



Charles Guidry

Sugarcane Grower

Erath, Louisiana

Guidry, the oldest of nine children, grew up on a family farm started by his grandfather. After college and graduate school, Guidry taught math and science before returning to the family farm. Today, he farms with his wife, Wanda, and son, Jerome.

INTERESTING FACT

Guidry and his family lost their homes during Hurricane Rita in 2005. Guidry used his own savings, and delayed retirement, to save the family farm.

HOW HAS SUGARCANE BEEN IMPORTANT IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

"Sugar is very important in my community. It created a whole lot of jobs. For instance, my operation, I'm creating 32 extra jobs. And that's a big plus to the community in our area."

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE CONGRESS TO KNOW AS IT DEBATES THE FARM BILL?

"I would like to get the message to Congress about how important sugar is to us. Protecting our price. Protecting our trade agreements. And creating jobs. These are the three major things that are very important in our economy."