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Section 1

Summary of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Key News

During the month of May 2021, 2,000+ ESG news globally have been compiled by our research team, of which 80+ ESG news for Food/Beverages industry sector are identified and analyzed in this monthly synthesis report. Here, in this section, we have presented analysis as per various aspects for such global key ESG news for Food/Beverages industry sector.

1.1 Countries with most ESG key news

The table here identifies those countries with most key ESG news globally for Food/Beverages industry sector. It can be seen from the table below that maximum key ESG news for Food/Beverages industry sector have been reported in the United States (50%) during the month of May 2021, followed far behind by United Kingdom (11%).

Country	No. of News
Africa/Middle East	
South Africa	1
Africa/Middle East Total	1
Americas	
United States	42
Canada	3
Chile	1
Costa Rica	1
Americas Total	47
Asia	
Australia	2
Japan	2
Philippines	2
China	1
India	1
Pakistan	1

Country	No. of News
Thailand	1
Vietnam	1
Asia Total	11
Europe	
United Kingdom	9
Ireland	3
Sweden	3
Switzerland	3
Belgium	2
Denmark	1
Germany	1
Italy	1
Netherlands	1
Spain	1
Europe Total	25
Total	84

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1.3 Key ESG news for various news topics

Here, we have presented those ESG news topics with most ESG key news globally for Food/Beverages industry sector. The below table shows that the maximum ESG key news for Food/Beverages industry sector during the month of May 2021 have taken place for the Green Products & Services topic (17%), followed by the Carbon Footprint/Trading/Emissions topic (15%).

News Topics	No. of News
Company ESG Reports	
Company Sustainable Reports	4
Company CSR Reports	2
Company ESG Reports	2
Company ESG Reports Total	8
ESG Circular Economy	
ESG Circular Economy	3
ESG Circular Economy Total	3
ESG Investments	
ESG Collaborations	5
Sustainable Product Initiatives	5
ESG Technology	1
ESG Investments Total	11
ESG Issues	
ESG Challenges	1
ESG Reporting	1
Sustainable Strategies	1
ESG Issues Total	3
ESG: Corporate Governance	
Corporate Social Responsibility	3
ESG Management Changes	2
ESG: Corporate Governance Total	5
ESG: Environment	
Green Products & Services	14

News Topics	No. of News
Carbon Footprint/Trading/Emissions	13
Green Sustainability	6
Renewable & Alternative Energy	4
ESG: Environment Total	37
ESG: Events	
ESG Events	3
ESG: Events Total	3
ESG: Funds, Stocks and Portfolios	
ESG Funds	2
Sustainability-linked Bonds	2
ESG: Funds, Stocks and Portfolios Total	4
ESG: Ratings, Awards and Research	
ESG Awards	4
ESG Research Reports	2
ESG Ratings	1
ESG: Ratings, Awards and Research Total	7
ESG: Social	
Activism	2
Community Development	1
ESG: Social Total	3
Grand Total	84

Section 2

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Key News: By Topic

During May 2021, 2,000+ ESG news were reported worldwide, of which 80+ ESG key news for Food/Beverages industry sector have been selected and analyzed in this monthly synthesis report. Here, in this section, we have summarized and presented such key ESG news for Food/Beverages industry sector, categorized under different sub-topics.

Main Topics	Sub-Topics
Key News Topics:	
ESG Circular Economy	ESG Circular Economy (3)
ESG Investments	ESG Collaborations (5) ESG Technology (1) Sustainable Product Initiatives (5)
ESG Issues	ESG Challenges (1) ESG Reporting (1) Sustainable Strategies (1)
ESG: Corporate Governance	Corporate Social Responsibility (3) ESG Management Changes (2)
ESG: Environment	Carbon Footprint/Trading/Emissions (13) Green Products & Services (14) Green Sustainability (6) Renewable & Alternative Energy (4)
ESG: Funds, Stocks and Portfolios	ESG Funds (2) Sustainability-linked Bonds (2)
Other News Topics:	
Company ESG Reports	Company CSR Reports (2) Company ESG Reports (2) Company Sustainable Reports (4)
ESG: Events	ESG Events (3)
ESG: Ratings, Awards and Research	ESG Awards (4) ESG Ratings (1) ESG Research Reports (2)
ESG: Social	Activism (2) Community Development (1)

Key News Topics:**ESG CIRCULAR ECONOMY**[Back](#)**ESG Circular Economy**

1: CP Foods' sustainability program shows major gains in water reduction, reuse - Charoen Pokphand Foods Public Company Limited has recently made a sustainable strategy with focus on food security and circular economy-based operations that applies the 3Rs principle — reduce, reuse and recycle — to optimize water-use efficiency. [More...](#) (May 25, 2021) ([Charoen Pokphand Foods Public Company Limited](#) , [Thailand](#) ([www](#)) (Ticker: CPF) , [LargeCap](#))

2: 100% rPET Water Bottle Reduces CO2 Emissions - Using Earth Day this past April as the occasion, Brands Within Reach (BWR), the exclusive North American distributor of Danone's Volvic water, launched in the U.S. Volvic's 100% rPET bottles, made from 100% recycled materials. [More...](#) (May 24, 2021) ([Brands Within Reach LLC](#) , [United States](#) ([www](#)))

3: Enterprises start increasing waste recycling - Nestlé Vietnam is implementing a model of developing biomass energy from coffee grounds after the coffee production process. Accordingly, the coffee grounds extracted after processing will be used as biomass energy for the boiler. This action will contribute to reducing carbon dioxide emissions which cause environmental pollution. [More...](#) (May 8, 2021) ([Nestlé Vietnam](#) , [Vietnam](#) ([www](#)))

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ESG Collaborations

4: Distillery celebrates Yorkshire with new carbon cutting collaboration - York Gin has launched a brand new range of bottles in a rebrand that shows the power of Yorkshire collaboration and massively cuts its carbon footprint. The company's new bespoke bottles weigh 40% less than the originals, and travel 20 just rather than 600 from the previous manufacturer in France. The bottles – made by Leeds-based, sustainable bottle manufacturer Allied Glass – are made from 90% recycled glass and are 100% plastic free, with paper tamper seals and wood and cork stoppers. [More...](#) (May 27, 2021) ([York Gin Company](#) , [United Kingdom](#) ([www](#)))

5: Nabati Foods joins Sustainability Alliance: Random Acts of Green - Nabati Foods Global, Inc., a plant-based food tech company, joins Random Acts of Green, a social enterprise centred on empowering global and local action toward environmental sustainability. [More...](#) (May 26, 2021) ([Nabati Foods Global, Inc.](#) , [Canada](#) ([www](#)))

6: Next Meats & IKEA Japan Partner To Debut Plant-Based Gyudon Beef Curry - Tokyo-based food tech Next Meats is collaborating with home furnishing giant IKEA Japan to debut a brand new plant-based dish to customers. The dish, made from IKEA's plant-based curry and Next Meat's flagship soy-based beef alternative, will be available in select IKEA stores in the country as part of a Sustainable Food Fair. [More...](#) (May 25, 2021) ([Next Meats Co. Ltd](#) , [Japan](#) ([www](#)))

7: Spot Farms Commits to Donate 1% of Sales to Savory Institute's Land to Market Program - Following its commitment to 1% for the Planet, Spot Farms, the family-owned brand which provides high-quality, premium human-grade treats and foods to the pet specialty market, has partnered with Savory Institute to donate 1% of annual sales to help expand their mission of regenerative sourcing solutions for meat, dairy, wool and leather. [More...](#) (May 6, 2021) ([Spot Farms](#) , [United States](#) ([www](#)))

8: Caribou Coffee Teams up with GIVN Water for Good - GIVN is proud to announce that Caribou Coffee has teamed up with GIVN as their bottled water partner across their over 470 North American locations. Known for a commitment to sustainability, Caribou Coffee was the first major U.S. coffeehouse to serve 100% Rainforest Alliance Certified™ coffees and espresso. [More...](#) (May 3, 2021) ([Caribou Coffee Company](#) , [United States](#) ([www](#)))

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ESG Technology

9: PepsiCo Recycling Launches BottleLoop Program to Streamline Recycling - PepsiCo Recycling has announced the introduction of PepsiCo BottleLoop – a new program offering easy and accessible recycling to PepsiCo customers to address logistical challenges and reduce plastic packaging waste. PepsiCo BottleLoop is powered by technology from Replenish, to deliver on-demand collection of recyclable materials from participating locations. [More...](#) (May 6, 2021) ([PepsiCo Recycling](#) , [United States](#) ([www](#)))

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Sustainable Product Initiatives

10: This Carbon-Negative Calvados Poses A New Way To Think (And Drink) About Sustainability - Two Diageo vets have launched Avallen: a completely carbon-negative Calvados. It's a surprising feat considering the negative impacts of spirits production. Distilling is an inherently wasteful and unsustainable process — raw materials are typically sourced from vast monocrops of rye, wheat, corn and potatoes, which must then be harvested, processed, stored, bottled and distributed. Factor in the carbon impact of shipping heavy glass bottles of spirits around the world and the fuel needed at every step. [More...](#) (May 31, 2021) ([Avallen Spirits B.V](#) , [Netherlands](#) ([www](#)))

11: CHIPOTLE LEADING SUSTAINABLE PACKAGING TREND - In 2018, Chipotle announced that, by the year 2020, the fast-casual chain aimed to divert half of all of its restaurant waste from landfills. In 2020, the fast-casual chain surpassed its goal with a 51% diversion rate. Brian Niccol, CEO of Chipotle, recently noted that sustainability remains a strategic priority for the restaurant chain. With compostable bowls and initiatives like Glove to Bags — which turns used plastic gloves into garbage bags — Chipotle

is paving the way for sustainable practices in the food industry. Meanwhile, companies like Mars, Burger King, and Taco Bell are following in Chipotle's footsteps with their own sustainability initiatives. [More...](#) (May 31, 2021) (*Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc* , *United States* ([www](#)) (Ticker: CMG) , *MidCap*)

12: Founders Brewing Company prioritizes multiple sustainability initiatives - Founders Brewing Company is a favorite when it comes to creating delicious craft beer but their sustainability initiatives are a big priority as well. Liz Wonder is the Sustainability Coordinator at Founders and she joins us to explain how they're aiming to be greener. [More...](#) (May 21, 2021) (*Founders Brewing Co* , *United States* ([www](#)))

13: Impossible Foods Secures Child Nutrition Label for Impossible™ Burger, Launches Insights Report on Kids + Climate Change - Impossible Foods announced that it has secured Child Nutrition Labels (CN Labels) for its Impossible Burger products, clearing a hurdle towards widely entering the K-12 market in fall 2021. [More...](#) (May 7, 2021) (*Impossible Foods Inc.* , *United States* ([www](#)))

14: Nestlé Rivals Oatly: Launches Carbon-Neutral Pea Milk Brand Across Europe - Nestlé is rivaling plant-based milk brand Oatly with the launch of its new pea milk products. The Swiss conglomerate recently announced the launch of its new brand Wunda. [More...](#) (May 6, 2021) (*Nestlé S.A.* , *Switzerland* ([www](#)) (Ticker: NESN) , *LargeCap*)

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ESG Challenges

15: Corona launches 'Plastic-Free Challenge' to fund and pilot new ways to reduce plastic across global supply chains - The Corona Plastic-Free Challenge has launched within the 100+ Accelerator, a global program founded in 2018 by Anheuser-Busch InBev (AB InBev) accelerating sustainable solutions from start-ups in Fortune 500 CPG companies. As part of the brand's long-standing dedication to protecting the environment, the initiative will identify, fund and pilot sustainable innovations for plastic reduction across supply chains. [More...](#) (May 4, 2021) (*Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV* , *Belgium* ([www](#)) (Ticker: ABI) , *LargeCap*)

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ESG Reporting

16: Licious Pledges to be ESG Compliant in the next 12 Months - Licious announced its commitment to be compliant with the global ESG norms during the current financial year. A focus on quality, sustainability, and traceability has been a constant for Licious since its inception. Taking a step further, the company is working towards a robust integration of sustainable development practices in its operations. [More...](#) (May 20, 2021) (*Licious* , *India* ([www](#)))

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Sustainable Strategies

17: Foyle Food Group releases new 'Shaping Our Future' strategy - The SBTi is a partnership between CDP, the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), World Resources Institute (WRI) and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) with the aim to drive ambitious climate action by setting emission reduction targets. [More...](#) (May 7, 2021) (*Foyle Food Group* , *Ireland* ([www](#)))

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Corporate Social Responsibility

18: CSR: Beam Suntory and Suntory Holdings Donate 4.41 Cr to Organizations Supporting COVID-19 Relief in India - Beam Suntory, a world leader in premium spirits, and parent company Suntory Holdings, have pledged \$600,000 (approx. Rs. 4.41 Cr) to support COVID-19 relief in India, focused on increasing access to medical care in the hardest-hit areas, and supporting on-trade partners that have been impacted by the surging pandemic. [More...](#) (May 12, 2021) (*Beam Suntory Inc* , *United States* ([www](#)) (Ticker: BEAM) , *LargeCap*)

Appendix 1
List of companies covered: By region, country and company name

Country	Company (www)	Ticker	MarketCap Group / Type	Section 2 - Serial no.
Africa/Middle East				
South Africa	Coca-Cola Beverages Africa (www)	-	-	49
Americas				
Canada	Courchesne Larose Ltd (www)	-	-	75
Canada	Nabati Foods Global, Inc. (www)	-	-	5
Canada	Tradex Foods Inc (www)	-	-	48
Chile	Cono Sur Vineyards & Winery (www)	-	-	82
Costa Rica	RainForest Water (www)	-	-	77
United States	Appalachian Gap Distillery in Middlebury (www)	-	-	25
United States	Archer-Daniels-Midland Company (www)	ADM	LargeCap	29
United States	Beam Suntory Inc (www)	BEAM	LargeCap	18
United States	Ben & Jerry's Homemade Holdings Inc. (www)	-	-	57
United States	Brands Within Reach LLC (www)	-	-	2
United States	Brave Robot Ice Cream (www)	-	-	27
United States	Bunge Limited (www)	BG	MidCap	68
United States	Caribou Coffee Company (www)	-	-	8
United States	Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc (www)	CMG	MidCap	11
United States	Coca-Cola Company (The) (www)	KO	LargeCap	46
United States	Dairy West (www)	-	-	21
United States	ELM Foods LLC (www)	-	-	55
United States	Flowers Foods, Inc. (www)	FLO	LargeCap	76
United States	Founders Brewing Co (www)	-	-	12
United States	Harmless Harvest (www)	-	-	34
United States	Impossible Foods Inc. (www)	-	-	13
United States	Ingredion Incorporated (www)	INGR	LargeCap	70
United States	Kellogg Company (www)	K	LargeCap	63
United States	Mars, Incorporated (www)	-	-	41 84
United States	Mondelez International, Inc. (www)	MDLZ	LargeCap	73
United States	Nature's Logic (www)	-	-	28 43
United States	Nicholas Meat LLC (www)	-	-	50
United States	Organic Valley (www)	-	-	26
United States	Papa John's Pizza (www)	-	-	64

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List of companies covered: By market capitalization group, country and company name

Country	Company (www)	Ticker	Section 2 - Serial no.
LargeCap			
Belgium	AB InBev (www)	ABI	61
Belgium	Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV (www)	ABI	15
China	Tianyun International Holdings Limited (www)	6836	66
Pakistan	Nestle Pakistan Ltd (www)	NESTLE	71
Switzerland	Barry Callebaut (www)	BARN	81
Switzerland	Chocoladefabriken Lindt & Sprüngli AG (www)	LISN	51
Switzerland	Nestlé S.A. (www)	NESN	14
Thailand	Charoen Pokphand Foods Public Company Limited (www)	CPF	1
United Kingdom	Coca-Cola European Partners Plc (www)	CCEP	58
United States	Archer-Daniels-Midland Company (www)	ADM	29
United States	Beam Suntory Inc (www)	BEAM	18
United States	Coca-Cola Company (The) (www)	KO	46
United States	Flowers Foods, Inc. (www)	FLO	76
United States	Ingredion Incorporated (www)	INGR	70
United States	Kellogg Company (www)	K	63
United States	Mondelez International, Inc. (www)	MDLZ	73
United States	PepsiCo, Inc (www)	PEP	22 39
United States	Philip Morris International Inc. (www)	PM	67 72
United States	The Kellogg Company (www)	K	40
United States	Tyson Foods, Inc. (www)	TSN	20 69
MidCap			
Sweden	Cloetta AB (www)	CLA-B	24
United Kingdom	British American Tobacco plc (www)	BATS	36
United Kingdom	Britvic Plc (www)	BVIC	45
United States	Bunge Limited (www)	BG	68
United States	Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc (www)	CMG	11
United States	United Natural Foods, Inc. (www)	UNFI	32

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