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## **Corn Refiners Welcome FDA Clarification that High Fructose Corn Syrup Can Be Labeled Natural**

WASHINGTON, DC – The Corn Refiners Association today welcomed clarification received from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration concerning the use of the term natural for products containing high fructose corn syrup.

“Upon careful review of the manufacturing process for high fructose corn syrup, the FDA found that high fructose corn syrup can be labeled natural,” stated Audrae Erickson, president, Corn Refiners Association. “High fructose corn syrup contains no artificial or synthetic ingredients or color additives and meets FDA’s requirements for the use of the term ‘natural.’ High fructose corn syrup, like table sugar and honey, is natural. It is made from corn, a natural grain product.”

Specifically, the FDA stated “we would not object to the use of the term ‘natural’ on a product containing the HFCS produced by the manufacturing process...” commonly employed in the corn refining industry. A copy of the letter clarifying FDA’s views on the use of the term natural for products containing high fructose corn syrup can be found at [www.corn.org/wp-content/uploads/2008/07/FDAdecision7-7-08.pdf](http://www.corn.org/wp-content/uploads/2008/07/FDAdecision7-7-08.pdf).

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*CRA is the national trade association representing the corn refining (wet milling) industry of the United States. CRA and its predecessors have served this important segment of American agribusiness since 1913. Corn refiners manufacture sweeteners, ethanol, starch, bioproducts, corn oil, and feed products from corn components such as starch, oil, protein, and fiber.*

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