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From the Heart of Sugar Cane Country: Farm Bill's Sugar Program a "Net Negative" for Economy

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Congress Should Plow Under Farm Subsidies

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Excerpt:

- "... The real [Farm Bill] winner in Florida would be Big Sugar; the Senate bill would maintain the import limits and sales quotas that prop up the price of U.S.-produced sugar.
- "This government meddling in the free market, unlike subsidies, doesn't impose a cost on taxpayers directly, but it forces U.S. consumers and food makers to pay much more for sugar.
- "Studies have shown the sugar program is a net negative for the U.S. economy, but the industry has invested heavily in lobbying and political campaigns to hold on to its sweet deal."

Read the full editorial [here](#).

Congress – Reform Outdated Sugar Policies in the 2012 Farm Bill!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 Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program – a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.