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**CBO: U.S. Sugar Program Will Cost Taxpayers \$51 Million in FY 2013**

*Some Analysts Estimate Costs of Up to \$250 Million Over Next Two Years*

## **FEDERAL SUGAR PROGRAM COST TO CONSUMERS IN FY 2013:**

# **\$51 MILLION**

## **ON TOP OF THE UP TO \$3.5 BILLION ANNUAL HIDDEN FOOD TAX**

- A new CBO baseline estimate shows that the sugar program will cost American taxpayers \$239 million over the next several years, including \$51 million this year alone.
- Some analysts [estimate](#) costs of up to \$100 million this year, and \$250 million over the next two years, because the sugar program will likely force USDA, and ultimately taxpayers, to foot the bill for excess U.S. sugar and sell it to fuel-ethanol plants at a loss.

Learn more [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 Bipartisan  
Sugar Reform Act (H.R. 693) Now and Support the Sugar Reform Floor  
Amendment to the 2013 Farm Bill!**

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 Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program – a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.