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June 25 (Bloomberg) -- Coffee futures rose on supply concerns in Brazil, the world's top producer and exporter. Sugar also gained.

Brazil's National Coffee Council, a group that represents producers, said on June 22 that heavy rain is hurting the crop and the quality of the beans, possibly curbing exports and domestic sales.

"Coffee already harvested is not drying well due to the rains," Jack Scoville, a vice president at Price Futures Group, in Chicago, said in a report. "There could be some significant quality losses and perhaps some yield losses if the weather does not improve soon."

Arabica coffee for September delivery increased 1.8 percent to settle at \$1.5875 a pound at 2 p.m. on ICE Futures U.S. in New York. The price climbed 2.6 percent last week.

Brazil's coffee regions are expected to have drier, warmer weather this week with cooler nights in Parana, Sao Paulo and southern Minas Gerais, boosting harvest prospects, Somar Meteorologia, a Sao Paulo-based weather analyst, said today in a report.

Coffee headed for the fourth quarterly decline, the longest slump since the end of 2001. World production will increase 7.2 percent to a record next year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said on June 22.

Raw-sugar futures for October delivery rose 0.9 percent to 19.93 cents a pound in New York. On June 22, the price plunged 5 percent, the most in five months.

Cocoa futures for September delivery were unchanged at \$2,102 a metric ton.

In London futures trading, robusta coffee slid, and refined sugar gained on NYSE Liffe. Cocoa was unchanged.

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