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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.

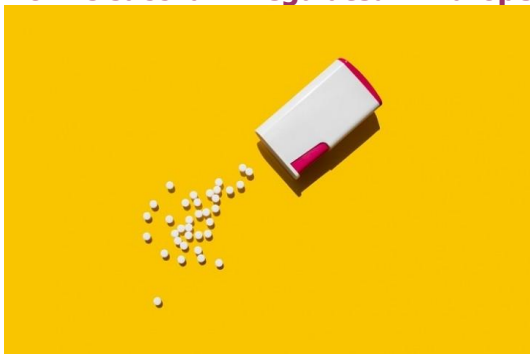
FoodNavigator.com

Artificial sweetener neotame does not increase appetite, but could damage gut



<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2024/05/02/neotame-artificial-sweetener-could-damage-gut>

How is saccharin regulated in Europe?



After a tragic death in India, the sweetener saccharin made the headlines. While it has widespread use in Europe, including the UK and EU, the sweetener is tightly regulated.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2024/04/29/how-is-saccharin-regulated-in-europe>

Sustainability: More than just preventing climate change



<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2024/04/29/sustainability-more-than-just-preventing-climate-change>

Coca-Cola fights 'flat to modest growth' in North America with innovation, in-store displays & RGM



The Coca-Cola Company anticipates "flat to modest growth in volume" in North America despite characterizing the US consumer as "in good shape" with only modest "compression" among lower-income shoppers, and reporting positive response to stepped-up innovation, increased distribution and "bigger" in-store displays.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2024/05/01/coca-cola-fights-flat-to-modest-growth-in-north-america-with-innovation-in-store-displays-rgm>

Why is the price gap between private labels and national brands narrowing?



Price has always been a key appeal of private labels compared with national brands. Now, because of factors such as inflation, commodity pricing, and sustainability investment, this gap is narrowing.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2024/05/03/why-is-the-price-gap-between-private-labels-and-national-brands-narrowing>

Dairy trends unwrapped: Consumers seek added value, scrutinize claims



The majority of shoppers are 'unwilling to sacrifice quality' even if that means paying a higher price, new research suggests. Plus: opportunities in dairy desserts, ice cream, label claims and pack sizes.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2024/05/02/dairy-trends-unwrapped-consumers-seek-added-value-scrutinize-claims>

Sugaronline Ebriefing

INDIA: Global Biofuel Alliance sets up a work plan – report

The Global Biofuel Alliance, launched on the sidelines of the 2023 G20 summit in New Delhi, has set up a work plan focused on assessing country landscapes, drafting policy frameworks, and conducting biofuel workshops, according to Business Standard, citing officials from India's petroleum and natural gas ministry.

According to the report, these goals were decided upon during a meeting held on the sidelines of the G20 deliberations in Brazil in April.

PHILIPPINES: 2023/24 sugar production is above SRA's estimate

The Philippine Sugar Millers Association (PSMA) has said sugar production in the country totaled 1.86 million metric tonnes in the 2023/24 season, above the estimate of the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) and up 3.6% from the previous crop year, according to Business World.

SRA had estimated raw sugar production to total 1.85 million tonnes, with a potential 10-15% decline depending on the impacts of the El Niño.

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Brazil's sugar production up 30% early in April - Reuters - Brazil's center-south (CS) sugar production rose 30% in the first half of April from a year ago to 710,000 metric tons, an amount that was higher than the market expected. Data from sugar industry group UNICA released on Friday showed there were more mills operating in the period than last year and they allocated more cane to sugar and less to ethanol, than in April 2023. The market was expecting sugar production at 689,000 tons, according to a survey by S&P Global Commodity Insights. Sugar prices in New York SBc1 fell after the report and touched session lows.

World's Largest Sugar Supplier Sets Biggest Crop Area Since 2017 - Bloomberg - The world's biggest sugar exporter Brazil is expanding its sugar-cane crop area to the largest in seven years, in a move set to increase sweetener supplies even more than initially expected. Sugar-cane area in the country will reach 8.7 million hectares (21.5 million acres) in the season that started this month, the nation's crop agency Conab said in a report Thursday. That's a 4.1% increase from the previous year and the highest since 2017. The surge in cane planting will boost supplies further as mills are already producing more sugar due to a higher use of cane juice for sweetener instead of ethanol. Conab estimates sugar output in the season will be a record 46.3 million tons.

Brazil's CMAA plans \$684 mln investment to raise cane crushing 80% by 2033 - Reuters - Brazilian sugar and ethanol firm CMAA on Friday rolled out a 3.5 billion-real (\$684.4 million) investment plan aimed at increasing its sugarcane crushing capacity 80% by 2033. CMAA, one of the largest crushers of sugarcane in Brazil with three plants in Minas Gerais state, sees crushing capacity at 18 million metric tons by the end of the period. The company said in a statement that it plans to produce more than 700,000 tons of sugar in the 2024-2025 harvest, which has just kicked off, and foresees ethanol output at 340 million liters. It did not disclose long-term projections for sugar or ethanol production.

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THAILAND - To export less in 2024/25 despite higher output: USDA

Thailand's sugar production should recover to 10.2 million mt in 2024/25, up 16% from 8.8 million mt in 2023/24, according to the USDA FAS. It sees 2024/25 exports at 9 million mt, down 10% on year due to competition from India, while domestic sugar demand growth is expected to slow due to reformulation. (Includes content from: Reuters)

([XM.com](#) & [Chini Mandi](#))

WORLD - Different SAF rules to impact global trade

The US and EU are taking different approaches to classifying sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), notably because the EU will not accept crop-based SAF, which will make the global trade of SAF very difficult, industry groups argued. Meanwhile, the US Grain Council (USGC) highlighted efforts by US industry representatives to challenge ReFuelEU Aviation Regulation to push for crop-based feedstocks.

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