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(57) **Abstract:** Disclosed herein is a process for preparing 5-hydroxymethylfurfural comprising the step of contacting a carbohydrate and a Brønsted acid in an alcoholic solvent comprising an alcohol selected from the group consisting of secondary alcohols, tertiary alcohols, aryl alcohols and combinations thereof under conditions to dehydrate the carbohydrate thereby forming a reaction product containing 5-hydroxymethylfurfural.

