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A banner for the USDA's 94th Annual Agricultural Outlook Forum. The banner has a dark green top section with the USDA logo and name. Below this is a light green section with a background image of a field and trees. The text "USDA's 94th Annual" is on the left, and "Agricultural Outlook Forum" is in the center. Below that, "THE ROOTS OF PROSPERITY" is written in a large, stylized, brown font. The bottom section is dark green with white text providing the date and location: "February 22-23, 2018 • Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel, Arlington, Virginia".

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Sugar Outlook

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2018/19 U.S. SUGAR SUPPLY AND USE¹

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Basis for projecting 2018/19 supply and demand:

- o Projections of supply and demand are based on analyses by the Interagency Commodity Estimates Committee (ICEC) for sugar.

Key results for 2018/19:

- o Beginning stocks are 1.842 million short tons, raw value (STRV), a decrease of 34,000 STRV relative to 2017/18.
- o Beet sugar production is projected at 4.992 million STRV. Sugarbeet planted area is projected to increase by about 42,000 acres in 2018/19, as returns to sugarbeets continue to improve relative to alternative crops. Sugarbeet yields and sugar content are reduced from current 2017/18 projections, in line with long-term trends.
- o Cane sugar production is projected at 3.961 million STRV. Production in Florida is projected to increase, recovering from detrimental weather conditions during the 2017/18 harvest season. Louisiana production is projected to decline from the record production in 2017/18, but remains large by historical standards. Texas production is projected to continue its recovery over the past few years.
- o Total imports are projected to total 3.620 million STRV. Imports under tariff-rate quota programs are projected to total 1.548 million STRV—including a 99,000 STRV shortfall in the WTO raw sugar TRQ. Sugar imports from Mexico are projected at 1.812 million STRV, a substantial increase from 2017/18. Imports from Mexico are projected to be constrained by available sugar supplies, rather than the terms of the suspension agreements signed between the U.S. Department of Commerce and the Government of Mexico. Mexico is projected to produce about 6.200 million metric tons, actual value in 2018/19.
- o Deliveries for human consumption are projected at 12.550 million STRV, a 1.8 percent increase over 2017/18 projections, in line with population growth and longer-term trends in per capita sweetener consumption.
- o Ending stocks total 1.610 million STRV. The ending 2018/19 year stocks-to-use ratio is 12.6 percent.

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¹Approved by the Interagency Commodity Estimates Committee for sugar.

U.S. Sugar Supply and Use 1/

Item	2017/18			
	2016/17	January	February	Projection
1,000 short tons, raw value				
Beginning stocks	2,054	1,851	1,876	1,842
Production 2/	8,970	9,312	9,230	8,953
Beet sugar	5,103	5,257	5,219	4,992
Cane sugar	3,867	4,055	4,011	3,961
Florida	2,055	2,075	1,992	2,075
Hawaii	43	0	0	0
Louisiana	1,628	1,820	1,857	1,721
Texas	140	160	160	165
Imports	3,244	3,316	3,316	3,620
TRQ 3/	1,611	1,788	1,788	1,522
Other program 4/	419	250	250	250
Other 5/	1,213	1,278	1,278	1,822
Mexico	1,201	1,268	1,268	1,812
Total supply	14,267	14,479	14,422	14,415
Exports 2/	95	100	100	100
Deliveries 2/	12,258	12,555	12,480	12,705
Food	12,102	12,400	12,325	12,550
Other 6/	156	155	155	155
Miscellaneous	38	0	0	0
Total use	12,391	12,655	12,580	12,805
Ending stocks	1,876	1,824	1,842	1,610
Stocks to use ratio	15.1	14.4	14.6	12.6

1/ Fiscal years beginning Oct 1. Historical data are from FSA, "Sweetener Market Data" except imports (U.S. Customs Service, Census Bureau). 2/ Projections for 2017/18 are from the Interagency Commodity Estimates Committee for sugar. 3/ Actual arrivals under the tariff rate quota (TRQ) with late entries, early entries, and TRQ overfills assigned to the fiscal year in which they actually arrived. 4/ Includes sugar under the re-export and polyhydric alcohol programs. 5/ Includes high-tier, Mexico, and other. 6/ Transfers to sugar-containing products for reexport, and for nonedible alcohol/ethanol and feed.