

# Sweet Facts



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## EU Failed to End Sugar Quotas in Its 2006 Reform and Now Says, “It Doesn’t Make Sense” to Leave Them in Place

### American Sugar Alliance Says the United States Should Not Repeat the EU’s Mistakes – and We Agree!

“For us it’s important that the quotas end because they are very rigid. We believe they are a thing of the past, and it doesn’t make sense that sugar will be the only market left with quotas in the EU.”

- European Commission Deputy Director General for Agriculture and Rural Development

**WE AGREE with the American Sugar Alliance** that Congress should **NOT** repeat the EU’s mistakes in reforming sugar policy by leaving in place very rigid quotas – like those in the current U.S. sugar program – which can lead to record high sugar prices and tight supplies. Indeed, sugar is the only crop left with quotas in the United States.

**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/S. 345) 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 Our objective is to reform the federal government’s intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program – a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.