Bagasse Is Functional Material Made From Sugar Cane, Used Widely

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For many years, sugar manufacturers have been looking for ways to reduce their production costs. According to Bill Patout of M.A. Patout and Son, "Bagasse is a low-cost fuel source that remains after the juice has been squeezed out, and sugar manufacturers need to be more efficient with bagasse because it is a natural choice.

Manufacturers have been using bagasse as a source of fuel in their sugar mills, according to Roland Hebert of the St. Martin Sugar Cooperative. However, the cost of natural gas has led sugar manufacturers to look for alternatives.

Sugar manufacturers are using bagasse to fuel the boilers that turn the steam turbines to power the production of sugar. According to Keenliside, visiting research associate at the Audubon Observatory, bagasse has been burned in the past, but the odor is not always pleasant. "Bagasse has been used as chicken litter, but it can be used effectively. Most sugar manufacturers are burning bagasse to meet Environmental Protection Agency standards for dust and particles that are let into the atmosphere. Wax and refined sugar are also used in the production of paper and plastics." According to Keenliside, visitng research associate at the Audubon Observatory, bagasse has been used as chicken litter, but it can be used effectively. Most sugar manufacturers are burning bagasse to meet Environmental Protection Agency standards for dust and particles that are let into the atmosphere. Wax and refined sugar are also used in the production of paper and plastics.

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