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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.

FoodNavigator.com

Scientists identify low calorie sweetener that improves gut health



In search for a 'better sweetener', researchers have identified a low-calorie mixture that they claim is as sweet as table sugar and also good for your gut microbiome.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2022/08/05/scientists-identify-low-calorie-sweetener-that-improves-gut-health>

Food waste spotlighted as Spain prepares for 2023 waste reduction law



Spain is following the lead of France and Italy with the introduction of a new food waste reduction law that will come into force in 2023. Is this a game-changer for food waste in the country or a missed opportunity?

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2022/08/12/food-waste-spotlighted-as-spain-prepares-for-2023-waste-reduction-law>

Which Reb M production method is best for the environment? Ingredient LCA probes stevia sustainability metrics



What's more sustainable? Using acres of land, water and energy to grow plants that produce minuscule quantities of natural sweeteners; or making them via a fermentation process using a microbe that's been engineered to produce exactly the same molecules?

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2022/08/10/which-reb-m-production-method-is-best-for-the-environment-ingredient-lca-probes-stevia-sustainability-metrics>

Sugaronline – Ebriefing

GERMANY: Südzucker becomes a member of the Renewable Carbon Initiative

Südzucker joined the Renewable Carbon Initiative (RCI) in July 2022, as part of the company's ambitions to support an accelerated transition of the use of fossil carbon to renewable carbon from biomass, carbon dioxide and recycling, reports Sugaronline.

The initiative also gives Südzucker the opportunity to raise the profile of sustainable agriculture in the context of a fossil carbon-free industry.

"The chemical industry and many processing industries are facing the challenge of replacing their products with sustainable, bio-based alternatives over the long term. Südzucker Group sees itself as a natural partner to support the industry – where decarbonization is not possible – on the path to defossilization, thus making its contribution to an enjoyable, healthy and more sustainable world," the company said via a statement on Aug. 10.

Südzucker Group does not intend to simply be a raw material supplier, but rather to move further up the value chain. Biomass and carbon dioxide, which are among other sources available in high quantities and quality from fermentation processes, are the basis for this.

Südzucker Group has established the Group Strategy 2026 PLUS, which, among other things, places a stronger focus on technology- and market-driven value creation from plant-based materials.

"The large-scale processing of agricultural raw materials into high-quality products has always been the basis of the business model. Starting from this core, the company has already successfully expanded and diversified its product portfolio. This path is now to be systematically continued and Südzucker Group is to be established more strongly than before as a partner in the area of biobased chemicals and materials," said the head of biobased chemicals in Corporate New Business Development, Jens Angermann.

The Renewable Carbon Initiative was launched by the Nova Institute and now has more than 40 members, including well-known companies and institutions from all areas of the value chain.

SINGAPORE: Drinks sellers must use high-sugar labels

Businesses selling freshly prepared drinks with high sugar and saturated fat levels in Singapore will need to attach a special label to them by the end of 2023, according to Straits Times.

Health Minister Ong Ye Kung announced the new rule on Aug 11, which would impact beverages including freshly brewed coffee, freshly squeezed juices and bubble teas.

The government had already announced that pre-packed beverages with high sugar and saturated fat content should be labeled with the special mark from December 30 this year.

GERMANY: Südzucker raises operating result forecast for 2022/23

Südzucker raised its forecast for group EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) and group operating results in 2022/23, **reports Sugaronline.**

The group's forecast for fiscal 2022/23 is being raised due to the significantly improved forecast for the CropEnergies segment, the company said in a statement on Aug. 11.

Südzucker expects group revenues of EUR8.9 billion-9.3 billion (US\$9.2-9.6 billion), compared to EUR7.6 billion (US\$7.85 billion) in 2021/22.

Group EBITDA is now expected to range between EUR810 million (US\$836.96 million) and EUR910 million (US\$940.3 million), from a previous forecast of between EUR760 million (US\$785.3 million) and EUR860 million (US\$888.6 million), and EUR692 million (US\$715.03 million) in 2021/22.

Group operating result is now expected between EUR450 million-550 million (US\$464.98-568.3 million), from EUR400 million-500 million (US\$413.3 million-516.64 million) estimated previously. In 2021/22, the group operating result was EUR332 million (US\$343.5 million) in 2021/22.

"The war in Ukraine, which has been ongoing since the beginning of the fiscal year 2022/23, has further intensified the already high volatility on the sales markets and price increases on the procurement markets. The resulting economic and financial impact and the duration of this temporary exceptional situation remain difficult to assess. Risks also continue to exist in connection with the Corona pandemic," Südzucker said in a statement.

The adjusted forecast continues to be based on the assumptions that the Ukraine war will remain temporary and regionally limited, that despite current developments the physical supply of energy and raw materials will be guaranteed, and that sales and procurement markets will return to normal to some extent in fiscal 2022/23.

The company also assumes that the declaration of the emergency gas plan in Germany will not have any significant negative impact on prices. "We expect the significant price increases, particularly in the raw materials and energy sectors, to be passed on in new customer contracts."

BRAZIL: Raízen and Mubadala in the final round to buying BP Bunge

Brazil's Raízen and the UAE state investor Mubadala Investment are in the final round to acquire BP Bunge Bioenergia, according to Reuters citing one source with knowledge of the matter on Aug. 10.

The source said that BP Bunge Bioenergia's shareholders BP PLC and Bunge Ltd decided to negotiate with both bidders in a second phase because the difference between their proposals was very small.

Reuters reports that there is no clear deadline for reaching an agreement nor a guarantee that a sale will be signed.

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Zevia grows and diversifies consumer base: 'We're seeing very limited price sensitivity,' says CEO



In the face of an unrelenting inflationary environment, zero sugar soda brand Zevia is reporting continued growth and consumer adoption of its products, especially in the club channel.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2022/08/12/zevia-grows-and-diversifies-consumer-base-we-re-seeing-very-limited-price-sensitivity-says-ceo>

Climate, water and food security fears rise up the consumer radar: Mintel



Fresh data from Mintel shows that consumers have become more concerned over the availability of food and water and the impact of climate change over the past year. Looking to 2023, resource efficiency – including how they spend their own money – will dominate the agenda.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2022/08/16/climate-water-and-food-security-fears-rise-up-the-consumer-radar-mintel>

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Softdrinks industry facing sugar shortage - GMA News - Top makers of popular carbonated beverages on Tuesday said the bottling industry is bearing the brunt of declining supply of sugar in the country. In a joint statement, Coca-Cola Beverages Philippines Inc., Pepsi-Cola Products Philippines Inc., and ARC Refreshments Corp. confirmed that “our industry is facing a shortage of premium refined sugar – a key ingredient in many of our products.” “We are working closely with other stakeholders of the industry and the government to address the situation,” the soft-drinks makers said.
