



SUGAR SHOCK

Want your daily dose of sugar shock?

JOB LOSS

- FACT: The U.S. sugar program has cost 75,000 jobs in the food manufacturing industry over the last ten years.
- FACT: U.S. sugar prices are *twice* the level of world prices, creating incentive to import or manufacture offshore.
- FACT: It is cheaper to import finished goods made with world-priced sugar than it is to make them in the U.S. with domestic sugar prices.
- FACT: In recent decades, sugar imports fell as domestic sugar production increased and most U.S. cane refineries closed, costing 5,000 jobs.

SUGAR PROGRAM REFORM VOICES:

"U.S. food manufacturers who use sugar also take their lumps. Steeper prices make them less competitive internationally and cost them jobs, or push their operations abroad."

The Orlando Sentinel, editorial

"Sour on sugar. Our position: It's time Congress ends the price supports that hurt consumers" 5/9/2007

"[M]ore than 10,000 jobs were lost between 1997 and 2002 at sugar-consuming companies, such as confectioneries. The study suggests high sugar costs are a major factor in U.S. companies' decisions to relocate to other countries."

U.S. Department of Commerce

"On the demand side, manufacturers using sugar argue that high sugar prices have made them increasingly uncompetitive in domestic and export markets. The result has been rapid growth in imports of sugar-containing products, as many of the firms making such products have relocated their production facilities to Canada and Mexico, where less expensive sugar is available."

U.S. Department of Agriculture

U.S. Sugar Program at a Crossroads, 9/7/2007

We urge you to reform the sugar provisions in the 2007 Farm Bill.

Sugar Policy Alliance