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## From Leading Newspapers to Late Night, Consensus Is: America's Current Sugar Policy Isn't Working



["The Tonight Show With Jay Leno"](#)

March 19, 2013

Excerpt: "I saw this in the paper today, the Department of Agriculture wants to use our tax money to buy 400,000 tons of sugar to limit supply and boost prices so sugar producers can pay back government loans that they could default on. You follow me here on this? We loaned them money and now we're giving them more money so they can pay back our loan. You still wonder why we're 16 trillion dollars in debt? Anybody?" Watch the clip, which begins at the 03:52 mark, [here](#).

## Chicago Tribune

[Editorial: The Big Sugar Buy of 2013](#)

March 16, 2013

Excerpt: "... Seems the U.S. Department of Agriculture is preparing to buy 400,000 tons of sugar — a mind-boggling amount — in order to prop up a group of commodity processors participating in a 1934-era federal price-support program. ... That would stick the taxpayer-backed program with an estimated \$80 million loss ... Consumers, inevitably, would have to cover at least part of that additional cost in the retail prices they pay for baked goods, breakfast cereal and candy. ... Given our government's huge budget deficits, sugar schemes leave an especially sour taste." Read the full text, [here](#).

**Congress can fix a program that hurts U.S. consumers, taxpayers, food manufacturers and their workers with simple reforms to the Farm Bill.**

**We Urge Members of Congress to Cosponsor the *Sugar Reform Act*  
(H.R. 693/S. 345) Now!**

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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 Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program — a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.