

# U.S. SUGAR PRICES REMAIN AFFORDABLE AND STEADY

- > U.S. producers receive a **lower price for sugar** today than they did in 1980.
- > **54 sugar factories have closed** since the '80s, costing at least 100,000 people their jobs.
- > U.S. food makers **pay 25% less for sugar** than companies in other developed countries, and U.S. grocery shoppers pay 22% less than the rest of the developed world.



**Source**  
SIS International Research,  
"Global Retail Sugar  
Prices," July 2015



“ It’s getting harder to make a living in sugar. Production costs keep going up, but sugar prices have barely budged in decades. Hawaii recently stopped growing sugar because of this economic squeeze, and I fear Texas won’t be far behind if U.S. sugar policy is weakened.”

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