



Paul Wambeke

Sugar Farmer

Wyoming

Paul farms with his wife Troy. His two sons, Chris and Kendal, work off the farm but help him during harvest. His daughter Cameron also helps along with two uncles and his brother-in-law.

INTERESTING FACT

Paul and his wife are farming the original homestead his grandfather started when he emigrated from Belgium.

WHY IS THE SUGAR POLICY IMPORTANT TO YOUR FARM?

"It's there to supply a stable and safe supply of sugar but it's also there to protect the growers. To help them with a steady market and not an up and down market where we don't have to compete against subsidized sugar all the time."

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO YOUR COMMUNITY IF FARMERS STOPPED GROWING SUGARBEETS?

"In the Big Horn Basin, grower payments amount to about \$25 million. That will go away. One hundred and sixty-nine jobs at the factory alone will go away. People are going to go away if there is nothing here. We have a few more industries around here. But they can't suck it up that much. My message is we need this to keep our growers in business."