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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 Ebriefing

International financing groups announce loan to support Coruripe's investment in certified sugarcane

Brazilian sugar and ethanol producer Coruripe has secured a senior term loan from French development finance institution Proparco, along with Dutch development bank FMO and FinDev Canada, to support its investment plan for the cultivation of certified sugarcane, according to a [statement released](#) by Proparco on Feb. 6.

Proparco and FMO will provide USD30 million each and FinDev Canada will provide USD 40 million.

Proparco acted as the lead agent for the transaction, and FMO led the Environmental and Social Assessment.

Coruripe's certified sugarcane project is expected to generate positive climate and development impacts, avoiding 270 kilotonnes of CO2 equivalent per year.

"This project illustrates how long-term financing can accelerate the decarbonisation of strategic sectors while delivering tangible social and economic benefits in the regions where they operate," said Julien Vanhooydonck, regional director for the Southern Cone at Proparco.

FMO's manager of Agribusiness, Food & Forestry, Anton Timpers, said the partnership aims to "contribute to lower carbon sugar and bioethanol production, safeguard labor and biodiversity standards across the supply chain, and create long-term economic opportunities in the regions where Coruripe operates."

FinDev Canada's VP and CIO, Paulo Martelli, said that by partnering with committed institutions, such as Proparco and FMO, the Canadian group is promoting "stronger development impact in the bioethanol sector, strengthening local markets, and advancing climate action and gender equality across the country."

FRANCE: Cristal Union concludes 2025/26 with higher yields

Cristal Union has concluded its 2025/26 sugarbeet processing campaign with higher yields , according to a press [statement](#) released by the company on Feb. 9, reports Sugaronline.

Agricultural yield averaged 90 tonnes per hectare, which is higher than the 84 t/ha in the [previous season](#) and than the 5-year average.

During the 2025/26 campaign, which lasted 128 days, Cristal Union's sugar factories processed 15 million tonnes of beets.

"Industrial activity was carried out at a high and consistent pace, processing over 122,000 tonnes of sugarbeets per day, with further optimised energy ratios, aligned with the Group's energy savings and decarbonisation objectives," the company said.

ARGENTINA: Ingenios de Tucumán SA seeks to buy another sugar mill – news report

Ingenios de Tucumán SA, a company owned by one of the heirs of the sugar company Ledesma, is negotiating the acquisition of the second-largest sugar mill in Tucumán, according to a news report from La Gaceta on Feb. 10.

If the transaction is completed, the acquisition of the La Trinidad mill would be the company's second in the province, after the acquisition of the Concepción sugar mill.

Ingenios de Tucumán said the parties signed a letter of intent and were in the midst of due diligence, according to the news report, citing a company's statement. If conditions are met, the company said it plans to move forward with the purchase of the sugar mill and "achieve an adequate scale within the sector."

INDIA: Supreme Court pushes food safety authority to consider front-of-package warning labels

India's Supreme Court pushed the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on Feb. 10 to consider front-of-package warning labels on packaged food products for sugar, saturated fat and sodium, according to CNBC TV-18.

The Court said a prima facie case had been made that prominent warnings could serve public health interests, referring to a public interest litigation seeking mandatory front-of-pack labelling. The food safety regulator was ordered to file its response within four weeks.

SOUTH AFRICA: SA Canegrowers group urges government to support sugar industry

South African sugarcane producers' group SA Canegrowers has urged the country's president, Cyril Ramaphosa, to support the domestic sugar industry through a commitment to the procurement of locally-produced sugar, according to a [statement](#) released by the association on Feb. 10.

Citing Ramaphosa's 2021 State of the Nation Address, SA Canegrowers said the president had promised to support the local sugar industry through a commitment to local procurement. The association said that since then, the situation has worsened for sugarcane growers amid an increase in imported sugar, displacing locally-produced sugar.

SA Canegrowers also cited other challenges faced by the industry, including the sugar tax leading to job losses, increases in electricity prices affecting irrigation costs, and the delay in Tongaat Hulett's business rescue due to court action.

"We therefore urge the President to ensure his commitment to local procurement is not only reaffirmed, but meaningfully implemented, before irreversible damage is done to this vital rural industry," the group said.

BRAZIL: Datagro expects hydrous ethanol consumption to recover in 2026/27

Consultancy Datagro expects hydrous ethanol consumption to recover due to prospects of improved price parity between the biofuel and gasoline in São Paulo state in the upcoming 2026/27 season, reports Sugaronline.

Hydrous ethanol prices in Paulínia, São Paulo, should remain firm in February, around BRL3.16/litre, excluding taxes, according to estimates by Datagro released to the press on Feb. 10.

From March, as more mills anticipate resuming crushing operations in the centre-south, ethanol prices should begin to decline. Hydrous ethanol prices in Paulínia are estimated to fall to BRL2.52/litre by May this year, and hover around BRL2.50/litre until November 2026.

Sugar mills in the centre-south are expected to crush more sugarcane in the 2026/27 season, which officially starts in April, and increase diversion for ethanol output. Ethanol supply is also expected to increase as corn-based ethanol production expands.

This scenario should result in lower biofuel prices in 2026/27, with the biofuel price parity with gasoline in São Paul state averaging 64.9%, favouring ethanol consumption throughout the season.

Datagro said the last time the price parity reached such a low level was in 2023/24, when the cane crushing volume in the centre-south set a record of 654 million metric tonnes.

By the end of crushing operations in November and December 2026, hydrous ethanol prices in Paulínia should resume rising again and reach up to BRL2.75/litre by February 2027.

NIGERIA: Sugar Development Council partners with NEXIM Bank to develop investments in the sugar industry

The National Sugar Development Council (NSDC) and the Nigerian Export-Import Bank (NEXIM Bank) have signed a partnership to pursue long-term financing for the transformation of Nigeria's sugar industry, according to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN).

The NSDC is expected to develop bankable, policy-aligned projects and support equity mobilisation.

NEXIM Bank would facilitate access to international Export Credit Agencies, coordinate syndication with other Development Finance Institutions, support foreign input financing, and provide risk-mitigation instruments, including guarantees and commercial risk insurance.

AUSTRALIA: Canegrowers urge Queensland government to support biofuel and cogeneration

Queensland's sugarcane growers have urged the state government for policy certainty to support the development of biofuel production and expansion of cogeneration in the industry, according to a [statement](#) released by sugarcane producers' association Canegrowers.

During a public hearing for the State Government's Inquiry into Sugarcane Biofuels Opportunities in Queensland on Feb. 11, the Canegrowers CEO Dan Galligan said the sector needs "policy certainty and investment" to support the biofuel industry and upgrades in mill infrastructure to expand cogeneration.

"If governments want a greener, more sustainable future, they need to back the primary producers who help deliver it," said Galligan. "That means lowering electricity and water costs for growers, protecting prime agricultural land needed to produce feedstock, and giving industry the confidence to invest for the long term."

At the hearing, Canegrowers also called on the Queensland Government to work with the industry and the federal government to implement mandates for low-carbon biofuels and develop a feedstock strategy that includes guaranteed off-take arrangements to underpin confidence and investment.

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Coca-Cola reports robust results as a new CEO prepares to steer beverage giant into next phase of growth

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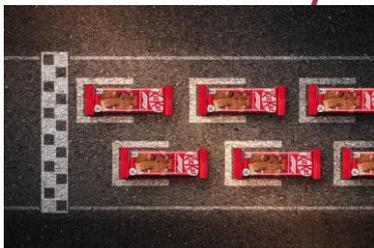
GLP-1 in real life: Smaller shops, fewer ultra-processed foods



Enough with the predictions. How are GLP-1 drugs actually impacting purchasing behaviour?

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2026/02/10/glp-1-users-buy-less-ultra-processed-food/>

Nestlé: Confectionery innovation on a global stage



Nestlé is redefining the confectionery landscape with smarter technologies and progressive innovations that keep its brands leading worldwide

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Gen Z is drinking again, but alcohol is still in trouble



Alcohol consumption is in decline, and not just because of the allegedly health conscious young

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/Article/2026/02/13/alcohol-decline-drivers-affordability-glp-1-drugs-health/>