



Make the Sugar Program Work for America

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What We're Reading: "Illinois Would Lose if Trump Hits Mexican Sugar with Tariffs"

In a column out today, *Crain's Chicago Business* columnist Joe Cahill writes about the economic consequences for American businesses and farmers if the United States re-imposes antidumping and countervailing duties on Mexican sugar imports.

Here's an excerpt:

"As a center of food production, Illinois has a lot to lose in a sugar spat with Mexico. Local food companies from snackmaker Mondelez International to Tootsie Roll and countless mom-and-pop shops spend big on sugar, making them vulnerable to tariff-driven price hikes. Illinois farmers and corn processors, meanwhile, fear a backlash from Mexico, a key export market for the corn-based sweetener known as high-fructose corn syrup.

"Retaliatory tariffs against U.S. corn sweeteners would hit farmers hard, depressing volumes and prices at a time when corn prices are already slumping. Tamara Nelsen, senior director of commodities at the Illinois Farm Bureau, estimates 13 percent of Illinois corn goes into sweetener, and says Mexico is a key export market. 'This would be another hit to corn farmers' pocketbooks in Illinois, and it would be significant to the Illinois economy,' she says."

Read the full column [here](#).

It's Time for U.S. Sugar Policy to Work for America.

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 Our objective is to reform the federal government's intrusive, inefficient, restrictive and outdated sugar program - a decades-old subsidy that has repeatedly failed to provide adequate supplies of sugar to the U.S. market.