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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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#### FoodNavigator.com

##### **PepsiCo doubles down on carbon targets: 'We're talking about a resilience strategy for the business and the planet'**

PepsiCo has stepped up its carbon footprint targets, with the ambition to become carbon neutral by 2040. FoodNavigator speaks to European sustainability chief Chris Daly about why it is an 'absolutely aggressive challenge' but also a timetable that is 'not for debate'.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2021/01/19/pepsico-doubles-down-on-carbon-targets-we-re-talking-about-a-resilience-strategy-for-the-business-and-the-planet>

##### **Encouraging EU shoppers to make the right choice: 'Food sustainability is in consumers' hands'**

The consumer is integral to the success of a healthy and sustainable Farm to Fork strategy. How is the European Commission supporting shoppers to make better diet choices?

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2021/01/19/encouraging-eu-shoppers-to-make-the-right-choice-food-sustainability-is-in-consumers-hands>

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#### SugarOnline E-Briefing

##### **BOLIVIA: Sugar mills report increase in alcohol sales during pandemic**

Bolivian sugarcane mills Unagro and Guabirá sold more than 15 million litres of alcohol in the domestic market in 2020, when demand for sanitizers increased due to the pandemic, according to Los Tiempos. The president of Guabirá's sugarcane growers association, Alcides Córdova, said sales were up to 1.5 million litres of alcohol per month in the peak of the pandemic.

Guabirá produced 95 million litres of alcohol in 2020, of which 7 million litres were of the 70% alcohol type sold in the domestic market. The company plans to crush 3 million tonnes of sugarcane in 2021 and produce 130 million litres of alcohol.

Unagro produced 39 million litres of alcohol in 2020, of which 22 million litres was fuel ethanol and 17 million of drinkable alcohol. The company plans to produce 60 million litres of alcohol this year.

**FIJI: Fiji Sugar Corp says environmental issues had negative impact on cane harvesting**

The board chairman of Fiji Sugar Corporation, Vishnu Mohan, has said that environmental issues such as damages caused by Tropical Cyclone Sarai had negatively impacted sugarcane harvesting in 2020, according to Fiji Times.

Sugarcane harvesting reached 1.81 million metric tonnes in 2020, down from the estimate of 1.85 million tonnes due to the impacts of Tropical Cyclone Sarai.

Mohan said that unfavorable changes to the weather patterns have also resulted in a sharp drop in sugarcane quality. FSC invested FJD31 million (US\$15.3 million) in the improvement of its three sugar mills, including equipment upgrades.

**UK: Brexit impacting food trade**

The UK government may be forced to accept sub-standard supplies of food imports amid the reductions in EU food imports caused by the new Brexit trading deal, according to The Independent.

The National Farmers Union official Nick von Westerholz has rejected Boris Johnson's claim that new trade barriers amount to no more than "teething problems."

The Food and Drink Federation's Dominic Goudie said that sugar-based sweet manufacturers were having to find new UK sources for sugar because of provisions in the deal limiting the use of overseas products, which are less generous than in Canada's deal with the EU.

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