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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

Do artificial sweeteners increase risk of cardiovascular diseases?

A 'potential direct' link between artificial sweetener intake and increased cardiovascular disease risk has been suggested by researchers, but industry is fighting back: "There is no causal evidence that low/no calorie sweeteners could increase the risk of CVDs."
https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2022/09/15/do-artificial-sweeteners-increase-risk-of-cardiovascular-diseases?utm_source=copyright&utm_medium=OnSite&utm_campaign=copyright

'Our culture compels us to act,' ADM and PepsiCo strike regenerative agriculture agreement

ADM and PepsiCo have entered a 7.5-year strategic commercial agreement to expand regenerative agriculture across its North American supply chains, reaching up to 2 million acres by 2030.
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BRAZIL: Fuel distributors meet 71% of decarbonization target

Fuel distributors in Brazil purchased 26 million decarbonization credits (CBIOs) this year, as of Sept. 9, meeting 71% of the decarbonization target for this year, according to sugarcane industry association UNICA, **reports Sugaronline.**

Brazilian biofuel producers issued 20.81 million CBIOs this year as of Sept. 9, UNICA said in a statement on Sept. 13 citing data by the São Paulo exchange B3, where the credits are traded. Fuel distributors must acquire CBIOs to meet their annual decarbonization targets according to the RenovaBio program, compensating for their sales of fossil fuels.

FRANCE: Organic producers receive a boost from Common Agricultural Policy

French agricultural producers are set to receive EUR45.2 billion (US$45.16 billion) from the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) strategic plan over five years, a tenth of the entire CAP budget, according to Euractiv.

France's National Strategic Plan (NSP), an individualized action plan on how the country plans to meet the nine objectives of the CAP reform as a member state of the EU, was approved by the EU Commission on Aug. 31.

The reformed CAP replaces the green direct payments by offering extra funding to farmers for implementing environmentally-friendly practices.

NETHERLANDS: Cosun Beet starts sugar beet campaign, estimates higher yields

Cosun Beet Company announced the start of its beet campaign on Sept. 13, with expectations of higher yields in the Netherlands this year, **reports Sugaronline.**
The campaign in the Netherlands is expected to last 19 weeks this year, with the factories in Dinteloord and Vierverlaten operating until Jan. 24.

"This year's beet yield is expected to be around 88 tonnes of beets per hectare, which should result in a sugar yield of 14.8 tonnes per hectare. This is around 6% more than the average of the past five years," the company said in a statement.

Cosun had a good growing season until the drought hit at the end of July. "This has chipped away somewhat at the yield potential. Depending on the circumstances in the next few months, the expected yield may be adjusted," the company said.

Cosun said it plans to transport 300,000 metric tonnes of beets this year, 20% more than last year.

The majority of beets will be transported from Zuid-Limburg to the factory in Dinterloord by ship instead of truck, as the company has been doing since last year, which should result in over 16,600 fewer round-trip truck movements, lowering CO2 emissions.

The company has also concluded technical modifications to the production process at the Vierverlaten factory, resulting in around 12-15% less energy required in the upcoming campaign.

"We also intend to make changes to the production process in the years ahead through another, very large-scale project. This will ultimately result in a 40% reduction in the CO2 footprint of the factories, each of which will also be able to cut gas consumption in half."

Cosun plans to be fully CO_2 neutral by 2050.

MEXICO: Cane growers present ethanol production plan

Sugarcane growers in Mexico have presented a plan to the federal government to produce around 600,000 million litres of ethanol annually, said the president of the Quintana Roo's sugarcane producers union Evaristo Gómez Díaz, according to Sipse.

The ethanol output plan is an alternative to Mexico's annual sugar surplus of 1 million tonnes that is exported at a price lower than production costs, according to Díaz.

Mexico's fourth largest sugar mill is located in Quintana Roo, where sugarcane production has increased by 50% since 2019.

Mills in the state crushed 1.8 million metric tonnes of sugarcane and produced 180,000 tonnes of sugar in the recently concluded production season.

UK: Government could cancel policies to reduce consumption high-sugar food and drink

The UK could revoke or cancel policies aimed at reducing the consumption of foods and beverages high in fat, sugar and salt, amid a rise in the cost of living in the country, according to Talking Retail.

Pledges to end buy-one-get-one-free and other deals on foods and drinks, and ban on some food TV ads have already had implementation delayed and could be part of a review. Calorie counts on menus and the sugar tax could also be reviewed, according to the report.
Newly appointed Prime Minister Liz Truss has already criticized junk food taxes during her leadership campaign.

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Britain's Prime Minister plans to scrap sugar tax on soft drinks to ease cost-of-living crisis

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