

Hunger crop - poverty and the sugar industry

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In the United States, once the government bestows political favors on one industry, others come to Washington to seek their own special treatment or to fend off special-interest requests from competing industries. When it comes to exporting food to other continents, African countries are often blocked by quality measures, besides being unable to compete with subsidised producers elsewhere. Information is publicly posted only after a careful vetting and verification process.

Child labour, poverty and terrible working conditions lie behind the sugar you eat

Collaboration with industry and other stakeholders to achieving positive change in the sugarcane industry. Working together, consumers, academics, civil society and industry can improve social conditions for sugarcane workers and those across the agricultural industry and beyond.

U.S. Trade Policy Gouges American Sugar Consumers

That clearing of the land disrupts the ecosystem in ways that have deadly consequences for migratory birds in particular and for global ecological balance in general. Although the North American Free Trade Agreement NAFTA eliminated tariffs between the United States, Mexico, and Canada, a loophole allows domestic producers to request anti-dumping duties to protect them from international competition.

The Hunger Crop: Poverty and the sugar industry

The workers are drawn to the industry by the guarantee of continual work, decent pay and of free transportation to and from the fields; they are attracted to the ethanol production industry for similar reasons. Major food and beverage companies rarely own land, but they depend on it for the crops they buy, including sugar.

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Provisions such as these, as well as a multitude of corporate social responsibility programmes and industry specific commitments, have been put in place as measures to correct the longstanding social risks and challenges faced by the people who produce the goods we consume.

Sugar Rush

International Social and Environmental Standards The bilateral agreement with the LDC, which derived from the postponed EBA, must include social minimum standards for the livelihoods and working conditions of the plantation and sugar-processing industry workers. Aditya Chakrabortty, , The Guardian, July 4, 2008 Rich countries have attempted instead to blame demand from rising poorer countries as a bigger cause.

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