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## Americans Paid More for Sugar Than the Rest of the World After 2008 Farm Bill

***The House-Passed 2013 Farm Bill Would Make Costly 2008 Provisions Permanent Law. Sugar Reform is Needed Now.***

Calendar Year	U.S. Price	World Price	U.S. % Higher
2009	38.1¢/lb	22.1¢/lb	72%
2010	53.2¢/lb	27.8¢/lb	92%
2011	56.2¢/lb	31.7¢/lb	78%
2012	43.4¢/lb	26.5¢/lb	64%

The 2008 farm bill made costly changes to the sugar program that:

1. Sent U.S. sugar prices soaring to as high as 92 percent more than world market prices between 2009 and 2012;
2. Costs consumers up to \$3.5 billion each year; and
3. Forced USDA to spend \$44 million in taxpayer dollars this month to purchase excess sugar ahead of anticipated sugar loan forfeitures expected to cost tens of millions more in the coming months.

**And the House voted to make this costly program permanent law? Enough is enough.**

**Only Congress can fix a program that hurts U.S. consumers, taxpayers, food manufacturers and their workers with simple reforms to U.S. sugar policy.**

**The Time for Sugar Program Reform is Now!**

Learn more about the need to reform U.S. sugar policy at [www.sugarreform.org](http://www.sugarreform.org).

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 Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program – a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.