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SUGAR BEETS



BY THE NUMBERS – 2022

27,750

acres
seeded

872,420

tonnes of
product

200

farm families

\$250 MILLION

to the provincial
economy

DID YOU KNOW?

If the black factory stamp on a Rogers sugar bag starts with the number “22,” you are guaranteed to be buying 100% Canadian sugar produced from sugar beets that are refined locally in Taber, AB.



Largest overall export market — Alberta sugar beet sugar supplies 8% of the domestic sugar market.

ENVIRONMENT

The sugar beet industry is independently verified as sustainable at the FSA Silver level. This confirms that our growers are managing their resources to achieve a sustainable farming operation that benefits the environment, economy and people.

MEET A PRODUCER

Gary Tokariuk

My grandfather bought our original home farm in 1928. We started growing beets in the 1940s. My dad farmed until 1986 when I took over, making me third generation. My son Ben joined me in 2021, making him the fourth. I graduated from the University of Alberta (U of A) in 1982 with a degree in agriculture. After working for Alberta Agriculture, I returned to the farm. My son Ben has a degree in physics from the University of Lethbridge. My daughter Rebecca has a degree in agriculture from the U of A as well. She works for Rogers sugar and tells us what we are doing wrong. I am the current president of the ASBG board and have served as a director on the board in the past. Sugar beets are one of the reasons I have been able to expand my operation, and one of my favourite memories with sugar beets is when I grew my first crop that was over 30 metric tonnes an acre.



FUN FACTS

Sugar beets are about **15%–20% sugar**. The rest is water and pulp.



Sugar beets have been grown in Alberta since 1902.

1 acre
of sugar beets



4,383 kg
of sugar



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