

Ingredion Acquires Benicaros Prebiotic Fiber that Supports Immune Health

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Ingredion Incorporated, a leading global provider of ingredient solutions for the food, beverage and industrial markets, announced the acquisition of Benicaros, a patented, prebiotic fibre made from upcycled carrot pomace clinically shown to support immune health.

"As we expand our functional ingredients offering, Benicaros' versatility and health benefits make it a perfect fit for our portfolio," said Nate Yates, Ingredion's vice president & general manager of sugar reduction and fibre fortification. "This highly differentiated prebiotic carrot fibre addresses the limitations of traditional prebiotic fibres that require high daily intake, have tolerance issues and formulation challenges."

Benicaros stimulates beneficial gut bacteria, resulting in immune health benefits at extremely low dosages. It is water-soluble with minimal effect on taste, texture or odour. This makes it versatile for use in functional foods, beverages, and dietary supplements.

Additionally, Benicaros addresses multiple consumer demands by being plant-based, clean-label, kosher, halal, gluten-free, upcycled and sustainable.

"The benefits list of Benicaros is quite long, and the fact that it comes from upcycling carrot juice production, supporting sustainability and a circular economy, is all the more exciting," Yates added.

The acquisition is an asset deal that includes full ownership of all intellectual property, trademarks, human clinical trials, and know-how related to manufacturing the product.