



## Isoglucose – A new Competitor in Sugar?

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### Agenda

- 1. Facts about Isoglucose
- 2. Revenues from By-products Net Raw Material Cost
- 3. Processing and Profit Margins
- 4. Conclusions



#### Facts about Isoglucose

- 1. Isoglucose is a sugar produced from starch
- 2. Up until 2017 EU isoglucose production is restricted by quota system (as is sugar).
- 3. Isoglucose is fluid; needs to be kept warm.
- 4. Market share in caloric sweeteners in the EU: > 5% USA: +/- 50 %; Japan: 20 %.
- 5. Technical Potential in the EU:Soft drinks, bakery, dairy products: ≈ 25 -30 %.
- 6. Per tonne of isoglucose 1.66 t corn is needed.



## **By-Products from Isoglucose Production**

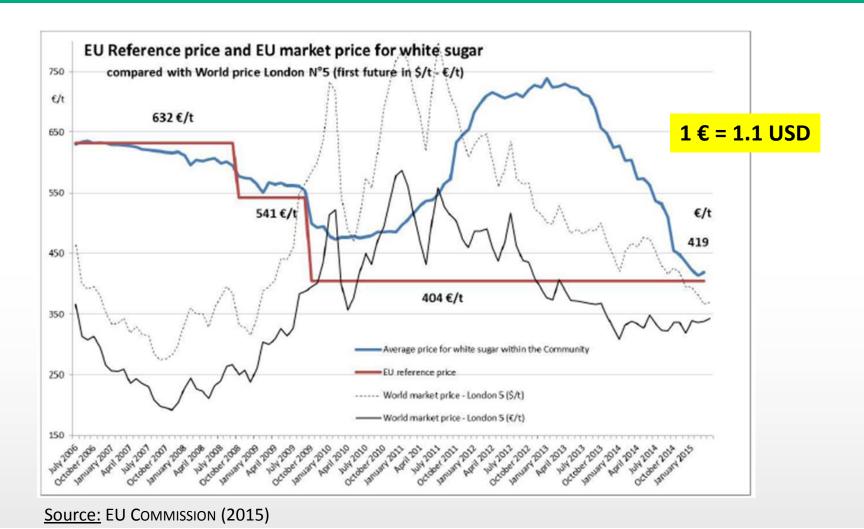
by-product	t/t of corn
corn gluten meal	0,054
corn gluten feed	0,232
corn oil	0,031
corn germ meal	0,033

Sources: O'BRIEN & WOOLVERTON, BLASI, own calculations





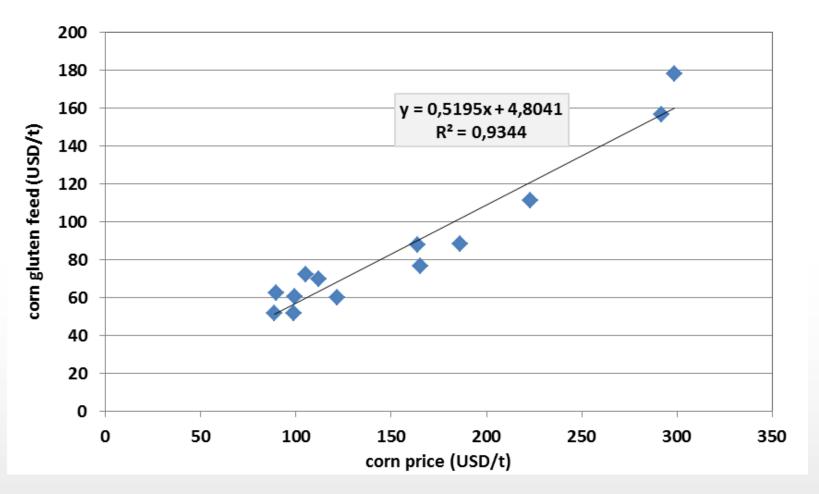
#### **EU** and world market sugar prices (€/t)







#### US Corn Gluten Feed closely linked to Corn (2000 – 2013)



Sources: ERS (2013), own calculations



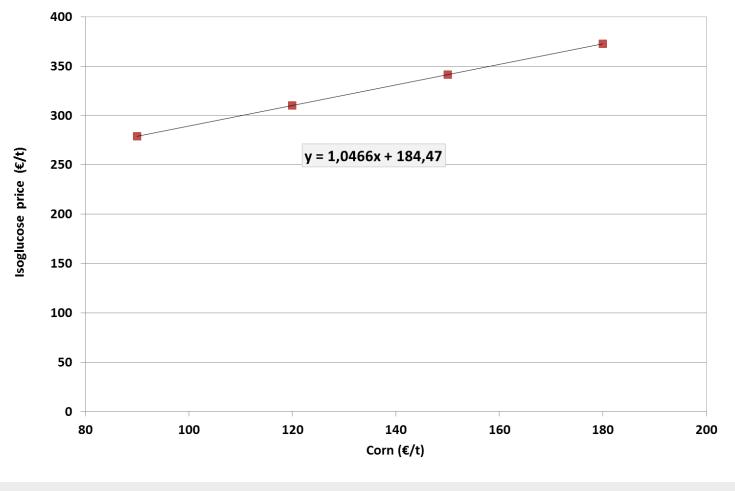


## **Net Raw Material Cost Isoglucose**

Corn price (€/t)		90
Derived price by-products (€ je t)		
Corn gluten meal		266
Corn gluten feed		52
corn oil		471
corn germ meal		52
Output by-products per tonne of o	corn (t/t)	
Corn gluten meal		
Corn gluten feed		
corn oil		
corn germ meal		
Revenue by-products per tonne co	orn (€/t)	
Corn gluten meal		
Corn gluten feed		
corn oil		
corn germ meal		
Total revenue from by-products (€	£/t)	
Net raw material cost (€/t corn)		
Net raw material cost (€/t Isogluco	ose)	



### **Total Cost Isoglucose depending on Corn Prices (in €/t)**



Sources: own calculation





# Processing- and Profit Margins Sugar Industry Provided: Sugar Price = Isoglucose Price

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		Indifference	Calulated	profit margin	Reduction of	Reduction of
	Sugar beet	price wheat /	Isoglucose	sugar factory	sugar factory	sugar factory
	price (€/)	corn (€/t)	price (€/t)	(€/t)	margin (€/t)	margin (in %)
2009	36	228	423	220	57	21%
2010	33	204	398	216	152	41%
2011	49	334	534	259	166	39%



#### **Conclusions**

- 1. In the EU isoglucose will become a very competitive product compared to sugar.
- 2. EU sugar industry needs to reduce its margin by app. 40% or 150 €/t in order to price sugar at parity.
- 3. <u>But:</u> This is only necessary for 25 30 % of the current market. Therefore: market split is in principal possible.
- 4. If sugar industry is not able underprice isoglucose reduction of EU sugar production by app. 25 to 30 % likely.
- 5. Termination of isoglucose quota will become a major challenge to sugar industry also because at the same time fight for market shares in sugar will really take off.



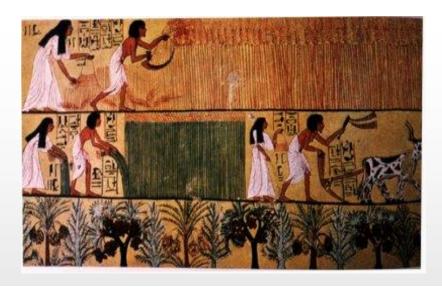


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#### For more details on this follow this link:

http://www.agribenchmark.org/cash-crop/sector-country-farm-information/sugar-isoglucose.html



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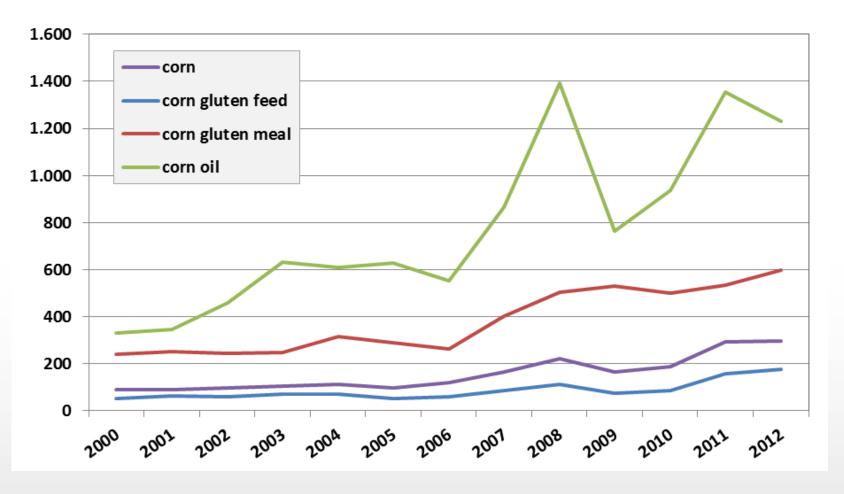
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#### Prices by-products US isoglucose production (USD/t)

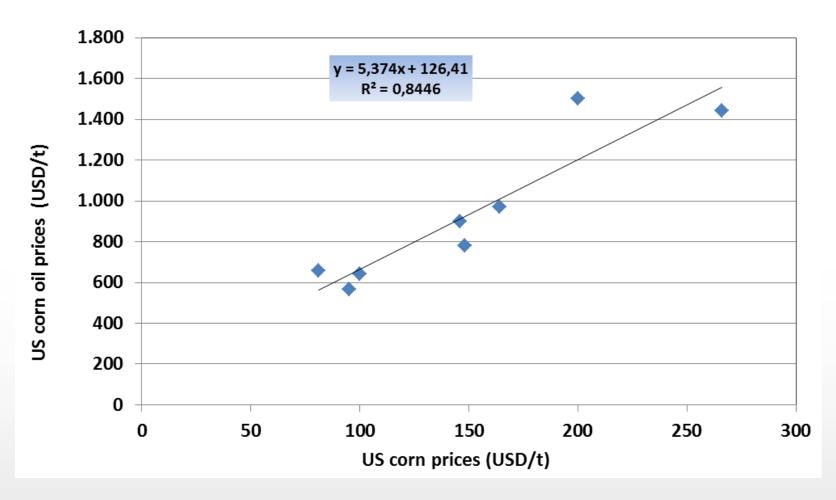


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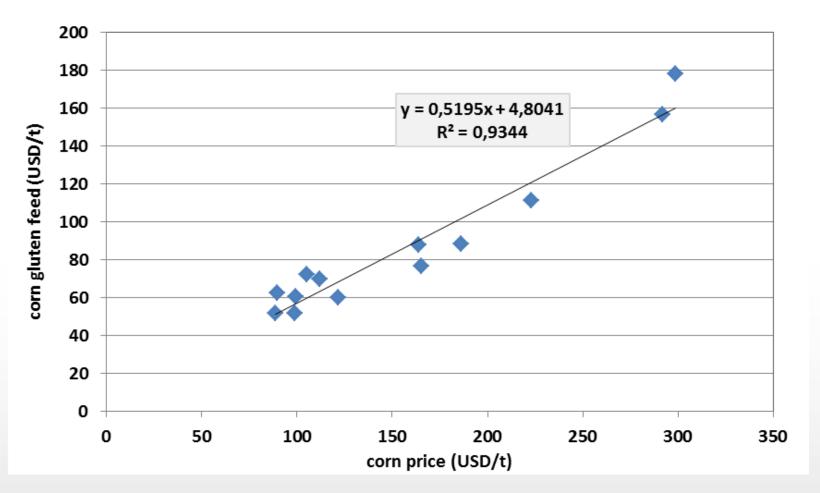


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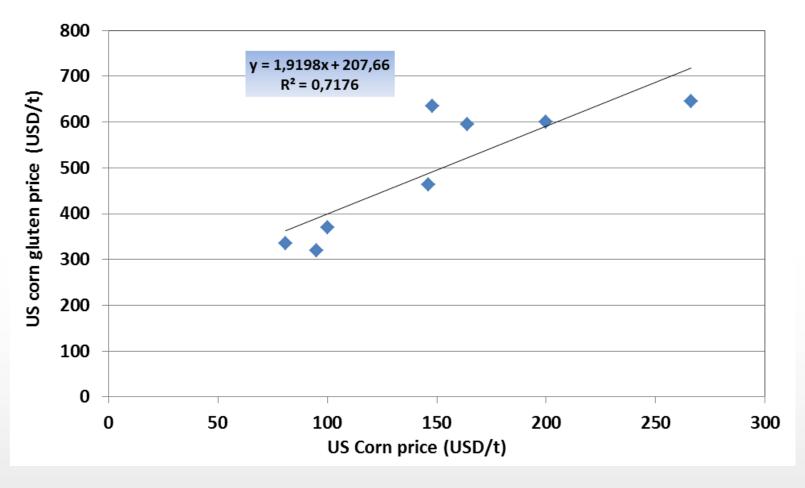


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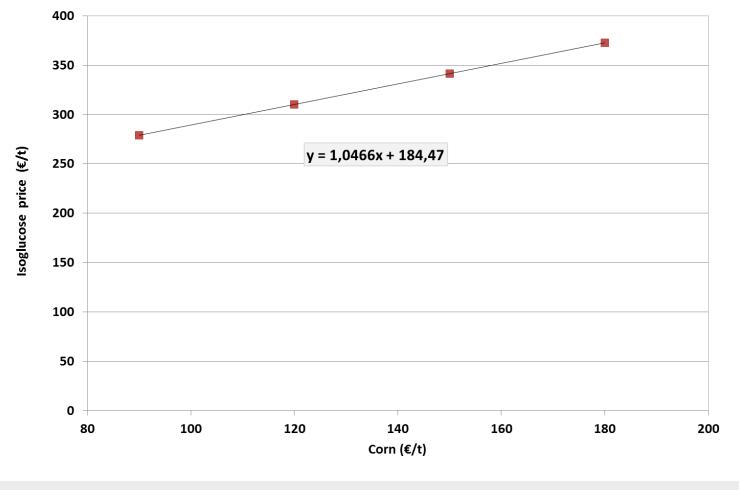
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#### Total cost isoglucose at different corn prices

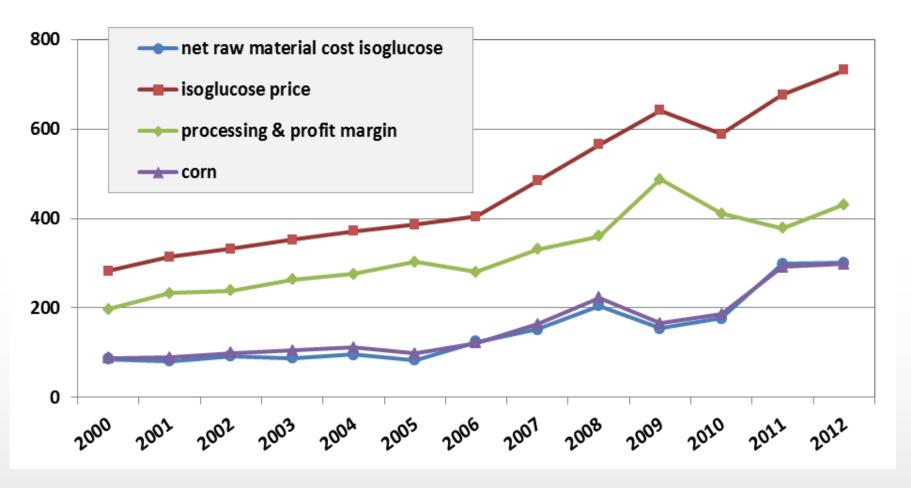


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#### Economics of US isoglucose production (USD/t)

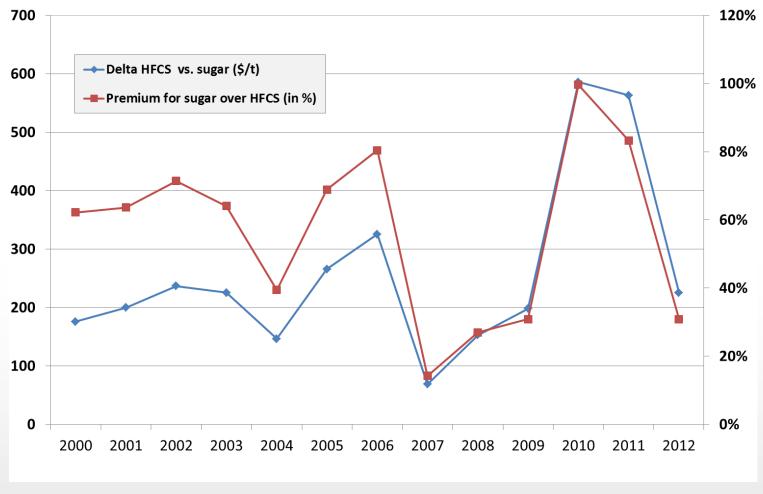


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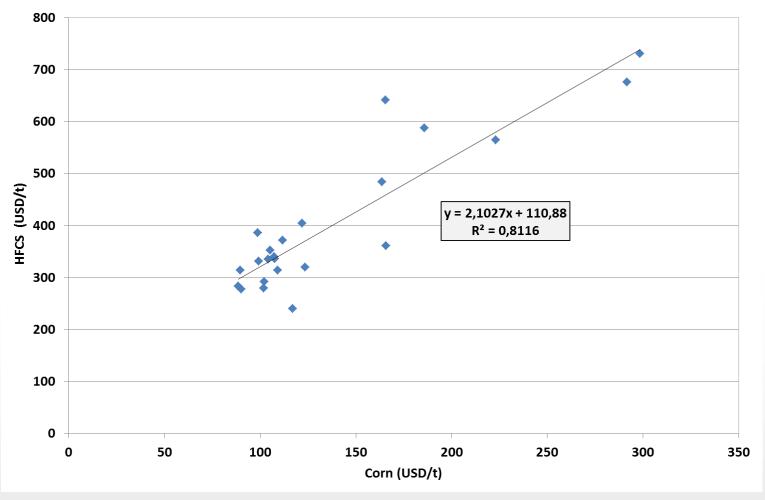
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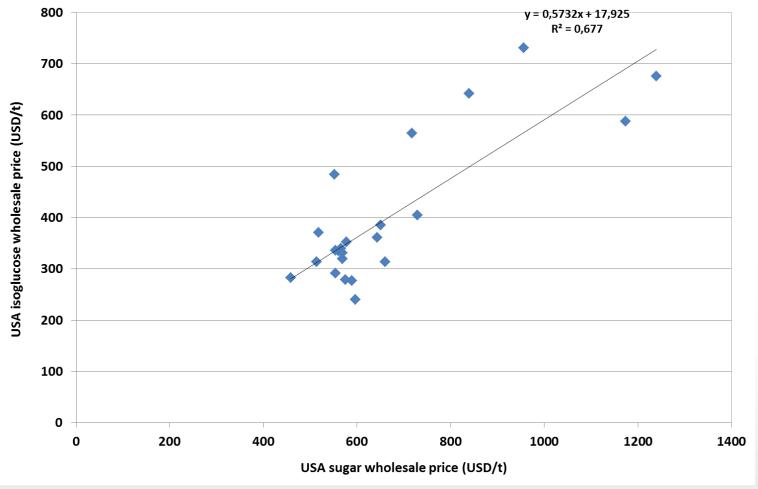


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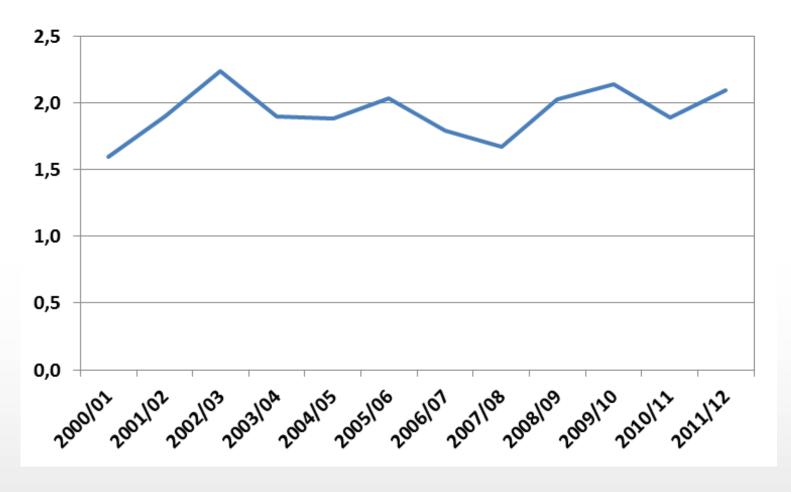
#### EU corn and wheat prices: Fluctuating around parity



Source: agrarticker.de



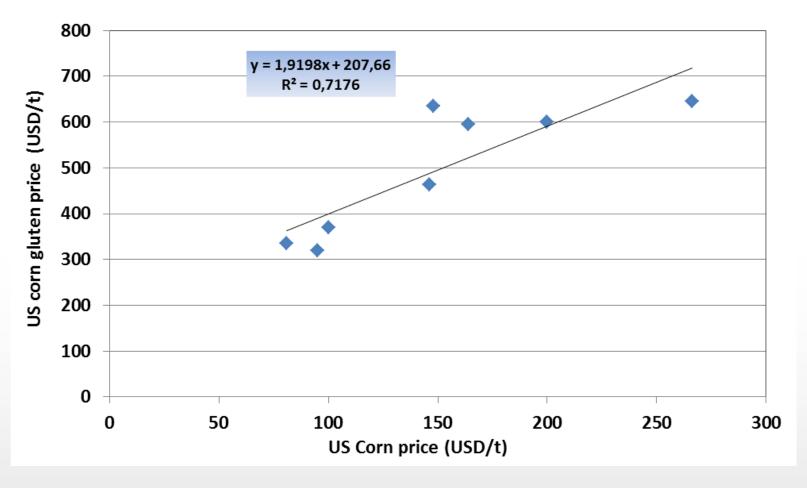
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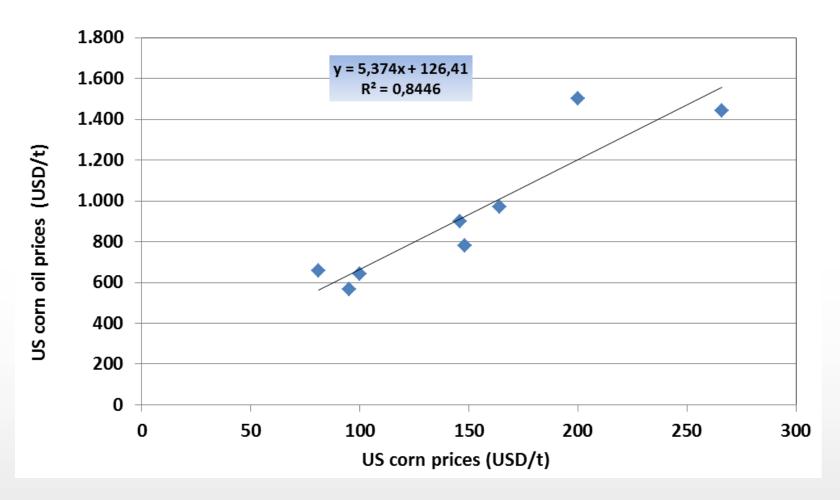
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