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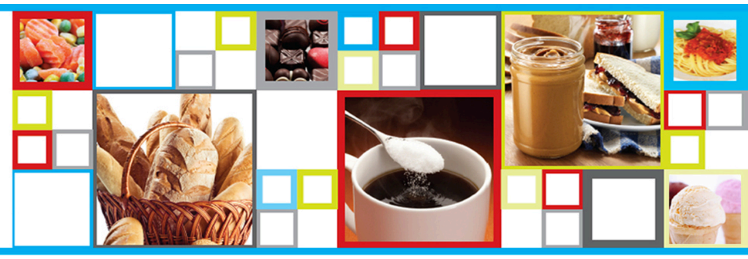

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Surplus of U.S. and Mexican Sugar Is a Direct Result of America's Broken Sugar Policy

America's sugar program has caused the current sugar surplus that has forced USDA to spend nearly $90 million in taxpayer dollars between July and early September alone. What's more, the government will be incurring additional multi-million dollar costs within a week as sugar processor loans are forfeited. **Let's unwrap the facts.**

The market-manipulating sugar provisions included in the 2008 farm bill resulted in **tight supplies and correspondingly record-high prices in the United States**.

Since the U.S. and Mexican markets are increasingly integrated, the excessively high sugar prices in the United States under the 2008 farm bill **led to high prices in Mexico**.

Harvested area in Mexico has increased 16 percent to a record 781,000 hectares, up 77,000 from last year and up 133,000 from the 2009-10 season.

The result: Increased production in Mexico and the United States **created a surplus that caused the low prices** growers are experiencing now in the United States and Mexico, as well as high U.S. taxpayer costs.

Only Congress can fix a program that hurts U.S. consumers, taxpayers, food manufacturers and their workers with simple reforms to U.S. sugar policy.

Congress, Reform the U.S. Sugar Program This Year.

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The Coalition for Sugar Reform is an alliance of consumers, food and beverage manufacturers, trade advocates, environmental groups, taxpayer watchdog organizations, responsible government advocates, think tanks and other interests. Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program – a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.