



## **Growing and Processing Beet and Cane Sugar**



*An exhibition hosted by the PMCA Production Conference Program Committee*

Sugar, at one time in history as valuable as gold, is now part of everyday life around the world. Although there are other types of sweeteners, sugar is relatively inexpensive to transport, easy to store and is almost imperishable. It occurs in the greatest quantities in sugar cane and sugar beets from which it is separated for commercial use and used in the preparation of foods, as an additive to drinks and as a preservative and fermenting agent. Most importantly sugar makes people happy by adding a touch of sweetness to life!

The PMCA *Sugar Growing and Processing* display, a highlight of the Supplier Exhibition being held during the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Production Conference, will feature both beet and cane sugar growing, harvesting and processing. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the complexities of sugar farming and production and the various forms of sugar produced from these two plants. A limited number of plants will be available for attendees to take home along with instructions on how to grow and care for their sugar plant. The display will include tasting samples of sugar in various forms for attendees to enjoy.

The PMCA sugar exhibition will be located at booth numbers 11-14 inside Freedom Hall of the Lancaster County Convention Center April 30, 2012 from 12:00pm-5:00pm.

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