



Clint Hagen

SUGARBEET GROWER, FIFTH GENERATION
MICHIGAN SUGAR

Ubly, Michigan



Clint has been growing sugarbeets since he was just 10 years old. Today, he farms alongside his brother in Ubly, Michigan.

How would you describe your family farm?

"Working with family is so rewarding. My brother and I are 50/50 partners and we have a great working relationship. We love tackling new projects and being innovative. It seems like we can't ever leave anything alone here! We're always messing around and trying something new on the farm."

Why is it important that D.C. advance trade policies to defend sugar producers?

"When it comes to sugar, the U.S. imports about 25% of our sugar from overseas. If we didn't have the domestic sugar industry and we had to rely on other countries to get sugar, it would be chaos. We don't want to depend on unreliable foreign countries for an essential food ingredient like sugar. If D.C. doesn't advance trade policies that maintain our strong domestic industry, then I'm really concerned about what happens moving forward."



Interesting Fact

Clint is currently the president of the American Sugarbeet Growers Association, which represents all the sugarbeet growers across the country.

