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Bloomberg News: Sugar Program Benefits the Few at the Expense of Everyone Else

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[Editorial: That Sickening Sugar Subsidy](#)

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Excerpt:

- "... [T]he Agriculture Department estimates that it may have to buy 400,000 tons of sugar from processors who might default on \$862 million in government loans. ... This is all part of a confection of federal price supports and subsidies for the industry. ... [T]he program benefits the few at the expense of everyone else.
- "... What's more, consumers end up paying twice – first as taxpayers, and then at the supermarket, where inflated sugar prices cost shoppers an extra \$3.5 billion a year, according to an [Iowa State University study](#).
- "Meanwhile, the U.S. sugar market remains protected from the lower prices that prevail around the world ...
- "... Congress plans to take another shot at writing a farm bill this year. A good place to start would be rolling back sugar subsidies. If legislators lacked a good reason before, they should have one now."

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 Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program – a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.