

## Malt Extract output at record levels

Muntons, the UK based malt and malted ingredient manufacturer, has just announced record levels of malt extract manufacture from their Stowmarket plant. Investments have increased their capacity by over 3,000 tonnes.

The sustained increase in production of liquid malt extract is essential for Muntons to meet the unprecedented demand for their products and at the current rate of production they expect to be in a position to satisfy all of the anticipated additional orders.

Interest in malted ingredients has escalated over recent years as the benefits of these ingredients are becoming recognised within the food, baking and beverage industries. These include; natural sweetening, flavour enhancement, improved keeping quality, enhanced mouth-feel and increased colour intensity. And of course at higher percentage inclusion rates malted ingredients also add that wonderful malty taste.

Over the last few years Muntons have invested heavily in key areas; in liquid extract packing, where £95,000 was spent on a semi automated packing line in a purpose built packing room and in the homebrew canning area where a further £115,000 was invested in line improvements and wine kit filling.

Investments have contributed greatly to increases in output at the Muntons extract plant but also a concerted effort of process optimisation involving production and engineering staff through carefully targeted and implemented Lean programmes have added to this achievement.

Muntons have just been placed 20<sup>th</sup> in the prestigious Sunday Times best green company's competition and were the highest ranking food manufacturer.

Additional company information:

*The headquarters of Muntons plc is based in the county of Suffolk on the outskirts of the market town of Stowmarket, strategically located near to their main raw material, premium quality malting barley, and ideally positioned to access the UK's major port of Felixstowe and the major road route into the heart of England.*

*Additionally Muntons have a second manufacturing plant in Bridlington, Yorkshire, also located in one of the prime malting barley growing areas in the UK. Muntons purchase over a quarter of a million tonnes of UK assured grains annually and have a combined output of over 220,000 tonnes of malted*

*products per year. Malted ingredients are used in a wide variety of applications within the food and baking industries and malt is the primary raw material in brewing and distilling.*

*Muntons export malt and malted ingredients to over 50 countries worldwide, are the largest malted ingredient producer in the world and one of the five largest sales maltsters in the UK.*

*Each year their Stowmarket headquarters produces in excess of 70,000 tonnes of malt and 30,000 tonnes of malt based extracts, with a capacity to manufacture 6,000 tonnes of Spray and Band dried extract per year and supply over 3,000 tonnes into the home beer-making market. They also have a 10,000 tonne malt flour milling and malted cereal flaking operation.*

*Muntons are committed to maintaining the highest standard for hygiene. Their Stowmarket plant is certified to the British Retail Consortium (BRC) global food standard (grade A) and all the malt sold is produced under the independently audited Assured UK malt scheme. They are certified under the ISO 9001/2008 quality assurance, ISO 14001: 2004 environmental scheme and ISO 22000:2005 Food safety management system.*

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