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# Top 10 Facts About U.S. Sugar Policy

1. In the 2008 farm bill, changes were made to the U.S. sugar program that **caused U.S. sugar prices to soar well above the already high world price** between 2009-2012, and the same disastrous program was continued in the 2014 farm bill.

2. The Depression-era U.S. sugar program was the **only commodity program not reformed** in the 2014 farm bill.

3. The U.S. sugar program **puts at unnecessary risk 600,000 American manufacturing jobs across the country**.

4. The Congressional Budget Office forecasts that the sugar program **will cost taxpayers an additional $138 million** over the next 10 years.

5. The U.S. sugar program has contributed to the **loss of nearly 10,000 jobs per year in the U.S. food industry**. From 1997 to 2014, **132,000 jobs were lost** in U.S. sugar-using industries.

6. In fiscal year 2013, the **U.S. sugar program's cost to taxpayers skyrocketed to nearly $300 million** when USDA was forced to purchase excess domestic sugar and remove it from the U.S. market – all to prop up prices for profitable sugar producers.

7. The U.S. Department of Commerce estimates that **for every sugar-growing job saved through high U.S. sugar prices, approximately three manufacturing jobs are lost**.

8. For a family of four, the U.S. sugar program **costs on average an additional $40 per family at the grocery store every year**.

9. The antidumping and countervailing duty cases filed by U.S. sugar producers against Mexican sugar imports **cost consumers an estimated $2.15 billion from April 2014 to March 2015**.

10. **U.S. sugar prices will remain high for the duration of any suspension agreements** signed in the antidumping and countervailing duty cases – a minimum of five years.