INTERESTING FACT

Many sugarcane farms are family businesses and the one Hawkins runs is no exception. She has a special bond with her brother. They are truly friends and use each other’s strengths to run an efficient business.

WHY IS SUGARCANE IMPORTANT IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

“The people who are involved in sugarcane in our state in the sugar belt are very friendly. We’re a very close-knit group. We are very attached. Good friends. We become friends. We help each other. It’s an awesome industry. I guess in a way I say I’m rooted to the industry.”

WHAT DO YOU WANT CONGRESS TO KNOW ABOUT U.S. SUGAR POLICY?

“I would like Congress to know that or no-cost sugar program is very viable and its very important. We want to keep our no-cost sugar program. It is the most important thing. And we realize we have lots of challenges ahead but that program keeps us going.”

Hawkins runs the farm with her brother, George LaCour; and niece, Catherine.