



Western Sugar Cooperative
(Grower Owned)

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GMO Statement

Currently, Western Sugar is processing genetically enhanced sugar beets to produce refined sugar and related sugar products.

Genetically modified DNA and/or proteins derived from genetically modified DNA are removed during the refining process and sugar tested has been shown to be PCR negative.

Western Sugar grower-owners have elected to farm using genetically enhanced sugar beets (a.k.a. GMO sugar beets). Using this advanced farming technology allows our growers to produce more sugar per acre using fewer, safer chemicals and fewer precious natural resources, including less water. This technology has revolutionized sugar beet production, but the sugar remains unchanged. During sugar extraction and processing, all DNA and protein is removed from the pure crystalline sucrose. Therefore sugar from sugar beets remains GMO-free, just as it was 100 years ago. Regardless of source or production method, all sucrose is the same, therefore there are no quality, health or safety difference between cane or beet sugar whether produced conventionally, using GMO technology, or farmed organically.

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