

# *Cuba Shows Positive Results in the Sugarcane Harvest*

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Havana, January 16 (RHC-PL) -- The sugar group Azcuba reported today that so far positive results are being achieved in the present sugarcane harvest, in terms of industrial performance and the volume produced of that sweetener. A report by the Office of Institutional Communication of that entity also said that what has been achieved in these indicators is similar to the plan, and quantitatively superior to the same period last year.

Regarding industrial performance -the amount of sugar obtained per 100 tons of cane milled- is exceeded by 0.67 percent from the previous harvest and by 0.91 percent the amount predicted for this season.

Currently 46 sugar factories of the 13 provinces with sugar presence are operating, and 'Hector Molina' factory, in the western province of Mayabeque, 'América Libre' and 'Julio Antonio Mella', both in Santiago de Cuba, eastern part of the country, should start operating later this week.

By the end of the month, another factory will join the production and another one in February, with the aim to complete the 51 sugar refineries planned for this harvest.

Azcuba considered that the encouraging results in efficiency have allowed to reach the sugar plan set for this stage, with 88 percent of the amount of sugarcane planned.

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