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Various sugar related articles

The Executive Director would like to draw your attention to the articles below all of which are relevant to the sugar sector.

Sugaronline – Ebriefing

Rabobank estimates global sugar deficit of 2.8 MT in 2020/21

Rabobank estimates a global sugar deficit of 2.8 million metric tonnes in the 2020/21 season (Oct-Sept), reports Sugaronline.

“This supportive fundamental outlook is compounded by logistical bottlenecks (particularly in Asia) and fund inflows,” the bank said on its latest quarterly report.

For 2021/22, Rabobank estimates a global sugar surplus of 1.5 million tonnes, as production recovers in Thailand, the European Union and Australia, alongside continued output increases in India, China, and Pakistan.

The bank said the outlook for the new crop in Brazil’s centre-south in the coming season remains a concern, as February’s rainfall was significantly below average levels in many regions.

“Meanwhile, as Thailand’s current 2020/21 harvest draws to a close, strong international prices and much-improved growing conditions suggest a bounce-back for Thai cane production in 2021/22”, it said.

In the EU, spring planting of the 2021/22 beet crop has started, with expectations that planting area will be relatively flat to slightly higher, though countries like the Netherlands and France have already indicated lower area than last year.

AUSTRALIA: Industry meets again post-COVID

Worker safety is in focus at the Australian Sugar Milling Council’s biennial safety conference, starting in on March 23, according to Queensland Country Life.

ASMC chief executive David Pietsch said the conference provided the first opportunity since 2018 for sugar industry participants to network with their industry peers and share safety innovations due to the cancellation of last year’s conference caused by the COVID-19 outbreak.

More than 100 delegates from mills and associated sugar industry organisations will attend the two-day event.

The organisation represents 16 sugar mills in Queensland and New South Wales that account for around 90% of Australia’s raw sugar production.

ASMC is seeking to grow sugar industry revenues from \$2 billion to \$3 billion by 2030.

BRAZIL: Sugar and soy compete for space at Santos port

Sugar traders are competing for slots with soy exporters in Brazil's Santos port, as the slowest Brazilian soy harvest in a decade pushes the grains export window into the sugar season, according to Reuters.

The logjam of shipments waiting to leave Brazil's largest port is pushing up transport costs and is likely to delay arrivals at destinations.

Shipments from the new sugar crop usually start around April, but companies are still shipping stocks from a bumper crop in 2020. Brazil's Agriculture Ministry saw sugar stocks at 7.3 million tonnes in mid-February, the highest for the last three years.

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IFIC: Picky-eating, price & a disconnect about sources of sugar hinder children's healthy eating

When it comes to feeding children, caregivers have a wealth of nutritional information at their fingertips that they say they understand, and yet most children fall short of the recommended intakes of fruit, vegetables and whole grains and consume too much added sugar, saturated fat and sodium, according to new data from the International Food Information Council.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2021/03/23/ific-picky-eating-price-a-disconnect-about-sources-of-sugar-hinder-children-s-healthy-eating>

Home baking continues in 2021 giving rise to comfort and wellness trends

The trend of home baking, which soared in popularity during the pandemic, is still going strong with sustained elevated sales expected through 2025, according to new market data.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2021/03/22/home-baking-continues-in-2021-giving-rise-to-comfort-and-wellness-trends>

Danone discusses the importance of early life nutrition: 'Young children are not mini adults'

Early life nutrition is of vital importance to the healthy development of children – and the first 1000 days can influence health outcomes for a lifetime. But young children 'are not mini adults' and nutritional strategies have to be tailored to their specific needs, according to Zoë Ellis, Head of Consumer Medical Affairs at Danone Specialised Nutrition.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2021/03/23/danone-discusses-the-importance-of-early-life-nutrition-young-children-are-not-mini-adults>