



Gert Hawkins

SUGARCANE GROWER, FOURTH GENERATION
Batchelor, Louisiana



Gert farms in partnership with her family in Batchelor, Louisiana. She has grown sugarcane on her farm for more than 20 years.

What's it like to farm alongside your family?

"It has been a wonderful experience to partner with my family. My brother and I are blessed that we have been able to grow our relationship while farming. I'm so grateful that our family has a grounded operation that relies on strong and committed teamwork. I sincerely hope that my nieces and nephew will develop the same strong bond my brother and I share."

What would happen if Congress didn't support a strong U.S. sugar policy?

"Strong U.S. policy keeps farms competitive. Without Congress's support of U.S. sugar policy, farms like the one run by my family cannot remain competitive. This is essential to protect our national food security. Especially with rising input costs, we cannot afford to lose the support of U.S. sugar policy."



Interesting Fact

Gert has farmed alongside her brother, George, for decades, allowing them to grow a strong bond and to utilize their strengths to keep their farm operations running smoothly.

