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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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#### Food Navigator.com 5 March 2019

##### **Water likely to account for biggest segment of CBD beverages category, predicts Cowen**

05-Mar-2019 By Elaine Watson

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2019/03/05/water-likely-to-account-for-biggest-segment-of-cbd-beverages-category-predicts-cowen>

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#### Sugar Online – Ebriefing 05-03-2019

##### **THAILAND: IBM teams with Mitr Phol on IoT pilot to boost cane yields**

The National Science and Technology Development Agency on Tuesday announced a two-year research collaboration with IBM to improve the yield of sugarcane in Thailand, reports Sugaronline. [Read more...](#)

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#### Food Navigator.com 4 March 2019

##### **Could a fat replacer developed in the 80s hit the big time in the 2020s? 'This is not another Olestra,' stresses Epogee**

04-Mar-2019 By Elaine Watson

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#### ECRUU Sugar News Monitor - 4 March 2019

##### **UNITED STATES - Study finds sugar tax caused 50% drop in soda consumption**

People in Berkeley, California, consumed half as many soft drinks in 2017 as they did in 2014 when a sugar tax was implemented, while water consumption gained 29% according to a survey by the University of California, Berkeley. Researchers asked 2,500 people across three different cities and noticed that consumption only dropped in Berkeley. The two other towns, Oakland and San Francisco, now also have a sugar tax, although the states of California and Washington have now banned municipalities from imposing a sugar tax. The study is [here](#). ([Reuters](#))

**EUROPEAN UNION - EU to prevent countries from avoiding neonicotinoid ban**

The EU Commissioner for Health said it has asked four unnamed member states to review their decision to grant an exemption to the neonicotinoid ban, while two states gave positive responses. For the two other nations, the EU is planning to use a provision which allows it to override the right to authorise certain products under special circumstances. The provision has never been used before and comes after NGOs highlighted to need to enforce the ban. The commission is also planning to review its overall safety standards for pesticides to make sure neonicotinoid are not replaced by other harmful substances. Meanwhile, a Scottish MP argued that the UK could decide not to enforce to neonicotinoid ban once it leaves the EU, as he argued that farmers were simply switching to other harmful chemicals. ([Euractiv](#) & [The Scottish Farmer](#))

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**ECRUU Sugar News Monitor - 1 March 2019**

**BOLIVIA - Argentina to collaborate over cane research**

Researchers from Argentina's National Institute of Agricultural and Forestry Innovation (INIAF) is planning to travel to Santa Cruz, Bolivia, to assess the quality of six sugarcane varieties grown in the area. ([EJU](#))

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