
This decision is in accordance with provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 that requires USDA’s Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) to make preliminary estimates of 2003-crop sugar consumption, production, imports, reasonable carryover stocks (the level likely to avoid CCC sugar loan forfeiture) and carry-in stocks.

CCC will issue the overall allotment quantity after the 2003 USDA World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE Report) are released on August 12. A hearing is scheduled on August 25 in Washington, D.C., to discuss the 2003 sugar allotments.

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