

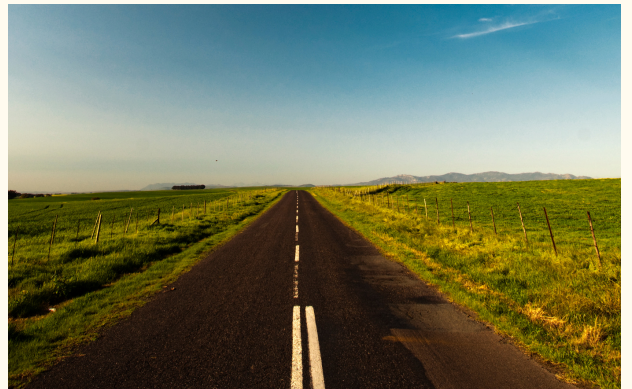
SUGARCANE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2015

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A program in pushing for the competitiveness of the sugarcane industry and maximizing the utilization of sugarcane resources, and improving the incomes of farmers and farm workers, through improved productivity, product diversification, job generation, and increased efficiency of sugar mills.

01 *Infrastructure Program*

To facilitate the transport of sugarcane to mills and distilleries, enhance the marketing and export of sugar and other products derived from sugarcane, and complement productivity improvement measures



02 *Block Farm Program*



The Program is the consolidation of small farms including farms of agrarian reform beneficiaries, as one larger farm, with a minimum area of thirty (30) hectares within a two-kilometer radius, to take advantage of the economies of scale in the production of sugarcane, to ensure the efficient use of farm machinery and equipment, deployment of workers, volume purchase of inputs, financing, and other operational advantages, as well as recognition by sugar mills, government financial institutions, private investors, but the ownership of each small farm remains with the landowners. .

03 *Scholarship Program*

For the underprivileged but deserving college and postgraduate students who are taking up courses in relevant fields of discipline in SUCs which have programs in agriculture, agricultural engineering and mechanics, and chemical engineering/sugar technology; and for vocational courses and skills development for farmers and farm technicians, and skilled workers in sugar mills, sugar refineries, distilleries and biomass power plants;



04 *Socialized Credit Program*



Socialized credit is made available, through the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), for the acquisition of production inputs, farm machineries, and implements necessary for the continuous production of sugarcane

05 *Research, Development & Extension Program*

Intensify researches on sugarcane high yielding or flood-resistant varieties; pest control and prevention; latest farming, milling, refining, and biomass co-generation technologies; soil analysis and fertility mapping of sugarcane areas; weather monitoring and climate change adaptation measures; sugar and sweetener consumption; and other viable products that can be derived from sugarcane.

