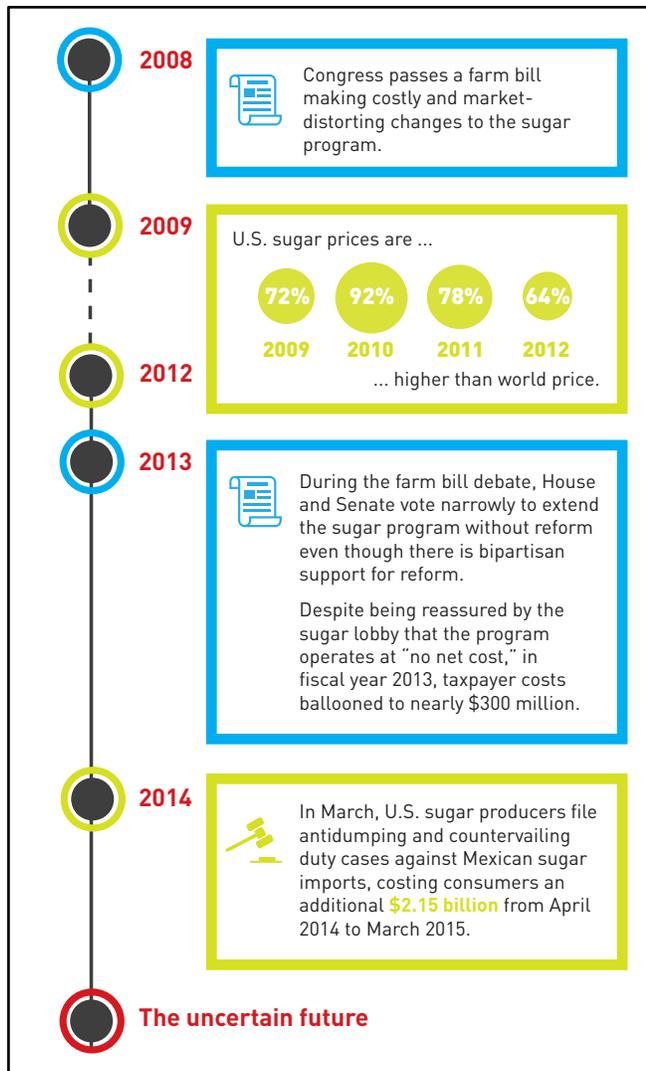




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## U.S. Sugar Program Has a History of Burdensome Costs



Since 2008, when costly and market-distorting changes were made to the U.S. sugar program as part of the farm bill, costs to U.S. consumers, taxpayers and businesses have been piling up.

- **Currently:** The U.S. sugar program costs consumers and businesses up to **\$3.5 billion annually** in the form of a hidden tax.
- **Next 10 Years:** The Congressional Budget Office forecasts that the U.S. sugar program will cost an additional **\$115 million in taxpayer dollars over the next 10 years.**
- **Uncertain Future:** The suspension agreements signed in response to the antidumping and countervailing duty petitions against Mexican sugar imports will further restrain U.S. sugar supplies and ensure much higher U.S. sugar prices - and these **tight supplies will last for at least the next five years, causing the elimination of any competitiveness in the market.**

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## Only Congress can fix the U.S. sugar program.

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