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Dear Colleague:

Prices for crop and livestock products have their ups and downs, but 1980 was definitely an "up" year for sugarbeets.

Grower return thus far for beets with state average sugar content, 15.48 percent, has been \$42.77 per ton. When you consider average production from 9,119 acres during 1980 was 22.88 tons per acre, it means an average return of \$976.55 per acre--an outstanding testimonial for sugarbeets.

It is noteworthy, too, to point out that the average sugar percentage is an all-time high for the state. Meantime, 1980 was the fifth year out of the past 10 when growers surpassed the 22-ton mark in average production.

The Spreckels Division of Amstar, the source of my figures, tells me that the state sugarbeet crop will approach 13,000 acres for harvest in 1981.

In our continuing effort to be of service to your industry, the attached material is offered by way of accountability to you, our clientele. If you have constructive suggestions for improving our research and extension programs, I shall be most pleased to hear from you.

Sincerely,

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