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## **USDA ANNOUNCES REVISIONS TO 2002-CROP SUGAR MARKETING ALLOTMENTS AND ALLOCATIONS**

WASHINGTON, Jan 15, 2003 -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced state cane allotments and processor allocations of the beet and cane sugar marketing allotments. This is one part of USDA's overall plan of action announced on Jan. 10, 2003, for efficiently operating the domestic sugar program for the remainder of the marketing year. In the Jan. 10 announcement, overall allotment quantity was increased by 500,000 short tons, raw value -- from 7.700 million short tons, raw value to 8.200 million tons, raw value. The beet sugar allotment was increased to 4.457 million tons, raw value, and the cane sugar allotment was increased to 3.743 million tons, raw value. This is the first year of sugar allotments authorized by the 2002 Farm Bill.

USDA is striving to make program administration as efficient as possible and will closely monitor market performance and critical program variables throughout the remainder of the year to ensure program objectives are met and market balance is maintained. At this time, current beet sector production estimates indicate that the beet sector may not fully utilize its total allotment, leaving a shortfall in sugar supply. The previously announced sale of USDA Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) inventoried sugar should compensate for this shortfall. Additional details are available on USDA Farm Service Agency's (FSA) Web site at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>. CCC will conduct a thorough survey of beet and cane sugar production and stocks prior to May 1, 2003, and make allocation reassignments, as necessary.

USDA's CCC also announced that the proportionate share requirement on Louisiana sugar cane producers is suspended for the 2002 crop (fiscal year 2003). This is because CCC has determined that the amount of sugar estimated to be produced from the 2002-crop sugar cane in Louisiana (1.340 million tons, raw value) will not be sufficient to enable Louisiana sugar cane processors to meet the state's cane sugar allotment (1.331 million tons, raw value) and provide for a normal carryover.

These actions apply to all domestic sugar marketed for human consumption in the United States from Oct. 1, 2002, through Sept. 30, 2003. The 2002-crop sugar marketing allotments and allocations (in short tons, raw value) are listed in the following table:

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2002-Crop Sugar Marketing Allotments and Allocations (Revised January 2003)			
	Previous Allotment/ Allocation	Change 1/ 	Revised Allotment/ Allocation
<b>OVERALL BEET/CANE ALLOTMENTS</b>			
Beet Sugar	4,184,950	271,750	4,456,700
Cane Sugar (includes Puerto Rico)	3,515,050	228,250	3,743,300
TOTAL (Overall Allotment Quantity)	7,700,000	500,000	8,200,000
<b>STATE CANE SUGAR ALLOTMENTS:</b>			
Florida	1,715,471	214,045	1,929,516
Louisiana	1,329,764	1,148	1,330,912
Texas	144,815	13,057	157,872
Hawaii	318,829	0	318,829
Puerto Rico	6,171	0	6,171
TOTAL CANE SUGAR	3,515,050	228,250	3,743,300
<b>BEET PROCESSORS' MARKETING ALLOCATIONS:</b>			
Amalgamated Sugar Co.	918,627	56,618	975,245
American Crystal Sugar Co.	1,496,229	97,491	1,593,720
Holly Sugar Corp.	280,786	18,233	299,019
Michigan Sugar Co.	281,689	17,361	299,050
Minn-Dak Farmers Co-op.	275,076	16,953	292,029
Monitor Sugar Co.	161,414	9,948	171,362
Pacific Northwest Sugar Co.	15,000	7,314	22,314
So. Minn. Beet Sugar Co-op.	283,250	17,458	300,708
Western Sugar Co.	417,051	26,748	443,799
Wyoming Sugar Co.	55,828	3,626	59,454
TOTAL BEET SUGAR	4,184,950	271,750	4,456,700
<b>CANE PROCESSORS' MARKETING ALLOCATIONS:</b>			
Florida	1,715,471	214,045	1,929,516
Atlantic Sugar Assoc.	146,856	-1,987	144,869
Growers Co-op. of Florida	311,681	39,165	350,846
Okeelanta Corp.	322,318	66,984	389,302
Osceola Farms Co.	194,060	33,255	227,315
Talisman Sugar Corp.	54,066	5,594	59,660
U.S. Sugar Corp.	686,490	71,034	757,524
Louisiana	1,329,764	1,148	1,330,912
Alma Plantation	74,299	3,519	77,818
Caire & Graugnard	5,344	253	5,597
Cajun Sugar Co-op.	92,119	5,526	97,645
Cora-Texas Mfg. Co.	117,083	-553	116,530
Evan Hall Factory	2,670	127	2,797
Harry Laws & Co.	56,709	1,472	58,181
Iberia Sugar Co-op.	65,460	-2,662	62,798
Jeanerette Sugar Co.	60,904	2,401	63,305
Lafourche Sugars Corp.	69,216	3,278	72,494
Louisiana Sugarcane Co-op.	83,052	-271	82,781
Lula Westfield, LLC	148,265	-5,120	143,145
M.A. Patout & Sons	174,963	-1,026	173,937
Raceland Sugars	81,195	-3,113	78,082
St. Mary Sugar Co-op.	88,675	4,200	92,875
So. Louisiana Sugars Co-op.	119,930	-4,832	115,098
Sterling Sugars	89,881	-2,051	87,830
Texas	144,815	13,057	157,872
Hawaii	318,829	0	318,829
Gay & Robinson, Inc.	62,163	0	62,163
Hawaiian Commercial	256,666	0	256,666
Puerto Rico	6,171	0	6,171
Agraso	3,984	0	3,984
Roig	2,187	0	2,187

1/ Includes changes due the 500,000 ton increase in the overall allotment quantity and, for cane states and sugarcane processors, changes due to updated 2002-crop production forecasts.

For more information on this announcement, please contact Dan Colacicco at (202) 720-6733. Further information is available from FSA's Web site at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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