

# **Production of Sugar Alcohols in China**

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## 1. Introduction

This report presents the development of sugar alcohols in China from 2016 to 2020, together with the production situation of sorbitol, maltitol, xylitol, mannitol and erythritol. It attaches importance to the following parts.

- Hot spots of sugar alcohol industry in China, 2018–2020
- Capacity and output of five sugar alcohols in China, 2016–2020
- Major producers and distribution of five sugar alcohols in China, 2016–2020
- Monthly ex-works price of five sugar alcohols, Jan. 2016–June 2021

## 2. Methodology and source

The report is based on data sourced by diverse methods, which are listed as follows:

### - Desk research

Desk research includes access to published magazines, journals, government statistics, industry statistics, customs statistics, association seminars as well as information on the Internet. Much work has gone into the compilation and analysis of the information obtained. When necessary, information has been checked and discussed internally related to market structure and performance characteristics, such as key producers, key end users, production levels, demand from end users.

### - Telephone interview

CCM has conducted extensive telephone interviews with major participants in the industry in order to research the sugar alcohol market in China.

The interviewees include the following groups:

- Key producers
- Key traders
- Associations involved
- Industry experts

### - Network search

CCM employs network to contact industry participants by using B2B websites and software.

### - Data processing and presentation

The data collected and compiled was variously sourced from:

- CCM's database
- Published articles from periodicals, magazines, journals and third-party databases
- Statistics from governments and international institutes
- Telephone interviews with domestic producers, joint ventures, service suppliers and government agencies
- Third-party data providers
- Customs statistics

The data has been combined and cross-checked to ensure that this report is as accurate and methodologically sound as possible. Throughout the process, a series of discussions were held within CCM to systematically analyse the data and draw appropriate conclusions.

### 3. Executive summary

Sugar alcohol industry is a branch of corn deep processing industry. With the advantages of high safety, low calories and low GI (glycemic index) value, sugar alcohols have become more and more popular.

Generally speaking, sugar alcohol industry in China experienced fine development in the past five years, with higher recognition and wider applications.

#### Production

In 2016–2020, different changes were recorded in the capacity of the five products:

- Erythritol enjoyed rapid growth, with a CAGR of XXX%.
- Xylitol experienced increase with a CAGR of XXX%.
- Maltitol and mannitol witnessed slight fluctuations.
- Sorbitol saw a decline, falling from XXX t/a in 2016 to XXX t/a in 2020, with a CAGR of XXX%.

The total output of these major sugar alcohols increased from XXX tonnes in 2016 to XXX tonnes in 2020, with a CAGR of XXX%.

#### Price

Prices of most sugar alcohol products declined in 2016, mainly caused by the dropping corn price and overcapacity. Then in 2017, prices rebounded due to the rising corn price, decreased supply, along with the increasing demand. In 2018–2019, prices witnessed fluctuations, attributed to the changing supply-demand dynamics. Affected by shrinking demand under COVID-19, prices declined in H1 2020. Since H2 2020, they rebounded and continued to go up, driven by higher corn prices and increasing downstream demand, but prices of some products dropped due to slight decreases in corn price starting from Feb. 2021.

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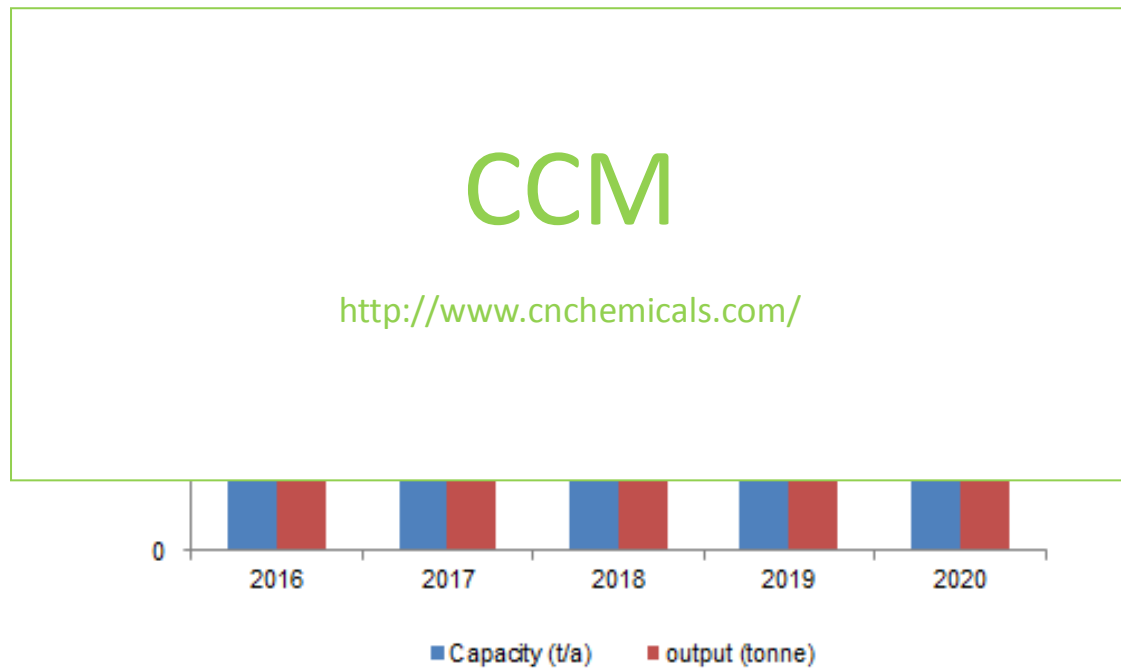
### 1 Overview

As natural and low-calorie sweeteners, sugar alcohols are highly recognized and widely used in food, pharmaceutical and chemical industries. In recent years, sugar alcohol industry has maintained a good momentum, with improved production technology and expanded application fields.....

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### 3.1 Capacity and output of sorbitol in China, 2016–2020

Figure 3.1-1 Capacity and output of sorbitol in China, 2016–2020



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### 3.2 Major producers and distribution of sorbitol in China, 2016–2020

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Table 3.2-1 Capacity and output of sorbitol producers in China, 2016–2020

No.	Producer	Abbreviation	Location	Status, 2020	Capacity, t/a					Output, tonne				
					2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
1	Shandong Tianli Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.	Shandong Tianli	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX

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Figure 3.2-2 Shares of sorbitol capacity in China by region, 2020



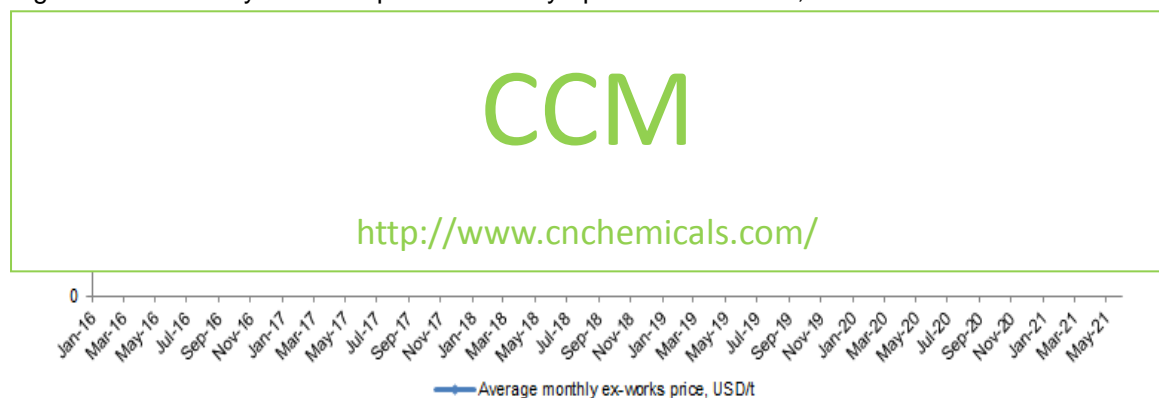
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### 3.3 Monthly ex-works price of sorbitol in China, Jan. 2016–June 2021

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Figure 3.3-1 Monthly ex-works price of 70% syrup sorbitol in China, Jan. 2016–June 2021



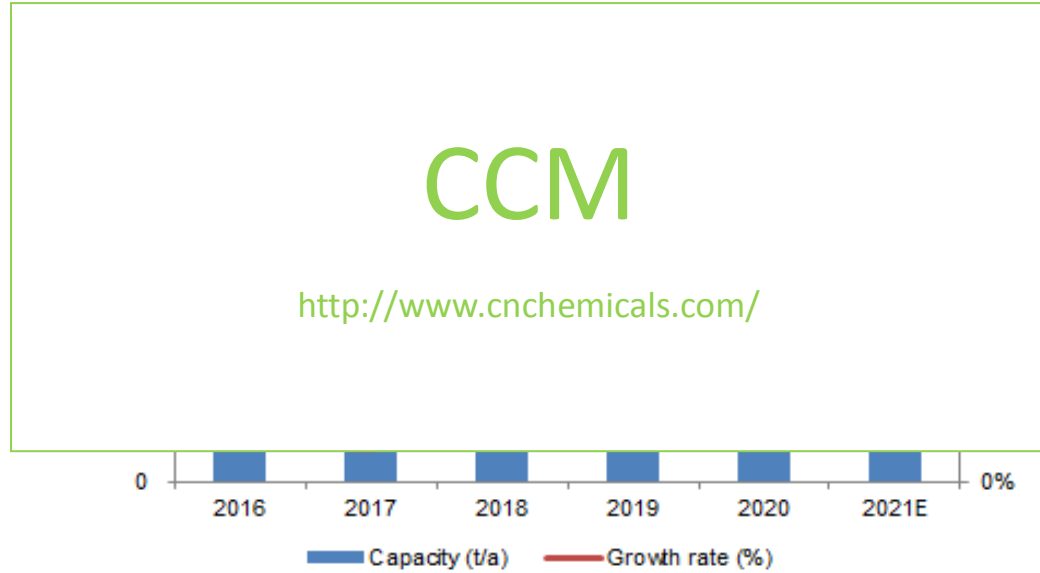
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## 7 Erythritol

### 7.1 Capacity and output of erythritol in China, 2016–Nov. 2021

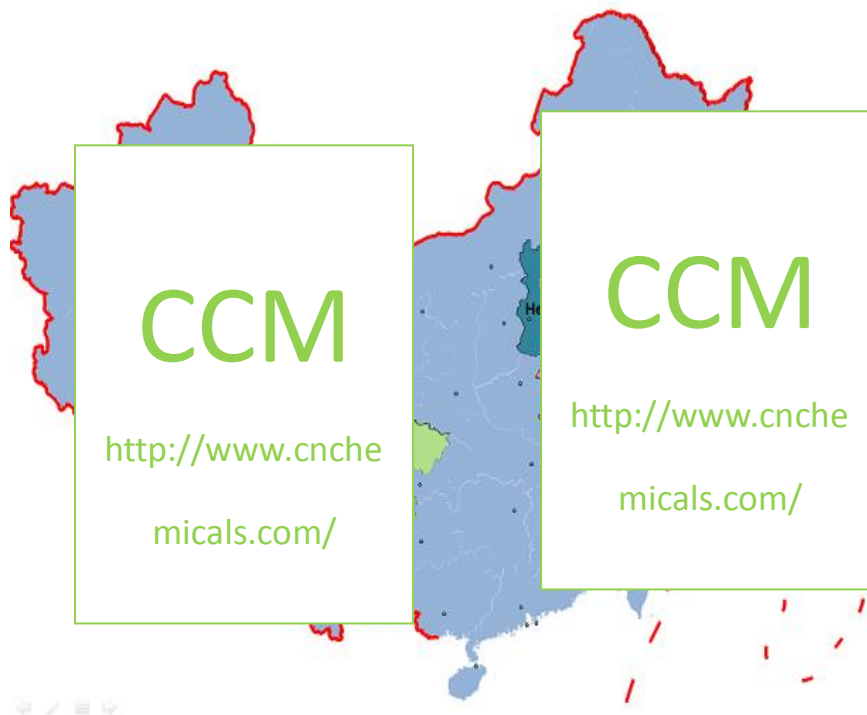
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Figure 7.2-1 Capacity distribution of erythritol producers in China, Jan.–Nov. 2021



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