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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**Sweet proteins... finally ready for prime time?**

From thaumatin to brazzein, we’ve been told for years that ultra-sweet proteins found in tiny quantities in some fruits could be the next big thing in natural sweeteners, if we can just find a way to produce them more cost effectively from microbial hosts. Could 2022 be the year that we finally see some real movement on this front?

[https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2022/05/06/sweet-proteins-finally-ready-for-prime-time](https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2022/05/06/sweet-proteins-finally-ready-for-prime-time)

**Rethinking Refreshments: How Flavor Innovations and Science are Mixing-Up the Non-Alcoholic Beverage Category**

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**Jalles Machado buys sugarcane plant and cogeneration unit for R$704.9 million**

Reuters - Jalles Machado has signed a contract for the purchase of Santa Vitória Açúcar e Álcool, in the Pontal do Triângulo Mineiro region, in a deal that includes a cogeneration unit of energy and totals 704.9 million reais. Santa Vitória has a "modern" industrial park, with only seven years
of operation, and has a crushing capacity of 2.7 million tons of sugarcane, which should increase the crushing capacity of Jales Machado by 46%. In addition, the unit can produce more than 240 million liters of hydrated ethanol per year. In the 2022/23 harvest, the cultivated area of Santa Vitória will be 37.6 thousand hectares, with a planned crushing of 2 million tons (100% own cane). Cogen ERB, a cogeneration unit attached to the Santa Vitória plant included in the agreement, has a high pressure generation park (100 bar) and an installed generation capacity of 41.4 megawatts (MW), of which 30, 9 MW were contracted in the 21st A-5 New Energy Auction, with a term until 2044. The construction of Santa Vitória was originally conceived for the production of green plastics derived from ethanol, an initiative of the North American multinational Dow Chemical, which also had the participation of the Japanese multinational Mitsui.

**Vibra concludes creation of ethanol joint venture with Copersucar** - Reuters - Vibra Energia VBBR3.SA, Brazil's largest fuel distributor, announced on Thursday the completion of the creation of a joint venture to sell ethanol with Copersucar, a giant in the sugar and ethanol sector. Vibra will hold 49.99% of the share capital of Empresa Comercializadora de Etanol (ECE), keeping Copersucar with 50.01%. "This decision is in line with our strategy of strengthening the company's core business, which seeks to consolidate itself as one of the largest ethanol traders in Brazil," said Vibra. When they announced the agreement last year, the companies stated that ECE could trade 9 billion liters of ethanol in its first year of operation, with 30 billion reais in revenue, making it the largest biofuel trader in Brazil.

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**Does the EFSA's latest opinion on FOP labelling really reject Nutri-Score?**

Nutri-Score’s creator has rubbished claims from Italy’s food industry body Federalimentare that the EFSA’s latest opinion on nutrition labels marks a rebuff of the Nutri-Score algorithm.

[https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2022/05/06/does-the-efsa-s-latest-opinion-on-fop-labelling-really-reject-nutri-score](https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2022/05/06/does-the-efsa-s-latest-opinion-on-fop-labelling-really-reject-nutri-score)

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**Kellogg CEO hints at inevitable price increases**

Steve Cahillane said the breakfast cereal giant – which so far has essentially avoided hiking prices – is finally expecting to crumple amid worsening inflation, lingering supply chain disruptions, a workers’ strike, a plant fire and the war in Ukraine.

[https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2022/05/06/kellogg-ceo-hints-at-inevitable-price-increases](https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2022/05/06/kellogg-ceo-hints-at-inevitable-price-increases)
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BRAZIL: Cia Melhoramentos do Norte do Paraná buys Vale do Paraná mill
Sugar and ethanol producer Companhia Melhoramentos do Norte do Paraná (CMNP) has acquired Usina Vale do Paraná, located in Suzanópolis, São Paulo state, according to Udop news agency.

CMNP, founded in 1925, produces ethanol from sugarcane in two mills located in Jussara and Nova Londrina, both in Paraná state. The company has a total sugarcane crushing capacity of 5 million metric tonnes per season.

Vale do Paraná was owned by the Manuelita-Pantaleon group. The companies didn’t disclose the value of the transaction.

UK: ED&F Man Holdings in talks to sell brokerage unit
ED&F Man Holdings is negotiating the sale of its brokerage business, according to Bloomberg citing people familiar with the matter.

The commodities trader has an offer for its ED&F Man Capital Markets unit from brokerage Marex Group and has also held talks with Prudential Finance, according to the sources, who said a decision hadn’t been made.

ED&F Man and Marex said they don’t comment on market speculation, and Prudential declined to comment.