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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.

Latin Trade Daily

Brazil's Raizen to buy Louis Dreyfus sugar and ethanol unit Biosev

Brazil's Raizen, the joint venture between Royal Dutch Shell and Cosan, has agreed to buy Biosev, the sugar and ethanol unit controlled by Louis Dreyfus, in a cash-and-stock deal, the companies said on Monday. The deal boosts Raizen's position as the world's largest sugar maker at a time when sugar prices are near the highest levels in four years. It also increases Raizen's footprint in South America's energy market. [Reuters](#) reports.

ED & F Man Daily News

Brazilian cost of producing cane up in 2020/21 – Pecege - The cost of producing cane in 2020/21 increased by 6.8% on year to BRL 119.42/mt (USD 22.24/mt) as the increase in the cost of inputs more than offset the higher ATR, according to Pecege. The price of inputs continues to increase which, combined with the weaker Real, is likely to contribute to production costs going further up. Corn ethanol lost competitiveness to cane ethanol because of the increase in corn prices, Pecege added. The cane area is falling because farmers are switching to grains, notably corn and soybean, which were more profitable than cane last season, it added.

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Maintaining ingredient quality in an uncertain world

Faced with COVID-19, Brexit and volatile global tariffs, the need for manufacturers to plan for supply chain disruption has never been so important. But switching ingredient suppliers can have major implications in terms of product performance, quality and consistency. Dr Robert Griffiths, Lipids Technical Expert Lipids and Daniele Leonarduzzi, Physical Science Technical Expert from Reading Scientific Services Ltd (RSSL) explain how the right analytical testing strategy can not only help to mitigate these risks but also resolve any subsequent processing problems. Read more.... [Maintaining ingredient quality in an uncertain world \(foodnavigator.com\)](https://www.foodnavigator.com/2021/02/08/maintaining-ingredient-quality-in-an-uncertain-world)

High intake of refined grains linked with heart disease

High intake of highly processed (refined) grains is associated with higher risk of heart disease and death than whole (unrefined) grains, according to a study published by The BMJ.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2021/02/08/high-intake-of-refined-grains-linked-with-heart-disease>

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Coke launches 100% rPET bottles in the US

Trademark Coca-Cola will roll out 100% rPET bottles in a 13.2oz size across the US this summer, following the launch of the bottles in select states this month.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2021/02/09/coke-zero-sugar-and-diet-launch-100-rpet-bottle-in-the-us>

Unilever unveils ambitious 5-prong plan to drive 3-5% sales growth in coming years

Investors appear skeptical of Unilever's ambitious five-prong plan to drive sales growth of 3-5% in the coming years after it saw only a 1.9% increase in sales in 2020 and a 5.8% decline in underlying profits in a year when many CPG companies saw significantly higher sales and profits spurred by consumer fear of COVID-19.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2021/02/09/unilever-unveils-ambitious-5-prong-plan-to-drive-3-5-sales-growth-in-coming-years>

Calling all wellness snack brands: Mondelez SnackFutures launches CoLab startup program

Mondelez SnackFutures – the company's innovation and venture hub – has launched CoLab, a "startup engagement" program, targeting snack brands in the wellness space as the global snacking giant digs deeper into the startup community.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2021/02/09/calling-all-wellness-snack-brands-mondelez-snackfutures-launches-colab-startup-accelerator>
