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USDA ANNOUNCES FINAL REASSIGNMENTS OF 2003 SUGAR CANE MARKETING ALLOCATIONS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29, 2004 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) today announced the final reassignment of unused 2003-crop (Fiscal Year [FY] 2004) allocations among sugarcane processors in Louisiana. This will allow processors to maximize their use of the FY 2004 crop overall allotment quantity. There are no unused sugar allocations for reassignment among sugarcane processors in Hawaii, Texas and Florida.

There is 18,435 tons of allocation to be reassigned from Louisiana cane processors with surplus allocation to Louisiana cane processors with surplus supply. Since the reassigned allocation was not enough to satisfy the sugarcane processors with surplus supply, no unused allotment remained to be reassigned to the other sugarcane states.

The final revised 2003-crop sugar marketing processor allocations for Louisiana are listed in the following table:

	FY04 Allotments/Allocations as of 7/22/04	Amount Reassigned	New FY04 Allotments/Allocations
Louisiana			
Alma Plantation	78,897	3,188	82,084
Cajun Sugar Co-op.	107,919	1,517	109,436
Cora-Texas Mfg. Co.	132,122	-7,972	124,150
Harry Laws & Co.	58,045	2,345	60,391
Iberia Sugar Co-op.	66,378	-4,350	62,027
Jeanerette Sugar Co.	62,729	-644	62,084
Lafourche Sugars Corp.	76,320	890	77,209
Louisiana Sugarcane Co-op.	85,607	-4,921	80,686
Lula Westfield, LLC	167,963	1,329	169,291
M.A. Patout & Sons	373,534	7,693	381,227
St. Mary Sugar Co-op.	94,397	-548	93,849
So. Louisiana Sugars Co-op.	99,891	1,473	101,364
TOTAL	1,403,800	0	1,403,800
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