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(57) **Abstract:** A carbohydrate-containing feedstock is converted in a process, which process comprises contacting the feedstock in a first step with an alcohol in the presence of a first acid catalyst at a temperature below 100 °C to yield an intermediate product, and contacting at least part of the intermediate product in a second step with an alcohol in the presence of a second acid catalyst at a temperature of at least 100 °C. Products of such conversion may include hydroxymethylfurfural, hydroxymethylfurfural ethers, levulinic acid, esters thereof and furfural.

