

# AMERICA'S SUGAR PRODUCERS: BY THE NUMBERS

## U.S. Production

**142,000** American sugar jobs in jeopardy of being outsourced without sugar policy.

**\$20 billion** Annual economic activity generated by U.S. sugar production.

**2 million** Acres of sugarbeets and sugarcane planted in America in 2017/18.

**50/50** Approximate split of America's sugar between cane and beets.

**100%** Percentage of beet processing factories that are farmer-owned – 90% of U.S. cane refining capacity is owned by farmers or employees.

## U.S. Sugar Policy and Trade

**\$0** What U.S. sugar policy cost American taxpayers in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017. A small cost in 2013 was a direct result of a flood of subsidized Mexican sugar.

**5** Votes taken during the last Farm Bill debate that rejected attempts by Big Candy to weaken sugar policy.

**120** Countries that produce sugar and subsidize sugar production in some way.

**47%** Share of global sugar exports controlled by Brazil, which built its dominance over the volatile global sugar market with \$2.5 billion a year in subsidies.

**41** Countries that have duty-free access to America's sugar market under U.S. policy, making America one of the biggest sugar importers in the world.

**1.4 million** Tons of sugar the U.S. is required to provide import access for, regardless of needs. This total excludes imports from Mexico, which is America's largest foreign supplier.

**1st** America's beet farmers are the lowest cost beet sugar producers in the world. Overall, U.S. beet and cane sugar producers are 20th lowest cost of the 95 sugar-producing countries examined in a study of world efficiency.



“ We need the security the Farm Bill offers to keep my family growing for another generation. If my kids choose to farm, I want there to be a business for them to continue that opportunity.”

**Rita Herford** | Sugarbeet Farmer | Minden City, Michigan



BACKING AMERICA'S BEET AND CANE FARMERS