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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

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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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**Sugaronline Ebriefing**

**SOUTH AFRICA: Tongaat Hulett appoints CEO to lead final phase of business rescue plan**

Tongaat Hulett has appointed Gavin Dalglish as chief executive officer to lead the final phase of the business rescue plan and set the stage for the transition of the company's business, assets, and people to the Vision consortium, according to a [statement](#) released on June 3.

Dalglish has been appointed by the business rescue practitioners (BRPs) to the company's management team to assist in executing the rescue plan. "His leadership will be critical in facilitating the complex transaction and ensuring continuity and stability as the group moves into its next chapter," the company said in the statement.

Dalglish was appointed as group chief executive of the Vision Group in April 2025 and will resume that role once the asset transaction, which entails the sale of Tongaat's business and assets as a going concern, in a consolidated group transaction, to Vision is concluded.

Tongaat Hulett said that the implementation of the rescue is progressing well, which Vision had fully settled all outstanding obligations to the lender group as of May 9. The finalisation of the asset transfer transaction is expected imminently.

"This leadership transition, together with the steady implementation of the Business Rescue Plan, reinforces the commitment to securing Tongaat Hulett's long-term survival. The process is not only about restructuring a business, but also about preserving thousands of jobs, sustaining the livelihoods of farming communities, and protecting a company that remains a vital contributor to regional economies across Southern Africa," the company said.

**US: Trump's government corrects MAHA report after citation mistakes**

The US government has corrected citations in its "Make America Healthy Again" report released last week after nonprofit news outlet [NOTUS](#) identified that several citations referencing paper in the study did not exist, according to NBC News.

NBC News said that it verified that four such papers were nonexistent.

NOTUS said the report's original version contained 522 citations, seven of which mentioned papers that could not be found online or in scientific journals, according to NBC News.

### **GERMANY: Nordzucker advances in decarbonisation efforts**

Nordzucker has announced that the Science Based Targets Initiative (SBTi) approved its decarbonisation (FLAG) targets submitted in December 2024, the company said in [a statement on May 23](#).

The FLAG targets relate to the company's Scope 3 emissions related to agriculture and land use. "With the FLAG targets, Nordzucker has committed to reducing emissions from cultivation by 36% by 2030 compared to the base year 2018. They are therefore a central component of the company's sustainability strategy; and achieving them is an essential step towards meeting customer sustainability requirements," the company said.

The company said it will work closely with farmers, suppliers of agricultural inputs, and other partners, such as research institutions, to find practical solutions to achieve its goals.

"This work has already begun with the pilot project with Yara on mineral fertilisers, which will reduce the carbon footprint of sugar beet cultivation. Other projects include the use of CO<sub>2</sub>-reduced potash fertilisers and harvest vehicles powered by diesel substitutes made from hydrogenated vegetable oils (HVO)."

### **UK: British Sugar announces decarbonisation project at Wissington factory**

British Sugar announced on May 30 that a GBP43 million (US\$57.9 million) investment in a new steam drying will contribute to removing 50,000 metric tonnes of Scope 1 carbon emissions from the Wissington's site footprint, reports Sugaronline.

The project received a GBP7.5 million (US\$10.1 million) grant from the government's Industrial Energy Transformation Fund (IETF).

Wissington, the largest of British Sugar's four factories, processes over 3 million metric tonnes of sugarbeet annually into 400,000 tonnes of sugar and other co-products, a process that requires large amounts of energy in the form of heat and electricity.

The decarbonisation project at the site includes the installation of two brand-new steam dryers to dry its sugarbeet pulp, turning it into an animal feed product.

British Sugar said the new dryers will have greater integration into the rest of the sugar manufacturing process by taking steam directly from the combined heat and power plant on site. "Removing 50,000 tonnes of Scope 1 carbon emissions per annum from our site is a significant milestone for us, and it is the single biggest decarbonisation project that we have undertaken as a business," Phil McNaughton, head of Decarbonisation at British Sugar said in [a statement](#). British Sugar has a goal to becoming net zero by 2050.

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### **ED & F Man Daily Research**

**Louis Dreyfus Replaces Sugar Head as Biancheri Departs - Bloomberg** - Sean Diffley will be the new head of sugar at Louis Dreyfus Co., replacing longtime department leader Enrico Biancheri who is leaving the firm. Diffley joined Louis Dreyfus earlier this year as a strategy head for sugar, and will continue to optimize trading strategies in his new role. Biancheri is leaving after more than 20 years at Louis Dreyfus, where he rose from a trainee to head up the company's global sugar, ethanol and power trading division.

**Sri Lanka plans to export locally produced brown sugar to support sugar industry - Chinimandi** - In a bid to boost revenue and protect local sugar factories, their employees, and sugarcane farmers, the Sri Lankan government is planning to begin exporting brown sugar produced locally, Industry and Entrepreneurship Development Minister Sunil Handunneththi announced, according to the local media in the country. Speaking at a press conference held at

the Government Information Department, the Minister explained that the move comes in response to financial challenges faced by the local sugar industry. He noted that the 18 percent VAT is charged on locally produced brown sugar as a IMF condition, whereas imported white sugar is VAT free. The Minister said locally produced brown sugar costs Rs. 236 per kilo at the factory and added that imported white sugar only costs Rs. 132 per kilo at the Customs and Rs. 50 as tax is imposed. But no VAT is imposed.

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## **FoodNavigator.com**

### **Nutrition misinformation: How to stem the tide of bad advice on social media**



More and more consumers turn to social media for tips and hacks on nutrition: and the advice they get is not always good. How can nutrition misinformation be addressed?

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2025/06/03/influencers-social-media-and-nutrition-misinformation/>

### **Is regenerative agriculture driven by consumer demand?**



Majors such as Danone, PepsiCo and Nestlé explain why they're transitioning to regenerative farming

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2025/05/30/nestle-and-danone-on-demand-for-regenerative-agriculture/>

### **5 ingredients powering the high-protein craze**



Protein is popping up in everything. Which ingredients promise to further propel this powerful trend?

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2025/06/02/which-functional-proteins-are-used-in-food-and-drink/>

## The war on sugar: Are better-for-you options unfairly caught in the crosshairs?



Republican leaders are amping up the war on sugar by taking aim at categories historically laden with the sweet stuff, but are better-for-you products accidentally getting caught in the crossfire? <https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/Article/2025/06/02/the-war-on-sugar-are-better-for-you-options-unfairly-caught-in-the-crosshairs/>

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