



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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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

WHO advises not to use non-sugar sweeteners for weight control in newly released guideline



The World Health Organization (WHO) has released a new guideline on non-sugar sweeteners (NSS), which recommends against the use of NSS to control body weight or reduce the risk of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs).

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2023/05/15/who-advises-not-to-use-non-sugar-sweeteners-for-weight-control-in-newly-released-guideline>

Weight loss no longer primary motivator for sugar reduction: consumer research



In a post-pandemic world, consumer relationships with sweetness are changing, according to Kerry Group, who in new consumer research reveals that 'sustainable health' is the primary motivator for sugar reduction.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2023/05/16/sugar-reduction-weight-loss-no-longer-the-primary-motivator-finds-kerry>

Has indulgence taken a backseat to healthy snacking?



#healthandwellness, #better-for-you and #better-for-all – that is both people and the planet – have become familiar trigger words in the bakery and snacks sectors. But what is behind the consumer preference towards more natural, more nutritious, function specific, climate-driven and environmentally friendly snacks?

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2023/05/16/has-indulgence-taken-a-backseat-to-healthy-snacking>

Sugaronline – Ebriefing

INDIA: Government expected to strengthen energy ties with Brazil

Brazilian Minister of Mines and Energy Alexandre Silveira is expected to visit India later this year, likely to prioritize strengthening ties in the biofuels and ethanol sector with India, according to Live Mint, citing sources aware of the matter.

Brazilian former ambassador to India, Andre Aranha de Lago, said that if both India and Brazil are involved in developing the ethanol market, we might see the commoditization of ethanol globally, convincing other countries to be a part of this market.

MALAYSIA: Government announces committee to address sugar shortage

Malaysia's Minister of Domestic Trade and Cost of Living, Datuk Seri Salahuddin Ayub, has announced a Cabinet committee to address the sugar supply shortage in the country and ensure sugar prices are stable, according to The Daily Express.

The establishment of the committee was decided during a Cabinet meeting last week. He said the committee includes the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry, and the Ministry of Economy.

He said the sugar supply shortage was only affecting Kelantan and Terengganu states, but that a Cabinet committee should be formed to develop long-term solutions to this issue.

UK: Cadbury to release chocolate bars with 75% less sugar

Cadbury is set to release new chocolate bars in the UK with 75% less sugar, claiming that they will taste as good as the original, according to Daily Mail.

The company uses plant-based fibres, which is also expected to cut up to 75% fat.

Chief executive of the British brand's US owner Mondelez, Dirk van de Put, said he believes the new trend of healthier chocolate could one day become just as popular as diet soft drinks.

ETHIOPIA: Sugar industry plans to boost production and replace imports

The Ethiopian Sugar Industry Group has announced a commitment to increase domestic sugar production from 3.6 million to 13 million quintals in the next five years in order to replace imports, according to 2Merkato.

The group, re-established in March 2022 with the goal to achieve self-sufficiency in sugar production, has plans to expand irrigation infrastructure for recently built sugar factories.

Ethiopia’s annual sugar consumption is between 5 million and 6 million quintals.

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Nigeria imports N2.7tn sugar despite aiming self-sufficiency in production - ChiniMandi

- Nigeria has imported raw sugar worth N2.7tn in the last 10 years despite launching the National Sugar Master Plan to boost self-sufficiency in sugar production, reports Punchng. The Federal Government had in 2008 asked the National Sugar Development Council to develop a roadmap to attain self-sufficiency in sugar within the short span which led to the setting up of the National Sugar Master Plan.

US sugar production view cut, stocks to use ratio down - Reuters - Sugar production in

the United States is expected to fall slightly in 2023/24 (Oct-Sept) from the previous season as beet sugar output is seen smaller amid delays in planting, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) said on Wednesday. In its monthly supply and demand report, the USDA estimated total production at 9.22 million short tonnes (ST) compared with 9.28 million ST in 2022/23. Sugar beet production in the new season is seen at 4.96 million ST compared with 5.15 million ST in the current crop.

Thai Cane Crop second lowest in 14 years - Czapp - Thai cane output will fall to 74m tonnes

in 2023/24. This is down from 94m tonnes this year. This would be the second-lowest output since 2009/10. Despite record high cane prices for Thai farmers in the 2022/23 season and higher prices forecasted for 2023/24, we think the cane supply for next season will drop to 74m tonnes