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## ***What's Missing in the 2012 Farm Bill Debate?***

### **Any Discussion of the High Costs the U.S. Sugar Program Imposes on American Consumers, Businesses and Workers!**



#### **Morning Take – Sour Times for Candy Makers: Ag Panels Protecting Sugar Program**

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**Excerpt:** “Every commodity program seems to be up for debate this year as Congress writes a new farm bill, and in most cases the programs are headed for dramatic overhaul. But there is one notable exception: sugar. The Senate farm bill would continue for another five years the complex quota system that limits domestic sugar supplies in order to prop up domestic prices. The House Agriculture Committee is certain to follow suit. ...

“... Food and candy manufacturers, meanwhile, complain that they weren't allowed to testify at the House hearings. Here's Larry Graham, chairman of the Coalition for Sugar Reform and president of the National Confectioners Association: **‘If Congress is truly concerned about jobs, why would it deny an open debate on a sugar program that is negatively impacting the interests of the 600,000 Americans employed by the sugar-using sector?’**”

### **Congress – With Cuts Across the Board on Other U.S. Commodities, Why Continue Sugar’s Special Status at a High Cost to U.S. Consumers and Workers? Reform the Outdated Sugar Policies in the 2012 Farm Bill!**

Learn more about the need to reform U.S. sugar policy in the 2012 Farm Bill at [www.sugarreform.org](http://www.sugarreform.org).

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