

MADE IN AMERICA



America is one of the world's largest producers of sugar. Our sugar farmers are highly innovative and efficient, supplying around 70 percent of our domestic sugar needs.

Many of America's sugar growers come from multi-generational farm families.

- Sugar in America is made from sugarcane and sugarbeets, thanks to more than 151,000 hardworking men and women.
- Annual wages and benefits generated by the sugar industry total more than \$5.7 billion.
- The sugar industry adds \$23.3 billion annually to the U.S. economy.
- We are proud to adhere to the highest standards for worker safety, consumer safety, and environmental practices.

Our industry is vital to the urban and rural communities where we live and work. Not only does the sugar industry provide jobs, but we contribute to local charities and support educational opportunities to strengthen the social well-being of our neighborhoods.

Most of the facilities where sugarbeets or sugarcane are processed are farmer, family, or employee owned, further contributing to the important role that sugar plays in our communities.

Our workers benefit from well-paying jobs, upward mobility, and investments in workforce development. Many of the industry's facilities employ union labor.

American production agriculture is critical to our nation's stability. Food security is national security.

Supply Chain

If you put U.S. sugar producers out of business, retail customers and food companies would have to rely on imports of heavily subsidized foreign sugar.

- There are more than 90 domestic sugar factories, mills, refineries, and storage facilities that make up a nationwide network. This enables us to serve our customers with "just-in-time" delivery.
- In the early days of the pandemic in 2020, we shifted about 50 million four-pound sugar bags from bulk and large packages to smaller grocery store shelf packages.
- Without a strong domestic supply, customers could be waiting on a slow boat from Brazil, India, or Thailand instead of a same-day train or truck delivery from Minnesota, Louisiana, or a strategically located storage facility.



If we don't produce food, heavily subsidized foreign suppliers are happy to take over, **but can we afford to be dependent on foreign countries?**



"It's incredible to see the impact that sugar has on our community. It also gives you a real sense of pride, seeing the crops we process become the sugar in your grocery cart."

Julie Serbus, Sugarbeet Worker in Minnesota

CHALLENGES FACED BY U.S. SUGAR FARMERS

