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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

Soda taxes: Cutting sugar is one thing, promoting healthy hydration is another...



Sugar taxes set out to reduce sugary beverage consumption. But how can that be built on to steer people towards choosing healthier options instead?

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2024/09/04/soda-taxes-how-far-do-they-go-in-promoting-healthy-hydration>

Are children's foods lacking vital nutrients?



Childhood nutrition is in a state. But is this down to badly-manufactured children's foods or a symptom of a bigger problem? And will parents place the blame with food manufacturers regardless?

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2024/09/02/can-food-manufacturers-boost-child-nutrition-standards>

In an uncertain market, can advances in personalized nutrition democratize health, wellness?



When German multinational company Bayer closed vitamin provider Care/of earlier this summer, analysts raised questions about what the shuttering foretold for the personalized nutrition industry.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2024/08/30/can-advances-in-personalized-nutrition-democratize-health-wellness>

How are manufacturers making sugar reduction tech pay?



Sugar reduction has become a necessary part of food and beverage manufacture, but what technology is being used and how does it affect sales?

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2024/09/05/does-reducing-sugar-boost-food-and-drink-sales>

Sugaronline Ebriefing

BRAZIL: Datagro cuts estimates for 2024/25 CS cane crush and sugar output

Datagro has reduced its estimate for the volume of sugarcane to be crushed in Brazil's centre-south region in 2024/25 and for sugar production in the region, after the fires that impacted sugarcane fields in August, according to Globo Rural.

Datagro now expects sugar mills in Brazil's centre-south to crush 593 million metric tonnes of sugarcane in 2024/25, compared to 602 million tonnes estimated previously.

The estimate for sugar production in 2024/25 was reduced from 40.03 million to 39.30 million tonnes. Sugarcane-based ethanol output is now expected to reach 32.52 billion litres, 440 million litres less than the estimate released before the fires.

TUNISIA: Country imports 21,000 T of sugar from Algeria

The director of Tunisia's National Observatory of Supply and Prices at the Ministry of Trade, Ramzi Trabelsi, said on Sept. 3 that the country will import 21,000 metric tonnes of sugar from Algeria, according to African Manager.

He said this volume would be added to the 24,000 tonnes of sugar available in the warehouses of the Office du Commerce, adding that the supply of sugar to the market would gradually improve.

US: Sucro Limited reports record refinery volume in 2Q 2024

Sucro Limited delivered a record refinery volume output of 58,613 metric tonnes in the second

quarter of 2024, up 20.9% from the same period last year, despite the delay in the capacity expansion in the Lackawanna refinery, the company said in its earnings statement, reports Sugaronline.

"The early part of the second quarter was a challenge due to delayed capacity expansion installations in our Lackawanna refinery, which was expected and highlighted last quarter," said founder and chief executive officer (CFO) of Sucro, Jonathan Taylor.

"The delay also impacted the early part of the second quarter, although we finished the quarter very strongly, and are well positioned for a strong second half of 2024."

Sucro recorded a 16.6% increase in revenue in the second quarter to US\$137.7 million, due to a 13.4% rise in total sugar deliveries to 131,086 tonnes.

Adjusted EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation) declined 29.8% to US\$8.3 million, mainly due to lower gross profit and higher selling, general and administrative expenses, which increased in line with management's expectations to support the company's growing operations.

Net income declined totaled US\$4 million, a decrease of US\$12.9 million from the same quarter in 2023, also impacted by lower unrealized mark-to-market gains on physical sugar contracts.

UKRAINE: Sugar production estimated at 1.55 million T in 2024/25

Acting minister of Agrarian Policy and Food, Taras Vysotsky, has said sugar production in Ukraine is expected to reach 1.55 million metric tonnes this season, according to APK-Inform, citing a report from Ukrainian news agency AgroPortal.

He expects at least 11.5 million tonnes of sugarbeet to be processed by the end of the year. This summer's above-average heat hurt productivity, and the average yield of sugarbeet in Ukraine should decline by 12%, according to preliminary estimates.

SOUTH AFRICA: RCL Foods reports 31% rise in profit, amid strong performance of sugar unit

South African food manufacturer RCL Foods reported a 31% increase in its profit for the year ended June 30, amid increased revenue in the sugar business unit due to higher prices, reports Sugaronline.

The company had headline earnings of ZAR1.08 billion (US\$192.2 million).

Revenue increased 6.8% to ZAR26 billion (US\$4.6 billion) due to increased sales pricing amid high input costs.

Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortisation and impairments (EBITDA) from continuing operations increased by 36.8% to ZAR2.3 billion (US\$408.7 million), buoyed by a strong performance in the sugar business unit.

In the sugar business unit, revenue increased by 6.4% to ZAR11.8 billion (US\$2.1 billion), largely due to higher prices in both the local and export markets and improved agricultural performance. "As RCL Foods, we remain cognizant of the role we play in keeping South Africans fed and employed, and we will continue to prioritise affordability while safeguarding the sustainability of our business. We are proud to have demonstrated resilience over an extended period of tough trading conditions, driven by our focused strategy, enabling culture and pragmatic approach," RCL Food's chief executive officer (CEO) said in a statement, Paul Cruickshank.

UK: Competition authority gives final approval for T&L Sugars' Tereos deal

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) [has cleared](#) T&L Sugars Limited's deal to buy Tereos UK & Ireland's retail sugar business, following an investigation led by an independent

inquiry group, reports Sugaronline.

The inquiry group concluded that, without the deal going ahead, the most likely outcome would be that Tereos' UK retail business would close.

Since closure would also result in a loss of competition absent the merger, and the evidence showed that there was no other alternative and less anti-competitive purchaser for the business besides TLS, the inquiry group has decided to clear the deal.

"Having reviewed a wide range of evidence – including detailed financial information on Tereos' UK retail business and the efforts they have taken to try and improve its performance – we believe that the right outcome is to clear this deal," chair of the independent inquiry group carrying out the Phase 2 investigation, Richard Feasey, said in a statement on Sept. 3.

T&L Sugars' deal to buy Tereos UK & Ireland's retail sugar business was announced in November 2023.

On Aug. 6, the CMA announced that it [had provisionally cleared](#) the deal, but a final approval was pending.

AUSTRALIA: SRA to trial Australian cane varieties overseas

Sugar Research Australia (SRA) will start trialing Australian sugarcane varieties overseas, propagating them in plantations across the Indonesian archipelago and monitoring their resistance to pests and diseases, reports Sugaronline.

"By monitoring the resistance of these varieties to a range of biosecurity threats, including potential new threats, SRA will gain crucial insights that can inform future research and breeding efforts," SRA said in a [statement](#).

The project involves sourcing cane varieties from Indonesia and Australia, with SRA supplying several varieties for trial, to identify the ones best suited to the local conditions in Papua.

"This project holds significant value for Australia's sugarcane industry. Should any of the varieties prove commercially successful, the financial returns will be reinvested into Australian industry research over coming years," according to SRA.

BRAZIL: Government to offer credit line for sugarcane replanting after fires

Brazil's Ministry of Agriculture will reallocate part of the funds in the country's main agriculture credit and financing public policy Crop Plan to create a credit line dedicated to sugarcane replanting after the fires that destroyed crops in Brazil's centre-south, reports Sugaronline.

An initial assessment of the impacts of fires has shown a need to replant sugarcane for the next season, according to a statement released by the Ministry on August 30.

Brazil's government announced in July that it would allocate BRL400 billion (US\$71.2 billion) to finance the country's rural sector through the 2024/25 Crop Plan, a record allocation for the program.

The Ministry of Agriculture didn't say how much of this total would be diverted to a specific credit line to support sugarcane replanting.

Other measures to help rebuild production areas affected by the fires are also under consideration. "We will assess the losses and, as demands arise, we will work on measures. There is still a lot of work to be done," Agriculture minister Carlos Fávaro said in a statement.

Brazil's sugarcane producers' group Orplana estimates that around 80,000 hectares of sugarcane and sugarcane growth areas have been burned in the centre-south in recent fires.

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Ukraine's sugar beet output to fall due to heatwave - Chini Mandi- The production of white beet sugar in Ukraine will fall to 1.55 mln metric tonnes in 2024 from last year's 1.8 mln tonnes because of unfavourable weather conditions, the acting farm minister was cited as saying by the Agro Portal agricultural news agency on Tuesday, reports Reuters. "Heat in summer has negatively affected sugar beet yields this year. The preliminary estimates suggest that Ukraine's average yield of sugar beets could make about 46.5 tons per hectare, almost 12% lower than last year," Taras Vysotskiy said.

India to export 8,606 tonnes of raw sugar to US under TRQ - Chinimandi- Indian government has allowed the export of 8,606 tonnes of raw cane sugar to the United States. The decision has been taken under the tariff-rate quota (TRQ) scheme for the period from October 2024 to September 2025. Exports under the TRQ scheme benefit from lower customs duties, but once the quota is filled, additional imports are subject to higher tariffs. In a public notice, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) stated, "The quantity of 8,606 MTRV (metric tonnes raw value) of raw cane sugar to be exported to the USA under the TRQ scheme from October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025, has been notified." A similar quota was announced in January.

Ethanol push turns India into corn importer, shaking up global market - Market Screener - A push by India to make more corn-based ethanol has turned Asia's top corn exporter into a net importer for the first time in decades, squeezing local poultry producers and scrambling global supply chains. The jump in import demand comes after India in January hiked the procurement price of ethanol made from corn to drive a shift away from sugarcane-based ethanol for blending in gasoline. With the government promoting ethanol in gasoline to reduce carbon emissions and trying to ensure ample supply of cheap sugar in the world's biggest market for the sweetener, India appears set to become a permanent net importer of corn.
