

## USDA concerned about sugar shortage as demand soars for non-GMO sugar

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is concerned that refiners may not have enough sugar supplies and that rising demands for sugar that is not genetically modified could cause supply imbalance, an official said.

Increasing demand for ingredients that are not genetically modified (GMO) could divide the market and further complicate USDA's job of managing supplies, said USDA's Under Secretary Michael Scuse at the International Sweetener Colloquium in Miami.

"There are companies that are wanting to go to non-GMO sugar," Scuse said. "It is going to cause a problem going forward."

That will place additional need on imports of cane sugar, as over half of domestic production is from GMO sugarbeet. The comments marked the first time the official has said that the rising demand for non-GMO cane sugar could contribute to supply issues amid a growing debate over ingredients and labeling in the country.

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