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Feed Molasses (minimum 79.5 brix, 43% sugars, except where noted) offers only (premiums and discounts to apply) and tank car or truck, fob terminal, prompt delivery, dollars/ton. 1/

This week quotes for sugarcane molasses were 3.00 to 5.00 higher in the Houston area. The South Florida quotes were steady. Demand remains moderate to good for moderate offerings.

Type and Market Area	As of Noon: 11/15/2004	Last Week 11/08/2004	Last Year 11/17/2003
Cane Blackstrap- *Offers only (premiums and discounts to apply)*			
New Orleans	no quote	no quote	52.50-60.00
Houston	75.00-80.00	72.50-75.00, few to 80.00	62.50
South Florida	60.00-70.00	60.00-70.00	65.00

1/ Per ton prices are based on 171 gallons for blackstrap molasses. To compute cents per gallon prices on cane molasses divide dollars per ton by 171 gallons (\$ per ton divided by 171 gallons = cents per gallon). Ton-2,000 lbs; Gallon= U.S. gallon.

2/ LGMN is committed to publishing reliable and accurate information that does not disclose proprietary information. However, due to consolidation in the industry an individual company's information could be published. LGMN has only a few contacts that provide information on a regular basis. As a result, we plan to discontinue Molasses Market News reporting as of January 1, 2005.

Effective 9/15/03 there were some changes to National Molasses Market Report. Due to market transparency issues, prices at several points have been discontinued on a weekly basis. As of today the remaining pricing points are New Orleans, Houston and South Florida. Other points will be reported when there is market activity.

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**U.S. SUGAR SUPPLY AND USE BY CANE PROCESSORS, FY 2004
JUNE - FY 2004**

**TABLE 3. U.S. SUGAR SUPPLY AND USE BY CANE PROCESSORS, FISCAL YEAR 2004 1/
(SHORT TONS, RAW VALUE)**

ITEM	1ST QTR	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	2ND QTR	APRIL	MAY
BEGINNING STOCKS	155,339	1,680,963	1,896,301	1,992,817	1,680,963	2,068,413	1,887,760
CANE SUGAR PRODUCTION	2,389,049	460,207	391,759	420,301	1,272,267	90,080	53,154
SUPPLY	2,544,389	2,141,170	2,288,059	2,413,118	2,953,230	2,158,494	1,940,913
TOTAL EXPORTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
TOTAL SALES	1,174	271	367	152	791	122	972
ALCOHOL NON-HUMAN USE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LIVESTOCK FEED	236	0	0	0	0	0	967
DOMESTIC HUMAN CONSUMPTION	939	271	367	152	791	122	6
MISCELLANEOUS	862,251	244,599	294,875	344,552	884,026	270,612	346,804
INVENTORY ADJUSTMENT	-344	185	20	56	261	52	20
SHIPMENTS LESS RECEIPTS 2/	862,595	244,413	294,855	344,497	883,765	270,559	346,784
USE	863,426	244,870	295,242	344,704	884,817	270,734	347,825
ENDING STOCKS	1,680,963	1,896,301	1,992,817	2,068,413	2,068,413	1,887,760	1,593,088

1/ NUMBERS MAY NOT ADD DUE TO ROUNDING. DATA FOR COMMODITY CREDIT CORPORATION ARE INCLUDED.

2/ REFLECTS SHIPMENTS OF SUGAR BY PROCESSORS TO OTHER PROCESSORS AND REFINERS, LESS RECEIPTS OF SUCH SHIPMENTS.