



United States Department of Agriculture

Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20250

April 27, 2020

The Honorable Virginia Foxx
U.S. House of Representatives
2462 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Foxx:

Thank you for your letter of March 31, 2020, cosigned by your colleagues, requesting that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) take action to make additional sugar available, in the form needed by end-users, through increases in the tariff rate quotas (TRQ) for refined and raw sugar.

As you note, the U.S. government took action to reserve and shift 300,000 short tons raw value (tons) of sugar from Mexico into its refined sugar allocation: 100,000 tons in November 2019 and 200,000 tons in February 2020. In February we reallocated the shortfall in the U.S. World Trade Organization (WTO) raw sugar TRQ, which should add about 70,000 tons to the market.

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USDA will monitor the impact of these actions closely. We aim to ensure an adequate supply for the domestic market and will take further action, if necessary, to maintain a balanced market.

If you have any additional questions or comments, please have your staff contact the Office of Congressional Relations at (202) 720-7095. A similar letter has been sent to your colleagues.

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Sonny Perdue
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The Honorable Danny Davis
U.S. House of Representatives
2159 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Davis:

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The Honorable David Roe
U.S. House of Representatives
102 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Earl Blumenauer
U.S. House of Representatives
1111 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Blumenauer:

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The Honorable Ted Budd
U.S. House of Representatives
118 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Brian Fitzpatrick
U.S. House of Representatives
1722 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Scott Perry
U.S. House of Representatives
1207 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Ann Kuster
U.S. House of Representatives
320 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
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419 Cannon House Office Building
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