

NEWS

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SUGAR DISTRIBUTION BY PRIMARY GROUPS ANNOUNCED FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 6, 1976:

WASHINGTON, Mar. 11--Preliminary statistics on sugar deliveries by cane sugar refiners and beet processors for the week ended Mar. 6 were announced today by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Sugar deliveries for consumption in the continental United States together with comparisons for earlier periods were:

	<u>Distribution for week Ending</u>		
	<u>Mar. 6</u> <u>1976</u>	<u>Feb. 28</u> <u>1976</u>	<u>Mar. 8</u> <u>1975</u>
 short tons, raw value		
Refiners	129,474	118,555	103,669
Beet Processors	57,277	76,093	45,142
Totals	<u>186,751</u>	<u>194,648</u>	<u>148,811</u>

	<u>Monthly Distribution</u>		
	<u>1976</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1974</u>
 thousand short tons, raw value		
January	773 ^{1/}	511	957
February	746 ^{1/}	549	865
March 1-6	187 ^{1/}	140	185
March 7-31		544	736
April		809	899
May		852	1,038
June		932	988
July		1,174	1,058
August		996	1,132
September		930	998
October		909	1,041
November		759	876
December		875 ^{1/}	464
Totals		<u>9,980</u>	<u>11,237</u>

	<u>Distribution to Date by Class of Distributors</u>		
	<u>1976</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1974</u>
 thousand shorts tons, raw value		
Cane-Refiners	1,096	840	1,485
Beet Processors	606	352	515
Importers	4 ^{2/}	8	7
Totals	<u>1,706</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>2,007</u>

^{1/} Preliminary
^{2/} January only.