



# John Snyder

Sugar Farmer

Wyoming

John farms with his wife Janet, son Steven, and brother-in-law Stan Lass.

## INTERESTING FACT

Snyder grew up on a farm but did not want to be a farmer. He got a degree in agricultural business and went to work in the vegetable industry in Texas. He ended up back in Worland because his wife's family also farmed there. He came back and went into business with her family, though he still does farm some of his family's original land.

## HOW HAVE PRICES CHANGED FOR YOUR FARM?

"This winter I pulled a file box out that my mother-in-law had brought over to the office. It was the records for the farm for 1980 and 81. And in there I found our net return for the sugarbeets for that crop year. We were actually paid 25 percent more per ton in 1981 than what we are getting paid today."

## WHY IS A STRONG SUGAR POLICY IMPORTANT?

"We can compete with anybody, but I can't compete against the Brazilian treasury or the treasury of India. Or Mexico when they were dumping subsidized sugar in our market and the government was paying their growers down there huge amounts of money to do that. I can't compete with that. We need policy. Good solid sugar policy. It's at no cost. We just want a fair shake."