



Ashli Jensen

**SUGARBEET GROWER, FOURTH GENERATION
WESTERN SUGAR COOPERATIVE**

Hemingford, Nebraska



Ashli is a fourth-generation sugarbeet farmer from Nebraska who was raised on her family farm and felt called back to continue the legacy.

Why did you decide to go into farming?

"I grew up on the farm with my dad and my grandpa. I went to college for a couple of years, and it just wasn't what I wanted. I missed the farm. I always found an excuse to go back! So, I guess the farm just kind of drew me back to it. I've had that passion since I was a kid."

What do you want Congress to know about agriculture in your region?

"In my region, we're in a very severe drought right now. It's the driest I've ever seen in my entire life. Then on top of it, we have input prices going through the roof faster than you can keep up with. Input costs are extremely high for us to grow the crop, and then sugar prices are extremely low. Sugarbeets have always been the crop that has historically dug us out of the fire when everything else is wrong. Unfortunately, that's not the situation we're in right now."



Interesting Fact

Ashli is a dog lover! She has three dogs – two blue heelers and one red heeler, and they work with her on the farm.

