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To the Members:

1. Sugar Distribution

Sugar distribution during the week ended July 31 was 228,887 tons, almost 13,000 tons lower than that of the preceding week and some 14,000 tons lower than the corresponding week of last year.

	<u>Week Ending</u>		<u>Percent Change</u>
	<u>8/31/71</u> (short tons, raw value)	<u>8/24/71</u>	
Beet Processors	65,138	77,686	- 16
Refiners	160,558	160,954	- X
Importers	<u>3,191</u>	<u>2,949</u>	+ 8
Total	228,887	241,589	- 5
Total last year	243,052	227,792	
Percent last year	94.2	106.1	
Percent beet sugar	28.4	32.2	

Deliveries through July 31 by Class of Distributor:

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>
	(Thousands short tons, raw value)		
Beet Processors	1693	1932	1711
Refiners	4478	4331	4091
Total	6270	6381	5915
Percent Beet Sugar of Total	27.0	30.3	28.9

Percent beet sugar area quota of total consumption requirements -- 30.4

Sugar stocks as of July 31, 1971 totaled 1,761,021 short tons, raw value, as compared with 1,596,426 on July 31 of last year. The breakdown among Cane Refiners', Beet Processors and Importers was as follows:

	<u>July 31, 1971</u>	<u>July 31, 1970</u>
Raw	461,468	515,305
Refiners' Refined	364,580	225,079
Beet Processors	919,426	841,663
Importers	<u>15,547</u>	<u>14,379</u>
Total	1,761,021	1,596,426

## 2. Congressman Fountain Asks FDA to Release Cyclamate Data

Congressman L. H. Fountain (D-N.C.), who is Chairman of the House Inter-Governmental Relations Subcommittee, has asked the Food and Drug Administration to release all of its findings on cyclamates which the agency used to back its ban on the synthetic sweetener.

According to a copyrighted story in a chemical trade publication, Congressman Fountain wrote to FDA Commissioner Edwards to the effect that since the cyclamate study was conducted at public expense, it should be made available to the scientific community and to the public.

Apparently, Congressman Fountain was prodded by Abbott Laboratories and the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association to request the release of the material because of their inability to obtain the study data thru normal channels.

## 3. Charles Whipple Named Vice President of Utah-Idaho

The U and I Sugar Company last week announced appointment of Charles R. Whipple as Vice President, Finance. The company announcement said Mr. Whipple will be responsible for all finance and accounting activities of the company. Previously, he was assistant secretary-treasurer.

T. W. Cockayne, who is now beginning his 50th year with the company and who formerly administered the accounting and finance functions, will remain a vice president and serve the various departments of the firm on a consulting basis according to the announcement.

Both Mr. Cockayne and Mr. Whipple will be headquartered at the company's general offices in Salt Lake City.

4. Sugar Act Conferees Named

For the record, we are attaching a news story from the New York Journal of Commerce on the appointees named by the House and Senate as Conferees on the Sugar Act.

The latest word is that the first conference will be held Thursday, September 9. We have also heard, however, that rump sessions will be held by smaller groups prior to the meeting of the full conference committee.

5. Talcott W. Edminster Succeeds Dr. Irving at ARS

Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin has announced the appointment of Talcott W. Edminster as Administrator of the Agricultural Research Service, effective August 1.

Mr. Edminster succeeds Dr. George W. Irving, Jr. whose retirement was effective at the end of July.

Mr. Edminster was previously Associate Administrator of ARS. He joined USDA in 1944 as an agricultural engineer with the Soil Conservation Service. In 1952, he joined ARS' Soil and Water Conservation Research Division and in 1961, he was named Associate Director of the Soil and Water Conservation Research Division, made Deputy Administrator of ARS in September 1969, and in May 1970 was appointed Associate Administrator.

Dr. Irving spent most of his professional career in USDA. His early work as a USDA scientist on the biochemistry of plant disease resistance led to the isolation of the anti-biotic tomatine.

He has been with USDA since 1942. He was named Deputy Administrator for Research of ARS in 1954, for Utilization Research and Development in 1957, and for Nutrition, Consumer, and Industrial Use Research in 1963. He served as Associate Administrator, ARS, from July 1964 until his appointment as Administrator in March 1965.

You will recall that Dr. Irving is Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board of the International Sugar Research Foundation. He has been a member of that Board since its inception and served as its Chairman for the past two years.

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