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USDA ANNOUNCES REVISED 2002-CROP BEET SUGAR MARKETING ALLOCATIONS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18, 2002 – As part of USDA's ongoing implementation of the 2002 Farm Bill, the Department's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) today announced revised beet sugar allocations for the 2002-crop (FY 2003). Recent mergers within the beet sugar sector require revisions to three beet processors' sugar allocations.

The 2002 beet sugar allocations are as follows:

BEET PROCESSORS' MARKETING ALLOCATIONS:

	October 1, 2002		
	Announced Allocations	Change	Revised Allocations
	Short Tons, Raw Value		
Amalgamated Sugar Co.	918,627	0	918,627
American Crystal Sugar Co.	1,297,166	199,063	1,496,229
Holly Sugar Corp.	484,984	-204,198	280,786
Michigan Sugar Co.	281,689	0	281,689
Minn-Dak Farmers Co-op.	275,076	0	275,076
Monitor Sugar Co.	161,414	0	161,414
Pacific Northwest Sugar Co.	15,000	0	15,000
So. Minn Beet Sugar Co-op.	283,250	0	283,250
Western Sugar Co.	411,915	5,136	417,051
Wyoming Sugar Co.	55,828	0	55,828
TOTAL BEET SUGAR	4,184,950	0	4,184,950

The first sugar beet allocations were announced on Oct. 1, 2002.

Most sugar beets produced in the United States are grown in the upper Mid-West and West. During 2001-2002, U.S. producers grew more than 28.5 million tons of sugar beets.

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