



SUGAR'S IMPACT ON SOUTH DAKOTA



FUN FACT



Sugarbeets were first planted in **South Dakota's Belle Fourche River Valley** in 1887. Today, sugarbeets are grown on several acres as a sustainable part of farmers' crop rotations. While sugarbeet production in South Dakota is limited (<1% of domestic production), it still generates over \$300,000 in annual economic impact.



COMPANIES



"It's a privilege to raise my three daughters on the same piece of land where my parents once farmed. My wife and I consider ourselves to be stewards for the next generation and have invested heavily in soil health and conservation practices. **But without smart farm policies, we wouldn't be able to continue this farming legacy.**"

- **Rodd Beyer**, Sugarbeet Farmer

*Olympic Average: 2021/22-2024/25. ECONOMIC DATA: Bart L. Fischer, Joe L. Outlaw, J. Marc Raulston, and Brian K. Herbst. "Economic Impact of the U.S. Sugar Industry." Texas AgriLife Research, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas A&M University, Department of Agricultural Economics, Agricultural and Food Policy Center, June 2022.