



Sugarbeets IN MINNESOTA

Economic Contribution of Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative

Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative, located in Renville, is a major beet sugar extraction cooperative. Given its sugarbeet production and extraction role, Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Cooperative (SMBSC) wanted to understand its contribution to the regional and state economy. SMBSC hired University of Minnesota Extension to conduct the study.



- Farmer owned cooperative established in 1972
- 500 Shareholders with farm operations in 17 counties
- 350 Full-time employees and 450 seasonal employees
- Operating the largest beet plant in the United States

Our cooperative's entire operation is in Minnesota. We are Minnesota grown; we are Minnesota owned.

SMBC GENERATED ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

\$818 MILLION
 Total economic activity generated in Minnesota, 2017, including \$19.9 million in state and local taxes

SMBC JOB CREATION

5,270 JOBS Supported in 2017
 60% of jobs derive from sugarbeet production

PRODUCTION AND EXTRACTION


 **#1 SUGARBEET STATE**

- Minnesota is the #1 sugarbeet producing state (tons produced)
- Minnesota accounts for 35% of national sugarbeet production
- Total sugarbeet production is increasing
- Half of the United State's sugar production comes from sugarbeets




512 Shareholders grew **3.653** million tons of sugarbeets


 SMBSC produced **1 billion** pounds of pure white sugar


 Growers planted **126,965** acres of sugarbeets