

# Supreme Court refuses GWS case, upholding delayed interest payment

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GWS, Grower Contract Talks Set for Monday

LOVELAND, Colo. (AP) — Negotiations on a new sugar beet payment contract will resume Monday between Great Western Sugar Co. and the Mountain States Beet Growers Assn.

Executive Manager Stephen Reynolds said members of the Mountain States Assn. believe Great Western is using closures of 11 plants in Colorado and Nebraska as a threat to gain an unfair bargaining position.

Members of the Mountain States and Nebraska Beet Growers Associations have rejected Great Western's proposed payment plan, which is based partly on the purity of beets.

Growers want to retain the old payment system, which was based on tonnage. Other beet growers associations in the Rocky Mountain region have agreed to Great Western's proposal.

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