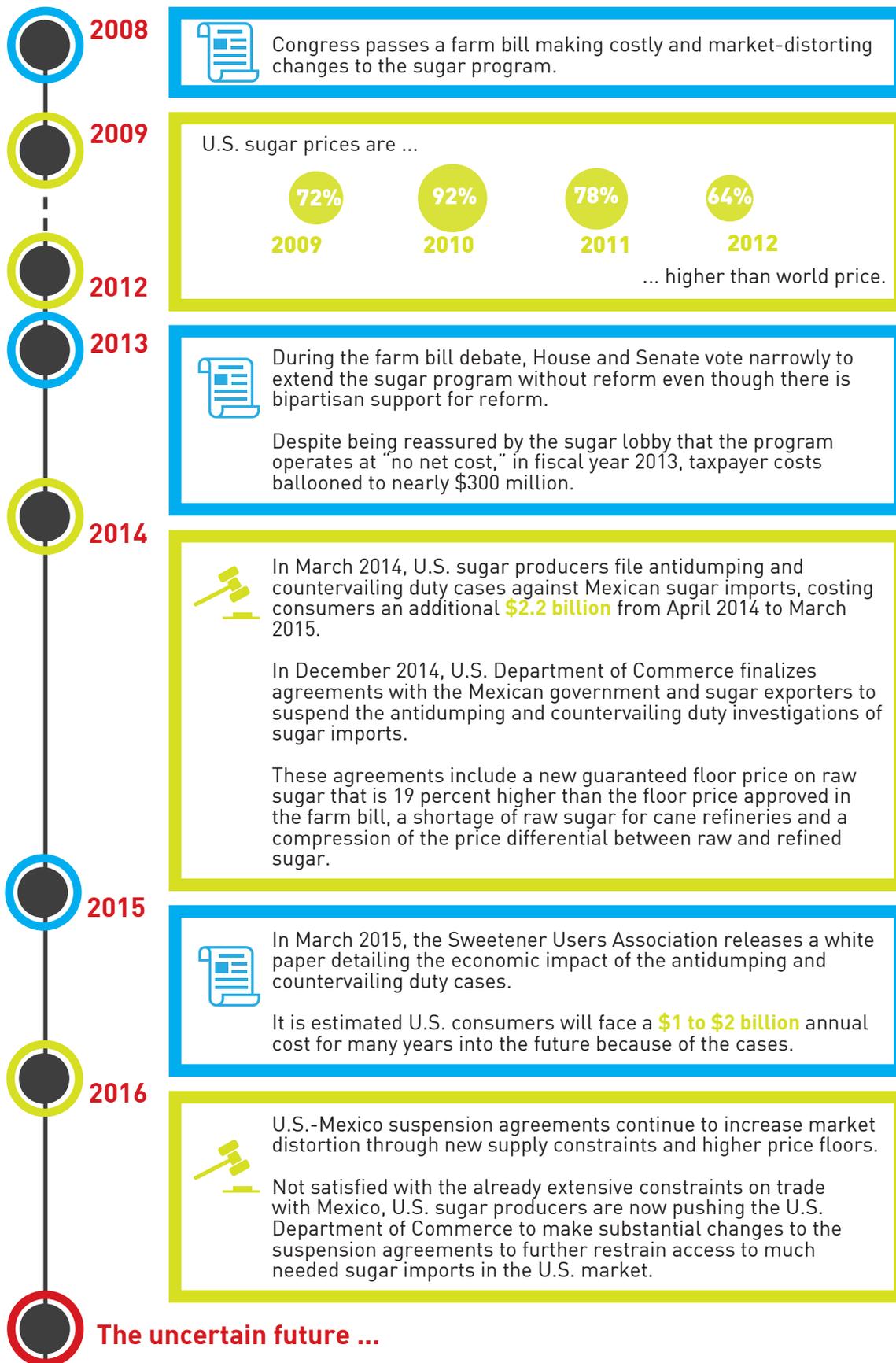


# The U.S. Sugar Program: A Recent Timeline of Increased Costs to America



## Since the 2008 Farm Bill, the sugar program ...

- Has **cost U.S. consumers and businesses, on average, \$3 billion a year** in the form of a hidden tax to provide a special interest subsidy to sugar producers.
- Has **put at unnecessary risk 600,000 American manufacturing jobs** in all 50 states.
- Has **manipulated supply and limited the availability of sugar** in the domestic market, thereby driving up U.S. sugar prices.

## What's more ...

- The Congressional Budget Office's March 2016 Baseline for Farm Programs forecasts the U.S. sugar program will cost taxpayers **\$138 million over the next 10 years**.
- Between 1997 and 2014, **U.S. sugar-using industry jobs declined by 18 percent**. Our Coalition believes outdated U.S. sugar policies are behind much of that decline.
- The U.S. Department of Commerce also estimates that for every sugar-growing job saved through high U.S. sugar prices, approximately **three American manufacturing jobs are lost**.

The Coalition for Sugar Reform represents consumer, trade, and commerce groups, manufacturing associations, and food and beverage companies that use sugar – including confectioners, bakers, cereal manufacturers, beverage makers and dairy companies – as well as the trade associations for these industries.