

Press release

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Sugar beets defy the weather conditions

Nordic Sugar's first beet harvest forecast indicates a sugar output on a par with the EU sugar quotas.

The first part of the sugar beet growing season has been characterised by varying weather conditions in Nordic Sugar's production countries. In Denmark and Sweden, the combination of a cool spring, a warm and dry summer and heavy rainfalls in the past few weeks resulted in unusual growth conditions. In Finland and Lithuania on the other hand, beet growth conditions have been favourable.

Overall, the first field sampling conducted by Nordic Sugar in Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Lithuania indicates a sugar output at minimum on a par with Nordic Sugar's total EU quota of 811,000 tonnes of sugar.

The year's second beet harvest forecast will be available in approx 10 days.

Table 1: Results of Nordic Sugar's first field samples:

	Tonnes beet per ha		% sugar in beet		Tonnes sugar per ha	
Denmark	55.1	(50.8)	13.5	(15.1)	7.42	(7.66)
Sweden	51.9	(47.0)	12.8	(14.2)	6.66	(6.74)
Finland	35.3	(28.7)	13.7	(13.4)	4.84	(3.80)
Lithuania	61.3	(40.5)	13.4	(14.0)	8.19	(5.69)

Average for the past five years shown in parentheses

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Nordic Sugar

Nordic Sugar has produced sugar for the Northern European market for more than 100 years. On the back of a high level of quality, innovative product development and efficient supply, we boast market leadership in the Nordic and Baltic countries. Our products are used in all almost food industry segments, and we develop many of our tailored solutions in close collaboration with our customers. Consumers benefit from our range of speciality products marketed under our Dansukker trademark.

We produce sugar at plants in Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Lithuania. Our production is based on natural raw materials, primarily sugar beet grown locally. We also manufacture a line of high-energy animal feed from the beet. In all we do, we are guided by our ambitions for environmental, social and financial sustainability: We want to be an attractive workplace, a strong business partner and an asset to the local community.

Nordic Sugar has approx. 1,550 employees. In Nordzucker, ranking as Europe's second largest sugar producer, Nordic Sugar makes up Region Northern Europe.