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## Want to Beat Sugar Subsidies in Other Countries, Like Thailand? The Answer Is to Fix America's First.

While the sugar lobby continues to criticize countries like Brazil, Mexico and India – and now Thailand – for their sugar subsidies, the fact is U.S. sugar producers benefit from one of the most anti-free market, protectionist policies in the world – the U.S. sugar program. **Let's unwrap the facts.**

Thailand's Sugar Policy that the Sugar Lobby Critiques	U.S. Sugar Policy that the Sugar Lobby Spends Lots of Resources to Protect
"To control domestic supply conditions and price, Thai law sets <b>production quotas</b> , mandates <b>high prices on the domestic market</b> , and dictates the revenue split between farmers and sugar companies."	U.S. sugar policy consists of three main components: <b>import quotas</b> , <b>marketing allotments (quotas)</b> , and domestic price supports – which lead to <b>high prices on the domestic market</b> .
" <b>Tariffs protect domestic growers from global competition.</b> "	U.S. tariff rate quotas set limits on how much sugar can be shipped to our shores, and imports above this level are subject to extremely high <b>tariffs</b> – all to <b>protect domestic growers from global competition</b> .
"And <b>preferential government loans</b> are made available for inputs such as machinery and irrigation systems."	In FY 2013, rather than repay <b>preferential government loans</b> , sugar producers forfeited sugar, costing American taxpayers nearly \$300 million.

**The sugar lobby says this all suggests the United States should push other countries to fix their sugar subsidies before we even begin considering any reforms to our own program. Nonsense. Congress, America should take the lead on sugar reform to make our sugar industry more competitive.**

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

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 Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program – a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.*