



# PRODUCING SUGAR SUSTAINABLY

Producing sugar sustainably is a decades-long industry commitment to Prioritize People, Protect the Planet, Produce Superior Products, and Promote Fair-Price Policies.

U.S. sugar producers invest in sustainability and support government policies that reward responsible actions instead of bad actors. A strong U.S. sugar policy...



» **Gives multi-generational family farms a fighting chance to survive a down farm economy.**

Sugar farming has been part of the country's heritage for more than 200 years, and today, farmers still grow sugar for U.S. consumers on 2 million acres.



» **Supports 142,000 well-paying jobs in more than 20 states.** Annual wages and benefits associated with sugar add up to \$4.2 billion, which explains why the industry's unionized workforce backs sugar policy.



» **Helps farmers join forces to invest in their community's success.** 100% of sugarbeet companies are farmer-owned, and 90% of cane refining capacity is owned by farmers or employees.



» **Promotes efficiency and environmentally friendly technologies.** Investments in research and technology have enabled sugar producers to produce 7% more sugar on 17% less land than 20 years ago.



» **Ensures no portion of the crop is wasted and is put to good use.** From road deicers to eco-friendly kitchenware, fuel, livestock feed and electricity generation, sugar byproducts touch the lives of countless consumers.



» **Provides opportunities for the world's poorest farmers.** America provides guaranteed market access and a fair market price to sugar farmers from 38 developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.



If there's no sugar policy, we have no future, no job, no home. ”

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