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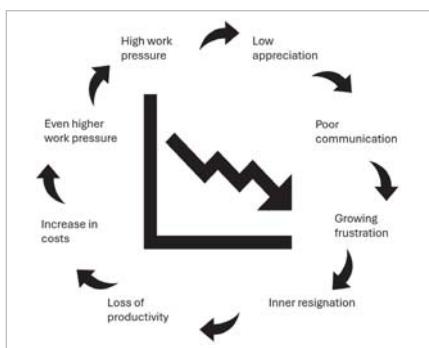


**Acerola – a superfood and healthy
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In fruit juice companies, technology is often more precise than ever: extraction, evaporation, aseptic filling lines, and automated CIP processes reliably deliver quality that can withstand audits and meet retail standards. But at the same time, there is an invisible erosion that does not show up in the balance sheet figures but nevertheless has a massive impact on competitiveness: the silent loss of motivation among teams ...

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Pure apple juice from ecologically valuable orchards and more: HEUFT SYSTEMTECHNIK GMBH has optimised the returnable and non-returnable lines at Wolfra in Erding, Upper Bavaria, to ensure a fruity taste experience from flawless glass bottles and a smooth filling process.

“We have been able to significantly reduce the noise in the plants and operate them more efficiently,” says Nils Wacker happily. The plant manager of Wolfra Bayrische Natursaft Kelterei GmbH, founded in Wolfratshausen in 1930 and now based in Erding, sees this as “achieving the modernisation goals,” which at the same time also “ensure optimal safety and quality of our products” ...



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The year 2025 proved to be another challenging and formative period for the global fruit processing industry. After several years of disruption caused by the pandemic, geopolitical shocks, and extreme weather, the sector entered 2025 hoping for greater stability. Instead, producers, processors, and traders were once again required to navigate a complex mix of economic uncertainty, climatic volatility, shifting trade policies, and changing consumer behaviour. While some pressures eased compared to previous years, new challenges arose ...

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For beverage manufacturers, keeping production lines clean is a major challenge. They must comply with strict hygiene regulations while managing rising costs. At the same time, ecological considerations are becoming increasingly important. The Comprex Group has introduced a patented system that delivers superior cleaning performance while being more energy-, water-, and time-efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally friendly than conventional methods ...

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Small but big on vitamins – that's the best way to sum up the special properties of acerola. While it is consumed as a fresh fruit in many markets, in Europe it is particularly popular as a base for juices, mocktails, smoothies and other beverages thanks to its fresh, tangy flavour and natural colour. Acerola is also regarded as a superfood due to its exceptionally high vitamin C content, which gives it immune-boosting and antioxidant properties. At Biofach 2026, the Import Promotion Desk (IPD) will be showcasing exotic fruit pulp producers. One of the participating companies is "Fazenda Bella", a producer of acerola fruit pulps. The Import Promotion Desk (IPD), a project of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), connects European companies with producers from developing and emerging countries ...

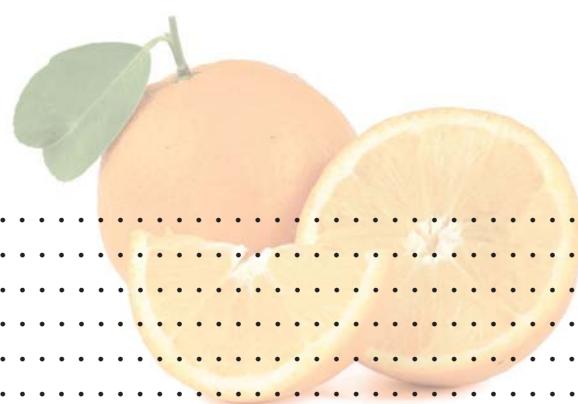


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Whether in silos, tanks or process containers – the exact detection of fill levels is crucial for stable, safe and economical production processes. However, many common measuring methods quickly reach their limits in practice. This technical article compares established technologies such as radar, ultrasound or capacitive sensors with the gravimetric method – and shows why weighing technology is superior where it really matters ...



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