

## **Our History**

We born, grew and matured as a cooperative of workers with more than half a century of experience, accumulated knowledge and total dedication to the field.

We started as agaveros with the desire to become the best producers of agave syrup, we evolved and built a special company in the field of industrialization of natural products, where we work to be the best and make a difference. This difference arises from knowing in depth, respecting and caring for the times of nature.

We start with totally organic raw materials and transform them into a wide variety of natural solutions: sweeteners, fibers and other key products for the well-being of the world.

### Some of the benefits for the workforce & local community include:

• Medical care for all employees.

• Agave syrup and agave fiber is donated to a local nursing home.

• IMAG organizes campaigns to plant fruit trees in the 18,000 sq-yd orchard for the employees to harvest and use or donate to local needs.

• IMAG supports the local Capilla cycling team and additionally sponsors a local foster home.

• IMAG supports a 'Clean City Campaign' for the local area.

In a small way, IMAG is turning the clock back to the time when philanthropic Quakers such as Lever and Cadbury saw that a happy and healthy workforce was a better and more productive workforce, so sharing the successes within the community does more than just improve lifestyles, it has a 'belonging' element too.



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But IMAG will not stand still, wanting to invest further to continue to reduce carbon emissions, enhance recycling, and as volumes expand, aim to have no further increases in carbon footprint.

With Mexican, US, EU, Korean and Japanese Organic accreditations and systems, have come added benefits to increasing the biodiversity seen on and around the acreage farmed by the cooperative. As no pesticides are used, butterflies, bees, ants and a variety of beetles are all abundant, giving rise to a healthy diversity of birdlife. A wide biodiversity is a good sign of organic farming. All accreditations require the highest standards and adherence to best practices at all times.

With the growth of ethical and sustainable 'conscientious consumerism' in some of the more developed nations, IMAG is setting the pace and wants to continue to lead by example.

IMAG having started as an agave manufacturer and processor has since evolved into growing, manufacturing and supplying, new natural and organic ingredients such as Aloe Vera and Tapioca.

## What is Agave?



The word "Agave" is derived from the Greek "agavos" meaning "noble and illustrious." The agave plant is a succulent native to Mexico and has long been used as food and fiber by the Aztecs and natives when the Spanish Conquistadors arrived in Mexico in 1492. By 1520, it was exported to Europe.

There are over 230 types of agaves. The agave we grow at IMAG Organics is the Blue Weber variety, of which historians and ethno-botanists have traced its first recorded cultivation to the 1800s. Blue Weber Agave was selectively bred for its flavor, relatively short maturation cycle of seven years, baking qualities and compatibility with industrial processes. Blue Agave has the highest sugar content and the shortest maturation cycle, so therefore has the highest yield of all the varieties. It also has a consistent flavor profile and a low glycemic index of 17.1. Blue Weber Agave is part of the Lily family; it is not a cactus. The plant favors altitudes of more than 5,000 ft and grows in rich soils, which are found in the region of Los Altos, Jalisco where IMAG is based.

#### A Day in The Life of Octavio, an IMAG Jimadory

For the past 25 years, Octavio, from west-central Mexico, has worked as an agave harvester, also known as a jimador. Like his brothers-in-law who brought him into the trade, he has worked on IMAG farms throughout the region, which is known for producing agave of the highest quality.

Octavio's day begins at 4:30 a.m. when a driver picks him up to join a crew set to harvest fields up to two hours away. Once the jimadores are gathered, they buy food for breakfast, then arrive at the field by 7 a.m. to begin the harvest. At 9:30, they break for 45 minutes to prepare breakfast of tortillas, eggs, cheese, and tomatoes, then continue harvesting until around 3 p.m.

"For harvesting, we use a coa, a sharp shovel to cut the leaves off the agave plant, a tumbador, a hook-like tool to help move around the agave piñas, and a triangulo, which is a sharpener to make sure that the tools are in top shape," he said. Working together, the jimadores cut and prepare 160 to 170 agave plants each day, and are processed into agave syrup and inulin.



Octavio and the crew leave the agave leaves in the fields to serve as a natural fertilizer for the land. This encourages the insects and wildlife to prosper. They also apply organic fertilizer, a by-product of the production process, which is supplied by IMAG. Octavio and the crew leave the agave leaves in the fields to serve as a natural fertilizer for the land. This encourages the insects and wildlife to prosper. They also apply organic fertilizer, a by-product of the product of the production process, which is encourages the insects and wildlife to prosper. They also apply organic fertilizer, a by-product of the product of the production process, which is supplied by IMAG.

Harvesting occasionally takes Octavio far from home for a lengthy stay, which is a personal hardship. In one instance, harvesting a large, distant field required a month away from home. But working in organic and fair-trade certified agave has also made Octavio feel valued, and secure in the knowledge that IMAG cares for him and his welfare. *"We have worked for several companies but never had the security as we do now,"* he said. *"They are very flexible with work and pay fair wages."* Today, the married father of three earns enough to support his family on his own. *"The work of a jimador is very tough, but it is also well paid,"* he said. *"This gives my wife the opportunity to dedicate herself exclusively to the home and take care of our children."* 

After work, the family spends time together relaxing, taking walks in the beautiful landscape, going to church, and socializing with family and friends.

For the future, Octavio plans to continue working as a jimador to make sure his family has the best quality of life possible. "I am very lucky to work as a jimador," he said. "We are very proud to be part of the development of a product that is shipped to different parts of the world. It feels great that other cultures get to experience and taste what we have."



| Ou          | Products                                  | USDA<br>ORGANIC                     |
|-------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| P.05        | AGAVE SYRUP<br>SWEETER THAN SUGAR         |                                     |
| <b>P.06</b> | CRYSTALLIZED AGAVE SYRUP                  | ORGANIC<br>MAFRA KOREA              |
| <b>P.06</b> | AGAVE POWDER<br>LOW-COST ALTERNATIVE      | NON<br>Foiect                       |
| <b>P.07</b> | AGAVE INULIN POWDER                       | VERIFIED<br>nongmoproject.org       |
| <b>P.08</b> | ALOE VERA<br>FOR FOOD AND PERSONAL CARE   | FAIRTRADE                           |
| P.09        | TAPIOCA SYRUP<br>BINDING AGENT            | <b>FSSC</b> 22000                   |
| P.10        | CHIA SEEDS<br>SUPERFOOD                   |                                     |
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## Agave Syrup

MAG Agave Syrup is a natural sweetener that is made by the controlled hydrolysis of the core of the Blue Weber Agave and has a wide range of applications. Due to its low glycemic index of 17.1 it is an ideal substitute for sugar and honey. IMAG Agave Syrup is pure and does not contain sugars from any other plant or source. IMAG is one of the largest global agave manufacturers which brings scale and efficiency.

#### **KEY BENEFITS:**





Plant-based

sweetner



Made from a sustainable, natural source







Brings taste, mouthfeel, texture and sweetness to the final application with no aftertaste



3-year shelf

life from

production



honey, sugar and

maple syrup



Allergen & Gluten free and Non-GMO



Excellent binding agent & highly soluble for ease of use



1.3 times sweeter than sugar and with a low glycemic index of 17.1

#### What our customers say about IMAG Organic Agave

"It's a pleasure working with IMAG. Their organic agave range has an exceptional flavor and with Fairtrade certification has impeccable ethical credentials."

#### Leading UK premium organic beverage producer

Our product is formulated with organic agave nectar, and it has been our sweetener of choice since our product was originally formulated back in 2004. Its natural and low-glycemic properties are core to our brand, which was formulated with the community suffering from obesity and diabetes in mind.

#1 Dairy-Free Ice Cream Brand in America



#### APPLICATIONS



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# **Crystallized Agave Syrup**

IMAG Crystallized Agave Syrup is an unrefined, pure, natural sugar alternative in crystallized form made 100% from the previously mentioned agave syrup.



Organic, Vegan & Fairtrade certified



Made from a sustainable,

natural source



Plant-based

sweetner

1.3 times sweeter than sugar and with a low glycemic index of 17.1



**KEY BENEFITS:** 



Brings taste, mouthfeel, texture and sweetness to the final application with no aftertaste



Alternative to honey, sugar and maple syrup



Allergen &

Gluten free

and Non-GMO



Excellent binding agent & highly soluble for ease of use



3-year shelf life from production

#### APPLICATIONS

| ~~~<br>~~~~~  | Bakery                  |
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| Ī             | Beer                    |
| <b>f</b>      | Beverages               |
|               | Cereals                 |
|               | Cereal Bars             |
|               | Chocolate               |
| •••• <b>-</b> | Dressings               |
|               | Functional<br>Beverages |
| $\bigotimes$  | Ice Cream               |
| $\mathcal{R}$ | Confectione             |
| <u>م مع</u>   | Tabletop                |
|               | Yogurt                  |



## Agave Powder

IMAG Agave Powder is a sugar alternative in powder form made from organic agave syrup and organic corn maltodextrin. It is commonly used in bakery, beverages, sweets/candy and fruit preparations (jams, marmalades, etc.) This is a low-cost alternative to other forms of agave syrup without impacting flavor and quality.

It has the same key benefits and can be used in the same applications as for the crystallized agave syrup previously mentioned.

## **Agave Inulin Powder**

IMAG Agave Inulin is a natural fiber obtained from the Blue Weber Agave. It is highly soluble with a neutral flavour. Agave inulin is mainly used to create functional food products with dietary fiber and prebiotic capacity.

To produce agave inulin, the agave is milled, and the juice is extracted. The juice extracted from the agave then undergoes a drying process and is converted into inulin powder. No other ingredients are added.





Organic, Vegan & Fairtrade certified





Prebiotic dietary fiber



Highly functional in foodstuffs and delivers mouthfeel and body to beverages.



Made from a sustainable. natural source



**KEY BENEFITS:** 

**Regulates** appetite and aids bones in absorbing calcium

Allergen & Gluten free

and Non-GMO



Clean label and low in calories

24-month shelf life from production

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#### What our customers say about IMAG Agave Inulin

Highly soluble up

to 500g/l

Since the beginning, our company decided to use organic inulin to formulate our non-dairy frozen dessert product. We believe that organic inulin is such a highly functional ingredient for the ice cream application. It acts as a product stabilizer while simultaneously adding sweetness and texture components that allow us to reduce the amount of actual sweetener we add to our product. Additionally, our most favorite characteristic of the organic inulin is its prebiotic fiber properties that we believe are essential to the health of our gut bacteria as consumers. For all these reasons, we continue be huge believers in organic inulin within the frozen dessert application and as a food ingredient, more generally.

#### L#1 Dairy-Free Ice Cream Brand in America

Having worked in the food industry for 30 plus years, the use of IMAG inulin has been tried and tested within the ongoing trends of organic, clean label, sustainable, and is a good fit for 'healthier for you' products. Being highly water soluble it is easy to use in all applications plus an extremely functional ingredient when reducing fat and sugar in recipes. Being dietary fibre, it has an EFSA health claim and can also be used as a binder for water when water activity is an issue. To this end IMAG inulin has served me well in a number of consultancy projects in recent years.

**Consultant - Europe** 



## **Aloe Vera**

Aloe vera is a thick, short-stemmed succulent plant that stores water in its leaves. It has been used for over 6,000 years and has numerous applications and health benefits.

Aloe Vera is widely used in alternative medicine due its therapeutic properties. It can be employed as an ingredient and/or raw material in food supplements for humans and animals, beverages, personal hygiene products, cleaning products, pharmaceuticals, and cosmetics, and as an ointment for minor burns and sunburns.

Our Aloe Vera comes in two formats, liquid and powder.





**APPLICATIONS** 

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Lip balm

#### **APPLICATIONS**

|   | Energy drink     | Food supplements |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| 6 | Fruit Juice      | 🕤 Juice drinks   |
|   | Sports drink     | 🚔 Animal feed    |
|   | Functional water | / near water     |

| <b>KEY BENEFITS</b> | Personal Care |
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#### What our customers say about IMAG Aloe

Ointment

We chose IMAG Organic Aloe Vera powder for our range of beverages because it is a versatile and nutritious ingredient that preserves its refreshing flavor notes and can be easily combined with other ingredients we use in our products such as lime and mint.



# Tapioca Syrup

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IMAG Tapioca Syrup is a natural syrup obtained from the Cassava Root. It is used to add sweetness, binding or texture to beverages, baked goods, table syrups, frozen desserts and sweets. When used as a binding agent, tapioca helps to keep foods such as meats from drying out after they are processed.



Tapioca syrup is also an excellent functional replacement for corn syrup. Is produced by mixing tapioca starch with water, heating and treating with non-GMO enzymes to hydrolyze the starch into sugars. The sugar solution is filtered, then concentrated in an evaporator to standardize it to the proper solids range.

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#### **KEY BENEFITS:**

## Chia Seeds

Native to Mexico and South America, Chia are nutrient-rich seeds from the Salvia hispanica plant. They were cultivated and used by the Aztec and Mayan cultures in pre-Columbian times for food. They are considered a "superfood" because they contain antioxidants and have a high concentration Omega-3 essential fatty acids. Chia seeds can be used in beverages, smoothies, yogurts, baked goods, salads and soups.

#### **KEY BENEFITS**:





Organic and Vegan certified

Has Omega 3



Has fiber and protein



Has antioxidants



### **Stevia Sweetener**

Stevia is 250 times sweeter than sugar and contains zero calories. Our stevia is extracted and purified from the Stevia Rebaudiana plant, which has been used in South America for hundreds of years to sweeten drinks and food naturally.

The range of products includes: Reb A 60 (TSG 95), RebA 95 & Reb M.



#### **KEY BENEFITS**:



Organic, Vegan & Fairtrade certified



2-month shelf life from production



Plant-based sweetner



Has good synergy with other sugar



250 times sweeter than sugar



Natural and zero calories



Alternative to sugar



Allergen & Gluten free and Non-GMO



### **Packaging Options**







GLASS

330 g





**BG GALLON** 

5 kg



GENERIC PET 330 g GENERIC PET 660 g

GLASS 970 g PET BOTTLE 1.35 kg GALLON 5.5 kg

| CONTAINER   | WEIGHT<br>PER UNIT | UNITS<br>PER BOX | WEIGHT<br>PER BOX | BOX<br>MEASUREMENTS | PALLET<br>DIMENSIONS | LAYERS<br>PER PALLET | BOXES<br>PER LAYER | UNITS PER<br>PALLET | NET WEIGHT<br>PER PALLET | GROSS WEIGHT<br>PER PALLET |
|-------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Generic PET | 330 g              | 12               | 4.4 kg            | 25 x 18 x 19 cm     | 44 x 44 x 67 in      | 8                    | 26                 | 2496                | 822 kg                   | 954.1 kg                   |
| Generic PET | 660 g              | 12               | 8.8 kg            | 29 x 28 x 22 cm     | 44 x 44 x 64 in      | 7                    | 16                 | 1344                | 886.22 kg                | 1,014 kg                   |
| Glass       | 330 g              | 12               | 7.5 kg            | 23 x 17 x 22 cm     | 44 x 44 x 55 in      | 6                    | 26                 | 1872                | 617.2 kg                 | 1,198.8 kg                 |
| Glass       | 970 g              | 12               | 19 kg             | 31 x 25 x 29 cm     | 44 x 44 x 50 in      | 4                    | 14                 | 672                 | 651.2 kg                 | 1,099 kg                   |
| PET Bottle  | 1.35 kg            | 6                | 8.7 kg            | 27 x 19 x 31 cm     | 44 x 44 x 67 in      | 5                    | 24                 | 720                 | 971 kg                   | 1,079 kg                   |
| BG Gallon   | 5 kg               | 2                | 10 kg             | 26 x 18 x 27 cm     | 44 x 44 x 50 in      | 4                    | 21                 | 168                 | 840 kg                   | 915 kg                     |
| Gallon      | 5.5 kg             | 4                | 22 kg             | 31 x 32 x 34 cm     | 40 x 48 x 58 in      | 4                    | 12                 | 192                 | 1,056 kg                 | 1,140 kg                   |



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|--------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------|--------|----------------|----------------|
| Plastic Tote | 1350 - 1400 kg | 115 x 122 x 115 cm | 45 x 48 x 45 in | N/A        | 1         | 1      | 1350 - 1400 kg | 1410 - 1460 kg |
| Carton Tote  | 1370 - 1400 kg | 110 x 112 x 102 cm | 45 x 48 x 46 in | 1          | 1         | 1      | 1370 - 1400 kg | 1430 - 1460 kg |
| Plastic drum | 285 kg         | 59 x 59 x 92 cm    | 45 x 48 x 45 in | N/A        | 1         | 4      | 1140 kg        | 1200 kg        |
| Canister     | 26 kg          | 30 x 23 x 37 cm    | 44 x 44 x 35 in | 16         | 2         | 32     | 832 kg         | 884 kg         |
| Canister     | 7 kg           | 18 x 16 x 23 cm    | 44 x 44 x 32 in | 18         | 6         | 108    | 756 kg         | 816 kg         |
| Sack         | 25 kg          | 45 x 65 x 22 cm    | 40 x 48 x 74 in | 5          | 8         | 40     | 1000 kg        | 1060 kg        |

Agave Syrup

Crystallized Agave Syrup



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Aloe Vera powder

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**BLUE AGAVE SYRUP COLORIMETRY:** 







RANGE REQUESTED BY THE CUSTOMER

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(Color 5)

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### **Branded Products**



LIGHT / RAW AGAVE SYRUP 454 g



LIGHT / RAW SYRUP 907 g

| CONTAINER | UNITS PER  | WEIGHT  | BOX             | PALLET          | LAYER PER | BOXES      | UNITS      | GROSS WEIGHT |
|-----------|------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|
|           | MASTER BOX | PER BOX | MEASUREMENTS    | DIMENSIONS      | PALLET    | PER PALLET | PER PALLET | PER PALLET   |
| 454 g     | 6          | 2.72 kg | 17 x 17 x 20 cm | 40 x 48 x 44 in | 5         | 210        | 1260       | 700 kg       |
| 907 g     | 6          | 5.44 kg | 20 x 20 x 24 cm | 44 x 44 x 42 in | 4         | 100        | 600        | 650 kg       |



AGAVE INULIN 1 kg



AGAVE INULIN 350 g



AGAVE INULIN 40 stick (3 g ea)

| CONTAINER     | UNITS PER<br>MASTER BOX | WEIGHT<br>PER BOX | BOX<br>MEASUREMENTS | PALLET<br>DIMENSIONS | LAYER PER<br>PALLET | BOXES<br>PER PALLET | UNITS<br>PER PALLET | GROSS WEIGHT<br>PER PALLET |
|---------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 kg          | 8                       | 1 kg              | 29 x 28 x 22 cm     | 40 x 48 x 77 in      | 8                   | 128                 | 1024                | 1093.92 kg                 |
| 350 g         | 8                       | 0.35 kg           | 25 x 18 x 18 cm     | 44 x 44 x 71 in      | 9                   | 234                 | 1872                | 732.53 kg                  |
| 40 pc (3g ea) | 12                      | 1.4 kg            | 31 x 24 x 13 cm     | 44 x 44 x 56 in      | 9                   | 117                 | 56160               | 168.48                     |



STEVIA + FIBER 40 sticks (1.5 g ea)



CHIA 250 g



CHIA 500 g

| CONTAINER        | UNITS<br>PER BOX | WEIGHT<br>PER BOX | BOX<br>MEASUREMENTS | PALLET<br>DIMENSIONS | LAYER PER<br>PALLET | BOXES<br>PER PALLET | UNITS<br>PER PALLET | GROSS WEIGHT<br>PER PALLET |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 40 pc (1.5 g ea) | 12               | .72 kg            | 29 x 23 x 15 cm     | 44 x 44 x 60 in      | 9                   | 117                 | 56160               | 84.2 kg                    |
| 250 gr           | 12               | 1.5 kg            | 27 x 15 x 20 cm     | 40 x 48 x 48 in      | 5                   | 140                 | 840                 | 210 kg                     |
| 500 gr           | 12               | 3.5 kg            | 37 x 23 x 16 cm     | 40 x 48 x 40 in      | 5                   | 95                  | 570                 | 285 kg                     |



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