

Sweet Facts



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FARM BILL WOULD MAKE COSTLY, JOB-KILLING SUGAR SUBSIDIES PERMANENT VOTE 'NO' ON THE BILL

HERE'S WHY:

- The sugar program is currently **forcing USDA – and ultimately taxpayers – to purchase \$44 million worth of excess sugar** to mitigate the negative impact of anticipated **sugar loan forfeitures later this summer, projected to range from \$110 million to \$320 million** if these actions fail. At least one analyst has forecast taxpayer costs of over \$250 million this year and next.
- **Only three big sugar companies received the bulk of the \$1.1 billion in federal sugar loans** this fiscal year alone, *The Wall Street Journal* recently reported.
- Beyond the looming taxpayer costs, the program is a **net job killer, puts at risk 600,000 American manufacturing jobs in every state** and **costs all American consumers up to \$3.5 billion every year** in the form of a hidden food tax – all to maximize profits for a small and already profitable industry – sugar production.

**Congress, Stand Up for U.S. Taxpayers and U.S.
Manufacturing Jobs.**

VOTE 'NO' ON THE 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 Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program – a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.