



Tracy Bentley

Sugar Worker

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Bentley is the process manager at the Western Sugar Cooperative.

INTERESTING FACT

Bentley grew up on a family farm. She started working for Western Sugar about 25 years ago because she and her husband divorced, and she needed a better job to raise her children.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?

"The best part is the people that you work with. We become like a family. And it is just you're looking out for each other but also giving each other a hard time. It's been a good income to raise a family."

WHAT WOULD YOUR COMMUNITY BE LIKE WITHOUT THE SUGARBEET INDUSTRY?

"It would be hard for me to imagine what this community would be like without sugar. Without the industry. The number of jobs that people would no longer have. What would replace the acres that are no longer sugarbeets? The factory. The people who work here. And then how that trickles down to everyone else. The people in the restaurants. The stores. The hospitals. The schools."