



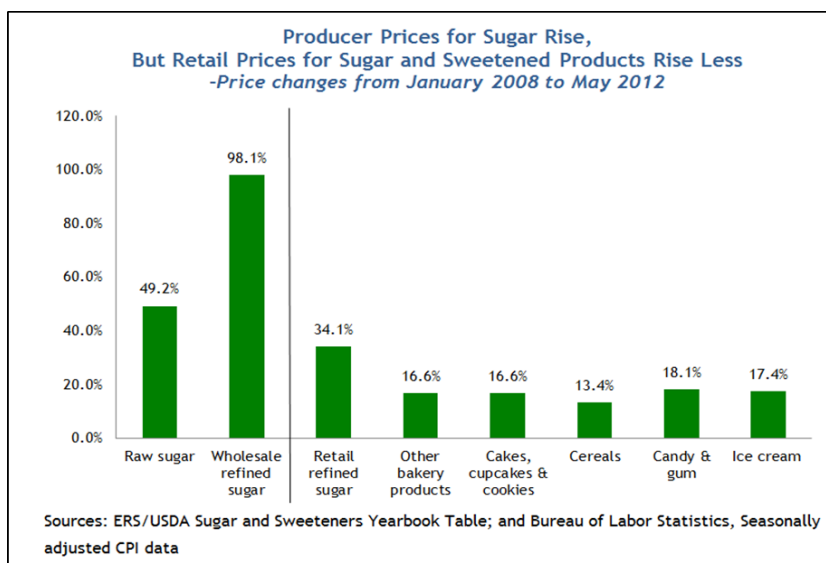
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FACT CHECK:

U.S. Sugar Prices Have Increased Significantly Since 2008, Despite Sugar Lobby's False Claims

The U.S. sugar lobby falsely claims that “sugar producer prices are falling, not rising.” In reality, the Depression-era sugar program – which primarily benefits wealthy plantation owners and farmers – has inflated the price of sugar in recent years. According to an [Agralytica analysis](#), between January 2008 and May 2012:

- Refined sugar prices increased by **98 percent**;
- Raw sugar prices increased by **49 percent**;
- Retail refined sugar prices increased by **34 percent**; and
- Partly as a result, prices of sugar-containing products increased by **13 to 18 percent**.



The **FACT** is, artificially high sugar prices are the result of the deeply flawed U.S. sugar program. It may be a **sweet deal** for the sugar lobby, but it has cost consumers and businesses \$14 billion over the past four years.

Congress – Reform Outdated Sugar Policies in the 2012 Farm Bill!

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 Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program – a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.