



# Dan Rosenfeldt

Sugar Farmer

Red River Valley

Rosenfeldt's story is different than most Red River Valley farmers. He did not grow up on a farm though he did work on one as a laborer when he was young. He got started in farming on his own with sugarbeets. Today, he farms with his nephew Brian, his brother John and part-time help.

## INTERESTING FACT

Rosenfeldt's main farm is the farm that U.S. Rep. Collin Peterson grew up working. Peterson's father sold Rosenfeldt the land and a shed when he started in sugarbeets."

## HOW HAVE SUGARBEETS BEEN IMPORTANT TO YOU AS A FARMER?

"That was the thing that allowed me to start and really become a farmer on my own. It was the stability and the opportunity that sugarbeets gave a person. With very limited acres, limited resources, you could get into the game."

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE A SUGAR POLICY IN THE FARM BILL?

"I really firmly believe that we can compete anywhere in the world and if we let this industry go, it will be tough to ever get it back again. And the savings that will be reaped for a short term will end up not being there."