



SUSTAINABLE U.S. SUGAR POSITION

Americans benefit from homegrown sugar that is produced under some of the world's strictest safety, labor, and environmental standards. And it's all made possible by a U.S. sugar policy that operates without taxpayer cost.

U.S. sugar producers are dedicated to preserving the health of our natural resources, family farms, and rural communities for future generations. This commitment to sustainable production is rooted in four primary pillars that prioritize people, protect the planet, produce superior products, and promote fair-price policies.

- > **Prioritize People** by paving the way for young farmers, promoting greater supply-chain participation by producers, investing in local communities, paying workers fair wages and benefits, and providing safe working conditions and equal opportunities for all.
- > **Protect the Planet** by continuing to invest and build upon major advancements already achieved in reducing greenhouse gasses, water and soil quality and conservation, and carbon sequestration.
- > **Produce Superior Products** for our customers using strict safety standards and utilizing all parts of the crop to reduce waste and create beneficial by-products.
- > **Promote Fair-Price Policies** to provide consumers with affordable homegrown sugar, help farmers mitigate agriculture's unique risks, and encourage subsidy-free markets where prices cover production costs and improve quality of life.

America's sugar producers have invested in sustainability for decades and continue to make strides that benefit both the workplace and the environment. Meanwhile, the global sugar market appears to be headed in the opposite direction. Overproduction, fueled by subsidies, has wrecked the market and fostered a system that rewards poor labor and environmental practices.

U.S. sugar producers join food manufacturers in supporting sustainable production, and we will continue to advocate for policies that promote fair market prices and encourage responsible farming practices worldwide. We will also work to reject legislative efforts to outsource America's sugar production to poorly regulated and heavily subsidized industries abroad.