



Brian Ryberg

Sugar Farmer

Minnesota

Ryberg farms with his nephew, Chris, and his wife, Sandy, who is also a part-time teacher. They have six children that range in ages from an oldest son about to attend pharmacy school to a youngest daughter in 5th grade.

INTERESTING FACT

The Ryberg's adopted two of their children, both girls, from Korea.

WHY ARE SUGARBEETS IMPORTANT IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

"If we are successful and we make money we share it with the grocery store in town, we share it with the car dealers and the insurance people. And that's part our starvation in the rural economy. We've got to make some money on the farm."

WHAT'S YOUR MESSAGE TO CONGRESS AS IT DEBATES THE FARM BILL?

"We're not asking for a handout. We are asking for a floor we can live with. If we set a floor price at below the cost of production, we haven't gained anything, and we are going to lose farmers."