

Molasses

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Recently, the Central government has decided to allow export of 1.5 million tonnes (MT) of sugar for the 2025-26 and also remove 50 per cent export duty on molasses.

About Molasses

- It is a byproduct which comes from **crushed sugar cane or sugar beets**.
- It is a **dense, viscous liquid** of dark brown tint, rich in sugars, and **containing a small percentage of water**.
- It **contains more vitamins** and minerals than other sweeteners but is **still high in sugar**.
- The **different types of molasses** vary in color, consistency, flavor, and sugar content.
 - **Light molasses:** This is the syrup that results from **the first boiling of the sugar syrup**. It has the lightest color and the sweetest taste. People commonly use it in baking.
 - **Dark molasses:** It results from the **second boiling**. It is thicker, darker, and less sweet.

- **Blackstrap molasses:** This is the syrup that results from the third boiling. It is the thickest and darkest type of molasses and tends to **have a bitter taste**.

Applications of Molasses

- It is traditionally used in animal feed and for the production of **ethanol**, yeast, and lactic acid.
- Molasses is also used in the **production of ethyl alcohol** and as an additive in **livestock feed**.

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