

CROP 2025 ASSESSMENT

1. Crop Harvest & Milling Operations

- 1.1 The total area under cane plantation (plant, virgin and ratoon canes) stood at **37,977** hectares for Crop 2025.
- 1.2 Milling operations for Crop 2025 first started at ALTEO factory on the 21st June 2025 and ended with OMNICANE factory on 17th January 2026.
- 1.3 The total area harvested for Crop 2025 for milling purposes stood at **32,653** hectares as compared to 33,408 hectares for Crop 2024.

2. Sugar Production

- 2.1 For Crop 2025, the total tonnage of canes harvested and sent to mills for sugar production island-wide by planters **2,321,704** tonnes.
- 2.2 For Crop 2025, the amount of sugar produced at 98.5° pol was **220,949** tonnes.

3. Sugar Price For Insurance

- 3.1 In accordance with Section 47 of the Sugar Insurance Fund Act, the sugar price for insurance purposes in respect of Crop Year 2025 was determined at the rates of:
 - (i) **Rs. 23,220** per metric ton of sugar for the growing side, inclusive of added value of molasses.
 - (ii) **Rs. 22,000** per metric ton of sugar for milling side.
- 3.2 These rates were published under General Notice No. 1831 of 2025 in the Government Gazette.

4. Declaration Of Event Year

- 4.1 Section 25 (1) of the Sugar Insurance Fund Act provides for the declaration of an Event Year by the Board not later than 30 April on account of the occurrence of cyclone, drought or excessive rainfall where, in any crop year, the total sugar accrued is not more than the prescribed percentage of the total insurable sugar for any prescribed area.
- 4.2 Under the current insurance terms, the prescribed area basis for the declaration of event year is the Island of Mauritius and the prescribed percentage of the total insurable sugar is 80 per cent.

- 4.3 Based on the final consolidated run of general assessment on non-declared basis, the Total Sugar Accruing as a percentage of Total Insurable Sugar for the two groups of planters, i.e. Growing Units and Large Planters, for each Enlarged Factory Area (EFA) are as shown in **Table 1** below:

Table 1

PLANTERS' SUMMARY				
EFA (Planters)	Group Type	TIS [T]	SA [T]	Crop Reduction%
TERRA	Growing Unit	13,197	11,072	16.1%
	Large Planters	40,723	38,878	4.5%
TERRA TOTAL		53,920	49,950	7.4%
OMNICANE	Growing Unit	11,010	11,178	0.0%
	Large Planters	48,467	49,816	0.0%
OMNICANE TOTAL		59,477	60,994	0.0%
ALTEO	Growing Unit	14,892	13,969	6.2%
	Large Planters	50,261	47,493	5.5%
ALTEO TOTAL		65,153	61,462	5.7%
GROWING UNIT GROUP TOTAL		39,099	36,219	7.4%
LARGE PLANTER GROUP TOTAL		139,451	136,187	2.3%
ALL PLANTERS TOTAL		178,550	172,406	3.4%

- 4.4 The declaration of Event Year is done for two groups of planters, namely (i) planters and métayers of all the Growing Units in the island of Mauritius and (ii) all the large planters cultivating sugar cane on at least 300 Ha in the island of Mauritius.
- 4.5 Since none of the two groups of planters island-wide has its Total Sugar Accruing being 80% or less than the Total Insurable Sugar i.e. a crop loss percentage of at least 20%, no declaration of event year was warranted with respect to Crop 2025.

5. General Assessment

- 5.1 For Crop Year 2025, the total amount of sugar accruing was:-
- 5.1.1 36,219 T against a Total Insurable Sugar of 39,099 T for Growing Unit planters islandwide representing a crop reduction of 7.4% only.
- 5.1.2 136,187 T against a Total Insurable Sugar of 139,451 T for Large Planters islandwide representing a crop reduction of 2.3% only.
- 5.2 Since no Event Year has been declared in respect of any of the two groups of planters in the island, no general compensation was payable.

- 5.3 By virtue of Section 24 (4) of the SIF Act, the Board had until 30th April for claim of final general insurance premium from the MSS.
- 5.4 Furthermore, paragraph 16(d) of the Annex to Budget Speech 2025-2026 reads as follows:
“For sugar cane planters producing up to 60 tons of sugar, Government will pay the premium to the Sugar Insurance Fund Board for Crop 2025.”
- 5.5 On 8th May 2026, the Minister made regulations under section 51 of the SIF Act for the implementation of this Budget measure to cater for reduced general and fire premiums in favour of small planters/métayers having not more than 60 T of sugar accrued for Crop Year 2025 (GN 57 of 2026). Some 7,371 accounts of small planters/métayers having a total of 27,662 T of sugar accrued benefitted from this Budget measure for Crop 2025.
- 5.6 For Crop 2025, the total premium income receivable is **Rs 386.2 Million** from all insureds, out of which:
- (i) **Rs 54.1 Million** is claimable from the Government in respect of small planters/metayers producing up to 60T sugar.
 - (ii) **Rs 248.5 Million** is payable by large planters and Growing Unit planters whose sugar production exceed 60T; and
 - (iii) **Rs 83.6 Million** is payable by Millers in respect of general and fire insurance premiums.

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