# **Soft Caramels**

## Featured Ingredient: Tagatose





Ingredient		%
Corn Syrup (43/43)		32.61
Tagatose		30.00
Cream		27.83
Butter		9.28
Salt		0.13
Vanilla flavor		0.15
	Total	100.00

#### **Method**

- Heat cream, salt, and vanilla to 170°F.
  Set aside in water bath.
- 2. Heat corn syrup and Tagatose to 311°F.
- Slowly add corn syrup mixture to cream mixture in increments and mix well.
- Heat the combined mixture to 260°F and add butter. Continue stirring.
- 5. Heat to 86 brix.
- **6.** Pour caramels into a silicone tray and let cool to room temperature.
- 7. Cut and package in the desired packaging.
- 8. Store at room temperature.



## **Tagatose Overview**

Tagatose is a rare sugar which tastes and performs like sucrose. It is 90% as sweet as sucrose with 60% fewer calories. With a low glycemic index of 3, Tagatose is Ketogenic Certified and does not raise blood glucose levels when consumed on its own. In addition, it does not promote tooth decay and has been shown to have prebiotic effects.

### Compared to caramels made with sucrose, our testing shows that Tagatose caramels:

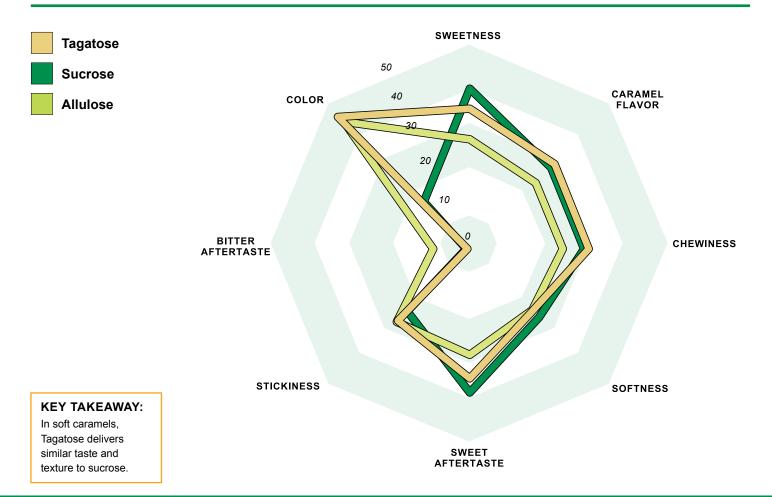
- Are lower in calories
- Have similar sweetness and taste profile
- Maintain better caramel texture throughout the shelf life
- Require approximately half the time to heat



#### **Sensory Profile**

for Soft Caramels Prepared with Various Sweeteners

Source: Merlin Development, Tagatose Applications Testing, 2022.



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