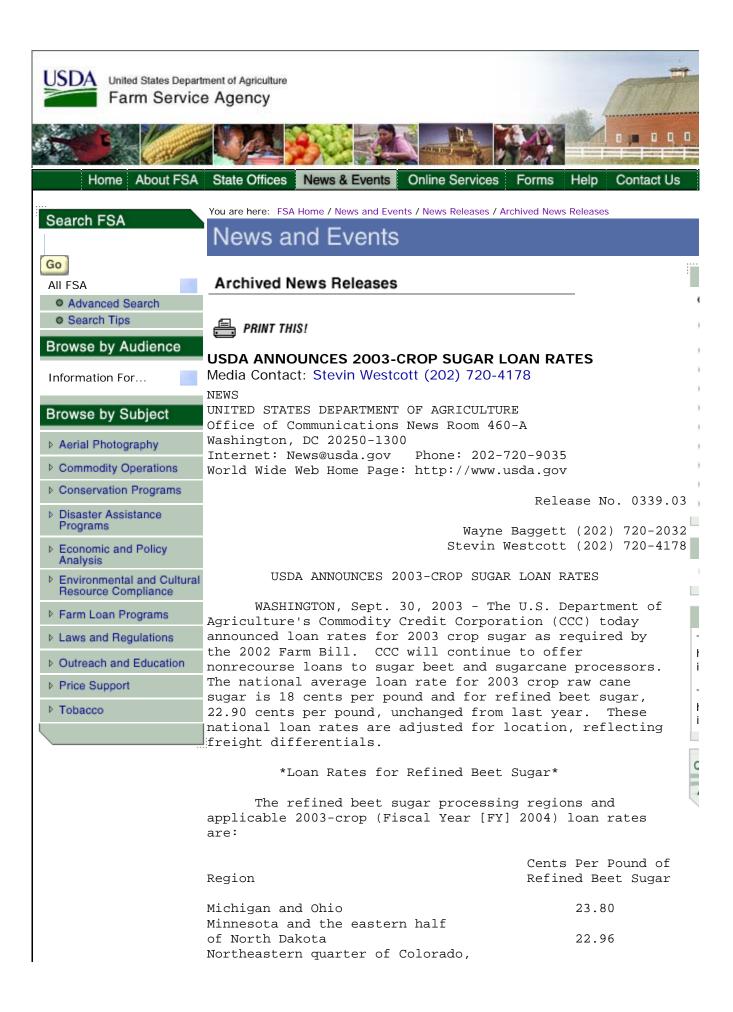
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Nebraska and the southeastern	
quarter of Wyoming	23.32
Montana, northwestern quarter of	
Wyoming and the western half of	
North Dakota	22.42
Idaho, Oregon and Washington	21.99
California	23.76

\*Loan Rates for Raw Cane Sugar\*

The 2003-crop (FY 2004) raw cane sugar loan rates are:

State	Cents Per Pound of Cane Sugar, Raw Value
Florida	17.73
Hawaii	17.73
Louisiana	18.44
Texas	18.04
Puerto Rico	18.00
*18.00 cents per pound if stored on	the mainland.

Sugar beet and sugarcane processors who receive CCC loans in FY 2004 are required to make minimum grower payments for all sugar beets and sugarcane received from growers. Processors failing to meet the required minimum grower payment will be ineligible for loans. Sugar beet grower minimum payments are the amount specified in the grower/processor contract. Sugarcane producers must pay at least the following payment levels, on average, to their growers. A grower's payment level can be adjusted according to the quality adjustment method in the grower/processor contract.

State	Minimum Payment
Florida	\$26.18 per net ton
Hawaii	\$23.58 per net ton
Louisiana	\$24.07 per gross ton
Texas	\$21.23 per gross ton
Puerto Rico	\$14.94 per gross ton

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