**EL NINO WON’T CAUSE SUGAR SHORTAGE: NFCSF**

NEW DELHI: SUGAR cooperative [NFCSF](https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/topic/nfcsf) on Thursday junked rumours of likely sugar shortage in the country due to [El Nino](https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/topic/el-nino), saying domestic availability of the sweetener is not expected to be "adverse" in the 2023-24 season. Sugar season runs from October to September. The crushing operation of 2023-24 is yet to begin. The National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories Ltd (NFCSF) said El Nino - which refers to warming of ocean surface - has impacted the drying flurry of monsoon in some parts of [Maharashtra](https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/topic/maharashtra). "However, all other cane growing states i.e. [UP](https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/topic/uttar-pradesh), Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Bihar, Uttarakhand, have received above normal rains which has definitely helped the growth stage of standing cane to gain weight and sucrose content," NFCSF MD Prakash [Naiknavare](https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/topic/naiknavare" \t "_blank) said. "Widespread rumour" in some sections about possible severe shortage of sugar during 2023-24 season.

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