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Dear Readers.

thanks to the solid experience gained the last couple of years, we have decided to match the editorial line, which distinguishes FRUIT PROCESSING since 1990, with content about the fruit processing and juice business, technology and production, product development and quality assurance, science and research so as to offer five additional digital editions with more content for readers and new opportunities for advertisers, to support placement and visibility on the international juice and soft drinks market.

As we enter a more digital centric age, FRUIT PROCESSING is going to pioneer digital content delivery beyond the printed editions of the magazine you can already enjoy. Check out the first digital edition FRUIT PROCESSING on www.fruit-processing.com and please share your thoughts with us and leave your comments to serve you even better.

Consequently, we are relaunching the FRUIT PROCESSING website in the next weeks! There will be more comprehensive sections, more regular news and promotional feed, as well as a new 'shop' section.

We encourage all our readers in companies from more than 115 countries to send their news releases and manuscripts for publication in the regular departments of FRUIT PROCESSING: business news, product showcase and special feature articles to demonstrate your expertise in the fruit processing industry.

Follow us on social media and link up with us and our professional network to keep up-to-date with the latest company news, research highlights and benefit from a range of useful resources.

Looking forward to reading you!

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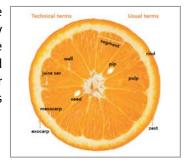
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Göran Stjernberg

Taste, aroma, texture and mouth feel. The world of beverages is exciting just because that's what beverages do. They excite our mouths, throats and imagination. They take us to a different place. So the search for new and better ways of titillating taste is a driving force in new beverage development. Carbonation is a well-established way of adding sensations. Another trend we see now is to add food particles – for example, from fruits, nuts or other plants – to change the way a beverage is experienced...



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"Clean Supreme" leads top trends for 2017

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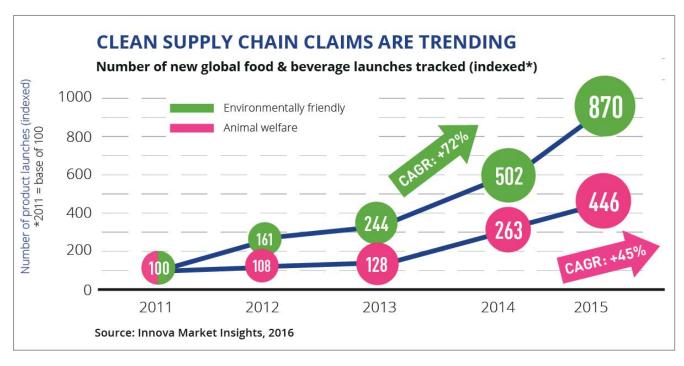
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"Interest in naturalness and clean label continues to feature strongly," according to Lu Ann Williams, Director of Innovation at Innova Market Insights. "It has become somewhat of a running theme through our trends forecasts in recent years. In 2008, 'Go Natural' led our trends list, and since then the theme has featured each year in different forms, such as 'Processed is Out' in 2011, 'From Clean to Clear Label' in 2015 and 'Organic Growth for Clear Label' in 2016. This year, clean & clear is a theme weaving throughout the entire list, but is specifically the case for trend #1 ('Clean Supreme')."

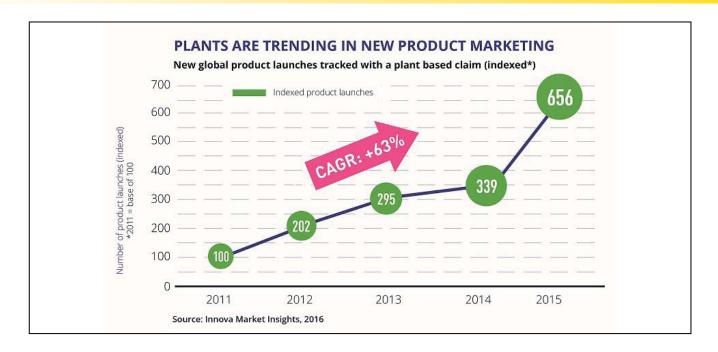
Innova Market Insights has revealed its top trends likely to impact the food industry in 2017 from its from its ongoing analysis of key global developments in food and drinks launch activity worldwide.

The top five trends for 2017 are:

- 1. Clean Supreme: The rules have been rewritten and clean and clear label is the new global standard. The demand for total transparency now incorporates the entire supply chain, as a clean label positioning becomes more holistic. Trending clean supply chain claims include "environmentally friendly," which has shown a CAGR growth of +72% from 2011-2015 and "animal welfare," which has grown at +45% per year during this period.
- **2. Disruptive Green:** As plant-based milks, meat alternatives and vegan offerings have rapidly moved into the mainstream, consumers are looking for innovative



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options to take the inherent benefits of plants into their daily lives. Even dairy companies are now leveraging the functional and technical benefits of plants in new product development, driving more variety and excitement into their category. Innova Market Insights has reported CAGR of +63% for new product launches with a plant-based claim from 2011-2015.

- 3. Sweeter Balance: Sugar is under pressure, although it remains the key ingredient delivering the sweetness and great taste that consumers are looking for. The quest to combine taste and health is driving NPD, as the industry faces the challenge of balancing public demand to reduce added sugars and create indulgent experiences, while at the same time presenting clean label products.
- **4. Kitchen Symphony:** Italian Lasagna is no longer enough we want Melanzane Aubergine Al Forno! The connected

world has led consumers of all ages to become more knowledgeable of other cultures. As a result, there is growing demand for greater choice and higher levels of authenticity in ethnic cuisines. At the same time, pride in local and regional foods is also seeing an upsurge in some countries, with a resulting rise in availability and authenticity of local cuisine.

5. Body in Tune: Consumers are increasingly personalizing their own nutrition intake, making food choices based around what they think will make them feel better. They are also experimenting with free from products and specific diets like paleo and low FODMAP. At the same time, consumers continue to increase their intake of foods and beverages with ingredients that they consider to be healthy, like protein and probiotics.

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CLEAN LABELLING

Free-from and organic

Fastest growing health and wellness category in 2016

Clean Labelling | Euromonitor | Free-from | Organic |

The beverage landscape is shifting rapidly. Consumers are thirsting for drinks with less sugar, more nutrients, pure and simple ingredients, an energy boost and novel flavours.

Free-from and organic becomes the fastest growing health and wellness categories in 2016. According to Global market research company Euromonitor International, foods and beverages offering health benefits, such as free-from, and organic properties, drove value sales in 2016 with organic increasing by 6.8 percent to reach US Dollar 36 billion and free-from increasing by 7 percent to reach US Dollar 32 billion. Free-from is food products that do not contain ingredients known to cause a reaction for people with food allergies or intolerances.

Ewa Hudson, head of health and wellness at Euromonitor International says, "Growth in organic and free-from food sales has boomed in 2016 as consumers are reading labels more carefully than ever, seeking natural ingredients and looking for foods that represent a 'guilt-free' purchase."

The increasing demand for lactose-free and hypoallergenic options within foods and beverages has contributed to the growth of free-from, which is set to generate an additional US Dollar 9.5 billion sales by 2021 and will become the fastest growing category in Asia Pacific, Latin America, Europe and North America with an average of 5.4 percent growth.

"A clear statement that combines health, convenience, fashionable packaging and affordable price is the winning strategy behind health and wellness developments," explains Hudson. "Before the free-form boom, gluten and lactose-free options were the opposite of convenience, meaning consumers were forced to either avoid or prepare almost every meal from scratch. Now, convenience has found its way into free-from and with that, growth opportunities abound. Organic is also in sync with the natural

and clean label trend, and so unlikely to fall out of favour with consumers in the foreseeable future."

Free-from and organic foods and beverages will continue to contribute to the global health and wellness industry which is on the way to hit a record high of US Dollar 833 billion by 2021.

For more information, visit: www.euromonitor.com/ health-and-wellness



Organic continues to grow in Europe

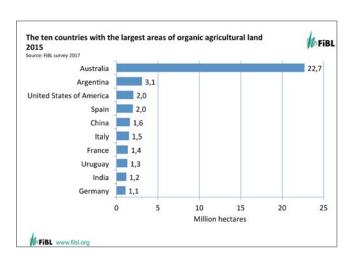
BIOFACH and VIVANESS achieve the 50,000 visitor mark

| Biofach 2017 | Growth Rate | Juice | New Products | Organic Market |

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The organic market in Europe continues to grow. In 2015, it increased by 13 % and nearly reached 30 billion euros (European Union: 27.1 billion Euros). Almost all the major markets enjoyed double-digit growth rates.

Helga Willer of FiBL (Research Institute of Organic Agriculture) states: "The dynamics of the European market is showcased by the strong increase. For the first time since the financial crisis, the market showed double-digit growth (+13 %). In France and Italy, the markets grew by 15 % and in Germany by 11 % in 2015."



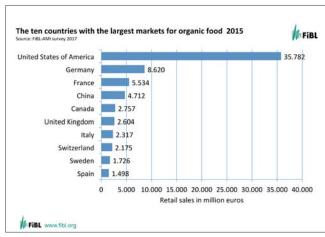
Organic market grows faster than organic farmland

The trend of the market growing faster than organic farmland continued in 2015. However, it is encouraging that the area of organic farmland grew at a faster rate than it had in past years: it increased by almost one million hectares or by 8. 2 %. At the end of 2015, 12.7 million hectares were under organic management in Europe (in the European Union, 11.2 million hectares). This constitutes 2.5 %, 6.2 % respectively of the total agricultural land. The countries with the largest organic farmland areas are Spain (1.97 million hectares), Italy (1.49 million hectares) and France (1.37 million hectares).

In each of these three countries, the area of organic farmland increased by at least 100'000 hectares. Nine European countries report that at least 10 % of their farmland is organic and the highest organic shares worldwide are in Liechtenstein (30.2 %), Austria (21.3 %) and Sweden (16.9 %).

Organic processors and importers - double-digit growth

In Europe, there were almost 350'000 organic producers (European Union: 270'000), 60'000 organic processors and almost 3'700 organic importers. While growth in the number of organic producers was at 3 % (European Union:



5 %) and therefore comparably modest, the number of organic processors and importers increased by 12 % and 19 %, respectively.

Matthias Stolze of FiBL concludes: "The fact that the number of processors and importers grows faster than the number of producers is another indicator that organic production does not keep pace with demand. Countries should pursue a clear organic sector strategy, support shorter organic supply chains that provide environmental and social benefits, and set up improved statistical processes to increase the accuracy of organic market data collection."

The exhibition duo BIOFACH, the World's leading Trade Fair for Organic Food, and VIVANESS, the International Trade Fair for Natural Personal Care, have been able to set a new record in 2017 by achieving the 50,000 visitor mark. This time, expert visitors travelled from 134 countries to the Nuremberg meeting place. They were enthusiastic about the offers from the 2,785 exhibitors (259 of these at the VIVANESS) from 88 countries, and were inspired by the country of the year, Germany.

Ariza www.ariza.nl

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www.anjola.de

The Germany-based company fritz-kulturgüter gmbh has held the trademark rights to Anjola since 2013. Towards the end of 2015, it relaunched the former classic fizzy drink with its original word mark, but this time in five delicious varieties.



Anjola Organic Fizzy Ginger and Lemon Drink

All vegan, with Fairtrade-certified ingredients and 100% fresh, organic fruit (not from concentrate). Instead of the 0.25-litre bottle with crown cap, the drinks are now packaged in fully recyclable 0.33-litre returnable glass bottles with a screw top. The bottle still has its pineapple shape, but it is now slightly more streamlined.

Also still there are the natural deposits of fruit pieces and spices. Shake gently and serve cold.

MATAHI COMPANY

www.matahidrink.com

Coming from Africa, the Adansonia Digitata baobab is the best known species of baobab tree. This legendary tree dominates the Savannah. It's also called "the upside down tree" as its breadth can exceed its height and the tree has



branches which resemble roots. It is also known as the "tree of life" or "pharmacy tree" due to its incredible properties. Its wood is soft and absorbs water which makes it unusable, nevertheless all of the other parts can be processed: bark, fruit, leaves, juice and fibre.

Matahi, is an innovative baobab energy juice: all organic and ecofriendly. The baobab fruit is amazing: full of vitamins; ions and minerals. It is the king of superfruits!

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Organic beetroot juices, blended with 10 % apple juice. Not from concentrate and free from additives and preservatives.

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www.lemonaid.de

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ChariTea green – black – red – mate

BOBICA D.O.O.

www.bobica.hr

Bobica LLC is a Croatian company dedicated to farming organic aronia berries and creating products made from aronia. The company was founded in 2010 and is based in Novska, a fertile Slavonia region of Eastern Croatia.

Bobica's first products entered the Croatian market in 2011. By 2014, Bobica achieved EU ECO certification and the market expanded to Bosnia and Herzegovina,



Cold-Pressed Aroniaberry Juice

INNO'VO

Slovenia, and a few products were presented in Germany. Aronia juices and teas and aronia powder and capsules are created in cooperation with local Croatian organic growers and producers

www.inno-vo.fr

Subsidiary of the most important French wine cooperative, Inno'vo with the 3 L stand-up pouch proposes innovative solutions. Inno'vo acts on the field of organic juices.



Inno'vo can offer products in 3 L stand-up pouches (called Bag'Innov) 1 L & 20 cl. A new organic juice range called "Les Fées Bio" has just been launched with red grape & apple coming 100 % from Languedoc Roussillon.

The delicious taste of freshly pressed apple

juice! Packaged in a stand-up pouch (Bag'Innov), the juice smells of fresh apples and tastes like freshly pressed juice. The combination of sterile packaging and organic juice ensures that the pleasure and taste last right through to the glass.

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EHC is a company devoted to the production of organic products as: wine, pure grape juice, sparkling wines,



sparkling grape juices, sparkling sangría, concentrated grape juice, sangria, vinegar, organic grape seed flour, organic grape skin flour, red vine leaves and grape seed oil coming from their own vineyards, founded in 1998 by the Delgado Brothers, and located in Socuéllamos in the heart of La Mancha.

Organic red grape juice from Spain

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www.kyllus.com

ORIGIN www.origin.bio

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Origin hibiscus is a very refreshing drink with a slightly tangy taste and subtile flavour of red These beverages are both healthy with new exceptional flavours such as hibiscus juice, rhubarb juice, green mint tea and ginger-lemon juice.

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goal is to provide you a straight-from-the-coconut taste while retaining the natural goodness inherent in Coconut water, as Mother Nature intended.



Cocomi Bio Organic Coconut Water is an all-natural juice made from the water of freshly plucked from Sri Lanka

FRUCTIVIA – LA PANACÉE DES PLANTES

www.espritsante.com



La Panacée des Plantes is a French company specialised in the manufacture, distribution, retail commerce and trade of natural fruit and plant health foods. At Biofach their organic super fruit juices and organic super fruit confectionaries were presented.

CIDRERIE TRADITIONNELLE DU PERCHE

www.cidrerie-traditionnelle-du-perche.fr

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desserts, cakes and pastries. And last but not least, the "Cuvée Sélectionnée du Perche" is a medium-sweet cider made with traditional apple varieties from the Perche region. The cider combines a subtle hint of vanilla with a taste that lingers pleasing on the palate.

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The composition of Daily Sirupi is 49 % fruit, 44 % high-quality cane sugar and 7 % pure water, monitored and approved for consumption from the age of six months.

LACONIC GARDENS SA

www.laconicgardens.gr

The Greek company presented "Freshly Orange Juice NFC "11-13 obrix, which is refrigerated to low temperature and has a short shelf life.

Laconic Gardens S.A. was established and operated in 2010, in purpose to cover supplying needs of BIOFRESH S.A. factory and provide farmers modern farming solutions. The Laconic Gardens S.A. is accredited by former Q Ways, currently absorbed by TUV Austria Hellas, for trading operations with regard to Organic Fresh Fruit, Organic



NFC Orange Juice and Organic OJC. The Laconic Gardens S.A. is part of the Laconian Agricultural Tradition.

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New WHO Sugar Guidelines: Why is milk good and fruit juice bad?*

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Introduction

The newly* released WHO guideline for the consumption of sugars has sparked immediate criticism. Basically, the WHO guideline strives for a reduction in the use of "added sugars" as listed in food and drink composition tables. Added sugars means "mono- and disaccharides" added by the manufacturer, cook or consumer, to food or drink during the process of preparation for consumption".

In the present directive, however, the WHO expert panel followed a different principle. Suddenly it is no longer about sugars added to food and drink to but about so-called "free sugars". The WHO panel defined free sugars as follows: "Free sugars include mono-saccharides and di-saccharides added to foods and beverages by the manufacturer, cook or consumer, AND sugars as naturally present in honey, syrups, fruit juices and fruit juice concentrates"...

The latter raises a big question mark.

Why, for example, do naturally occurring sugars in fruits, according to this approach, not belong to "free sugars", but when being in present fruit juice they suddenly do?

In this respect, milk is treated equally strange by the panel. Milk contains 40-50 gram intrinsic sugars per liter, as milk sugars (lactose) and "drink away" as easy as intrinsic sugars in fruit juice. However, in this case the panel considers milk sugars not be "free sugars" at all. This points to the use of an approach that is inconsistent and seems to be based on arbitrary criteria.

Does it make a difference?

Our intestinal cells do not make a difference in the absorption and metabolism of sugars when they are coming from an added source, as (extrinsic) refined sugars or when being present as (intrinsic) natural sugars, as can be found for example in a ripe banana, sweet fruit or honey. The absorption by the intestinal cells and subsequent meta-

bolism of the mono-saccharides is always the same, regardless of the source from which they come. Our intestinal cells never "see the source" and "process" only the sugar molecule that is presented to them according to known steps and mechanisms. Based on the principle of "free sugars", the WHO (food category, Appendix 4a) recommends that advertising of 100 % (pure) fruit juice should NOT be allowed because of its content of free sugars. HOWEVER, advertising oranges (category 15: fresh fruits), containing exactly the same sugars, gets a full OK. The latter is strange, the more so, because it has been demonstrated that our blood sugar responses after eating whole oranges or drinking fresh 100 % juice does not differ (table 1).

THUS, sugars in fruit are NOT counted, BUT the same sugars present in juice pressed from that fruit ARE counted.

This was also recently realized in UK where responsible authorities did not agree to the approach and advised in the beginning of March to the allowance of marketing of 100 % fruit juice as part of "modern healthy eating pattern".

Table 1: Glycemic index of fruits and their juices. Source: Atkinson FS, Foster-Powell K, Brand-Miller JC. International Tables of Glycemic Index and Glycemic Load Values: 2008. Diab. Care 2008: 31(12).

	As eaten, GI	Drink GI
Apple	38	40
Pineapple	51-66	46
Orange	31-51, mean 42	52 (46-71)
Grapefruit	46-49	48
Soda's	-	60 (53-68)

Randomness

Another potential problem with the current sugars directive is related to the feasibility of the quantitative recommendations given. It is stated that not more than 10 % of daily energy should be consumed as "free sugars". If pos-

sible, 5 % should even be preferred. In today's modern diet is 10 % very low but 5 % seems unrealistically low.

Everyone will understand that the creation of unrealistic (in terms of unreachable) guidelines will have little to no effect at all. In that case people and businesses will not take the 5 % much for serious.

Why 5 %

The 5 % level is based on the idea that there is little to no tooth decay at this level. Nevertheless, in the report of the study on which this recommendation is based, it is literally written that there is little evidence to support such a strict limit.

Sugars worse than starch?

The WHO guideline also does not implement the fact that we digest and absorb certain starchy foods (white rice, potatoes, ripe banana) and also starch derivatives, which are often added to foods (maltodextrins/glucose polymers), as fast or even faster than the "free sugars" which are mentioned in the guideline. The effect of starches on blood sugar responses is at least as large, and often even larger than after the consumption of the defined 'free' sugars.

In addition, the effect of starches on bodyweight changes is indifferent from that of "free sugars". That leads to conclude that the new directive has signs of a rather arbitrary approach in its choice of a "free sugars" concept approach and pointing to selective free sugar types, as related to aspects of health and disease.

But, why sugar in the sausage or the ketch-up?

For products to be tasty and boost sales, the food industry widely adds sugars to all sorts of food that, in the mind of consumers, are not expected to contain any sugar.

Why, for example, do we find sugar in ham, surimi sticks, sausages, and red cabbage? And, why is there so much in the BBQ sauce?

Our food is full of "smuggled sugars" that we do not know about but that are responsible for a significant portion of our total added sugar consumption. We get them unnoticed throughout the day. THIS is a food production aspect that should be addressed!

Ideally the WHO panel should have addressed what to do about "these stealth sugars", how to get them out of food if there is NO good reason to add them.

Hence, I would make a strong plea that, apart from communicating that added sugars, as present in soft drinks,

are a significant source of sugar intake in "heavy consumers", we should get more grip on "sneaky sugar to boost sales practices".

If the WHO, in debate with the food industry, would ALSO help realize the development of international rules that make it impossible to add sugars to almost anything and for no good reason, that would reduce our total daily sugar consumption and favor health to a significant degree.

Are sugars or other carbohydrates worse than fat?

When it comes to tooth decay, YES.

Sugars are easily fermented in the oral cavity, giving rise to acids that impact on tooth enamel. Fats do not!

However, when it comes to obesity, there is no generally accepted opinion that sugar is worse than fat. If, for example, one consumes foods that contain less sugar/ less starch but therefore contain more fat, there will not be much of an effect on caloric/energy intake and weight management. Often it is thought that fat is much more satiating that carbohydrate and sugar. However, the opposite is true! In terms of satiety induction the order of magnitude is as follows: protein >> carbohydrate > fat.

To help reduce obesity the public should realize that it is not a single nutrient type that causes "gaining fat". Rather, it should get known that the only way promising way is to consume less of all, less of fat, less sugars/starches, less alcohol and to decide to exercise more.

Sweet facts – lessons about sugar:

Much confusion in the world of food production as well as food consumption seems to come from not understanding the basics of sugars and their metabolism.

For example, taking sucrose out of a product by replacing it with agave syrup (and declaring "now with less sugar") is an unacceptable industrial marketing approach.

To think that table sugar has a very high glycemic index and starches due to their complex carbohydrate structure do not is also incorrect.

To give the interested reader an easy understandable insight in evidence based SWEET FACTS, some straightforward "Lessons in Sugar" are presented below:

Living organisms are mainly composed of water, protein, fat and carbohydrate.

According to current definitions, sugars are a sub-class of carbohydrates and are composed of one single or of two



carbohydrate components (saccharides) tied together. Carbohydrates exist in many forms, varying in chain length and in the way that the mono-saccharides are connected to each other. Glucose (= dextrose) or fructose (= fruit sugar) are mono-saccharides. Mono- and di-saccharides for example are present in in honey and sweet fruits. In addition to honey, also syrups (high concentration of sugars in water, resulting in a viscous solution) are rich sources of sugars, which can be added to food or used as an accompaniment. For example glucose syrup or maple syrup for pancakes.

Di-saccharides can be composed of one type or different types of mono-saccharides. Table sugar (beet sugar, cane sugar, sucrose), consists of glucose + fructose (50 % / 50 % ratio). Maltose, a disaccharide formed during the digestion of starch, consists of glucose + glucose. Table Sugar has been isolated from its original natural source (sugar beet, sugar cane) in a way that ultimately PURE sugar (sucrose) remains. In this respect, we refer to it as refined sugar. There is no difference in the composition of sugar, as it occurs in a fruit or plant (for example in a citrus fruit or sugar beet) and the sugars present in the pressed juice from a fruit, or isolated from a sugar beet. There is no difference in the composition of cane sugar and beet sugar. In both cases it is exactly the same di-saccharide composed of glucose + fructose.

Table sugar or concentrated solutions of sugar (syrups) are very sweet and very cheap. That makes their use in food and beverage attractive. Consumers like SWEET. Food and drink producers who know that like to add sugar to their products to meet consumer desires and boost the attractiveness as well as the sales of the product.

In the mouth, refined sugars are favored as food by bacteria and converted into acid. This acid accumulates in dental plaque and causes the tooth enamel to become weak, especially in the case of poor oral hygiene, leading to caries. This effect is enhanced if the sugars are added in a beverage, which also contains acid, either as added food acid or is naturally present. This is the case with soft drinks and fruit juices (apple juice, grapefruit juice, orange juice).

After digestion of the carbohydrates into their individual building blocks, their absorption in the intestine (mainly as mono-saccharides) is always the same, regardless of the carbohydrate source where these come from. Our intestinal cells in fact never see the source and "see" only the mono-saccharides that are presented to them.

The rate of digestion and the subsequent availability for absorption may vary depending on the structure (matrix) in which the sugars are presented to the stomach and the intestine. For example, whole wheat bread containing whole kernels will be digested more slowly than bread made from finely milled or white flour.

When chewing a sugar cane stalk, sugar will be SLOWLY available as it is released from the fibrous stalk structure. This will induce a slow blood sugar increase, if any. Ingestion of refined cane sugar in a drink will result in rapid availability in the intestine, thus also a rapid absorption and a more pronounced increase in blood glucose. Starch Sources and maltodextrins (from starch-derived glucose chains called glucose polymers), lead to a much stronger increase in blood glucose than equivalent amounts of table sugar (sucrose). The reason is that table sugar contains 50 % fructose, which hardly affects the blood glucose level. Starch and maltodextrins, in contrast, consist of 100 % glucose and deliver twice the amount of glucose to the bloodstream.

Fructose has been called "a toxic sugar" and "a cause of obesity" in the social media. There are 3 important facts here:

- 1) statements are based on studies using excessively high pure fructose intakes, especially in mice.
- 2) Food/drink does not contain pure fructose, instead always fructose + glucose, as also in table sugar, honey, HFCS and fruits.
- 3) When consumed together many of the effects on metabolism and bodyweight, as seen after pure fructose supply, disappear.

Because of its rapid uptake, sugar dissolved in water is not for 100 % perceived by our hunger and satiety regulation and can therefore easily lead to excess energy intake. Individuals who consume a lot of sugar regularly have more often tooth decay and obesity. Accordingly, there are good grounds to reduce the consumption of sugars. However, that seems to be a real challenge for many individuals

Concluding remarks

Less sugars? Less energy intake? How do you do that?

The quantitative intake of refined sugars added to food, appears to be greater than that of sugars with soda. Yet, sugars in drinks may lead to a more prominent effect on weight gain seen the fact that about 15-20 % of the energy is not sensed by the satiety regulating systems. These effects appear to similar for soft drinks, juices and milk.

So, attention needs to be paid to what is in the products that you buy. Consumers can choose food or drinks with

little or no added sugar. This information can be found on the package-product labels, in the list of ingredients and in the nutrition declaration panel.

The food industry can and MUST add less sugar (as refined sugars, and syrups) to their products. Reducing the supply of high sugar products will in itself induce a reduction in the consumption of sugar. By making appropriate use of (preferential natural) non-caloric sweeteners, sugar consumption can also easily be reduced. Yet, sugars are only one of many contributors of energy imbalance. Fat is another one. Although it is clear that in favor of public health a reduction of overall energy intake has to be achieved, it should be acknowledged that obesity is NEV-ER caused by one particular nutrient or ONE particular food type/group. As such, pointing to "free sugars" as being a major cause of overweight may also mislead the public in terms of causality. The public should be educated that both milk and 100 % juice contain valuable nutrients, yet should be consumed in moderation. The latter is valid all energy supplying drinks. Whole fruits that can be eaten including the peel, have an advantage above juices in their supply of dietary fibers with associated micronutrients. Are sugars or other carbohydrates worse than fat? When it comes to tooth decay, YES. When it comes to obesity, NO! Consuming less sugar/ starch but therefore more fat, will not have much of an effect on weight management. If you eat less of both fat and sugars/starches (which can simply be met by "eating less overall) while focusing more of fiber rich foods and deciding to exercise more, consumers are on the right path.

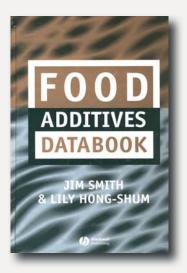
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Meeting the challenges of particles, fibres and pulp in beverages*

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Taste, aroma, texture and mouth feel. The world of beverages is exciting just because that's what beverages do. They excite our mouths, throats and imagination. They take us to a different place.

So the search for new and better ways of titillating taste is a driving force in new beverage development. Carbonation is a well-established way of adding sensations. Another trend we see now is to add food particles – for example, from fruits, nuts or other plants – to change the way a beverage is experienced.

Once you go down that path, however, you will end up being challenged, simply because beverages with particles don't "behave" in the same was as ordinary beverages. And particles need protection during process-

Starting with some definitions

Particles within beverage applications are typically 5-6 mm cubes, although there is a trend towards even larger sizes. Particles have a wide range of properties; for example, a Nata de coco particle – which is fermented coconut water cut into cubes – is quite rigid and strong while an Aloe Vera particle – from the core of the plant – is very fragile.

Fibres are the destroyed sacs (i.e. pulp emptied of its juice) or other parts inside the fruit. The mouth-feel of a product is dependent on the length of its fibres.

Pulp is the sacs, fruit cells or other parts inside a fruit that contains the fruit's juice (e.g. the pulp of a citrus fruit is the stringy content of the endocarp). When the juice-filled sacs burst in the mouth, they deliver the mouth-feel of freshly squeezed juice.

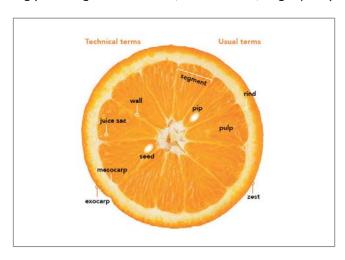
We sometimes refer to all three types as "inclusions".

ing in order to do their job. So in the rest of this article I'll describe some of the practical engineering experiences we have had at Tetra Pak in creating beverages successfully with particles.

A global trend - drinking fruit

A global trend we are seeing currently is the addition of more and bigger particles in both beverage and prepared food applications. The expanding market for beverages with particles, as well as fibres and pulp, is putting new demands on processors and the technologies they use to deliver high quality products. This is both because these constituents are often fragile and easily damaged during processing, and because there is an endless array of combinations. Consequently, the lines between processing categories are even being blurred. When we put coconut in juice, or add Aloe Vera to tea, are we making foods or beverages?

Beverage processors have traditionally worked with pulp and fibres, but particles have become more important ingredients in the last 5-10 years. Consumers are increasingly looking for enhanced, value-added, high-quality



In addition, there can be several terms to describe parts of fruit that end up as particles. The orange below shows some technical terms (left side) as well as some ordinary household terms (right side).

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products with the trend accelerating towards keeping natural fruit fibres in the beverages – or mixing particles or pulp into them – to create products where consumers experience the feeling of drinking fruit in liquid form. In other words, consumers are looking for more than 'just' a beverage. This trend is emerging from the fruit and food industry where particles have been common for a very long time.

Beverage processing challenges and solutions

A number of considerations have to be taken into account when processing products with particles, fibres and pulp: How much damage to these inclusions is acceptable? How

do we measure this? Where in the process is the damage most likely to occur and can something be done about it? How do variations, such as ripeness or sugar content in the raw material, affect the process and the product? How do the equipment factors—e.g. the pumps, valves, heat exchangers—influence the final product?

Products containing particles, fibres and pulp need both specialized and customized processing and packaging solutions. Each unique combination using these inclusions poses processing challenges, and considerable risks in terms of product quality, food safety and profitability.

Protecting particle integrity

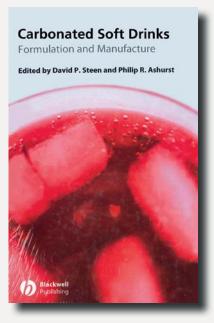
Processing beverages and other products that are naturally fibrous, or which have fibres and particles added, inevitably damages them. Damage limitation is thus essential when designing new systems or optimizing existing plants. Reviewing the entire process to ensure that particle integrity and fibre content are maintained can bring tangible rewards.

To achieve good product quality, particle integrity needs to be protected. This can be challenging because all handling of raw material affects the product and because particles, fibres and pulp are sensitive to mechanical shearing or tearing. Important issues for pulp

and particles are whether they come fresh, frozen or aseptic; their properties (e.g. size and quality); and how they are prepared or mixed. A normal acceptance level for reduction of particle content through processing within a certain specification is 10-20% (note that this does not mean that all particles or fibres are lost or destroyed; they are reduced to the next specification).

To ensure integrity, all three types of inclusion need to be pumped with minimal mechanical treatment and without rapid pressure gradients. Special design and dimensions are the basis for minimum maceration. Sudden pressure drops in control valves need to be avoided, both from a

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maceration point of view but also from physical dimensions, avoiding flow blockage.

Positive pumps of sufficient size with low slippage and limited speed are a good bet for retaining product quality. Heat exchangers designed with fewer but larger tubes of sufficient diameter and smooth inlets are also beneficial since larger particles need larger tube diameters.

Avoiding much maceration during processing also requires having control of raw material quality and the ripening or softening of particles. This can be done in a structured way and checked with instruments that measure particle characteristics such as texture and strength. Particle damage can also be measured at various processing stages to indicate the effects of the processing and filling procedures. This can be done via sieving and weighing, counting and measuring, and sophisticated digital image analysis that can measure the distribution of fibre lengths and that can characterize particle shapes to provide valuable information on particle distribution and size.

Product consistency

However, the main challenge with all three types of inclusions, from a product quality standpoint, is the tendency of the inclusions in the buffer tanks to float or precipitate into sedimentation? If the formulation and recipe are not optimized for the density difference between particles and carrier liquid, the particles will separate from the carrier

How integrity is challenged

Particles

- Strength of a raw material may vary according to species, how it was ripened, where and when it was harvested
- Can be damaged via transport
- Behave differently than liquids

Fibres

Tend to be cut to pieces by centrifugal pumps

Pulp

- Very sensitive to warming and mechanical stress
- Difficult to deliver in a homogenous state so usually removed from fruit juice by filtering it out

liquid, resulting in an uneven distribution in the consumer package. This affects the consistency of the final product.

System design

To ensure product consistency, there needs to be proper internal design of the heat exchangers – such as the inlets of tube packages, tube sizes – as well as tank and agitators. Proper agitator optimization is of utmost importance to get an even end product; the design of the tank dimensions and the agitator must match. Gentle, low-shear agitation with slow, revolving paddle agitators gives a very good agitation that is able to keep the particles in an even distribution in the tank without destroying the particles; good agitation does not necessarily mean high shear mixing.

Liquid over-processing

The liquid phase of a product should not be overprocessed if high product quality is to be achieved. Particles, fibres and pulp require longer heating time than the liquid, which is sensitive to heat. This means that quality will be negatively impacted when holding times are too long because of the presence of particles, fibres and pulp.

To ensure that the liquid phase is not over-processed, solutions like dual stream processing lines can be applied. Single stream processing lines can be used for most liquid products, but can only handle smaller particle sizes, require a longer holding time for the liquid phase, and make deaeration impossible. Dual stream processing lines, on the other hand, employ separate product flows. They allow the liquid to be processed in one line the conventional way – for example, in a plate heat exchanger or steam injection featuring standard pumps and processes – while the inclusions are processed according to their specific characteristics in another line. The line also includes an aseptic blending of the two streams, juice and inclusions.

In addition to the prevention of liquid over-processing, the advantages of using these are minimized mechanical treatment and higher particle integrity, more efficient heating, and minimized thermal load on the end product. Splitting the streams also allows for the liquid to be homogenized and deaerated to reduce its free and dissolved air content, increase vitamin C retention, and minimize colour change, aroma loss, and foaming in filler, so as to improve its quality. Particles themselves cannot be deaerated or homogenized.

An additional method is in-line dosing. This method adds the particles after the homogenizer or deaerator, but before the final heat treatment in a single-stream line. This

way, the costly fruit content can be pasteurized gently and cost-efficiently. Using in-line dosing of particles in a single aseptic processing line, before final heating and aseptic filling, will yield better particle integrity. In addition, the liquid can be homogenized and deaerated, and the optimal holding time for the liquid can be used. This means a much smaller capital investment. However, particle size limitation narrows the possible product range.

Food safety

The key heat treatment challenge when producing particulate beverages is to achieve a safe product by ensuring that particles reach the required temperature in the coldest spot, while simultaneously avoiding overcooking the liquid and surface of the particle to preserve taste, colour, texture and nutrients. The other main challenge from a food safety perspective is controlling for the formation of lumps.

As shown in the graph, it takes time for the heat to penetrate into the centre of the particle – there is a temperature lag – and the

process needs to allow time for this. The heating time depends on the size of the particles. Optimizing heat treatment requires selecting the right heat exchanger with an optimized heat exchanger design, whether it is a coil formed mono-tube for larger particles or a multi-tube for smaller particles; this requires an advanced multidimensional calculation that determines heat transfer from the liquid into the inclusions. Selecting the right heat exchanger gives you control of retention time to ensure optimal heat treatment with an optimized temperature curve. In a dual-stream process solution, heating is tailored even further to ensure the optimal quality of liquid and optimal food safety of particles.

It is also important to have an even distribution of particles throughout the system so that they are heated evenly in the holding section. To achieve this, proper mixing and agitation, and the density and viscosity of the liquid phase is important. Running a pulp slurry with high particle concentration can be helpful to obtain even distribution.

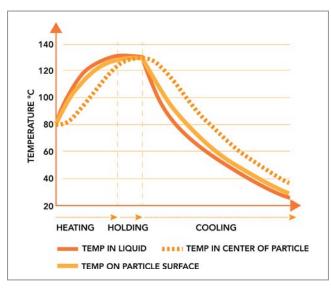


Profitability

Beverages are particularly price-sensitive. To save on operational costs, it is particularly important that the heat exchanger is properly dimensioned in order to minimize energy use.

Another dimension of cost savings is the cost of raw materials. Because the chunks and pieces are usually costly ingredients, minimizing damage to them and ensuring preservation of their shape, consistency and flavour throughout transportation and processing is very important.

But the overall cost driver for the line is product quality. Thus the process solutions have to be balanced and optimized for product quality demands in a given context of raw material cost. If raw materials can be obtained at lower cost, for example, then additional maceration or damage might be tolerated.



Heating of the centre of the particle is clearly delayed and the centre does not reach sterilization temperature until it reaches the end of the holding tube.

Summing up

Responding to the growing trend of including particles, fibres and pulp in consumer products poses unique challenges for beverages and prepared food manufacturers. Particles, fibres or pulp behave differently according to their intrinsic properties and therefore require unique processing solutions.

To ensure integrity, all three types of inclusion require special design and dimensions of control valves and pumps – with low slippage and limited speed.

Heat exchangers designed with fewer but larger tubes of sufficient diameter and smooth inlets are beneficial since larger particles need larger tube diameters. Proper agitator optimization is of utmost importance to get an even end product; the design of the tank dimensions and the agitator must match.

Measuring particle characteristics such as texture and strength can occur at various processing stages so as to control the effects of the processing and filling procedures, and checking that particle distribution meets recipe requirements.

The liquid phase of a product should not be over-processed, which may occur when particles, fibres and pulp require longer heating time than the liquid. Liquids with larger inclusions may require dual stream processing lines, which allow the liquid to be processed in one line the conventional way, while the inclusions are processed according to their specific characteristics in another line.

An additional method is in-line dosing, which adds particles after the homogenizer, but before the final heat treatment in a single-stream line, allowing costly fruit content to be pasteurized gently and cost-efficiently.

Careful calculations can lead to optimal processing, taking into account line design, safety requirements, raw material costs, recipes and quality specifications.

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USD 0.97 EUR 0.89 Price:

Description: Aloe vera drink with chia seeds, in a

500 ml pet bottle.

Claims: Aloe vera pulp inside. Preservatives

free. No added colors. Recyclable packaging.

Water, aloe vera 30 % (aloe vera pulp, aloe vera gel powder), Ingredients:

fructose, chia seeds 0.5 %, acidity regulators (citric acid, sodium citrate, calcium lactate), antioxidant: ascorbic acid,

emulsifier: gellan gum, grape flavoring, honey.



SINGAPORE

Sky Birdnest Company: Singapore Country: Other Soft Drinks Category: February 2017 Event Date:

USD 5.68 EUR 5.20 Price:

Description: Bird's nest drink with rock sugar, in a

glass bottle.

Claims: Rich in collagen-compact.

Ingredients: unstated





Company: Nestle Country: Spain

Bottled Water - Unflavoured Category:

Event Date: February 2017

USD 0.51 EUR 0.47 Price:

Description: Natural mineral water in a 330 ml pet

bottle featuring justice league super-

woman.

Very low mineral content. Green dot certified. Recyclable Claims:

packaging.

Natural mineral water Ingredients:



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Company: Eroski Country: Spain

Juice & Juice Drinks Category: Event Date: January 2017

EUR 1.39 USD 1.52 Price:

Description: 100 % squeezed apple juice from

Germany. Apples are selected for their sweetness and freshness. Eroski does not add anything else, just authentic juice of the best fresh fruit. Comes in

a 1 l tetra prisma aseptic.

Claims: 100 % squeeze juice. Green dot certified. Recyclable

> packaging. Fsc certified. Pasteurized. Tested by expert professionals of basque culinary center, a pioneering academic institution worldwide that aims at the superior training, research, innovation and promotion of food and gastronomy. 1 out of 5 daily servings of fruits and vegetables. Does not add anything else. Authentic juice

squeezed without giving up a natural flavor.

Ingredients: 100 % apple juice.



Marks And Spencer Company: Country: United Kingdom Category: Carbonates Event Date: February 2017

Price: USD 3.00 EUR 2.76

Description: No added sugar carbonated spring water

with elderflower infusion, with sweetener.

Comes in a 750 ml glass bottle.

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> dot certified. A fragrant blend of handpicked british elderflowers, grown in gloucestershire, and spring water.

Carbonated spring water, elderflower infusion (6 %) (water, Ingredients:

elderflowers, preservative: e223 (sulfites)), lemon juice from

concentrate, sweetener (sucralose).





Company: Amc Grupo **United States** Country:

Bottled Water - Flavoured Category:

Event Date: January 2017

USD 1.99 EUR 1.83 Price:

Purified water infused with blueberry and Description:

rosemary, in a 454 g pet bottle.

Claims: Recyclable packaging.

Ingredients: Purified water, blueberries, rosemary.



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Pensico Company: **United States** Country:

Bottled Water - Unflavoured Category:

Event Date: February 2017

USD 1.79 EUR 1.65 Price:

Description: Purified water with ph balanced and

electrolytes, in a 700 ml pet bottle.

Claims: Ph balanced-electrolytes for taste.

> Life, water and inspiration. Recyclable packaging.

Purified water (purified by reverse osmosis), magnesium Ingredients:

sulfate, potassium bicarbonate.





Welchs Company: **United States** Country: Juice & Juice Drinks Category: Event Date: January 2017

USD 3.19 Price: **FUR 293**

Description: Non-alcoholic sparkling white grape juice

cocktail in a 750 ml winter edition glass

Claims: Non-alcoholic juice cocktail. Contains

40 % juice. Pasteurized. Winter edition.

Sparkling filtered water, niagara grape juice, high fructose Ingredients:

> corn syrup, citric acid (for tartness), sodium benzoate (preservative), potassium metabisulfite (preservative),

natural flavor.



Suja Life Company: **United States** Country: Other Soft Drinks Category: Event Date: February 2017

Price: USD 2.99 EUR 2.75

Description: Organic drinking vinegar with water,

> grapefruit, coconut vinegar, beet, ginger, stevia, vegan probiotics and jalapeno, in a

399 ml pet bottle.

Claims: This drinking vinegar were born from suja's obsessions with

cold pressed juice and gut health. Only at target. Contains 15 cal and 3 g sugar. Usda organic. Non gmo project verified. Cold pressured protected.4b probiotics. Contains 8 % juice. Certified gluten free. Certified kosher. Certified

organic by ccof. Recyclable packaging.

Ingredients: Purified water, grapefruit juice*, coconut vinegar*, beet juice*,

ginger juice*, stevia leaf extract powder*, bacillus coagulans gbi-30 6086, jalapeno juice*;



Highlands Coffee Company: Vietnam Country: Iced Coffee Category: Event Date: January 2017

Price: USD 2.99 **EUR 2.79**

Description: 6 x 235 ml aluminum cans of vietnamese iced coffee with

milk, in a carton box featuring lunar new year 2017.

Claims: Featuring lunar new year 2017 (golden chicken).

Ingredients: Water, sugar, skimmed milk 4 %, vegetable cream powder 4 %,

coffee 3 %, coffee flavoring, acidifier: e500ii, food additive: e339ii, flavor enhancer: e473, caramel color (e150c).







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JBT Corporation acquires Avure Technologies, Inc.

Avure Acquisition Adds to JBT Clean Label Solutions

JBT Corporation announced it has acquired Avure Technologies, Inc. ("Avure") for \$57 million, before post close adjustments. Avure is a leader in food processing technology and has gone on to create a range of HPP systems for worldwide tolling centers and major food manufacturers all over the globe. JBT Corporation, also a global leader in food and beverage processing solutions, has curated customer solutions up and down the line – from cooking, frying and chilling to portioning, sorting, weighing and grading in the protein market to extraction, mixing, blending, filling, closing and sterilization in the liquid foods market. And now, with the addition of Avure Technologies to the family, JBT is expanding its clean label solutions for fresh, flavorful foods and beverages with a longer shelf life.

Avure's High Pressure Processing (HPP) uses ultra-high pressure purified water to keep packaged food pathogen-free to stay fresh longer. At very high pressures bacteria such as Listeria, E. coli, and Salmonella are inactivated. Foods using HPP include ready-to-eat and ready-to-cook meats, ready-meals, fruits and vegetables, juices and smoothies, soups and sauces, wet salads and dips, dairy products, seafood and shellfish. HPP helps producers increase food safety and extend shelf-life while providing consumers with nutritious, natural, flavorful food.

Now together, JBT and Avure will be able to offer customers a single, global source for their protein and liquid foods processing needs by coupling Avure's design, fabrication, and food science resources for high-pressure processing systems in the food and beverage markets with JBT's existing portfolio of protein and liquid foods technologies.

DSM collaborates with Singapore Institute of Technology to support next generation of food technologists

Agreement sealed to provide SIT students with industry experience as part of a holistic learning approach

Royal DSM, a global science-based company active in health, nutrition and materials, signed an agreement with local autonomous university Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) to develop commercial and scientific opportunities for undergraduate students in the food technology sector.

The signing of a Collaboration Agreement, held at DSM's Singapore Nutrition Innovation Center brought together representatives from SIT and DSM Singapore Industrial Pte Ltd.

Professor Loh Han Tong, Deputy President (Academic) & Provost, SIT, said, "With the growing focus on health and well-being through food consumption, the demands for qualified, well-trained food technologists are increasing. We are thankful for the strong support from DSM, which will provide opportunities for our students to learn through real-world challenges and gain hands-on experience."

This three-year collaboration will grant SIT's Food Technology students and staff access to DSM's Nutrition Innovation Centre (NIC) in Singapore and its state-of-the-art industry facilities and expertise during their course of study. Through the establishment of an Industry Lab, students will have the chance to use the latest technology in real-life applications for the food and nutrition sector, including dietary supplements, dairy, food and beverage

segments. They will be exposed to the prototyping and product development process. This includes time with a UHT pilot plant for food fortification, a sensory lab to create desired flavor profiles, and climate-controlled chambers to establish stability under different environments.

Pieter Nuboer, Vice President, Human Nutrition and Health, Asia Pacific, DSM, said: "This agreement is reflective of our commitment to Bright Science, Brighter Living. In partnership with customers and the academic community, with whom we share ideas, insights and inspiration, we create innovative and sustainable solutions that address the key challenges facing society today, hence creating Brighter Living. Early exposure to this collaborative approach in action will provide SIT students with a competitive advantage to get their career in the food technology industry off to the best possible start."

By developing the next generation of food technologists, DSM is also supporting the government's drive to develop Singapore into the leading food and nutrition hub in Asia¹. This agreement is also a continuation of on-going collaborative efforts that DSM has with local academic institutions.

¹ "Food Manufacturing Industry Transformation Map to Develop Singapore into Asia's Leading Food and Nutrition Hub", SPRING Singapore, 18 Nov 2016. Available at: https://www.spring.gov.sg/NewsEvents/PR/Pages/Food-Manufacturing-Industry-Transformation-Map-to-Develop-Singapore-into-Asia%E2%80%99s-Leading-Food-and-Nutrition-Hub-20161118.aspx

Studies show further digestive health benefits for BENEO's chicory fibre

Two recently published scientific studies are building on findings from earlier research, with results showing that BENEO's prebiotic chicory root fibres support digestive health by improving bowel regularity and softening stools, while being very well tolerated. With up to 30 % of the Western population (including children) affected by a low number of weekly bowel movements and hard stools , the potential for using chicory root fibres in this area of digestive health cannot be underestimated.

The first study by Antje Micka *et al.*, shows that chicory root inulin improves bowel function in adults and contributes to improved digestive health. The second study by Ricardo Closa-Monasterolo *et al.*, focuses on children between the ages of two to five years old and demonstrates that prebiotic chicory root fibres, inulin and oligofructose, support digestive health by improving stool consistency, while being very well tolerated.

The clinical trial conducted by Micka *et al.* was a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, cross-over design trial of 44 healthy, slightly constipated subjects (self-reported constipation defined as 2-3 stools per week). Participants were supplemented with 3x4g/day of BENEO's chicory root fibre, Orafti® Inulin, or placebo (maltodextrin). The supplements were delivered in a drink form that was consumed together with breakfast, lunch and dinner over a 4-week period and after a 2-week run-in phase. The results showed that BENEO's prebiotic chicory inulin significantly improved stool frequency per week without resulting in gastrointestinal discomfort. It also contributed to improved overall wellbeing and satisfaction, evaluated by a validated quality of life questionnaire for constipated people.

The research design followed the EFSA guidance documents for studies addressing digestive function (EFSA Gold Standard). It was also included in BENEO's dossier for a 13.5 claim that resulted in a positive opinion, as well as an exclusive claim for its prebiotic chicory inulin and digestive health.

The study by Closa-Monasterolo *et al.* is the first to show that prebiotic chicory inulin and oligofructose also support normal bowel habits in children between the ages of two to five years old. It was a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled parallel group design. The children received a 2x2g/day combination of BENEO's Orafti® Inulin and Oligofructose, or placebo (maltodextrin), incorporated into yoghurt or fresh cheese, for a 6-week period. Results showed that the chicory root fibres softened the



Studies show further digestive health benefits for BENEO's chicory fibre. (© BENEO)

stools of the constipated children and were as well tolerated as the fully digestible placebo.

While there are a number of scientific studies that demonstrate the positive effects of prebiotic fibres, inulin and oligofructose, in infants and small children (o-2 years old), there was previously limited data on their effect in children between the ages of 2 to 5 years old.

This really highlights the high level of importance of the recent study results. Also, this is especially significant because this age group is particularly at risk of constipation due to their change in diet (overall low dietary fibre intake), toilet and potty training, as well as more exposure outside of the home (kindergarten), all of which may influence their digestive well-being.

The physiological mechanisms underlying this digestive support by chicory root fibres are related to their prebiotic effect. They selectively stimulate the growth of bacteria promoting saccharolytic fermentation, in particular Bifidobacteria and Lactobacilli. EFSA (European Food Safety Authority) described the underlying fermentation-driven mechanism in their positive opinion on Orafti® Inulin and the improvement of regularity .

BENEO's Orafti[®] Inulin and Oligofructose are natural, non-GMO, clean label prebiotic fibres that are derived from chicory root via a gentle hot water extraction method. These characteristics underline the uniqueness of these dietary fibres and differentiates them from others.

CIFI launched new product branding, sweet potato ingredients



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Carolina Innovative Food Ingredients (CIFI) launched four new ingredient brands and two other new products, defining and adding to its existing line of 100 percent Carolina-made sweet potato ingredients, which can replace artificial sweeteners and other unpopular ingredients in clean-label applications.

The new brands are:

- Carolina Original cloudy sweet potato juice: a nutrientdense, domestically sourced juice that adds flavor, color, and a nutritional boost to baked goods, sauces, and more
- Carolina Clear clarified sweet potato juice: the ideal alternative to high fructose corn syrup and sugar for your health-focused consumer, adding vegetable servings and a health halo

- Carolina Craft dehydrated sweet potato ingredients: sweet potato flour and granules that support glutenfree and non-GMO applications by adding flavor, texture, and nutrients including fiber
- Carolina Sweet clean label sweetener: a vegetablebased, nutritional replacement for high fructose corn syrup and other undesirable sweeteners

These new brands will allow CIFI to better communicate the value of its portfolio of diverse, multifunctional ingredients. In addition, CIFI will introduce two other purple sweet potato products:

- Purple sweet potato juice concentrate: rich in anthocyanin, this product adds not only an abundance of nutrients but also an all-natural and durable purple hue
- Purple sweet potato granules: adds healthy fiber, nutrients, and anthocyanin to baked goods, snacks, and more

"Our product development team has successfully created applications with compelling nutritional profiles, as well as sensory appeal," said John Kimber, CIFI Chief Operating Officer. "These new ingredients do a great job solving clean label issues and will allow food brands to add the health and trend appeal of sweet potatoes to a wider range of applications. With consumers seeking cleaner labels, sweet potatoes are a great alternative in an industry that demands transparency."

Coca-Cola delivers greater variety to Brazilian consumers with slimmer format beverage packaging

CROWN Embalagens Metálicas da Amazônia S.A. (CROWN Brazil), a joint venture of Crown Holdings, Inc. (Crown) and Évora S.A. of Porto Alegre, Brazil, has partnered with Coca-Cola to introduce a 220 ml sleek style beverage can to local consumers. Produced at Crown's plant in Cabreuva, the sleek style format addresses consumer demand for smaller portion sizes and greater product variety.

The functional and sophisticated format will be used for Coca-Cola lines: Coke Zero, Coke Life, Coca-Cola, Fanta, Grape Fanta, Sprite and Guaraná Kuat. It joins Coca-Cola's line of standard 355 ml and 250 ml size beverage cans for soft drinks.



Slimmer format beverage packaging (© CROWN)

Like all aluminum cans, the 220 ml can is infinitely recyclable, provides an effective barrier against light and oxygen, and has significant shelf life properties. The can size also meets consumer preferences in terms of it being lighter, easier to hold, transportable and faster to chill than larger sizes.

The 220 ml sleek style beverage can brings CROWN Brazil's portfolio to ten different sizes – the largest portfolio in the country. Other sizes available on the market are the 250 ml slim style, 269 ml, 310 ml, 355 ml and 425 ml sleek style cans and 250 ml, 355 ml, 473 ml and 550 ml standard cans.

Vegesentials' HPP cold-pressed juices now available on Amazon.com

Vegesentials, the multiple international award-winning high-pressure pasteurized cold-pressed fruit and vegetable drink brand is now available on Amazon.com. The London-based Vegesentials Ltd. partnered with Vegesentials USA, LLC, with offices in Bloomfield Hills and Three Rivers, Michigan to manufacture and distribute the Vegesentials line of juices throughout North America.

Vegesentials is the United Kingdom's first cold pressed vegetable and fruit drink brand. Following its launch in June 2012, Vegesentials can now be found in all but one WholeFoods in the U.K., 60 % of the Waitrose supermarkets, and 50 % of the Holland and Barrett outlets.

Vegesentials has received numerous awards and recognition since its initial launch, including 2 Gold Stars awards for Superior Taste from the International Taste & Quality Institute, Winner of 'the Health & Fitness Food and Drink 'Smoothie Category 2014 Award' by Women's Fitness and Health & Fitness Magazines, Gold in the low calorie food and drink category by Women's Fitness and Health & Fitness 2016, Voted as No.1 'Highly Recommended' Drink at Be:Fit London Show 2014 by 'Science of Fit', Winner of 'Best Exhibitor Award 2014' at The Food & Drink Expo

Trade Show NEC Birmingham, UK's largest 'Food & Drink' trade show in 2014, and Finalist for Grocer Gold Award for "Entrepreneur of 2014."

Vegesentials USA will offer Amazon.com customers the Vegesentials 8.8oz Cheeky Carrot (carrot, apple, orange, lime, and chicory root), Cool Cucum-(cucumber, apple, spinach and chicory root), and Groovy Beet (beetroot, apple, cucumber, strawberry and chicory root). The child and senior version of these juices, sold in a 4.4oz bottle, will be available on Amazon. com at a later date.



Vegesentials is the United Kingdom's first cold pressed vegetable and fruit drink brand. (© Vegesentials Ltd.)

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A protein smoothie that actually tastes good? No whey



innocent introduced two delicious super smoothie recipes, each containing a whole portion of fruit, a source of vitamin C and 8 g of plant-based soya protein. And if that wasn't enough, both berry and tropical protein recipes are lactose free.

Berry protein super smoothie & Tropical protein super smoothie (© innocent)

Berry protein super smoothie is a mix of strawberries, raspberries and velvety coconut milk, expertly blended with soya protein. So it not only tastes great, it helps keep your bones strong and your muscles healthy too.

Tropical protein super smoothie is a blend of tropical fruits, coconut milk and soya protein. This magic combination means you're able to keep your body healthy during the winter months and beyond.

The brand new innocent protein super smoothies can be found in all good supermarkets in UK with the RRP £2.19 for a 360 ml bottle.

New IFU Methods

IFU method #83 Colour measurement in blood orange juices



As the trade of blood orange juice and concentrates depends on their colour intensity, a unique and internationally accepted method for measuring their total concentration has been developedd.

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The colour of pigmented "blood" oranges is caused by the presence of anthocyanins. Cyanidin-3-glucoside is the main anthocyanin pigment seen in oranges with lower concentrations of other mono- and di-glycosides anthocyanins. The total concentration of the anthocyanin pigments varies depending on the variety concerned and seasonal climatic influences (a).

As the trade of blood orange juice and concentrates depends on their colour intensity, a unique and internationally accepted method for measuring their total concentration has been developed and is described in this method. It provides an analytical technique that can be used by both processors of blood orange juices and purchasers (such as bottlers) as a standard way of establishing specifications that does not rely on arbitrary visual appearance. It is a useful tool to avoid conflict between buyers and sellers.

The method works on the principle that anthocyanins pigments are completely extracted from the juice with a specified volume of acidified methanol. After centrifugation the pigment content is determined by measuring the extract's absorbance at 530 nm against a solvent blank.

The method requires the use of a spectrophotometer capable of measuring at a wavelength of 530 nm, a

centrifuge with sufficient speed to give a "g" force of 3000 g and other equipment and solutions typically found in a juice operational laboratory.

The method has taken 3 years to develop and was validated in 2016 with 18 participating international laboratories using blood orange samples.

IFU method #84 Stability tests for clarified juices

Fruit juices in their natural state are generally cloudy or turbid. However, most juices that are to be sold as concentrate are clarified during processing to allow their easy concentration to >65 °Brix. If the enzymic treatments and/or clarification processes are not carried out correctly it can result in a hazy (slightly turbid) end product or one that develops a haze on standing. This will be unsightly to the consumer and may lead to complaints or claims.

This haze is often caused by insufficient or incorrect enzymatic treatments, improper clarification, fining or filtration due to a contamination with microorganisms. The haze often contains more than one substance and its most common causes of are microbial infections, phenolics, proteins, pectin, starch and metal ions.

The tests described in this method are either carried out during juice processing to assess the efficacy (efficiency) of the enzymatic and/or clarification steps or on the finished product to ensure that the appropriate treatments have been carried out correctly. They may also be carried out on blended materials to ensure that the mixture does not produce an unstable blend.

The main stability tests are:

- Detection of pectin in fruit juices ("Ethanol test")
- Detection of starch in fruit juices ("lodine test")
- "Hot/cold stability test" (test for phenolic/protein compounds)
- "Acetone test"
- "Bento-test" for assessing the dosages of bentonite and gelatin required to give a "good" fining
- Determination of gelatin bentonite demand for proper fining (Proteins)

The method requires a turbidity photometer (turbidimeter), refractometer and other apparatus and reagents typically found in a well equipped juice operational laboratory.



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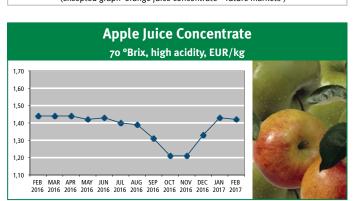
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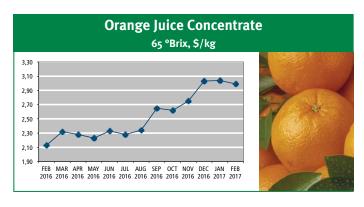
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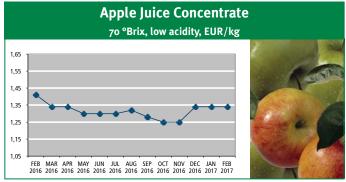
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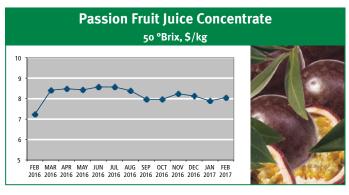
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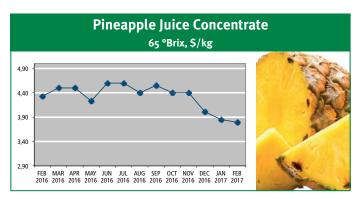
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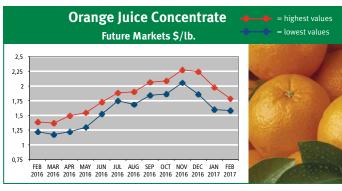


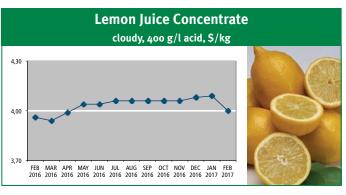


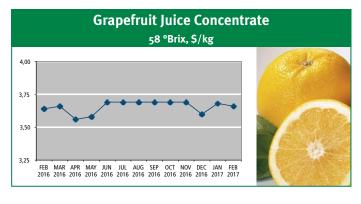


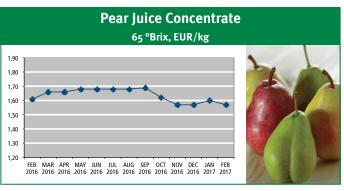




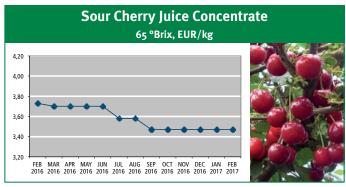


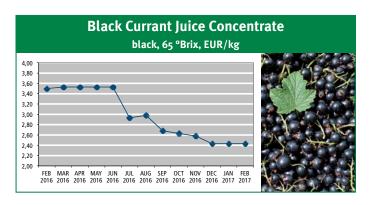


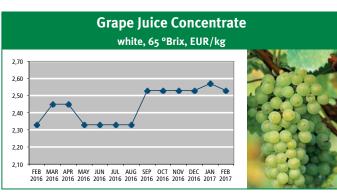


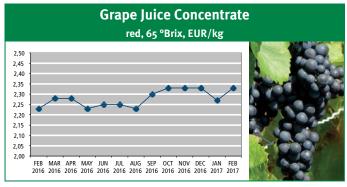


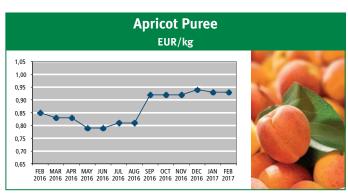
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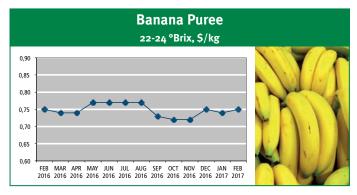


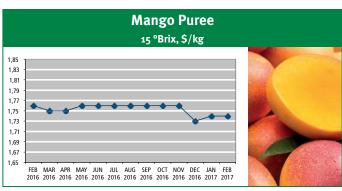


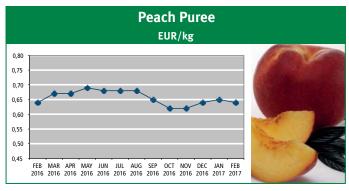


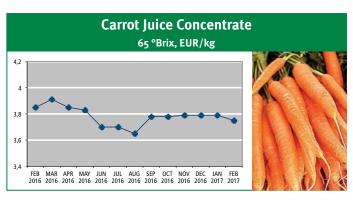


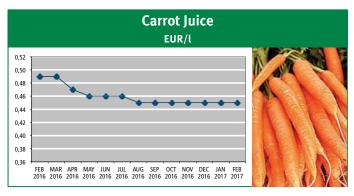




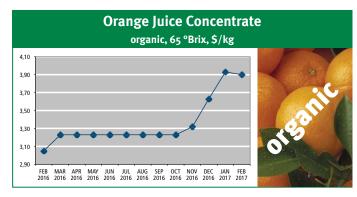


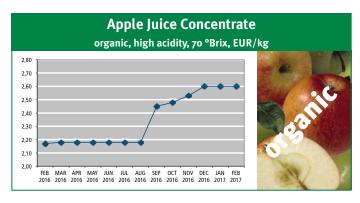


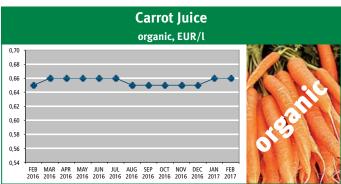


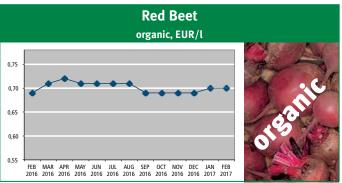


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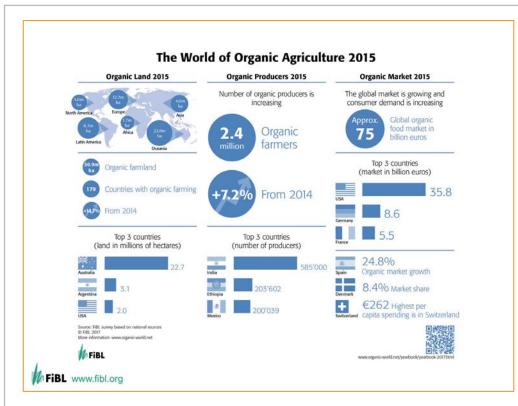
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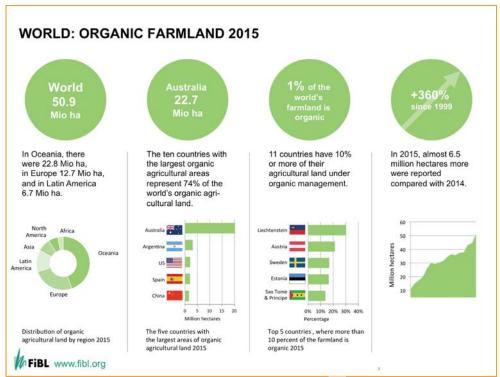


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Organic market continues to grow





Organic market grows faster than organic farmland

The trend of the market growing faster than organic farmland continued in 2015. However, it is encouraging that the area of organic farmland grew at a faster rate than it had in past years: it increased by almost one million hectares or by 8.2%. At the end of 2015, 12.7 million hectares were under organic management in Europe (in the European Union, 11.2 million hectares). This constitutes 2.5% 6.2% respectively of the total agricultural land. The countries with the largest organic farmland areas are Spain (1.97 million hectares), Italy (1.49 million hectares) and France (1.37 million hectares). In each of these three countries, the area of organic farmland increased by at least 100'000 hectares. Nine European countries report that at least 10 % of their farmland is organic and the highest organic shares worldwide are in Liechtenstein (30.2 %), Austria (21.3 %) and Sweden (16.9 %).

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