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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.

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**Sugaronline Ebriefing**

**INDONESIA: Sugar self-sufficiency expected in 5 years**

Indonesia's president Joko Widodo said on Nov. 4 that the country should achieve self-sufficiency in sugar in the next five years, according to Reuters.

The country plans to expand its sugar plantation to 700,00 hectares, from 180,000 hectares currently, and develop its ethanol production in the future.

After achieving self-sufficiency, Indonesia plans to start ethanol production by adopting a 5% ethanol blending with fossil fuel, which could later be expanded to E10 or E20.

**INDIA: Government may allow more sugar exports in 2022/23**

India's Food Ministry said on Nov. 6 that the 6 million metric tonnes of sugar fixed for the 2022/23 export quota was based on the available initial estimates of sugarcane production in the country and could be reconsidered, according to Millenium Post.

The ministry said the sugarcane production in the country would be reviewed periodically and that the volume of sugar exports to be allowed in 2022/23 could be reconsidered.

The government allowed exports of up to 6 million tonnes of sugar until May 1, 2023.

**GUATEMALA: Czarnikow sees no impact from hurricane Lisa on cane crops**

Hurricane Lisa is not expected to have affected Guatemala's cane crops and the country's sugar production should remain stable from last season, according to Czarnikow, reports Sugaronline.

"We expect Guatemala to produce approximately 3 million tonnes of sugar for the 2022/23 season, almost identical to last year's harvest," analyst Adrian Torrebiarte wrote in a report released on Nov. 7.

He said sugar production had remained the same over the years due to the lack of availability of land, as the crop competes with banana and African palm oil for land usage in the southern region.

**JAPAN: Itochu Sugar and Nissin Sugar to hold 30% market share after merger**

The merger of Itochu Sugar and Nissin Sugar in Japan will result in an entity holding 30% of the Japanese sugar market share, according to Czarnikow, reports Sugaronline.

The two companies announced their planned merger in June, which would be the second major merger in the Japanese refining sector in the last two years. Mitsui Sugar and Dai Nippon Meiji announced their mergers in April 2021.

A decline in domestic sugar consumption over the years due to a decreasing and aging population and an increase in the availability of sugar substitutes, combined with the recent sharp rise in raw material prices, has driven the need for the industry to consolidate, according to analyst Stephen Geldart.

The merger of Itochu Sugar and Nissin Sugar is expected to be beneficial for the Japanese sugar industry because it will create synergies between the two companies in the areas of logistics, production, management and research & development, according to Czarnikow.

Czarnikow estimates Guatemala's sugar consumption at 970,000 metric tonnes per year, which is expected to increase in the future due to a growing population.

Guatemala increased production of bagged sugar in the past four seasons, from 61% in 2018 to a projected 70% for the 2023 season, according to the consultancy.

### **BRAZIL: São Martinho invests to expand anhydrous ethanol production**

São Martinho has decided to invest more resources in producing anhydrous ethanol, which can be mixed with gasoline in the domestic market or exported, as it tries to reduce its exposure to hydrous ethanol, according to Valor Econômico.

Hydrous ethanol competes with gasoline at fuel stations, and the future scenario regarding taxation of these fuels is uncertain once Brazil's next president takes over in January.

São Martinho added BRL60 million (US\$11.6 million) to its current investment plan to expand the flexibility of its three mills in São Paulo and produce more anhydrous ethanol. The investment is expected to be concluded by the start of the 2023/24 season.

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### **FoodNavigator.Com**

#### **Valio leverages AI and dairy proteins for 30% sugar reduction in milk chocolate: 'The taste remains the same'**



Dairy company Valio is using the power of artificial intelligence to design a milk chocolate that it describes as 'future proof'.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/news/business/valio-leverages-ai-and-dairy-proteins-for-30-sugar-reduction-in-milk-chocolate-the-taste-remains-the-same>

#### **Small and mid-sized manufacturers 'losing ground in volume and value to private labels', IRI report indicates**



The market researcher’s latest ‘FMCG Demand Signals’ has revealed that private labels now make up 36% of total FMCG value sales in Europe (€216bn) – up from 34% earlier this year, illustrating the extent retailers are trying to manage the impact of rising prices.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2022/11/07/small-and-mid-sized-manufacturers-losing-ground-in-volume-and-value-to-private-labels-iri-report-indicates>

**Why consumers don’t equate sustainable innovation with ‘natural’**

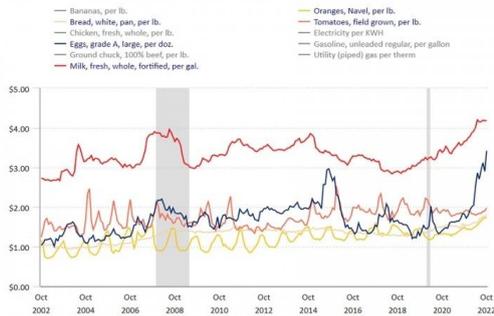


Cultured meat risks failing to take off if shoppers don’t perceive it as natural, FoodNavigator hears.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2022/11/08/why-consumers-don-t-equate-sustainable-innovation-with-natural>

**Food prices continue to climb, but slowdown fuels optimism for stabilization on the horizon**

Average price data (in U.S. dollars), selected items



While still rising, grocery prices appear to be cooling while those at restaurants are stabilizing – reinforcing industry leaders’ optimism that input costs are cresting and the macro environment is beginning to stabilize.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2022/11/10/food-prices-continue-to-climb-but-slowdown-fuels-optimism-for-stabilization-on-the-horizon>