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USDA ANNOUNCES 2002-CROP SUGAR MARKETING ALLOTMENTS AND ALLOCATIONS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1, 2002 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) today announced the cane sugar marketing allotments and allocations for the 2002-crop (FY 2003). This is the first sugar marketing allotment program since 1995, and is part of the ongoing implementation of the 2002 Farm Bill, which President Bush signed last May.

The overall allotment quantity is 7.700 million tons and the beet and cane sugar allotments are 4.185 million tons and 3.515 million tons, respectively, as of Aug. 27, 2002.

CCC assigned weights of 25 percent, 25 percent and 50 percent, respectively, to the three-factor criteria — past marketings, processing capacity and ability to market — to establish cane state allotments and sugarcane processor allocations.

CCC has also reassigned 97,639 tons of beet sugar allocation that is not expected to be filled because of a deficit in a sugar beet processor’s supply relative to its allocation. The allocation was reassigned to other sugar beet processors in proportion to their capacity to fulfill the deficit.

Proportionate shares relative to the acreage of sugarcane that may be harvested in Louisiana for sugar or seed has been calculated at 79.5 percent of each farm's sugarcane acreage base.

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 as follows:

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	Allotment/ Allocation	Reassign- ment	Allocation Including Reassignment
OVERALL BEET/CANE ALLOTMENTS			
Beet Sugar	4,184,950	0	4,184,950
Cane Sugar (includes P. Rico)	3,515,050	0	3,515,050
TOTAL (Overall Allotment Quantity)	7,700,000	0	7,700,000

STATE CANE SUGAR ALLOTMENTS:

Florida	1,715,471	0	1,715,471
Louisiana	1,329,764	0	1,329,764
Texas	144,815	0	144,815
Hawaii	318,829	0	318,829
Puerto Rico	6,171	0	6,171
TOTAL CANE SUGAR	3,515,050	0	3,515,050

BEET PROCESSORS' MARKETING ALLOCATIONS:

Amalgamated Sugar Co.	871,913	46,714	918,627
American Crystal Sugar Co.	1,297,166	0	1,297,166
Holly Sugar Corp.	484,984	0	484,984
Michigan Sugar Co.	267,365	14,325	281,689
Minn-Dak Farmers Co-op.	261,087	13,988	275,076
Monitor Sugar Co.	153,205	8,208	161,414
Pacific Northwest Sugar Co.	112,639	-97,639	15,000
So. Minn Beet Sugar Co-op.	268,846	14,404	283,250
Western Sugar Co.	411,915	0	411,915
Wyoming Sugar Co.	55,828	0	55,828
TOTAL BEET SUGAR	4,184,950	0	4,184,950

CANE PROCESSORS' MARKETING ALLOCATIONS:

Florida			
Atlantic Sugar Assoc.	146,856	0	146,856
Growers Co-op. of FL	311,681	0	311,681
Okeelanta Corp.	322,318	0	322,318
Osceola Farms Co.	194,060	0	194,060
Talisman Sugar Corp.	54,066	0	54,066
U.S. Sugar Corp.	686,490	0	686,490
TOTAL	1,715,471	0	1,715,471

Louisiana			
Alma Plantation	74,299	0	74,299
Caire & Graugnard	5,344	0	5,344
Cajun Sugar Co-op.	92,119	0	92,119
Cora-Texas Mfg. Co.	117,083	0	117,083
Evan Hall Factory	2,670	0	2,670
Harry Laws & Co.	56,709	0	56,709
Iberia Sugar Co-op.	65,460	0	65,460

Jeanerette Sugar Co.	60,904	0	60,904
Lafourche Sugars Corp.	69,216	0	69,216
Louisiana Sugarcane Co-op.	83,052	0	83,052
Lula Westfield, LLC	148,265	0	148,265
M.A. Patout & Sons	174,963	0	174,963
Raceland Sugars	81,195	0	81,195
St. Mary Sugar Co-op.	88,675	0	88,675
So. Louisiana Sugars Co-op.	119,930	0	119,930
Sterling Sugars	89,881	0	89,881
TOTAL	1,329,764	0	1,329,764
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Texas			
Rio Grande Valley	144,815	0	144,815
Hawaii			
Gay & Robinson, Inc.	62,163	0	62,163
Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company	256,666	0	256,666
TOTAL	318,829	0	318,829
Puerto Rico			
Agraso	3,984	0	3,984
Roig	2,187	0	2,187
TOTAL	6,171	0	6,171

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