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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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#### **Sugar Online – Ebriefing 14-01-2020**

##### **GERMANY: Südzucker results improve despite sugar decline**

German sugar producer Südzucker's third quarter earnings rose as stronger bioethanol demand helped offset the burden of weak sugar prices it said on Jan 14, according to Reuters.

Operating profit was EUR39 million (US\$43.43 million) in the third quarter to end-November 2019 in its 2019/20 fiscal year against an operating loss of EUR23 million (US\$25.6 million) in the same year-ago period.

Südzucker said it continues to expect consolidated group operating results to be between EUR70 million and 130 million (US\$ 78 to 145 million), up from EUR 27 million (US\$30 million) last year in the 2020 fiscal year.

The company now projects a significant decline in revenues in the sugar segment, compared to previous forecast of moderate decline from last year's EUR2.6 billion (US\$2.9 billion), it said.

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##### **COLOMBIA: Riopaila Castilla investing in organic cane crop**

Colombian sugarcane processor Riopaila Castilla has received a certification attesting best agricultural practices in sugarcane cultivation, another step towards its goal to produce organic sugarcane and enter the European market, according to Agronegocios news website.

The certification was awarded by European inspecting company Ecocert, considering 1,000 hectares of the second phase of Riopaila's organic sugarcane project.

The sugarcane processor is currently converting 1,200 hectares of crops into organic cultivation, which will result in the production of 10,000 metric tonnes of organic sugar in 2022.

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#### **Food Navigator.com 13-01-2020**

##### **Mars develops novel confectionery: 'Shelf-stable' and 'soft-textured' mousse**

13-Jan-2020 By Flora Southey

Confectionery giant Mars, Inc. has patented a shelf-stable mousse it says maintains a 'light' and 'soft' mouthfeel even when stored at an ambient temperature.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2020/01/13/mars-develops-novel-confectionery-shelf-stable-and-soft-textured-mousse>

## **Soft drink sugar drops by 29% in the UK**

13-Jan-2020 By Rachel Arthur

An Oxford University study has found the total amount of sugar sold in soft drinks in the UK dropped by 29% between 2015-2018. "Sustained pressure on business, including fiscal measures, has led to a striking reduction," say the researchers.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2020/01/13/soft-drink-sugar-drops-by-29-in-the-uk>

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## **Sugar Online – Ebriefing 08-01-2020**

### **UK: Study shows 13% decrease in sugar in yoghurts**

Sugar levels in yoghurts have significantly decreased in the last two years, a new study from the University of Leeds shows, according to News Medical.

Researchers examined product and nutrient information from 893 yogurts available in UK supermarkets and compared these to a 2016 baseline survey. The study, published on Jan 8 in the journal *Nutrients*, showed an overall 13% decrease in total sugar content.

Those with the most reduction in sugar were children's yoghurts, drinks and fruit yogurts.

The results of this independent survey are in line with the UK Government's 2019 findings regarding industry progress in reducing sugar.

### **BRAZIL: President defends direct sales of ethanol**

Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro on Jan. 7 has defended direct sales of ethanol from sugarcane mills to fuel stations in the country and the collection of ICMS taxes at refineries as measures to help reduce the price of the biofuel, according to Reuters.

He admitted that both proposals face opposition and would have to be approved by the National Congress.

Bolsonaro said that the direct sales of ethanol to fuel stations, without the intermediation of fuel distributors, would reduce the price of the litre of the biofuel by at least BRL0.20 (US\$0.049), also contributing to a fall in gasoline prices.

The Brazilian Presidente participated in a meeting at the Ministry of Mines and Energy on Jan. 6 to discuss the current scenario for the price of fuels in the country amid the impact of the US-Iran tensions.

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## **Food Navigator.com 13-01-2020**

### **Atkins Nutritionals & Rob Lowe tackle misinformation about the low-carb diet in new campaign**

15-Jan-2020 By Elizabeth Crawford

Recognizing that there is a lot of information – and misinformation – about different diets, weight management brand Atkins Nutritionals is launching a new multi-marketing campaign with spokesman Rob Lowe that aims to set the record straight about what living a low-carb lifestyle actually means by directly answering consumer questions.

<https://www.foodnavigator-usa.com/article/2020/01/15/atkins-nutritionals-rob-lowe-tackle->

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