



Patrick Frischhertz

SUGARCANE GROWER, EIGHTH GENERATION
Plaquemine, Louisiana

Patrick farms alongside his family in Plaquemine, Louisiana. He has grown sugarcane on his farm for close to 20 years.



Your farm is now in its eighth generation. What does it mean to you to be able to continue that legacy?

"Family legacy is incredibly important to us, and it provides us with an immense amount of purpose. Our office is in the field. We get to see sunrises and sunsets every single day. Knowing that we have the duty, obligation, and privilege to pass our farm on to the next generation remains one of the main reasons why I got into farming and continue to do it."

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

"Come out to our farm and see what we do and how we operate. We work extremely hard to foster a very strong sense of community here and in our town, and we're very proud of what we do. We pay everyone who works on our farm a living wage and follow all environmental and regulatory standards. You're not going to find that worldwide. I think seeing that firsthand would change a lot of critical opinions of U.S. sugar policy. We can't do what we do without it."



Interesting Fact

Patrick went to law school and became a practicing attorney before leaving the legal profession to farm sugarcane, soybeans, and wheat.

