



Sugar Program Administration

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National Security in the supply of food

Income and Financial Stability for Growers

- Insurance to mitigate the financial risk of yield losses

- Mitigation of financial power imbalances - Small producers and large buyers

 - unequal power. Marketing loans

 - Cooperative business structures

 - Support price stability – Non recourse price support loans

Mitigation of Poverty

- Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program

Promote Practice and Technological Advances to promote Sustainable

Production

- Promote Diversification of Crops and

- Utilize technologies to protect the environment

- Promote the propagation of crop varieties that resist diseases and pests

- Monitor and promote the development of safe varieties, herbicides and pesticides

Promotion of trade laws that grow exports and promote fair trade in imports

Provide Safe Food supplies

Support Income and Price Stability through Marketing loans

Raw Sugar Supported at 19.75 US Cents per pound

Refined Beet Sugar supported at 128.5% of raw sugar support price (25.38)

Policy controls to mitigate cost to the Government

Import quotas and FTA's to regulate imports into the market

Feedstock Flexibility Program

(USDA / STR / State)

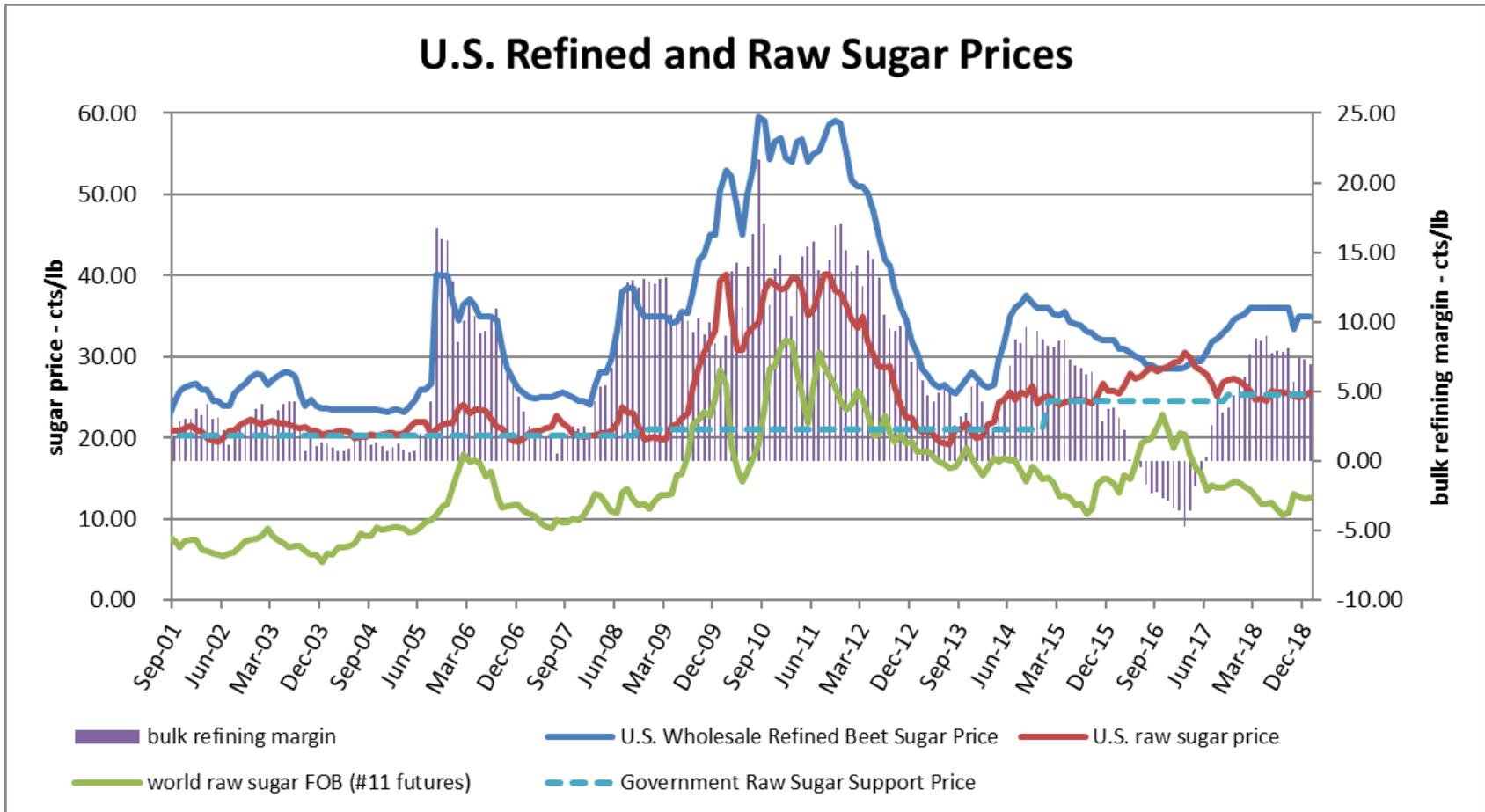
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(USDA / STR / ITC / DOC)

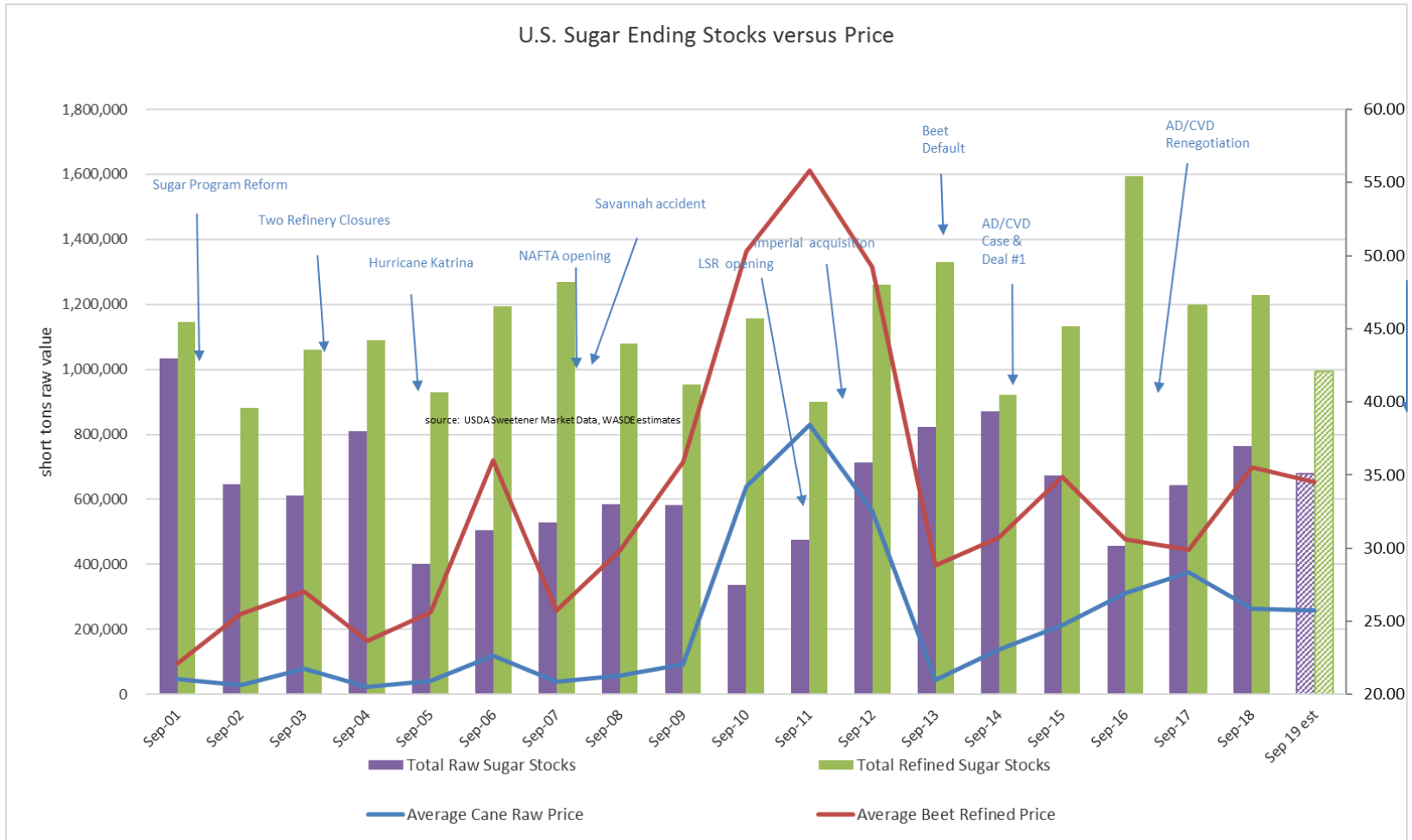
Promote sound Agricultural Production methods and the development of traditional and Genetically Modified Varieties (USDA / Land Grant College System)

Monitor and promote the development of safe herbicides and pesticides that protect crops while being safe for the environment and are they are safe in the food supply. (USDA / EPA / FDA)

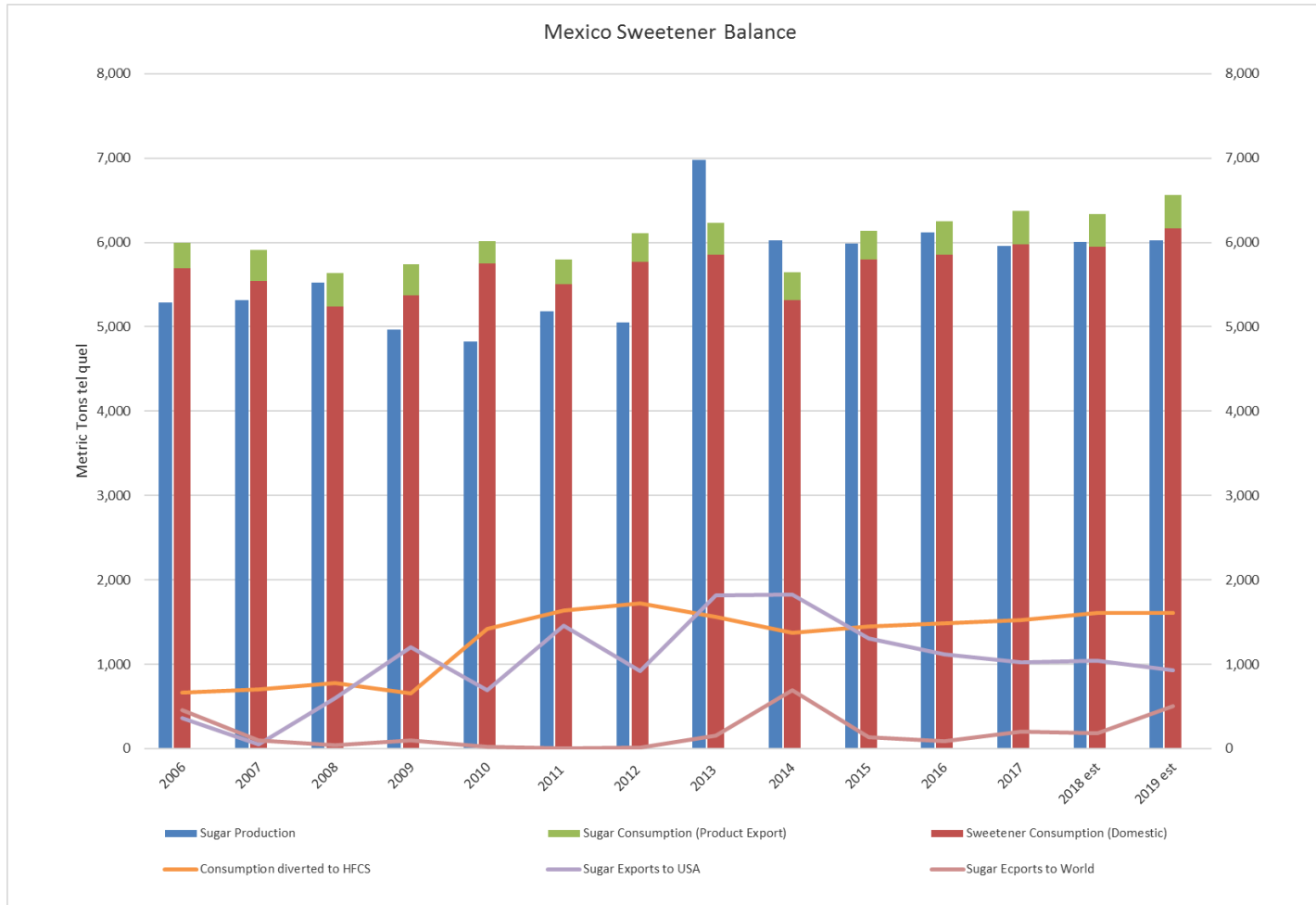
Promote safety in the physical movement of foodstuffs and compliance with US laws on food safety (CBP / TSA / FDA)



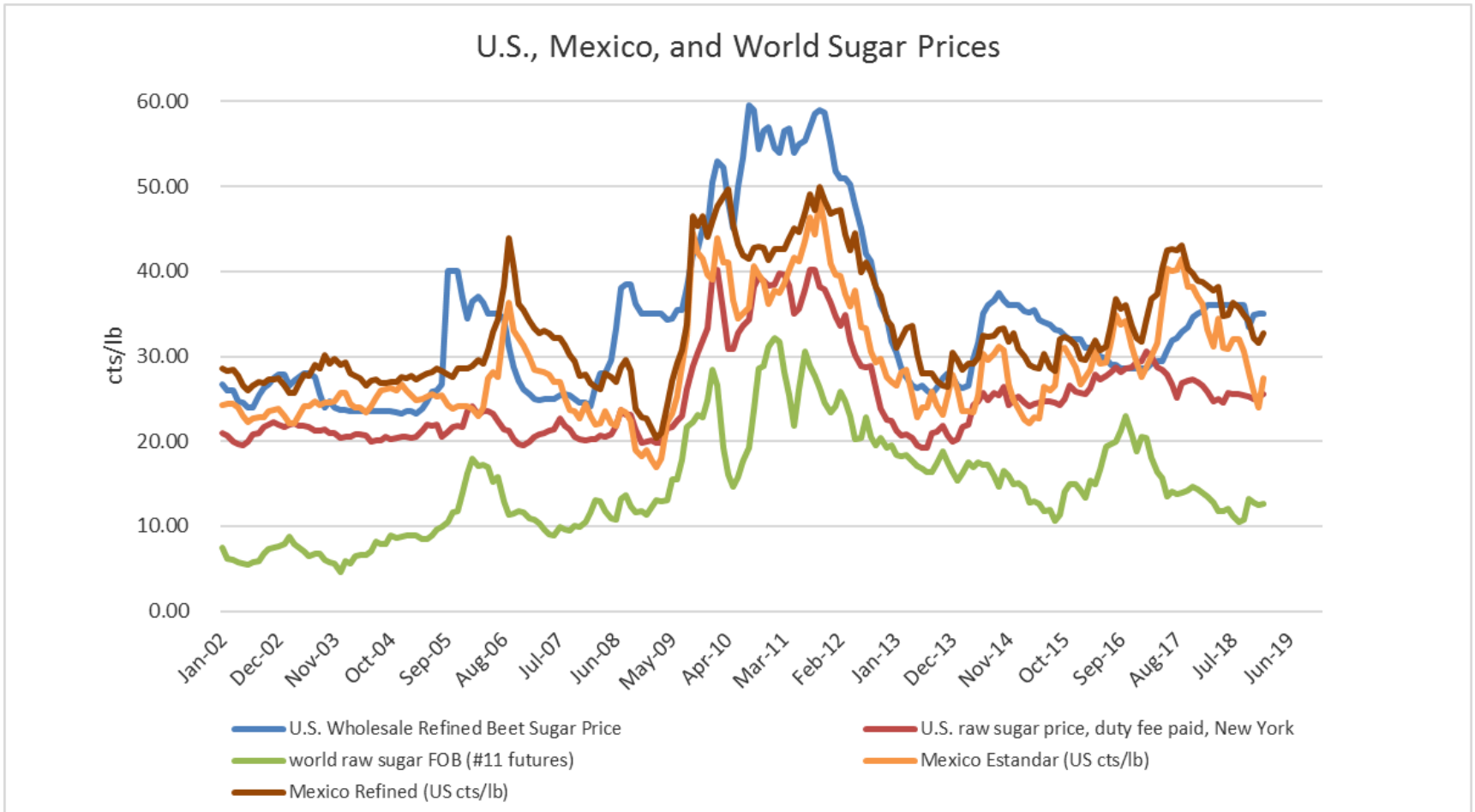
Price supports do work in the real world. The theoretic goal of stability in supply versus need is difficult to attain. It is easier to deal with surplus than to limit higher prices in times of shortage.



The system we have developed should be self correcting, but is not perfect and all parties seem to have periods of pain at times.



Mexican production has been quite stable in recent years. Sugar exports to the US (direct and in products) have been falling short of imports of HFCS and local consumption leading to a more regular and growing need to export to the world market.



Prices resulting from policy decisions have responded to cross border needs and have caused cross border problems.

In the real world, producers, processors and consumers do not live in the long run. We must survive in the short run realities of the current situations.

No one agency or government has full control over the myriad of policies that impact our businesses. There are conflicts.

Policies that work allow for the flexibility for administrators to change enough to keep the various parts of the industry on course.

Good information and sharing of data between governments leads to better decisions.

The best policies probably leave everyone a bit unsatisfied from time to time.

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