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USDA REALLOCATES UNUSED 2004 CROP YEAR CANE SUGAR MARKETING ALLOTMENTS

WASHINGTON, April 29, 2005 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced the reassignment of unused cane sugar allocations from processors in Hawaii and Louisiana to processors in Florida and Texas. There are no allocations to be made for the beet sector.

2004 Crop Year Reassignments

The overall allotment quantity (OAQ) and allocations to individual states were made Sept. 28, 2004. At the midpoint of the marketing year, the use of the allocations have been reviewed and today's announcement is a result of that review.

CCC is required to make a determination on the need for reassignments after evaluating current inventories, estimated production, expected marketings and other factors deemed appropriate to determine a processor's ability to market its full allocation.

Based on estimates published in the April 2004 World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimates report (WASDE) and other data available to the CCC, the allotment for Louisiana is reduced 100,000 short tons, raw value (STRV) and the Hawaiian allotment is reduced 35,000 STRV. This quantity is reassigned as follows: Florida 124,203 STRV; and Texas 10,797 STRV.

The reassignment is determined in two steps. The September 2005 production forecast for Louisiana indicates that certain Louisiana processors will be unable to use 123,030 STRV of their allocation. This amount is then reallocated to where shortages may exist in the cane sector. Of that amount, 23,030 STRV were redistributed within Louisiana to meet the allocation shortages of other processors. The remaining 100,000 STRV was combined with Hawaii's 35,000 STRV excess allotment, and redistributed to Texas and Florida processors according to their allocation shares. CCC will continue to monitor production and make adjustments as deemed necessary.

The revised 2004 crop year cane sugar state marketing allotments and processor allocations are listed in the following table:

FY 2005 OVERALL BEET/CANE ALLOTMENTS AND ALLOCATIONS

	Beginning FY 2005 Allotments/Allocations	Reassigned Amount (Cane Only)	New Allotments/Allocations
Beet Sugar	4,402,350		4,402,350
Cane Sugar	<u>3,697,650</u>		<u>3,697,650</u>
TOTAL OAQ	8,100,000		8,100,000

STATE CANE SUGAR ALLOTMENTS:

Florida	1,816,139	124,203	1,940,342
Louisiana	1,404,987	-100,000	1,304,987
Texas	157,880	10,797	168,677
Hawaii	318,644	-35,000	283,644
Puerto Rico	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL CANE SUGAR	3,697,650	0	3,697,650

CANE PROCESSORS' MARKETING ALLOCATIONS:

Florida			
Atlantic Sugar Assoc.	152,485	-1,687	150,798
Growers Co-op. of FL	326,697	58,145	384,842
Okeelanta Corp.	384,570	20,196	404,766
Osceola Farms Co.	210,697	25,450	236,146
U.S. Sugar Corp.	<u>741,690</u>	<u>22,100</u>	<u>763,790</u>
TOTAL	1,816,139	124,203	1,940,342

Louisiana			
Alma Plantation	76,622	6,760	83,382
Caire & Graugnard	0	0	0
Cajun Sugar Co-op.	106,426	3,571	109,996
Cora-Texas Mfg. Co.	130,504	9,507	140,011
Harry Laws & Co.	57,113	-897	56,216
Iberia Sugar Co-op.	67,839	-19,317	48,522
Jeanerette Sugar Co.	64,199	-10,868	53,331
Lafourche Sugars Corp.	76,525	3,191	79,716
Louisiana Sugarcane Co-op.	87,411	-9,483	77,929
Lula Westfield, LLC	165,913	0	165,914
M.A. Patout & Sons	369,051	-47,442	321,609
St. Mary Sugar Co-op.	92,989	-5,202	87,787
So. Louisiana Sugars Co-op.	<u>110,396</u>	<u>-29,821</u>	<u>80,575</u>
TOTAL	1,404,987	-100,000	1,304,987

Texas			
Rio Grande Valley	157,880	10,797	168,677
Hawaii			
Gay & Robinson, Inc.	73,145	0	73,145
Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar			
Company	<u>245,499</u>	<u>-35,000</u>	<u>210,499</u>
TOTAL	318,644	-35,000	283,644

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