

# GET TO KNOW SUGAR BEET & CANE

## WHERE DOES SUGAR COME FROM?

Growing sugar beet and sugar cane plants is a family business, with sugar being grown and/or refined in 17 states. To ensure consistency and quality, the sugar from the plants is processed and refined before it gets to your home.



The first sugar beets in the U.S. were planted near Philadelphia in

**1836**<sup>1</sup>

Sugar beets contain ~16% sucrose

They weigh

**3-5 LBS.**  
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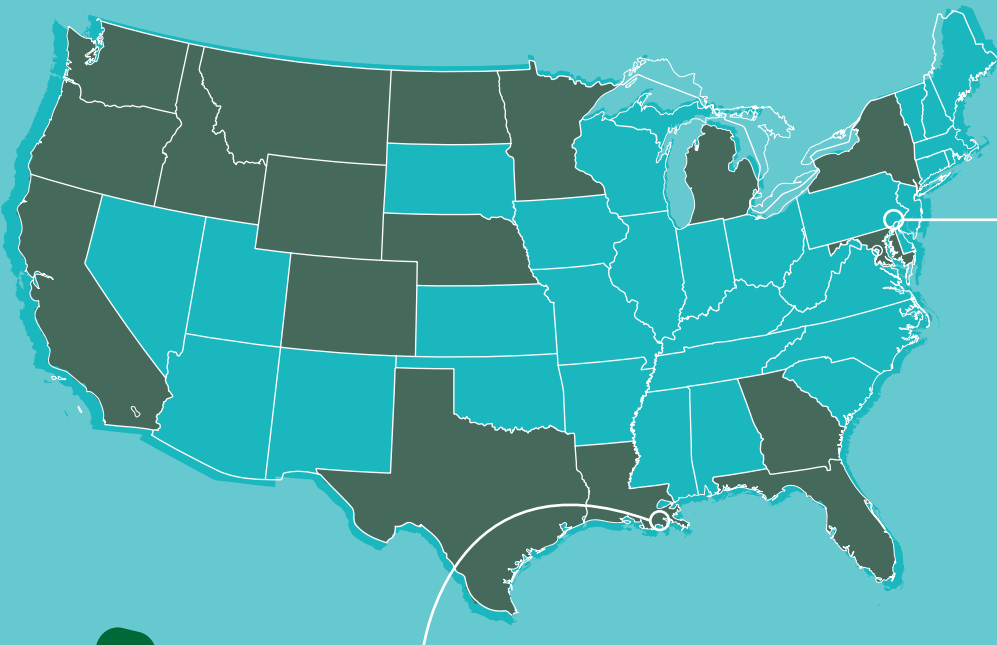
Sugar beet pulp is generally used for animal feed after the sugar is extracted<sup>4</sup> 

Sugar beet molasses can be used to remove or prevent icing of roads during the winter<sup>4</sup>

The growing season lasts for roughly five months

The first successful U.S. sugar beet factory was established in Alvarado, CA, in

**1870**<sup>1</sup>



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Sugar cane was introduced to the U.S. in

**1751**

in Louisiana<sup>2</sup>

Sugar cane contains ~14% sucrose

It grows

**10-20 FT.**  
**HIGH**

After the sugar is removed, the stalks can be turned into paper, cardboard and cutlery<sup>3</sup>



Sugar cane stalks can be burned to provide heat and electricity<sup>3</sup>

Sugar cane doesn't have to be replanted every year—stalks cut from existing crops are used to plant new ones<sup>5</sup>

The average stalk is  
**85% LIQUID**  
and weighs approximately 3 lbs.<sup>5</sup>

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