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Florida Sugar Cane League Hosts Agriculture Leaders on Sugarcane Tour

On Monday, January 30th, the Florida Sugar Cane League was excited to host the leaders of important U.S. farm and agricultural organizations for a tour of sugarcane farming, milling and refining operations. The tour originated in Miami where the American Sugarbeet Growers Association was holding its annual meeting. The group participated in a panel that noted how important coalition building and unity would be for the successful development of the next farm bill.

The tour provided an overview of the nearly 400,000 acres of sugarcane that are grown in Florida producing two million tons of sugar per year.

Ryan Weston, CEO, of the Florida Sugar Cane League and Washington Representative of the Rio Grande Valley Sugar Growers of Texas welcomed the group to Clewiston, Florida. U.S. Sugar Corporation's CEO, Bob Buker, spoke briefly about the company and thanked the leaders for taking the time to educate themselves and their organizations about crop production throughout the U.S.

Attendees included – Richard Wilkins, Chairman of the American Soybean Association and his wife Donna; Wesley Spurlock, President of the National Corn Growers Association, and his wife Susi; Gordon Stoner, President of the National Association of Wheat Growers; Ronnie Lee, Chairman of the National Cotton Council; Chuck Conner, President of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives; Christy Seyfert, Director of Crop Insurance for Rural Community Insurance Services; Brian Baenig, President of United States Beet Sugar Association and Cassie Bladow, Vice President of United States Beet Sugar Association.

“This group has a vast amount of knowledge of on the ground agriculture and are proven leaders in policy and political circles. Their efforts to defend and develop agriculture policy will be critical in the months ahead and we can't thank them enough for advocating for farmers of all crops in all parts of the country,” said Weston.