

# A UNIQUE POLICY FOR A UNIQUE COMMODITY



Today's sugar policy is designed to **cost taxpayers \$0** and to keep sugar affordable. America's sugar producers are essential to our national food security. Congress must support policies that reinforce a resilient sugar supply chain and ensure that Americans are not left beholden to uncertain foreign supplies for this basic commodity.

## Here's how it works:

- **Loans, Not Payments**  
The Farm Bill authorizes the USDA to offer loans to America's sugar producers. These loans, which enable producers to store inventory until customers need the sugar, are **repaid with interest**.
- **Allows for Sugar Imports**  
Existing trade commitments guarantee market access to 41 countries, making America the **3rd largest sugar importer in the world**. Market access can increase to meet market supply needs.
- **Ensures Sugar Supply Chain Resilience**  
Domestic production plus foreign imports ensure American consumers and food manufacturers always have sugar ready for **just-in-time delivery**.

## Front Line Defense Against Subsidized Sugar

Sugar is the world's most distorted commodity market due to market manipulation from foreign governments. That is why sugar policy does not allow heavily subsidized imported sugar to be dumped on our market. Despite being among the most **sustainable sugar producers** in the world, meeting high labor and environmental standards, America's sugar producers cannot compete against billions of dollars in foreign government subsidies.

America's sugar producers advocate for a "**zero-for-zero**" approach to global sugar trade: when foreign countries eliminate their market-distorting subsidies, the U.S. can compete on a more level playing field without existing sugar policy. H.Con.Res. 43 is a bipartisan bill that seeks to zero out harmful foreign government subsidies.

### Top Global Sugar Subsidizers



Brazil \$2.5 b/yr



Thailand \$1.3 b/yr



India \$1.7 b/yr

### Without sugar policy:

- Domestic sugar production and food security would be placed in jeopardy.
- Family farms would be driven out of business and jobs in urban and rural communities would be eliminated.

**"If there's no sugar policy, we have no future, no job, no home."**

**Cornelius Fowler**  
IAM Florida Sugar Workers Union



**Over the past two Farm Bills, Congress has rejected 6 attempts to harm sugar policy.**