

Group confers Sir Ahmadu Bello Leadership award on Director Procurement



R-L: Director, Procurement, Alhaji Ishaq Odewale and President of NYIPGG, Umar Lawal Faruk during the award presentation in Abuja.

Ayouth-based organization, the Northern Youths Initiative for Peace and Good Governance (NYIPGG) has conferred the Sir Ahmadu Bello Leadership award on the Director of Procurement, National Sugar Development Council, Alhaji Ishaq Odewale.

The group said the choice of Alhaji Odewale was arrived at following a detailed search it conducted on his personality, official and unofficial engagements. In his speech during the award conferment ceremony, President of the group, Malam Umar Lawal Faruk, said Alhaji Odewale has been patriotic and exemplary in his conducts and called on other Nigerians to emulate him.

Malam Faruk said the body chose Alhaji Odewale for the

prestigious award given his commitment to work as well as his love for the less privileged in the society. He further noted that the award is to encourage him to continue to do his best for the advancement of humanity. In his response, Alhaji Ishaq Odewale thanked the group for finding him worthy of being bestowed such an award and pledged his resolve to remain exemplary in all his engagements.

"I thank you most profusely for finding me worthy of being bestowed this prestigious award. I feel humbled and privileged to bag an award named after our father and revered statesman, late Sir Ahmadu Bello. I cherish everything about this honour."

"Well, I am not privy to how you came about all the beautiful things you wrote in the citation that was earlier read. But Alhamdulillah, that my little effort is being recognized. This is a call to continue to offer myself and service to humanity. Honour or award comes with more responsibility. Insha Allah, I shall not fail in the discharge of my duties to God and mankind". He also thanked the group for choosing to promote peaceful co-existence through its various advocacy programmes which he said have impacted greatly on Nigerians, especially at the grassroots. The event was attended by the Deputy Director, Public Affairs, Malam Ahmed Waziri, Deputy Director, Procurement, Dr. Adeyemo Odunayo as well as staff of the Procurement Department.

Health Corner: 7 Steps to a healthy body and mind

1. Start with a positive mindset

Observe and learn from these health and wellness experts. Most of them have a strong online and social media presence. This makes it easy for you to research them and choose the one that best matches your expectations on how to stay in good shape. Whether you're dieting so that you can look good in your bikini, or simply because you do care about your health, make sure you stay motivated to get the best results.

2. Make a plan and make sure you stick to it:

How much weight do you want to lose in how much time? Set some realistic targets for each week and write down your progress. Get a diet buddy to keep you on track with working out and compare notes. Surround yourself with motivational quotes and keep visualizing your goal image.

3. Never underestimate the power of chlorophyll:

Go for green vegetables, particularly the dark leafy ones. The more,

the better. Not only are they brimming with fibers, but also with minerals, vitamins, enzymes and tons of antioxidants.

4. Hydrate properly:

Water is essential for carrying nutrients and oxygen to cells. You need water for your overall metabolism. It also helps tremendously with the detox process, keeping your immune system functioning properly. It supports digestion as well as transporting and removing waste products in the blood.



5. Choose a workout you'd enjoy:

Include in your regimen a workout that helps you add muscle while you lose fat. Zumba can be a great option. It's fun, high-energy and those Latin beats are easy to follow.

6. Avoid mixing carbohydrates and proteins:

Most nutritionists are reserved about this combination. It slows the digestive process. Proteins are digested differently than carbohydrates. Mixing acidic foods like meat, fish and cheese with the alkaline fruit and vegetables would cause fermentation in the intestines.

7. Don't forget to reward yourself:

Punishing yourself is not going to help. Every once in a while, when you notice that you're closer to your goal, indulge yourself. This way, sticking to a healthy diet won't feel like a trap.

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STAFF MATTERS

NSDC STAFF UNDERGO BASIC EMERGENCY TRAINING

A total of seventeen members of staff drawn from all Departments/unit in the NSDC have undergone training in Basic Emergency Response and First Responder course.

The training was conducted by the Emergency Response Services Ltd, a pioneer organization for American Heart Association (AHA) programmes in Nigeria on Tuesday, 28th August, 2018 at the Trauma Centre of the National Hospital.

The objective of the training was to equip participants with basic skills and knowledge in the areas of medical, environmental and trauma emergencies so that when emergencies occur, they can be handled with prompt attention.

GENERAL STAFF MEETING

The Council held its second and final General staff meeting for the 2018 working year on 20th September, 2018. The meeting had in attendance the Executive Secretary, Management staff and entire staff of the Council including Council staff from the Zonal offices and Lagos Liaison office. Issues relating to ways to actualize Council's core mandate were discussed exhaustively.

NSDC DRIVERS TRAINING

The Council in its bid to ensure that its drivers are competent to carry out their tasks and duties in a manner devoid of avoidable crashes organized a training / certification programme for all drivers of the Council which held at the Council Headquarters' conference room from 2nd to 4th October, 2018.

The training was organized in collaboration with Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), the lead agency in road traffic management. The objective of the training was to improve driving skills and knowledge of emerging trends in road traffic safety, assess their level of skills in driving as well as to examine their medical fitness i.e. visual acuity and blood pressure test

STANDARDS ORGANIZATION OF NIGERIA ORGANISES LEAD AUDITORS TRAINING FOR NSDC STAFF

The last phase of training of Council staff preparatory to the certification drive of Council's Management on ISO-9001:2015 by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) came up between 4th to 8th September, 2018.

A total of 11 successful Council staff that emerged from the Auditors training were trained to get equipped with requisite knowledge and expertise to support the Council to establish and drive the implementation of the ISO-9001:2015 certification process.



A cross section of NSDC drivers during an in-house training organized for drivers

DATA ON SUGAR IMPORTATION IN THE THIRD QUARTER JULY-SEPTEMBER 2018

Month	Importer	Qty (MT) (NPA)	Qty (MT) (NCS)	Country of Origin	Discharging Port	Type of Sugar
July	Dangote Sugar	96,435	42,154	Brazil	Apapa	Raw
	BUA Sugar	45,004	45,000	Brazil	Tincan	Raw
	Golden Sugar	-	-	-	-	-
August	Dangote Sugar	59,722	93,093.5	Brazil	Apapa	Raw
	BUA Sugar	-	-	-	-	-
	Golden Sugar	-	48,400	Brazil	Apapa	Raw
September	Dangote Sugar	46,032	47,000	Brazil	Apapa	Raw
	BUA Sugar	-	43,381	Brazil	Tincan	Raw
	Golden Sugar	48,419	-	Brazil	Apapa	Raw
	Total	295,612	319,029			

SUMMARY OF AVERAGE LOCAL & INTERNATIONAL RAW AND WHITE SUGAR PRICE: JULY- SEPTEMBER, 2018

MONTH	SOURCE (STATE)	SUGAR (BRAND)	WHOLESALE	WHOLESALE	RETAIL	RETAIL	INTERNATIONAL		INTERNATIONAL	
			N/50KG	N/MT	N/50KG	N/MT	RAW SUGAR		WHITE SUGAR	
							AVERAGE PRICE		AVERAGE PRICE	
							\$/MT	N/MT	\$/MT	N/MT
JULY	LAGOS	WHITE	14,613.30	292,266	14,871.66	297,433.34	258.46	79,498.73	329.63	100,806.83
	KANO	DANGOTE/								
	ABUJA	GOLDEN/								
	ADAMAWA	BUA								
	KWARA									
AUGUST	LAGOS	WHITE	14,674	293,480	14,907	298,145	244.99	74,984.94	316.71	96,935.28
	KANO	DANGOTE/								
	ABUJA	GOLDEN/								
	ADAMAWA	BUA								
	KWARA									
SEPTEMBER	LAGOS	WHITE	14,660	293,202	14,893	297,868	254.12	77,827.11	329.9	84,316.91
	KANO	DANGOTE/								
	ABUJA	GOLDEN/								
	ADAMAWA	BUA								
	KWARA									
AVERAGE MONTH										
TOTAL			14,649.19	292,983	14,890.66	297,815.47	252.5233	77,436.93	325.4133	94,019.67

* Note: Mt =Metric Tons (50kgx 20), Kg = Kilogram, N =Nigerian Currency Naira,
\$= USD, Currency Conversion US\$1 = N305.95(Nigeria Central Bank Rate)
Weight Conversion: 1000kg = 1 Metric Tonne, \$/ Ton = C/Ib X 22.04
Country And State are NOT applicable to International raw and white sugar price.
Source: International Sugar Organization Market Report & Local Market Survey.

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