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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.

Sugaronline E-Briefing

BRAZIL: Raízen will supply renewable energy to Heineken

Sugarcane processor Raízen has signed a contract to generate renewable energy for Heineken's distribution centres in 12 Brazilian states, **reports Sugaronline.**

Heineken's 23 units in Brazil will be part of Raízen's energy complex, avoiding 85 tonnes of carbon emissions annually, Raízen said in a statement last week.

The energy will supply distribution centres in the states of Bahia, Ceará, Pernambuco, Sergipe, Maranhão, Rio Grande do Norte, Pará, Goiás, Santa Catarina, Paraná, Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo, in addition to a factory in Manaus, the Baden Baden breweries, in Campos do Jordão, and the Eisenbahn brewery, in Blumenau.

In 2022, Raízen plans to build new shared distributed generation plants in 18 states and in Brazil's Federal District. Raízen generates electricity from sugarcane, the sun and other clean energy sources.

All energy supplied by Raízen will be certified by the I-REC Standard, a global tracking system ensuring the sustainability of the energy produced.

EUROPE: Sugarbeet EU's second biggest crop in 2020

In 2020, sugar beet was the second largest crop harvested in the EU, in quantity terms, a new report *Key figures on the European food chain 2021* from the European Union's Eurostat indicates, reports Sugaronline.

The report shows that common wheat and spelt were the biggest crops by volume on 119.1 million tonnes, with sugar beet in second place on 100.1 million tonnes.

Grain maize and corn-cob mix were third on 67.8 million tonnes, with fresh vegetables on 62.9 million tonnes (excluding the harvested production of potatoes). Barley was on 54.7 million tonnes and potatoes on 54.0 million tonnes.

Data covers the European Union (EU), its individual Member States and European Free Trade Agreement countries.

GREENLAND: Study finds genetic mutation changes sugar digestion

Since many people in Greenland come from gene Up to 3% of Greenlanders, around 1,600 people, may have rare genetic mutation that makes sugary food healthy for them, a new study suggests, according to The Daily Mail.

Researchers from the University of Copenhagen found that the rare mutation, surcase-isomoltase deficiency, affected around 3% of a sample pool of 6,551 adults from the arctic island.

Instead of absorbing sugar into their blood stream, these people's body instead sends it to the intestine. "Here, gut bacteria convert the sugar into a short-chain fatty acid called acetate, which in previous studies has been shown to reduce appetite, increase metabolism and boost the immune system," said Mette Andersen, first author of the study and assistant professor.

pools that have consumed little sugar for centuries, their body has adjusted, he suggested. Those who have the mutation are less likely to become obese, or suffer from health problems tied to being overweight.

MALAWI: President urges a focus on exports including sugar

President Lazarus Chakwera has urged Malawians to seize sugar trade opportunities that his government has opened up with countries including South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Angola, South Sudan and Botswana, according to Xinhua.

"These are countries where we are actively securing new markets for your maize, sugar, soya, groundnuts, beans, and rice, and as I speak, the trade inquiries for these products from these countries exceed US\$300 million," Chakwera said.

The President announced a plan on Jan. 4 that will run between 2021 and 2023 to help the country's economy recover from COVID-19, the COVID-19 Socio-Economic Recovery Plan (SERP).

Chakwera said that the country's economy "is bleeding from four wounds at once," namely structural limitations, gross imbalance between imports and exports, COVID-19 pandemic in its fourth wave, and government waste of resources.

UK: Sugar tax money diverted to general tax pot

Millions of pounds earmarked to tackle childhood obesity has been quietly redirected by the government, according to The Telegraph.

When the Soft Drinks Industry Levy sugar tax was introduced in 2018, the government promised to devote the revenue raised on children's health programmes. "All revenues raised through the levy will directly fund new sports facilities in schools as well as healthy breakfast clubs, ensuring children lead healthier lives", it stated.

But the money has now instead been pumped into the general tax pot and the revenue is no longer directly linked to specific health programmes.

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Out of stock: Food and agribusiness analysts expect more disruptions in 2022

Despite logistic operators' best efforts to restore normalcy to global supply chains, Rabobank predicts that "disruptions will continue to be on the menu for 2022."

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2022/01/05/out-of-stock-food-and-agriculture-analysts-expect-more-disruptions-in-2022>

ED&F MAN Sugar Weekly

EU/UK: In France the government published a proposal to extend the neonicotinoid waiver for the sugar beet industry to 2022. The ministry of agriculture noted that no viable alternatives were available. The UK extended the 260kt /year duty-free quota for raw sugar imports by three years. NFU Sugar criticised the decision and noted that domestic producers were already concerned about additional imports under the UK-Australia trade deal.

Russia: According to IKAR, Russia will produce 5.6mmt of sugar in the current season, about 400kt more than the previous crop. The entity also informed that the beet area could reach 1.1 million ha in 2022 unless the government interferes with prices which would translate to an output over 6mmt and require 2mmt of exports.

Vishwaraj Sugar Industries successfully develops technology for sugarcane syrup preservation; Stock jumps nearly 2%: Indiainfonline - Vishwaraj Sugar Industries on Friday announced that the Company has been able to successfully develop a technology for sugarcane syrup preservation to enhance ethanol production. This technology is very simple and highly cost-effective and gives excellent results. On Sensex, at around 3.04 pm, the company's stock was trading at Rs27.95 per piece up 1.6%. The stock has touched an intraday high and low of Rs28.20 per piece and Rs27.30 per piece respectively.
