

# SWEETENING

## THE ECONOMIC OUTLOOK IN MINNESOTA AND NORTH DAKOTA

The sugar industry of MN and ND has a huge impact on  
our states' economies.

**\$6.1  
BILLION**  
economic contribution  
in MN and ND annually

**\$2.2+  
BILLION** in ND  
1.6% of the state's economy

**\$3.8+  
BILLION** in MN  
0.5% of the state's economy

This economic impact comes at no cost to the U.S. taxpayers.

The MN and ND  
sugar industry supports  
**16,400**  
direct & secondary  
**JOBS**

Direct and secondary  
labor income for the industry  
**\$1.6  
BILLION**

**4,400**  
directly employed year-round  
in the sugarbeet industry

**880**  
seasonal harvest  
contract employees

The majority of the directly employed workforce are members  
of the BCTGM union.

**630,000+**  
**ACRES**

planted and harvested in MN and ND

Every acre of  
sugarbeets produces  
**\$9,600**  
in total economic output

**ONE JOB**  
for every  
**39 ACRES**  
of sugarbeets



**16.9 MILLION  
TONS**  
of sugarbeets processed  
in MN and ND



MN and ND  
produce over  
**50%**  
of all beet sugar in  
the United States

**\$196  
MILLION**  
in state and local  
government revenue



**\$851  
MILLION**  
in goods  
and services  
purchased



**\$261** **\$192**  
MILLION in MN MILLION in ND

**\$126 MILLION**  
in capital outlays



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