



# Make the Sugar Program Work for America

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## “Mexico’s Subsidized Dump Continues”? WRONG!

In their latest missive, Big Sugar alleges, “Mexico is still dumping” sugar on the U.S. market — citing “the price sugar fetches in Mexico compared to the United States over the past year.” They even included a misleading chart. Unfortunately for Big Sugar, we’re onto their misinformation campaign. *Let’s unwrap the facts.*



Instead of comparing two of the same things (i.e., refined cane sugar prices in Mexico and in the United States), Big Sugar compared apples to oranges — U.S. beet sugar prices at beet factories, in bulk rail or trucks and Mexican cane sugar delivered to Mexico City in 50 kilogram bags. Very different things.



What Big Sugar doesn’t want you to know is that in reality, when you compare refined cane sugar prices in Mexico and in the United States since January 2016, Mexican bulk prices at the mill before shipping have been below U.S. prices at both East Coast and West Coast cane sugar refineries.



Take a look at the chart to the right. The **orange line** represents internal Mexican refined cane sugar prices and the **blue line** represents U.S. refined cane sugar prices. Mexican domestic prices are lower than U.S. prices, and that means no evidence of dumping. There would only be dumping if the price of Mexico’s exports was below the price of domestic sales within Mexico.

... As for the **gray line**, that’s what Big Sugar used to make their erroneous comparison.



Sources: Sosland Publishing for US prices, SNIIM for Mexican prices

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