



Darren Hoyme

**SUGARBEET GROWER, SECOND GENERATION
AMERICAN CRYSTAL SUGAR COMPANY**

Kindred, North Dakota



Darren Hoyme is a second-generation sugarbeet grower. He farms with his son, brother, and nephew in Kindred, North Dakota.

How do you feel about passing the farm on to the next generation?

"It's important that we're able to pass farming down from generation to generation. As my grandpa used to say, 'Somebody has to do it.' As farmers, we're optimistic every spring when we start over again, and we hope for the best. I'm optimistic about the future for the next generation of farmers."

What would you say to critics of U.S. sugar policy?

"The majority of Americans want real, natural sugar produced right here at home. Families and consumers want a safe, reliable supply of sugar. We, as sugar producers, do that for them better than anyone else in the world. During the pandemic, when there was a shortage of things like eggs and other products in the store, there was never a shortage of sugar. We have never wavered. We need continued support of U.S. sugar policy to keep a steady supply of sugar right here in America."



Interesting Fact

Darren can read sheet music and is a pianist. When he was in high school, he accompanied the choir, swing choir, and stage band.

