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Sweetener Users Welcome USDA Under Secretary's Remarks on Sugar Policy, TPP

SUA Says Sugar Reform Remains 'Unfinished Business'

Washington, DC (February 24, 2014) – The [Sweetener Users Association](#) (SUA) issued the following statement after remarks by U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services Michael Scuse at the International Sweetener Colloquium in Dana Point, CA, today:

“The Sweetener Users Association commends Under Secretary Scuse for his ongoing leadership and commitment to ensuring transparency in U.S. sugar policy. The Under Secretary and his team at USDA have put forth their best effort to manage the flawed sugar program as mandated by Congress, while working to balance the interests of both U.S. sugar users and producers.

“We welcome the Under Secretary’s remarks on the Trans-Pacific Partnership and its potential to open markets for U.S. agricultural products. Sweetener users strongly believe that expanding market access for sugar in the negotiations will help to ensure open markets for other U.S. commodities.

“Sugar reform in the United States remains unfinished business, and reports last week that USDA may be forced to spend additional taxpayer dollars to purchase sugar this year underscore the importance of continuing to press for reform.”

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