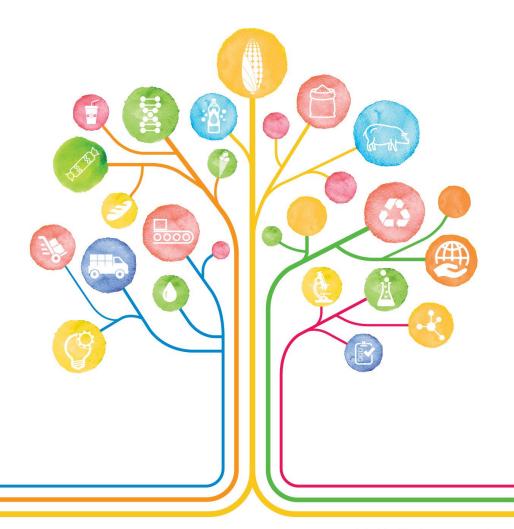


# 大成糖業控股有限公司\* GLOBAL Sweeteners Holdings Limited

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) Stock Code: 03889

# INTERIM RESULTS

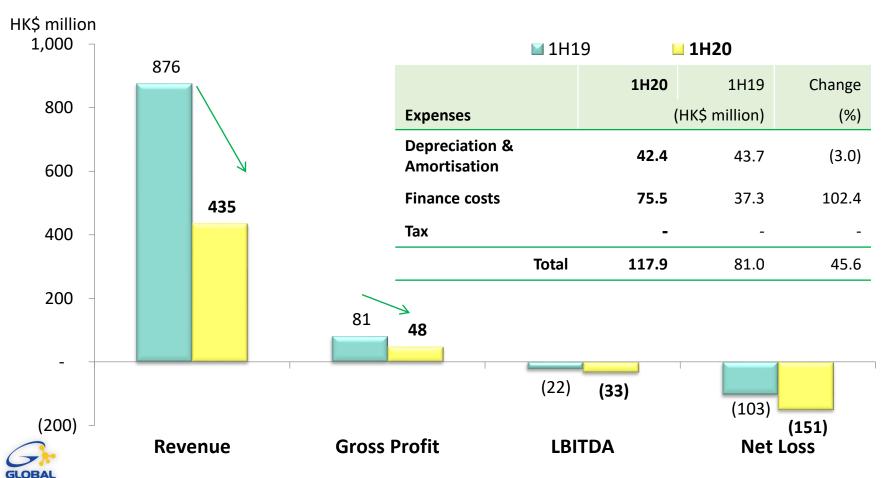
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### **RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS**



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the suspension of most of the Group's production facilities during the Period, revenue and GP  $\downarrow$  50.4 and 40.5%, respectively as a result of decreased sales volume.







# 2020 INTERIM RESULTS Financial Overview

# **OPERATING RESULTS**



HK\$ million	1H20	1H19	% Change
Revenue	434.6	876.0	(50.4)
Upstream Products	205.7	410.4	(49.9)
Corn Sweeteners	228.9	465.6	(50.8)
Gross Profit	48.0	80.7	(40.5)
Upstream Products	19.6	29.2	(32.9)
Corn Sweeteners	28.4	51.5	(44.9)
Gross Profit Margin (%)	11.0	9.2	1.8% pt
Upstream Products	9.5	7.1	2.4% pt
Corn Sweeteners	12.4	11.1	1.3% pt
LBITDA	(33.3)	(21.6)	N/A
Loss Before Tax	(151.2)	(102.6)	N/A
Net Loss	(151.2)	(102.6)	N/A
Net Loss Margin (%)	(34.8)	(11.7)	N/A
Basic Loss Per Share (HK cents)	(9.9)	(6.7)	N/A
Dividend Per Share – Interim (HK cents)	-	-	-



# **FINANCIAL POSITION**



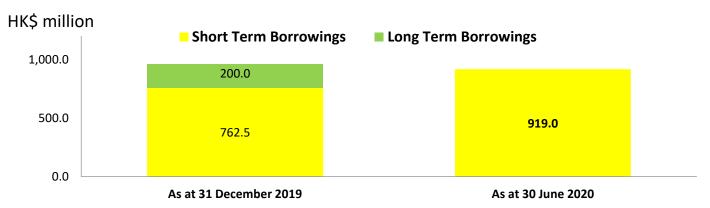
HK\$ million	30 Jun 20	31 Dec 19	% Change
Non-current Assets	888.7	939.4	(5.4)
Current Assets	190.8	459.6	(58.5)
Current Liabilities	1,600.1	1,570.9	1.9
Cash and Cash Equivalents	18.9	30.8	(38.6)
Total Deficit	(557.0)	(411.4)	N/A
Interest-bearing Bank and Other Borrowings	919.0	962.5	(4.5)



### **BANK BORROWINGS ANALYSIS**



HK\$ million		30 Jun 20	31 Dec 19	% Change
Short Term Borrowings		919.0	762.5	20.5
Long Term Borrowings		-	200.0	N/A
	Total	919.0	962.5	(4.5)



Average interest rate for the Period was 6.1%. The change in total borrowings was due to net repayment of certain bank and other borrowings of approximately HK\$33.3 million and exchange rate adjustment which amounted to approximately HK\$10.2 million as at 30 June 2020.

It was a common understanding between the Group and the major lending banks that the outstanding debts should be reclassified as non-performing assets in order to enable them to sell such debts to certain assets management companies at a relatively sharp discount as the first step of the debt restructuring. As a result, all of the Group's borrowings have been classified as short term borrowings as at 30 June 2020.

## **KEY FINANCIAL RATIOS**



	30 Jun 20	31 Dec 19
Current Ratio	0.1	0.3
Quick Ratio	0.1	0.2
Gearing Ratio*	253.9 %	174.7 %
Inventories Turnover Days	25 Days	40 Days
Trade Receivables Turnover Days	32 Days	36 Days
Trade Payables Turnover Days	121 Days	82 Days

<sup>\*</sup> Gearing ratio is calculated by debt (i.e. total interest-bearing bank and other borrowings) to total deficit and debts (i.e. aggregate total of shareholders deficit, non-controlling interests and total interest-bearing bank and other borrowings).





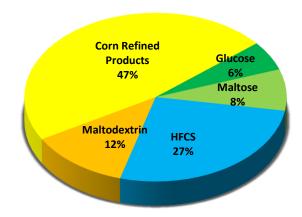
# 2020 INTERIM RESULTS Operation Overview

# **REVENUE BREAKDOWN**

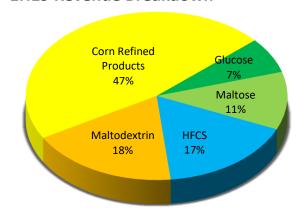


Revenue (HK\$ million)	1H20	1H19	% Change
Upstream			
Corn Refined Products	205.7	410.4	(49.9)
Downstream			
Glucose Syrup	24.6	60.2	(59.1)
Maltose Syrup	34.5	97.5	(64.6)
HFCS	116.4	146.9	(20.8)
Maltodextrin	53.4	161.0	(66.8)
Sweeteners Sub-total	228.9	465.6	(50.8)
Total	434.6	876.0	(50.4)

#### 1H20 Revenue Breakdown



#### 1H19 Revenue Breakdown



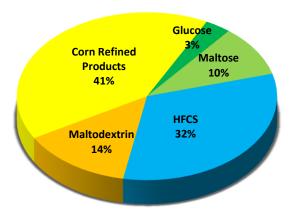


# **GROSS PROFIT BREAKDOWN**

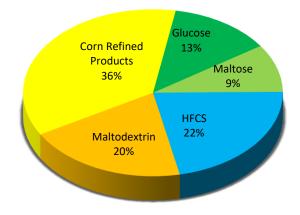


Gross Profit (HK\$ million)	1H20	1H19	% Change
Upstream			
Corn Refined Products	19.6	29.2	(32.9)
<u>Downstream</u>			
Glucose Syrup	1.6	10.3	(84.5)
Maltose Syrup	4.7	7.5	(37.3)
HFCS	15.5	17.7	(12.4)
Maltodextrin	6.6	16.0	(58.8)
Sweeteners Sub-total	28.4	51.5	(44.9)
Total	48.0	80.7	(40.5)

#### **1H20 Gross Profit Breakdown**



**1H19 Gross Profit Breakdown** 





### **SALES ANALYSIS**



	Sales	Volume ('00	0 MT)	Gros	s Profit Marg	in (%)
	1H20	1H19	% Change	1H20*	1H19	% pt Change
<u>Upstream</u>						
Corn Refined Products	87	168	(48.2)	9.5	7.1	2.4
<u>Downstream</u>						
Corn Syrup	55	97	(43.3)	12.4	11.7	0.7
Corn Syrup Solid	19	53	(64.2)	12.4	9.9	2.5
Sweeteners Sub-total	74	150	(50.7)	12.4	11.1	1.3
Total	161	318	(49.4)	11.0	9.2	1.8

<sup>\*</sup> As most of the Group's facilities were suspended during the Period, the Group has been consuming mainly the inventory produced in the last quarter of 2019 when the price of corn kernels was lower than the Period. In addition, the portion of expenses in relation to the suspension has been allocated to other expenses. The average cost of sales decreased as a result and the overall GP margin of the Group improved.

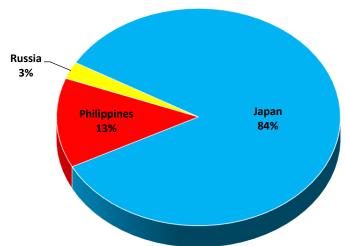


# **EXPORT BREAKDOWN**

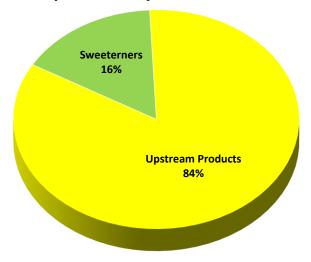


	1H20	1H19	% Change
Export Sales Revenue (HK\$ Million)	18.9	65.6	(71.2)
Exports Sales Volume ('000 MT)	8.0	26.0	(69.2)
Export Contribution (%)	4.3	7.5	(3.2) % pt

**Export Sales by Region 1H20** 



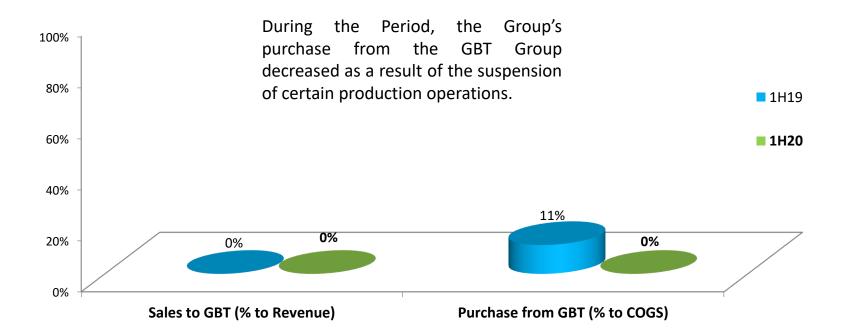
**Export Sales by Product 1H20** 





### **CCT – SAELS TO & PURCHASE FROM GBT**







# **OPERATING COST STRUCTURE**



	1H20	1H19
Raw Material (Corn / Corn Starch)	64.4 %	58.2 %
Utilities (Water, Electricity, Steam & Wastewater Treatment)	4.9 %	9.4 %
Wages and Salaries	8.1 %	6.7 %
Depreciation	7.3 %	3.9 %
Production Overhead (Consumable and Packaging)	2.4 %	12.7 %
Selling, Administrative and Other Expenses	12.9 %	9.1 %







# BUSINESS OUTLOOK & DEVELOPMENT PLANS

### **UPSTREAM RAW MATERIAL – CORN**





- → 2019/20 corn harvest in China: approx. 266.5 million MT (2018/19: 260.8 million MT) (Source: Ministry of Agriculture of China) with consumption estimated at 285.5 million MT
- → COVID-19 outbreak → lockdown + delayed corn auction → temporary shortage → PRC corn price ↑
- $\rightarrow$  Downstream demand shrank  $\rightarrow$  the Group has suspended the upstream operation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2020 to minimise cash outflow
- → Operating environment is expected to be very challenging going forward with the COVID-19 outbreak and economic slowdown → the Group will closely monitor market conditions, development of the COVID-19 outbreak and the financial resources of the Group to resume the upstream operation ASAP to the extent practicable



### **DOWNSTREAM SUBSTITUTE -- SUGAR**







Source: www.msweet.com.cn

- 2020/21 PRC sugar production: approx. 10.7 million MT (2019/20: 10.8 million MT) (source: USDA)
- As at end of August: PRC sugar price at approx. RMB5,568/MT vs. International sugar price at US12.91 cents/lb (equiv. RMB2,020/MT) → huge difference still exists between international and PRC sugar prices
- Economic slowdown + market consolidation → demand shrunk and competition intensified
- Suspended most downstream operations and focus on operation of the Shanghai site during the Period



Long-term strategies: focus on high value-add products and markets, streamlining/improving production flow to lower costs and continuous R&D efforts to develop new products to cope with changing market needs

### CORPORATE STRATEGIES



#### Continued efforts to materialise the debt restructuring plan and secure existing banking facilities during the transitional period

During the Period, the principal lending banks continued their support to the Group while continuing the negotiation on the debt-restructuring plan.

Subsequent to the transfer of the Transferred Loans (which included the Dajincang Loans guaranteed by the Guarantor Subsidiaries) from BOC Jilin Branch to 中國信達資產管理股份有限公司 吉林省分公司 (Jilin Branch of China Cinda Asset Management Co., Ltd.\*) (the "New Creditor") in mid-February 2020, the Group and the GBT Group continue to explore the next step of the debt restructuring plan.

The debt-restructuring plan is well-supported by the government and other major lending banks of the Group were encouraged to take part in and follow similar arrangement as the Transferred Loans. During the Period, the management of the Group and the GBT Group has also been working on facilitating similar arrangement as the Transferred Loans for the indebtedness owed to other major lending banks.

It is currently expected that all the amounts due and owing under the Transferred Loans will be resolved by the end of 2020.



# **CORPORATE STRATEGIES (CON'T)**



#### 2) Resumption of the Relevant Properties

As disclosed previously, in 2018, the Relevant Properties have been confirmed as part of the subject properties for redevelopment under the PRC's Slum Redevelopment Policy which could shorten procedures and exempt certain taxes. Subsequently, in October 2019, the Changchun Municipal Government issued an execution announcement for the redevelopment of among others, the Relevant Properties under the PRC's Slum Redevelopment Policy.

As disclosed by the Company and GBT on 24 August 2020, the Local Government announced its decision to resume the Relevant Properties and the first phase of resumption involved the Dihao Properties. As required by the Local Government, Dihao Foodstuff is required to surrender the Dihao Properties by the third quarter of 2020. The Group is expected to received a total compensation of approximately RMB443.0 million from the Dihao Resumption. The proceeds from the Dihao Resumption will provide additional funds to relieve the financial and cashflow pressure of the Group during period of suspension and provide part of the funding for the capital expenditure for the relocation of the Group's production facilities in Changchun.

It is expected that the resumption of the remaining part of the Relevant Properties will take place in the similar manner as the Dihao Resumption.



# **CORPORATE STRATEGIES (CON'T)**



#### 3) Relocation opportunities

- facilities upgrade
- further cost reduction through streamlining and improving production flow
- product mix and production capacity re-structure targeting high-end users

The relocation of the 60,000 mtpa glucose/maltose production facilities and the 30,000 mtpa maltodextrin production facilities were completed in April 2017 and January 2018 respectively.

In respect of the other relocation projects, in view of changes in the operating environment, the Group is in the process of reviewing the relocation projects and revising the feasibility studies for submission to, among others, the relevant government parties for approval. As such, the updated time frame is revised as follows:

Projects/ Products	Designed Capacity	*Expected time for the relocation of the production facilities
Crystallised Glucose	100,000 mpta	Pending the availability of capital and favourable market condition
Corn Refinery	600,000 mtpa	Pending the availability of capital and favourable market condition

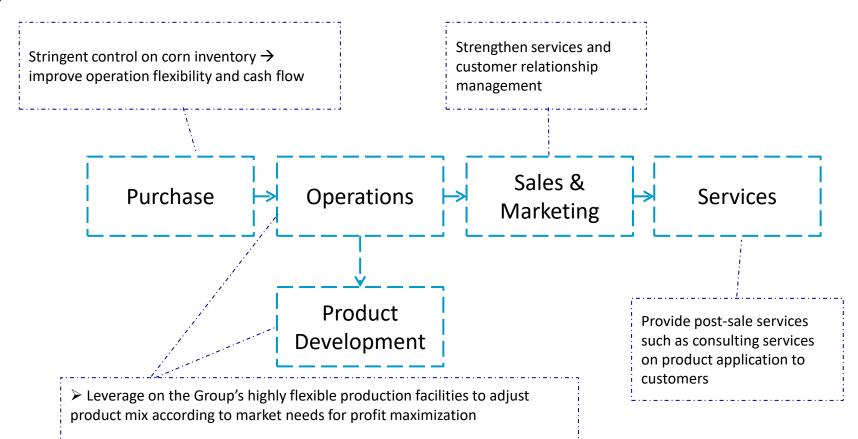
<sup>\*</sup> The expected time of relocation is dependent on availability of the relevant approval documents, finalisation of facilities designs and capital. Thus, the relocation schedule will be adjusted accordingly as and when appropriate.



# **CORPORATE STRATEGIES (CON'T)**



#### 4) GSH's value chain





Continuous effort to streamline production processes and lower cost

Fortify R&D to introduce more high value add products and increase

product mix → enhance profit margin

# **CAPACITY OVERVIEW**



Designed Capacity (mtpa)	2019	2020
Upstream		
Corn Starch	560,000	560,000
Other Corn Refined Products	240,000	240,000
Upstream Sub-total	800,000	800,000
Downstream		
Glucose / Maltose Syrup	360,000	360,000
HFCS	220,000	220,000
Maltodextrin	30,000	30,000
Crystallised Glucose	-	-
Downstream Sub-total	610,000	610,000
Total	1,410,000	1,410,000







# **COMPANY PROFILE**

### **CORPORATE MILESTONES**



**Hao Cheng** was established in Shanghai with a designed production capacity of 60,000 mtpa **Global Sweeteners** (stock code: 03889.HK) was listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited on 20 September

The listing of TDR of **Global Sweeteners** (stock code:
913889.TW) on the Taiwan

Stock Exchange Corporation on
25 March

Discontinued operation of the retail beef business

Change in shareholding structure of GBT's controlling shareholder; Nongtou becomes an indirect controlling shareholder of **Global Sweeteners**. Mr. Zhang Zihua was appointed as an Executive Director

CDNP (Global-Nikken JV)

established to produce sorbitol with a designed production capacity of 60,000 mtpa

Acquired the 75% interest in **Changchun Dihao** 

**Jinzhou Dacheng** with a designed capacity of 200,000 mtpa of liquid glucose and maltose was established

**Corn Essence** was established in Shanghai principally for the Group's retail business

Construction of new HFCS 55 production line with a designed capacity of 100,000 mtpa in Shanghai **Hao Cheng** completed

The delisting of TDR of **Global Sweeteners** (stock code:
913889.TW) on the Taiwan
Stock Exchange Corporation
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GCHF (GBT-Cargill JV)

established and was engaged in the manufacture of HFCS 42 with a designed production capacity of 100,000 mtpa

Acquired the remaining 25% interest in Changchun Dihao

Dihao Crystal was established to manufacture crystallised glucose with a designed production capacity of 200,000 mtpa Acquired the remaining 49% interest in **CDNP**, which is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Group

Entered into an S&P agreement to acquire Jinzhou Yuancheng (corn refinery) from the GBT Group

Changchun 40,000 mtpa crystallised glucose production line completed Set up JV in

Set up JV in Dalian for the Group's beef business Acquisition of Changchun
Jincheng, a corn refinery with corn processing capacity of 600,000 mtpa in Changchun from GBT completed

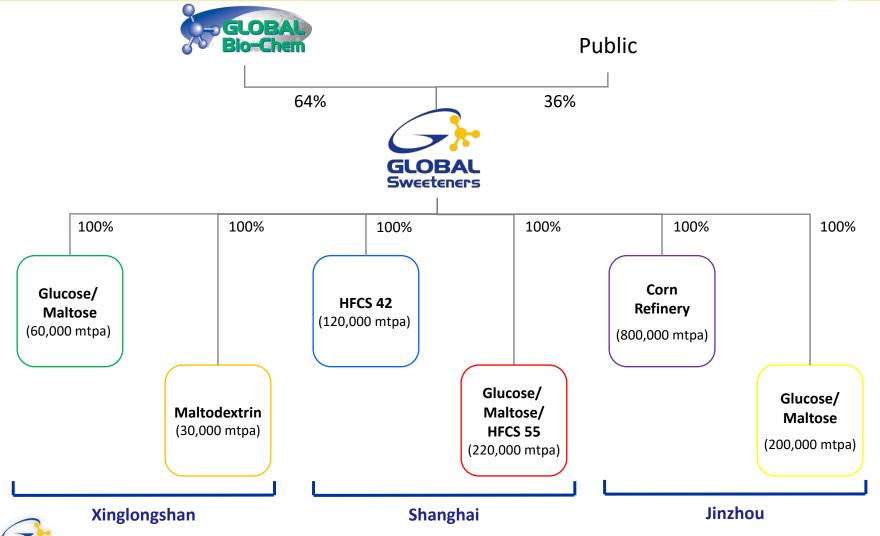
Acquisition of the 50% interest of **GCHF** from Cargill completed Expansion in Jinzhou Yuancheng from 600,000 mtpa to 900,000 mtpa completed

Suspension of Changchun Dihao pending for relocation to Xinglongshan Site Completion of Subscription of GBT



# **CORPORATE STRUCTURE**





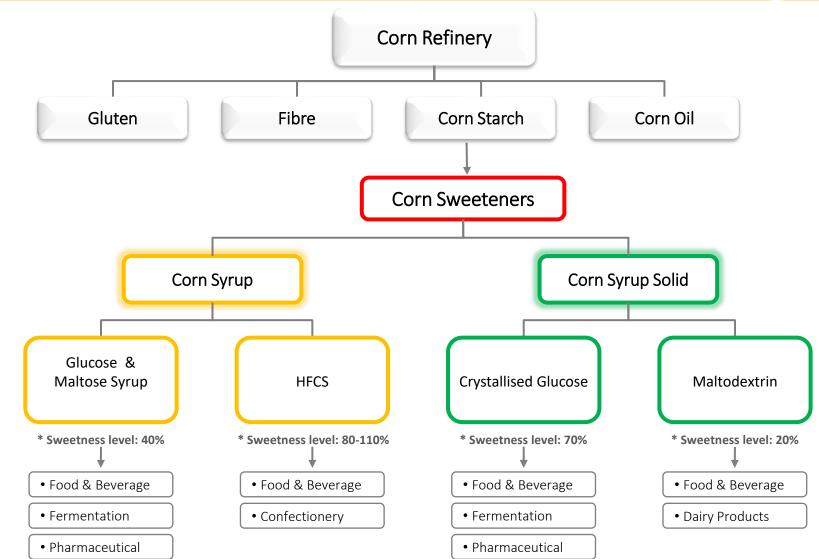
### **DIVERSIFIED PRODUCT MIX**



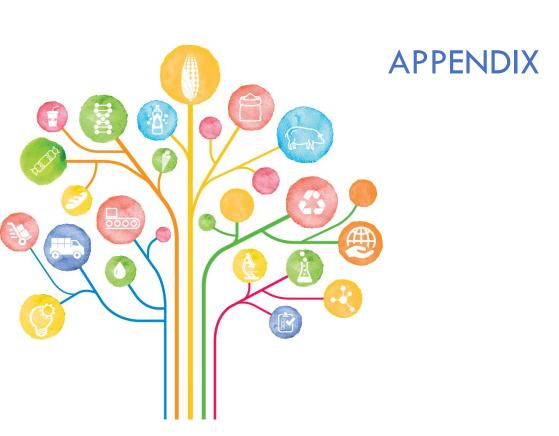
**UPSTREAM** 

**DOWNSTREAM** 









### **PRC SUGAR & SWEETENERS PRODUCTION**



#### **Natural Sweeteners**

#### Sugar

#### Raw Material:

Cane, Beet

#### Regions:

- · Cane: Southern parts of China (e.g. Guangxi)
- · Beet: Northern parts of China

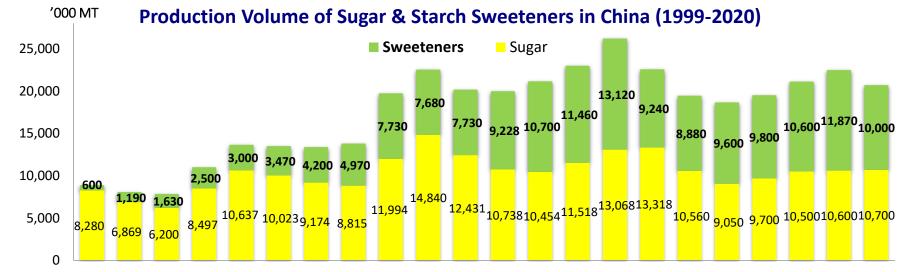
#### **Starch Sweeteners**

#### **Raw Material:**

Corn, Potatoes, Tapioca

#### Regions:

Corn is produced mainly in Northern China: Jilin, Shandong & Hebei



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