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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 e-briefing

GERMANY: Nordzucker announces new sustainability strategy

International sugar group Nordzucker has launched a new sustainability strategy, which covers the entire company and is based on four pillars, reports Sugaronline.

"The first pillar of our strategy focuses on people. It is our employees who contribute to the success of the company every day with their knowledge, commitment and ideas: they are the backbone of Nordzucker," said Lars Gorissen, CEO.

Nordzucker has also committed to the Science Based Target Initiative, work is now underway on an independent and scientific basis to achieve the Group-wide target for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in line with the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement. In addition to further reducing emissions, Nordzucker has set itself sustainability targets in the areas of procurement, beet cultivation, products and packaging.

A focus of investments this year has been to improve its plants' energy usage. Nordzucker has renewed the pulp-presses at its Nordstemmen site and the raw sugar centrifuges in Uelzen, both in Germany.

COO Axel Aumüller said: "As part of our sustainability strategy, we are pursuing the goal of further reducing CO2 emissions in our factories with the GoGreen project. In the long term, we will and must manage without fossil energy. These are major challenges for us that require enormous investments and also innovations."

CUBA: New plans to diversify into added-value products

The Cuban Institute for the Research of Sugar Cane by-Products (Icidca) is developing a strategy of diversification to added-value alternatives, despite the economic challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Prensa Latina and Radion Cadena Agramonte.

Director Mariela Gallardo said that the generation of electrical energy, the production of alcohol and animal feed and also bioproducts for agriculture and the use of residuals, according to local conditions and available markets, would be considered.

Simpler products requiring less investment would come first with more complex products in the medium term, she said.

BRAZIL: Stock of CBIOs surpass purchasing goal for 2021

The number of decarbonization credits (CBIOs) available for negotiations at São Paulo’s exchange B3 reached 25.25 million on Sept. 8, surpassing the annual purchasing target of 24.86 million set for fuel distributors, according to sugarcane industry association UNICA, reports Sugaronline.

“The result shows our commitment to strengthening RenovaBio. In the midst of one of the most difficult harvests in recent years, we generated, well in advance, the volume of decarbonization credits stipulated by the government,” said UNICA’s technical director, Antonio de Padua Rodrigues, in a statement.

“This reinforces the sector’s commitment to reducing gas (emissions) that aggravate climate change.”

Each CBIO is equivalent to a metric tonne of avoided CO2 emission in the biofuel production process.

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USDA sees higher sugar demand in U.S., boosts view on imports - Reuters – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) increased its projection for sugar use in the United States in 2021/22 by 75,000 short tonnes (ST) to 12.34 million ST, and raised its estimates for imports. In its monthly supply and demand report, the USDA said imports are now seen at 3.21 million ST for the new season that starts in October, up from the previous estimate of 3.13 million. Any additional sugar is likely to come from countries other than Mexico, the traditional supplier for the U.S. market. The USDA slashed its projection for imports from Mexico by 25% to 1.08 million ST, while it increased the so-called TRQ import quota, a lower-tariff volume, by 30% to 1.8 million ST. Mexico's sugar production in 2020/21 was smaller than expected due to drier-than-normal weather.

AB Foods Expects U.K. Sugar Production to Increase Next Year – Bloomberg - U.K. sugar production is forecast to rise to more than 1 million tons next year, with a reversion to normal yields more than offsetting a reduced planting area, AB Foods said in a statement. Output fell about 24% to 900,000 tons this year due to adverse weather conditions at the time of planting and the impact of virus yellows on beet crop. Total FY sugar revenue is expected to be 7% ahead of last year, driven by strong domestic and regional volumes for Illovo and higher prices in Europe and Africa. “Adjusted operating profit will be ahead of expectation and substantially ahead of last year.”

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‘We’ve done something truly disruptive...’ Chobani launches zero sugar yogurts, an industry first

Chobani has launched an industry first – a nationally-distributed line of dairy yogurts with zero grams of sugar – to meet growing demand from consumers that want to reduce sugar without feeling like they’re eating ‘diet’ products or compromising on taste or texture.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2021/06/14/we-ve-done-something-truly-disruptive-chobani-launches-zero-sugar-yogurts-an-industry-first>