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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

Sugar-sweetened soda linked to increased risk of death from breast cancer: Study

New research concludes women diagnosed with breast cancer are 85% more likely to die from the disease if they drink non-diet soda five or more times a week.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2021/03/10/sugar-sweetened-soda-linked-to-increased-risk-of-death-from-breast-cancer-study>

Country of origin labelling: A boon for consumers, but 'unfeasible' for industry?

Who are the winners and losers of mandatory country of origin labelling? FoodNavigator hears from supporters and sceptics of the initiative less than two years out from the European Commission's proposal.

<https://www.foodnavigator.com/article/2021/03/11/country-of-origin-labelling-a-boon-for-consumers-but-unfeasible-for-industry>

Sugaronline – Ebriefing

AUSTRALIA: Wilmar certifies sweeteners organic

Wilmar Sugar Australia has had some of its range of non-sugar sweeteners organic certified, as demand rises for its specialty ingredients, according to Food & Beverage.

Wilmar's range includes monk fruit, stevia and erythritol, some of which are certified by Australian Certified Organic (ACO), said product manager for specialty ingredients, Anne Price.

"When we get the product to Australia we get it certified with the ACO, who do an overall benchtop audit of the process including the supply chain we use to get it here. Then, they certify it," she said.

Non-sugar sweeteners are becoming more popular as sectors of the market look to create products for those who want to decrease their sugar intake.

This is mainly on the beverage side of industry, especially in specialty drinks like Kombucha, aimed at the health market, Price said.

NIGERIA: Sugar Master Plan set to be revised

Industry analysts are expecting a major revision of the Sugar Master Plan implementation framework to bring it up to date with its terms of reference, according to Vanguard.

This is expected to co-incide with an upcoming change in the executive leadership of the Nigerian Sugar Development Council, which acts as regulator of the Master Plan.

Nigerian capacity for sugar production has failed to improve significantly despite efforts by the Federal Government to reduce imports of raw sugar and foster self-sufficiency using Sugar Master Plan which has been in existence for eight years.

Though the NSMP will terminate in 2022, Nigeria's production capacity is less than 300,000 tonnes instead of the 1.79 million tonnes as targeted for 2020.

BRAZIL: Drought impacting sugarcane harvest

Sugarcane is one of the Brazilian crops suffering the impact of drought in recent months which may delay harvesting, according to Folha de S. Paulo.

In the centre-south, some mills may delay the start of the season to wait for the development of the sugarcane and reduce losses. In the northeast, producers are trying to build water reservoirs to prevent the death of sugarcane fields.

Consultancy Datagro expects sugarcane production in the centre-south to fall by 21 million metric tonnes in 2021/22, or 3.45%, due to the drought, reaching 586 million tonnes. The quality of the raw material is also expected to decline.

A delay in the start of the season could cause sugar and ethanol stocks to be tighter.

Usina Batatais is one of the few mills that started the harvest earlier than expected, on March 1. and foresees a reduction in crushing, which should reach 4.1 million tonnes, compared to 4.419 million in 2020/21.