

Nordic Sugar opens new silo in Sweden after \$22.7m investment

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According to the company statement, "The new silo can store up to 80,000 tonnes of sugar and will increase the efficiency of the entire production chain from production to energy consumption and logistics."

Katarina Silfversparre, managing director at Nordic Sugar said: "We want to offer locally grown sugar to our customers. Therefore, we are specifically investing in the efficiency of our factories, in warehousing, logistics and product quality. This is

crucial, not least in view of the recent liberalisation of the European Union (EU) sugar market, which means that quota systems and minimum prices for beet disappear at the same time as export restrictions are eliminated. The investments in Örtofta are essential contributions to ensuring that Swedish sugar industry remains strong towards future challenges.”

The new sugar silo, together with heavy investments recently made to reduce the plant's energy consumption by 30%, has seen Nordic Sugar invest more than SEK 400 million (\$47.7 million) over the last five years in strategic projects to ensure the competitiveness of Swedish sugar production.

Olof Dahlgren, head of sugar factory at Örtofta said: “The silo provides advantages to both environment and production. It means that less transports and re-loadings must be made and also provides a more even production in the service center. As we can pack the sugar gradually, we do not need large stocks of prepackaged products. This fact provides another advantage; the silo makes it possible for us to efficiently ensure that our product maintains exactly the quality our customers want.”

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