

Sweet Facts



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Contrary to Popular Belief ... The U.S. Sugar Program Costs American Consumers and Taxpayers

*The Big Government Sugar Program is Anything But a Sweet
Deal for Americans and American Jobs*

MYTH: The sugar program operates at no net cost to taxpayers and is a good deal for consumers.

FACT: Despite misleading claims that the sugar program is a “no-cost” program, the reality is that current U.S. sugar policy costs consumers billions of dollars every year. The Congressional Budget Office foresees hundreds of millions of dollars in taxpayer expense over the next decade because of sugar policy. Here are the facts:

- The policy has **cost consumers and food manufacturers more than \$20 billion** since 2002.
- Thanks in large part to the sugar program, **112,000 sugar-using jobs were lost** between 1997 and 2009.

Congress – Reform Outdated Sugar Policies in the 2012 Farm Bill and End the Consumer Sugar Tax This Year!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 Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program – a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.