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**USDA ADJUSTS CANE SUGAR MARKETING ALLOTMENTS**

WASHINGTON, April 9, 2004 -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture today announced revisions to state sugarcane marketing allotments and sugarcane processor marketing allocations. Sugar beet processor allocations are unchanged from the Sept. 30, 2003, announcement.

State sugarcane allotments and sugarcane processor allocations are revised, in accordance with the 1938 Act, to reflect updated forecasts of FY 2004 raw cane sugar production. In addition, some cane processor allocations were transferred in Louisiana for the following reasons:

1. The Glenwood facility of South Louisiana Sugars Cooperative (SLSC) closed, resulting in the transfer of some production history to Alma Plantation, LTD., Cora-Texas Manufacturing Company, Inc., Lafourche Sugars Corporation and Lula-Westfield, LLC.
2. Caire & Graugnard, L.L.C. (C&G), and SLSC mutually agreed to permanently transfer C&G's production history and current allocation to SLSC.

The revised 2003-crop cane sugar state marketing allotments and processor allocations are listed in the following table:

FY 2004 OVERALL BEET/CANE ALLOTMENTS AND ALLOCATIONS 1/			
	Beginning FY04 Allotments/Allo cations	Adjustments Due to Change in Production Forecast and Transfers due to Plant Closing	New FY04 Allotments/Allocations
	(short tons, raw value)		
Beet Sugar	4,483,875		4,483,875
Cane Sugar	3,766,125		3,766,125
<b>TOTAL OAQ</b>	<b>8,250,000</b>		<b>8,250,000</b>

STATE CANE SUGAR ALLOTMENTS:			
Florida	1,877,086	33,777	1,910,863
Louisiana	1,411,954	-35,328	1,376,626
Texas	157,617	1,614	159,230
Hawaii	319,468	-62	319,406
Puerto Rico	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL CANE SUGAR</b>	<b>3,766,125</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,766,125</b>
CANE PROCESSORS' MARKETING ALLOCATIONS:			
Florida			
Atlantic Sugar Assoc.	149,152	23,409	172,561
Growers Co-op. of FL	340,435	6,497	346,933
Okeelanta Corp.	381,926	8,821	390,747
Osceola Farms Co.	229,221	-5,452	223,769
U.S. Sugar Corp.	776,351	502	776,853
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,877,086</b>	<b>33,777</b>	<b>1,910,863</b>
Louisiana			
Alma Plantation	75,891	688	76,578
Caire & Graugnard	3,303	-3,303	0
Cajun Sugar Co-op.	100,796	7,097	107,894
Cora-Texas Mfg. Co.	126,803	-812	125,991
Harry Laws & Co.	60,208	-2,686	57,522
Iberia Sugar Co-op.	68,147	-4,030	64,117
Jeanerette Sugar Co.	65,848	-3,731	62,117
Lafourche Sugars Corp.	72,663	1,578	74,242
Louisiana Sugarcane Co-op.	87,624	-2,051	85,573
Lula Westfield, LLC	158,825	2,073	160,897
M.A. Patout & Sons	390,185	-20,596	369,588
St. Mary Sugar Co-op.	95,873	-3,336	92,537
So. Louisiana Sugars Co-op.	105,789	-6,220	99,569
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,411,954</b>	<b>-35,328</b>	<b>1,376,626</b>

Texas			
Rio Grande Valley	157,617	1,614	159,230
Hawaii			
Gay & Robinson, Inc.	68,252	1,109	69,361
Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company	251,216	-1,171	250,044
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>319,468</b>	<b>-62</b>	<b>319,406</b>
Puerto Rico			
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

1/ Note: The sum of processor values within a state may not equal state totals due to rounding.

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