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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
GERMANY: Nordzucker says acquisitions in cane sugar among potential growth areas

Nordzucker considers the development of new products and acquisitions in the cane sugar sector as potential growth opportunities in the future, the company's said in a statement on July 20, reports Sugaronline.

"Our focus is on the attractiveness of sustainable beet cultivation, the reduction of CO2 emissions in our factories and cost efficiency, particularly through digitalization in all business areas," said the company's chief executive officer (CEO), Lars Gorissen, during the company's annual general shareholder's meeting on July 20.

"Possible growth areas for Nordzucker lie in the development of new products based on beet and sugar as well as further acquisitions in the cane sugar market. In addition, we are looking into entering the future market of plant-based proteins."

During the meeting, Nordzucker's shareholders also approved the dividend payment of EUR0.80 (US\$0.81) per share, compared to EUR0.60 (US\$0.61) in the previous year.

The shareholders also confirmed Jochen Johannes Juister as chairman of the supervisory board of Nordzucker AG.

'We see huge potential all over Europe': Better Juice sets up pilot facility in Germany for sugar reduction tech

The Israeli start-up has established a pilot facility at GEA's innovation centre in Ahaus, Germany. FoodNavigator asks Better Juice co-CEO Eran Blachinsky about the strategy.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2022/07/20/better-juice-sets-up-pilot-facility-in-germany-for-sugar-reduction-tech>

Small amounts of alcohol 'might bring health benefits to the over 40s'

No amount of alcohol is beneficial if you are younger than 40, mostly because of alcohol-related deaths by auto accidents, injury and homicide, claims a new global study published by The Lancet.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2022/07/15/small-amounts-of-alcohol-might-bring-health-benefits-to-the-over-40s>

FoodNavigator.com

Apples for apples? Children think 'natural' food is tastier, safer and more desirable



Children are more likely to prefer food they perceive as 'natural' over processed or lab-made alternatives, a new study from scientists in Scotland and the US has found.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2022/07/22/children-think-natural-food-is-tastier-safer-and-more-desirable>

Four actions food businesses can take to boost affordability and availability



Climate, collaboration, innovation and investment. These are the four pillars that food industry businesses need to act on to make healthy, affordable diets available to all, according to the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD).

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2022/07/22/four-actions-food-businesses-can-take-to-boost-affordability-and-availability>

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INDIA: ISMA sees 2022/23 sugar production at 35.5 million T

India's sugar production could reach 35.47 million metric tonnes in the 2022/23 season, after the diversion for ethanol production, according to the Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA), reports Sugaronline.

The total acreage under cane production in the country for 2022/23 is estimated at 5.82 million hectares, considering satellite images procured in late June, about 4% higher than the area for the 2021/22 season, according to a statement released by ISMA on July 22.

The association also considered field reports regarding expected yield, sugar recovery, the impact of previous and current year's rainfall, water availability in reservoirs, and predicted rainfall during the 2022 monsoon season.

Sugar production before considering diversion towards ethanol is estimated at 39.997 million tonnes, from 39.4 million estimated for 2021/22. However, in the current year sugar diversion towards ethanol production is estimated to be higher.

"During the next year 2022/23, since the target of 12% blending is expected to be achieved, a total of about 5.45 billion litres of ethanol would be required and supplied," ISMA said.

"Accordingly, it is estimated that the diversion of cane juice and B-molasses to ethanol will reduce sugar production by about 4.5 million tonnes in next season, as compared to about 3.4 million tonnes estimated to be diverted this year."

Domestic sugar consumption is estimated at 27.5 million tonnes, resulting a surplus of 8 million tonnes for exports.

EUROPE: Heat and drought could reduce sugar production – Czarnikow

High temperatures recorded across Europe and below-normal rainfall could reduce beet yields and sugar production in the continent this year, according to Czarnikow, reports Sugaronline.

The European Drought Observatory shows that nearly all of Europe faces a soil moisture deficit. In many areas, the soil moisture deficit is accompanied by below-normal vegetation growth.

“A lack of soil moisture and high temperatures are undoubtedly a concern for the sugar beet crop. Without enough water, beet growth is likely to slow. High temperatures will also cause the plant to wilt, again affecting its growth,” analyst Ben Seed wrote in a report released on July 21.

The current weather scenario in Europe is similar to that recorded in the summer of 2018, when low soil moisture, especially in Germany, resulted in an 11% drop in sugar yields.

“To put this into perspective, a yield loss of this size across the whole of EU27 +UK would reduce sugar production to almost 2 million tonnes below the average,” the analyst wrote.

“Therefore, we are concerned that without rain soon there could be sharp losses of sugar production in Europe this season. At a time when EU sugar production is already struggling due to shrinking area and supply is quite tight this could be quite significant for the EU and global sugar market.”
