

America's Sweetest Industry



America's Sugar Industry Is Backed By Congress Through Policy Codified in the Farm Bill

- The policy is **designed to operate at zero cost to the taxpayer** and to keep sugar affordable for consumers.
- U.S. sugar policy helps **level the playing field** for America's farmers against heavily subsidized sugar production around the world.
- Sugar, as an essential ingredient in our nation's food supply, **must have a strong policy that reinforces the sugar supply chain** and ensures that Americans are not solely dependent on unstable foreign supplies.

Why Sugar Policy 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 it is needed, are repaid with interest.

Accounts for imports:

Existing trade commitments guarantee preferential market access to nearly 40 countries, making America the 3rd largest sugar importer in the world. Market access can increase to meet market needs.

Reinforces U.S. supply chain:

Domestic production plus foreign imports ensure American consumers and food manufacturers always have sugar ready for just-in-time delivery. In the early days of the pandemic, the industry shifted from bulk and large packages to smaller four-pound bags. We put an additional 50 million four-pound bags on grocery store shelves.

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

Without Sugar Policy

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

Next Farm Bill Should Make Sugar Safety Net Stronger

- Across the nation, commodity groups are seeking a stronger safety net due to significant increases in the costs of production.
- Sugarbeet and sugarcane farms are facing the same economic pressures.
- To sustain current production levels and acquire credit for farm and factory operations, sugar producers are advocating that loan rates be raised to align with the economic environment and significant cost increases.
- We fully support efforts by the House and Senate Agriculture Committees to pass a strong and stable Farm Bill for producers and workers.

Congress consistently rejects attempts to weaken the U.S. sugar policy. Over the past two Farm Bills, Congress has rejected six separate attempts to harm sugar policy.

