



The US Sugar Program: A Tax on American Manufacturers

Bakeries of all sizes, as large purchasers cope with artificially inflated prices of refined sugar, are greatly impacted by price fluctuations and increases in this commodity. Sugar is used in products like cookies and donuts, but also in less obvious staple bakery products such as bread, buns, and crackers. The current landscape greatly favors sugar producers, forcing domestic food manufacturers to cope with an inflated price that can be **twice as high as the world price for sugar**.

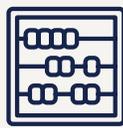
HOW DOES THE U.S. SUGAR PROGRAM WORK?

PRICE SUPPORTS



Ensuring a minimum price for sugar

MARKETING ALLOTMENTS



Limits on how much processors can sell

IMPORT QUOTAS



Restricting plentiful foreign supplies

FEEDSTOCK FLEXIBILITY PROGRAM

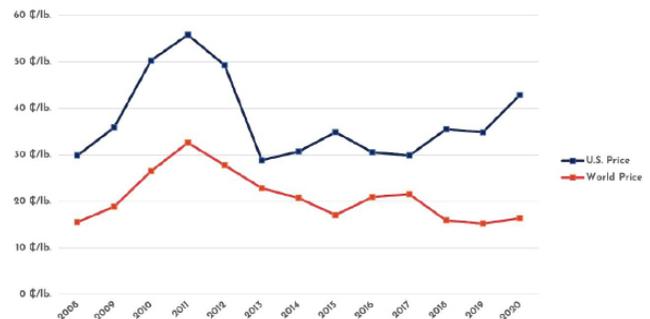


Producers greatly advantaged

WHO PAYS?

America's taxpayers

**\$2.4-4 BILLION
IN ADDED COSTS
ANNUALLY**



*U.S. refined beet sugar prices as reported by Sosland and tabulated by the USDA
**Refined sugar prices based on the London No. 5 Sugar Futures Market

These unnecessary costs kill American jobs and are passed onto American families as end-buyers. **ABA believes a fairer system is possible, one that is mutually beneficial to farmers, bakeries, and consumers.**

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