

The purpose of my paper was to outline the time of appearance and development of the sugar refinery industry in both central and northern Moravia and Silesia on the basis of the historical and current literature and utilisation of the archive funds of MZA in Brno. The thesis covers a time period from the first half of 19th century till the year 1948 when the sugar refineries were nationalised. I have divided my paper into several chapters following the establishment of single sugar refineries in Moravia and Silesia.

The first half of the paper is focused on the attempts of sugar production from the maple juice or the sugar beet. The sugar production expansion started by the foundation of the first sugar refinery in Kostelní Vydří in the year 1829 and by the continuous sugar production development starting with the aristocratic establishments, the enterprises owned by the wealthy entrepreneurs and following up with the small farmer's stock sugar refineries, whose stockholders were the Czech farmers.

The second part of this paper is dedicated to one of the most significant and most modern small farmer's sugar factories in Moravia, which was located in Náměšť nad Hanou. It was the first small farmer's sugar factory with its own refinery for the white sugar production. There is also one chapter clarifying the life of the sugar refinery founder and the Imperial Diet MP (Member of Parliament) and the later Senator Jan Rozkosný. The sugar refinery history is described in the time covering its foundation in 1910 till its nationalisation in July 1948.