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USDA REALLOCATES UNUSED 2006 CROP YEAR CANE SUGAR MARKETING ALLOTMENTS

WASHINGTON, May 25, 2007 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) today announced the reassignment of projected unused cane sugar allocations among sugarcane processors and cane states. There are no allocations to be made for the beet sector.

2006 Crop Year Reassignments

CCC made the overall allotment quantity (OAQ) and allocations on Sept. 28, 2006. At the midpoint of the marketing year, CCC reviewed the use of the allocations and today's announcement is a result of that review.

CCC is required by June 1 to make a determination of the need for cane reassignments. This occurs after CCC evaluates current inventories, estimated production, expected marketings and other factors deemed useful to determine a sugarcane processor's ability to market its full allocation.

Based on estimates published in the May 2007 World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates report (WASDE) and other data available, CCC increased the allotment for Louisiana to 37,943 short tons, raw value (STRV) and reduced cane allotments for Florida, Texas and Hawaii by 29,494, 1,459, and 6,991 STRV, respectively.

The latest cane production forecasts indicate allocation imbalances among processors within Louisiana, Florida and Hawaii. As required by law, CCC first reassigned allocation within each state from processors projected to have excess allocation to processors projected to have deficit allocation. Because Florida and Hawaii processors still had surplus allocation after this redistribution step, CCC reassigned this excess allocation, plus surplus allotment from Texas, to Louisiana. This enables Louisiana processors to market their projected fiscal year supplies.

The revised 2006 crop year cane sugar state marketing allotments and processor allocations are listed in the following table:

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FY 2007 OVERALL BEET/CANE ALLOTMENTS AND ALLOCATIONS			
Distribution	Initial FY 2007 Allotments/Allocations	Changes Due to Reassignments	Adjusted Initial FY 2007 Allotments/Allocations
Beet Sugar	4,755,625	0	4,755,625
Cane Sugar	3,619,375	0	3,619,375
Reassignment to Imports	<u>375,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>375,000</u>
TOTAL OAQ	8,750,000	0	8,750,000
STATE CANE SUGAR ALLOTMENTS:			
Florida	1,762,263	-29,494	1,732,769
Louisiana	1,385,224	37,943	1,423,167
Texas	200,424	-1,459	198,965
Hawaii	<u>271,465</u>	<u>-6,991</u>	<u>264,474</u>
TOTAL CANE SUGAR	3,619,375	0	3,619,375
CANE PROCESSORS' MARKETING ALLOCATIONS:			
Florida			
Florida Crystals	684,809	-11,776	673,033
Growers Co-op. of FL	310,334	12,989	323,322
<u>U.S. Sugar Corp.</u>	<u>767,120</u>	<u>-30,706</u>	<u>736,414</u>
TOTAL	1,762,263	-29,494	1,732,769
Louisiana			
Alma Plantation	120,789	7,443	128,232
Cajun Sugar Co-op.	126,491	-7,432	119,059
Cora-Texas Mfg. Co.	173,712	-4,981	168,731
Lafourche Sugars Corp.	83,359	9,435	92,794
Louisiana Sugarcane Co-op.	103,654	-3,836	99,818
Lula Westfield, LLC	191,239	15,479	206,718
M.A. Patout & Sons	413,726	13,163	426,889
St. Mary Sugar Co-op.	112,354	13,646	126,000
<u>So. Louisiana Sugars Co-op.</u>	<u>59,900</u>	<u>-4,973</u>	<u>54,927</u>
TOTAL	1,385,224	37,943	1,423,167
Texas			
Rio Grande Valley	200,424	-1,459	198,965
Hawaii			
Gay & Robinson, Inc.	47,527	6,284	53,811
Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company	<u>223,938</u>	<u>-13,275</u>	<u>210,663</u>
TOTAL	271,465	-6,991	264,474

* The sums of individual entries may not match totals due to rounding.

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