



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.

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BRAZIL: Trade mission of equipment suppliers to visit mills Colombia

A trade mission of Brazilian suppliers of equipment, machinery and other solutions for the sugarcane sector will visit Colombia in a trade mission in July and August to participate in an international conference and visit local sugar mills, reports Sugaronline.

The trade mission is part of the Brazil Sugarcane Bioenergy Solution initiative, organized by the Brazilian Trade and Investment Promotion Agency (ApexBrasil) and the Brazilian Ethanol Cluster (APLA).

From July 31 to Aug. 2, the group will visit Colombian mills Providencia, Manuelita, Mayagüez, Castilla, La Cabaña and Incauca to learn more about their production processes.

Sixteen Brazilian companies will also participate in the Tecnicaña conference, in Cali, Colombia, where they plan to promote their products, services and solutions for the production of bioproducts from sugarcane.

The companies participating in the trade mission are Civemasa, Cordoba, Engenovo, General Chains do Brasil, Hidrall, Interunion, Lemasa, Pró-Usinas, Rothobrás, RSC Soluções, Texas, TT do Brasil, Tratorag, Vulkan, WEG e Welding.

INDONESIA: Pertamina starts selling E5 gasoline

Pertamina, Indonesia's state-run energy company, has started to sell gasoline containing 5% bioethanol made from sugar molasses in 15 fuel stations in Jakarta and Surabaya, East Java, according to Argus Media.

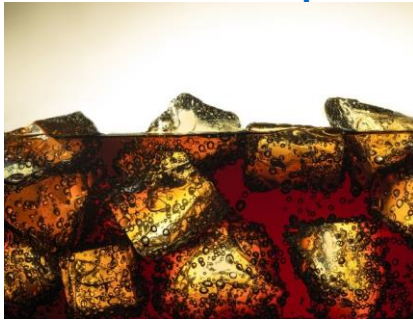
Pertamina had already announced plans to launch the E5 gasoline earlier this year.

The E5 program is expected to increase sugarcane production and its byproduct molasses in the country, according to a report by the USDA Foreign Agriculture Service post in Jakarta released in late June.

Indonesia's government has set a target for the country to produce 1.2 billion litres of sugarcane ethanol by 2030.

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Coca-Cola bets on experiential marketing, price-pack architecture to offset price hikes



The Coca-Cola Co. will continue to raise prices in the second half of the year in select markets after volume stabilized and sales rose in the period despite earlier price hikes and growing consumer price consciousness, executives said yesterday during the company's second quarter earnings call.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2023/07/27/coca-cola-bets-on-experiential-marketing-price-pack-architecture-to-offset-price-hikes>

Nestlé improves organic sales outlook after strong first-half results



Nestlé has reported better-than-expected first-half organic sales in its half-year results for 2023 and said it improved its full-year organic sales outlook after raising prices to cope with higher production costs.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2023/07/27/nestle-improves-organic-sales-outlook-after-strong-first-half-results>

Unilever's price hikes lead to higher sales despite lower volumes in ice cream category



Unilever PLC executives suggested during the firm's July 25 first-half earnings call with analysts that inflation has peaked, but that its effects will continue to be felt, especially in its food-related business categories.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2023/07/26/unilever-s-price-hikes-lead-to-higher-sales-despite-lower-volumes-in-ice-cream-category>

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UK sugar industry worried about FTAs with India, Mexico - NFU Online - The UK's National Farmer Union (NFU) said it was worried that talks of trade deals with India and Mexico could end up with both countries having preferential access to the UK's sugar market. It urged the government to ensure that the sugar market was protected. The UK concluded its 11th round of talks with India for the UK-India Free Trade Agreement (FTA) on July 18

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SOUTH AFRICA: Cane sector welcomes acquisition of Tongaat Hulett sugar division

The chief executive officer (CEO) of the South African canegrowers association, Thomas Funke, has welcomed the planned sale of Tongaat Hulett sugar division assets to Tanzanian firm Kagera Sugar, according to Farmers's Weekly.

Funke said the deal is an important step forward, but much remains to be determine and Canegrowers would continue to monitor the situation.

The spokesperson for trade union UASA said the announcement of a preferred equity partnership with Kagera Sugar will save jobs and grow the industry.

INDIA: Ethanol program may be challenged by lower availability of sugarcane, grains

Lower sugarcane and food grain availability should pose a challenge to India's ethanol blending program next year, according to Economic Times.

Production of sugarcane and rice has been affected by uneven monsoon rains, and the state-run Food Corporation of India (FCI) has stopped supplying rice for ethanol output due to an expected shortfall of rice for general consumption.

Sugarcane yield in Maharashtra and Karnataka, which supply 45% of India's ethanol blending program, should fall 10-15% due to delayed monsoon rains. An expected increase in acreage in Uttar Pradesh should only partially compensate for the fall in ethanol production from the other two states, according to industry experts.

KENYA: Milling operations at less than 25% of total capacity

Sugar mills in Western and Nyanza regions have achieved less than 25% of their total operational capacity this year due to a sugarcane shortage, according to Nation Africa.

Sugar directorate acting director Jude Chesire said that suspension in operations of sugar mills in the two regions for four months announced by the Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) will allow sugarcane to mature.

Chesire said the sugarcane shortage is due to a lack of investment from sugar millers.
