

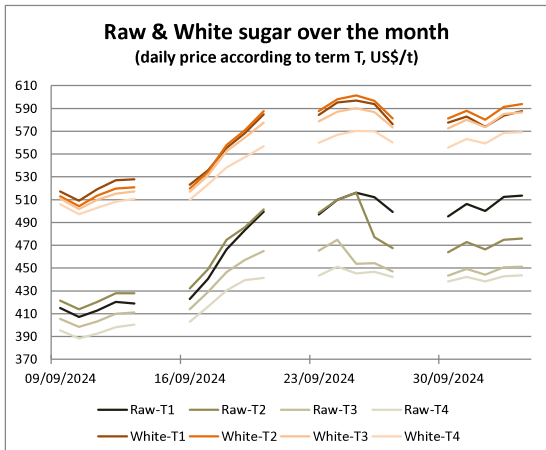


**Sugar #11 and #5 : prices**

**September: what a month!**

What a rise! Raw sugar gained more than 20% in less than a month, an extreme move rarely seen in the past. Of course, such a move is only possible with the support of speculators: they went from being net sellers of more than 1.1 million tonnes to net buyers of more than 2.3 million tonnes - a huge difference of 3.4 million tonnes (page 2). But this movement is also based on fundamentals. S&P has significantly revised its forecasts for both Brazil and India. For Central-South Brazil, S&P now expects production of 39.3 Mt in 2024-25 (Apr/Mar), down from a record high of 42.4 Mt in 2023-24, and 40.9 Mt in 2024-25. For India (Oct/Sept), S&P now forecasts production of 29.2 Mt in 2024-25, down from 32.0 Mt in 2023-24. The only bearish news from S&P comes from Thailand (estimated at 11.2 Mt in 2024-25 (Nov/Oct) against 8.7 Mt in 2023-24) and explains why S&P presents a global world surplus, for 2024-25 (Oct/Sept), of 3.1 Mt - a view not shared by all analysts, and many now forecast that demand will exceed supply on the world crude market, at least until the opening of the next Brazilian campaign in April. ISO, for instance, still expects a deficit of around - 3.6 Mt for the 2024-2025 world campaign (Oct/Sept). This situation explains why the raw value has moved from less than 19 cts/lb at the beginning of September to almost 23 cts/lb at the end of the month – just before a little pause. White sugar performance has been much slower, with the 'white premium', the difference between raw and refined sugar, falling to a 3-year low below \$75/t (page 3) - probably reflecting Thai availability, who mainly export white sugar. Last but not least, sugar's performance must also be read in the context of a global market recovery for commodities: cereals gained between 3% and 5% (page 9). Brent rose by 6% to reach \$75 per barrel: tensions in the Middle East could have a much more bullish impact in the coming months, which will have to be monitored.

	Settling date	First week of September-24	Last week of September-24	Difference in currency	Difference in %
<b>White sugar</b> (sugar#5, London, \$/t)	Oct 24	520,1	581,2	61,1	<b>11,8%</b>
	Dec 24	514,4	587,0	72,6	<b>14,1%</b>
	Mar 25	511,0	579,6	68,6	<b>13,4%</b>
	May 25	505,0	563,3	58,2	<b>11,5%</b>
<b>Raw sugar</b> (sugar#11, NY, cts/lb)	Oct 24	18,82	22,93	4,11	<b>21,8%</b>
	Mar 25	19,16	21,36	2,20	<b>11,5%</b>
	May 25	18,40	20,31	1,91	<b>10,4%</b>
	Jul 25	17,92	20,01	2,09	<b>11,7%</b>
<b>Raw sugar</b> (sugar#11, NY, \$/t)	Oct 24	414,9	505,6	90,6	<b>21,8%</b>
	Mar 25	422,4	470,9	48,5	<b>11,5%</b>
	May 25	405,6	447,8	42,2	<b>10,4%</b>
	Jul 25	395,1	441,1	46,0	<b>11,7%</b>
<b>Premium</b>	Oct 24 / Oct 24	105,2	75,7	-29,5	<b>-28,0%</b>



**Warning ! Terms changed for the white on the 15th of Sept. And for the raw on the 30th of September ! Thus, the last week of Sept. in the table above refers to the new terms.**

