Sugar farmer gets $32 a ton

The sugar beet farmer received approximately $32 per ton of sugar beets for his 1973 crop. The average sugar content of a ton of sugar beets was approximately 16 per cent. A ton of sugar beets therefore represents 320 pounds of sugar.

A check of the retail price of sugar in Billings on Nov. 14, 1974 showed a variance of roughly $45 to $60 per hundred pounds. This means the consumer was paying from $144 to $192 for the sugar the beet grower had received $32.

Therefore the refineries, the brokers, the wholesaler and retailer received a total of $114 to $160 for their share, for which the farmer received $32. The farmer furnished the land, seed, fertilizer, machinery, labor, taxes etc. to produce that 320 pounds of sugar.

Figure it out for yourself as to who is responsible for the extremely high prices of sugar.

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GWU Suit On Docket In Dallas

DALLAS — (AP) — U.S. District Court Judge William Taylor will hear arguments Monday in a lawsuit aimed at blocking Nelson Bunker Hunt and W. Herbert Hunt from gaining control of a major sugar company.

The suit, transferred here from New York, involves the tender offer by the two sons of oil billionaire H. L. Hunt to buy 910,000 shares of common stock in Great Western United Corp. at $27.50 a share.

Great Western United's subsidiary, Great Western Sugar Co., is the nation's largest beet sugar producer.

The company's board said recently that the Hunt offer was inadequate because of soaring sugar prices.

Company officials contend the Hunts have violated Securities and Exchange Commission regulations.

They are asking Judge Taylor to stop the tender offer until a trial can be held. The company also is asking that all stock purchases made so far under the offer be rescinded.

Beet Payment is Over $10 Million

Sugarbeet growers in the Bayard factory area will receive over $10,053,000 as first payment on the 1974 sugar beet crop, according to I. L. Johnson, agricultural manager of the Bayard factory.

The payment is on beets harvested through Nov. 4. Johnson said over 99% of the harvest was completed by that date and the last 1974 beet deliveries were received last weekend to complete the harvest.

The beauty mild fall weather resulted in one of the most rapid harvests in the history of the Bayard factory. The crop yielded slightly under 17 tons per acre on over 23,000 acres with an average sugar content of 17.1%.

The Bayard factory, under the supervision of Vernon Zimmerman, factory manager, is making a good run and is expected to be in continuous operation until late in January, 1975.

Substitutes for sugar

NEW YORK (UPI) — The retail price of sugar has tripled since last Thanksgiving, adding still more to the cost of traditional cranberry sauce, candied sweet potatoes and pumpkin and mince pies.

All four can be made with caloric or noncaloric substitutes.

Corn syrup is good with cranberries. It makes a less watery mixture than sugar because it does not draw out the juices from fruit and berries.

Corn syrup, honey, molasses or a noncaloric sweetener can be substituted in sweet potatoes or pies. But remember that noncaloric substitutes will not make a thick sauce for potatoes. Nor will they add as much bulk as sugar does to pie fillings, and some leave a bitter aftertaste in hot foods.