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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

How much does exercise offset the cardiovascular risks of sugar-sweetened drinks?



When we exercise, we often hope to offset some of the negative effects of the unhealthy foods that we've eaten while we do so. However, when it comes to sugar-sweetened drinks, exercise might not be enough to offset the significant increase in cardiovascular risk they can bring about.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2024/02/13/sugar-sweetened-drinks-exercise-does-not-remove-cardio-risk>

Fight for agricultural reform intensifies as Commission caves on pesticide bill



The head of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, has announced that plans to cut pesticide use across the European Union have been dropped but environmentalists say the battle is far from over.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2024/02/09/pesticide-bill-commission-caves-fight-for-agricultural-reform-intensifies>

Fair trade label retains purchasing power despite recession, study shows



Using a combination of social psychology and economic models, a new UK study shows fair trade product sales increased in popularity during an economic downturn while organic product sales dropped, indicating a divide between the two labels' favourability with consumers.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2024/02/15/fair-trade-label-retains-purchasing-power-despite-recession-study-shows>

Could low-sugar chocolate actually taste better?



Less is apparently more when it comes to the amount of sugar used in the creation of the perfect chocolate bar. So will manufacturers reduce the amount of sugar they use in the making of this sweet treat and will consumers welcome the change?

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2024/02/15/could-low-sugar-chocolate-actually-taste-better>

Commission wants to cut GHG emissions by 90% by 2040, but is agriculture off the hook?



In the European Commission's final text published this week, any mention of methane reduction has been omitted. So have links between dietary patterns and GHG emissions, critics lament.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2024/02/08/commission-sets-2040-climate-target-is-agriculture-off-the-hook>

ED & F Man Daily

US beet piles suffering from heat, USDA looks at new sugar policy – AgWeek - The warm weather in December and late January impacted the beets stored in piles, while beets will be waiting longer because the large crop will extend the 2023/24 season, according to Sosland. The loss could push beet sugar production 100,000 tons (90,718mt) below the USDA forecast for the year, it added. Otherwise, a spokesperson for the USDA argued that a recent government report was right in identifying the need to reform the sugar program, although he explained that agreeing on a new policy will be difficult.

Ethanol sales in the center-south have the highest monthly level in more than 3 years

– Reuters - Ethanol sales by production units in central-south Brazil totaled 3 billion liters in January, the highest monthly volume since October 2020, the Sugarcane Industry Union reported on Thursday -of sugar (Unica). Plants and distilleries increased sales of sugarcane and corn ethanol by 38.22% compared to the same period last year, with a boost in the sale of hydrated

and anhydrous biofuel in the second half of the month. But the jump was more due to sales of hydrous, with 1.89 billion liters, a growth of 75.54%, as the fuel is more competitive than gasoline in a large part of the country. In the domestic market, sales of hydrous ethanol in January totaled 1.77 billion liters, while anhydrous ethanol sales in the country totaled 1.03 billion liters, and the remainder went to export. Unica pointed out that, considering only sales in the domestic market, the total sold exceeded the 2.8 billion liter mark, the highest since October 2019.

Sugaronline – Ebriefing

COLOMBIA: Manuelita mill awarded certification for issuance of carbon credits

Manuelita mill has received a certification for issuing 170,308 carbon credits from 2018 to 2021, the company said in a statement in late January, reports Sugaronline.

The company has the potential to issue a total of 618,300 carbon credits in 10 years, with each credit equivalent to one tonne of avoided CO2 emission.

The certification was granted to Manuelita's sugarcane cultivation and processing operations in the Cauca Valley by Cercarbono, a greenhouse gas reduction certification body.

Manuelita was able to reduce emissions through cogeneration using sugarcane bagasse.

TUNISIA: Ministers discuss solutions to revitalise sugar industry

Tunisia's prime minister Ahmed Hachani and other federal ministers have discussed during a ministerial working session possible solutions to revitalise the country's sugarbeet sector and local sugar production, in order to ensure self-sufficiency, according to Tunisie Numerique.

During the debate, it was stressed that sugarbeet is a valuable resource for sugar output and for the extraction of by-products including syrup, industrial alcohol, among others.

TANZANIA: Funds granted to support bioenergy sector

A grant of \$899,000 will be awarded by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Tanzania Development Bank (TIB) to support initiatives in the bioenergy sector, according to Daily News.

The funds will facilitate the development of bioenergy projects, especially those converting agro-waste to energy and promoting ethanol as an alternative cooking fuel.

The recipients include Bagamoyo Sugar Limited Consumer's Choice Limited, Zanzibar Sugar Limited, Bagamoyo Sugar Limited, Manyara Sugar Limited, and others.

BRAZIL: Tereos' units certified to export Brazilian ethanol to Europe and California

Tereos has received certifications for two of its production units in Brazil, allowing it to export Brazilian ethanol to Europe and California, in the United States, according to Globo Rural.

With the Bonsucro EU/RED and CARB (California Air Resources Board) certifications, Tereos Brazil can sell up to 102,000 cubic metres of anhydrous ethanol to Europe, and up to 72,000 cubic metres to California.

Tereos' Mandu unit, in São Paulo, already had Bonsucro certification and changed its scope to the European standard to export to this market. The Vertente mill has just been certified by CARB and received recertification from Bonsucro EU/RED.
