

2026 Grain Market Outlook

“Winning-The-Game” Grain Marketing Webinar

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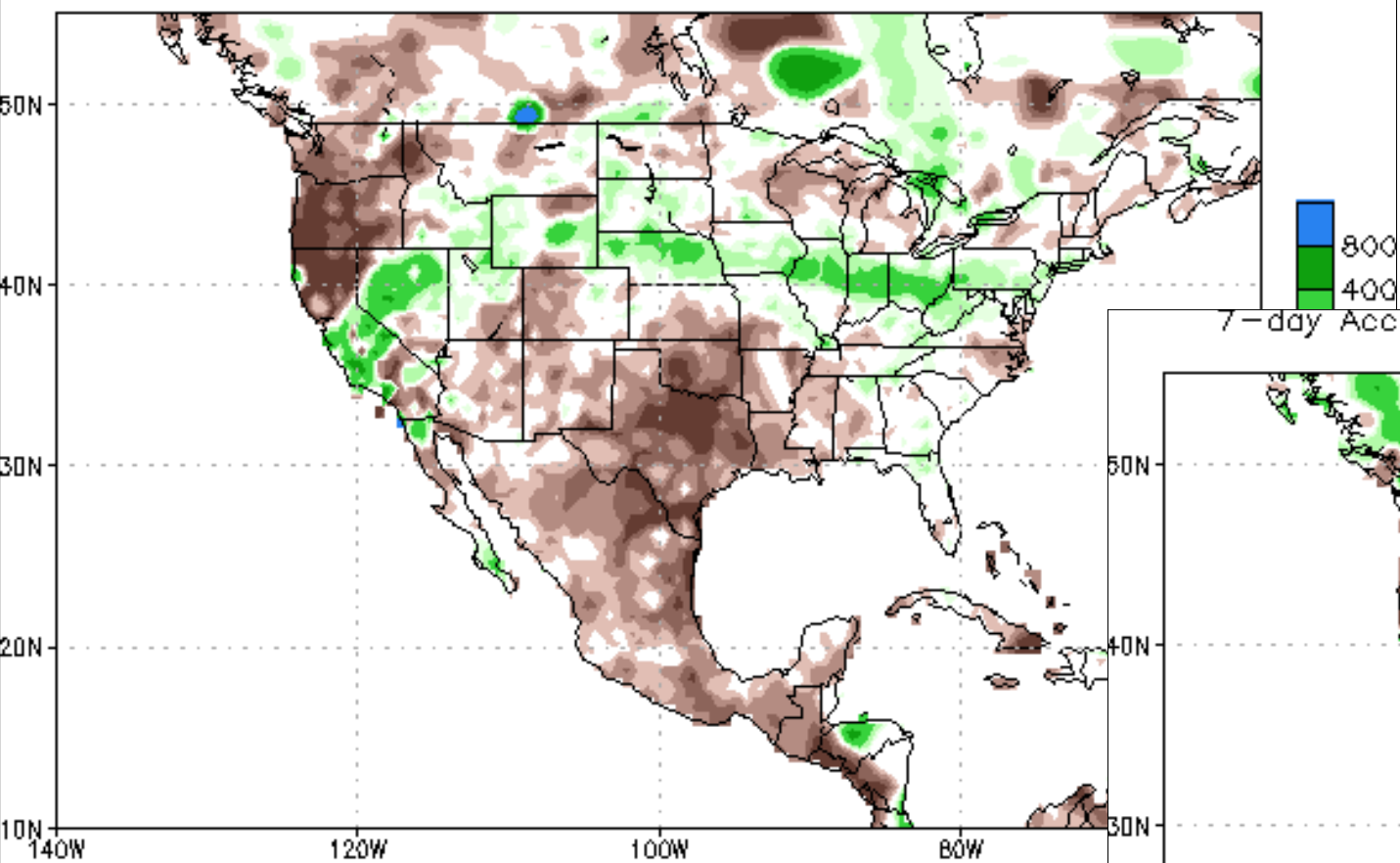


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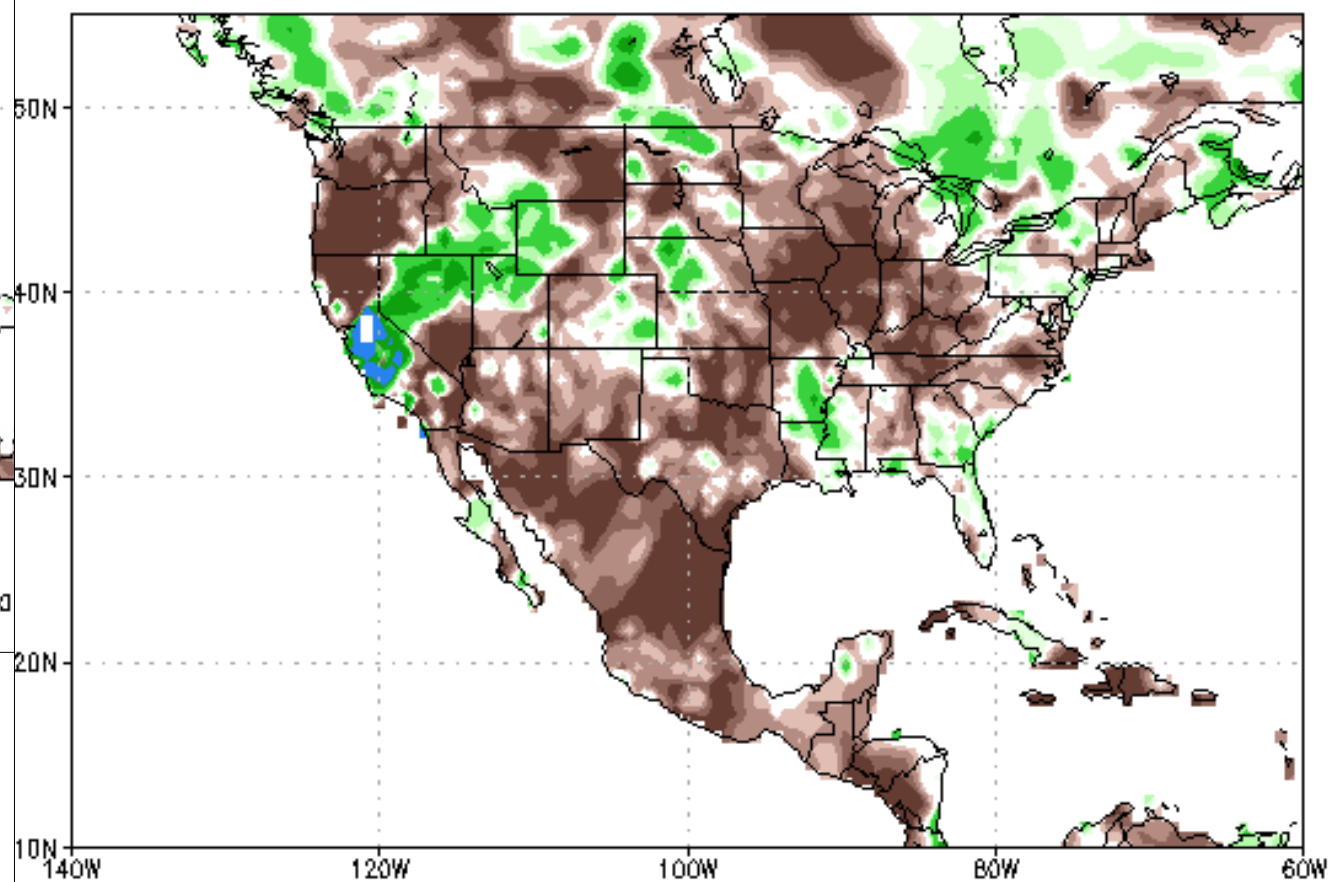


30-day Accumulated Precp % of Normal 31JUL2026-29AUG2026



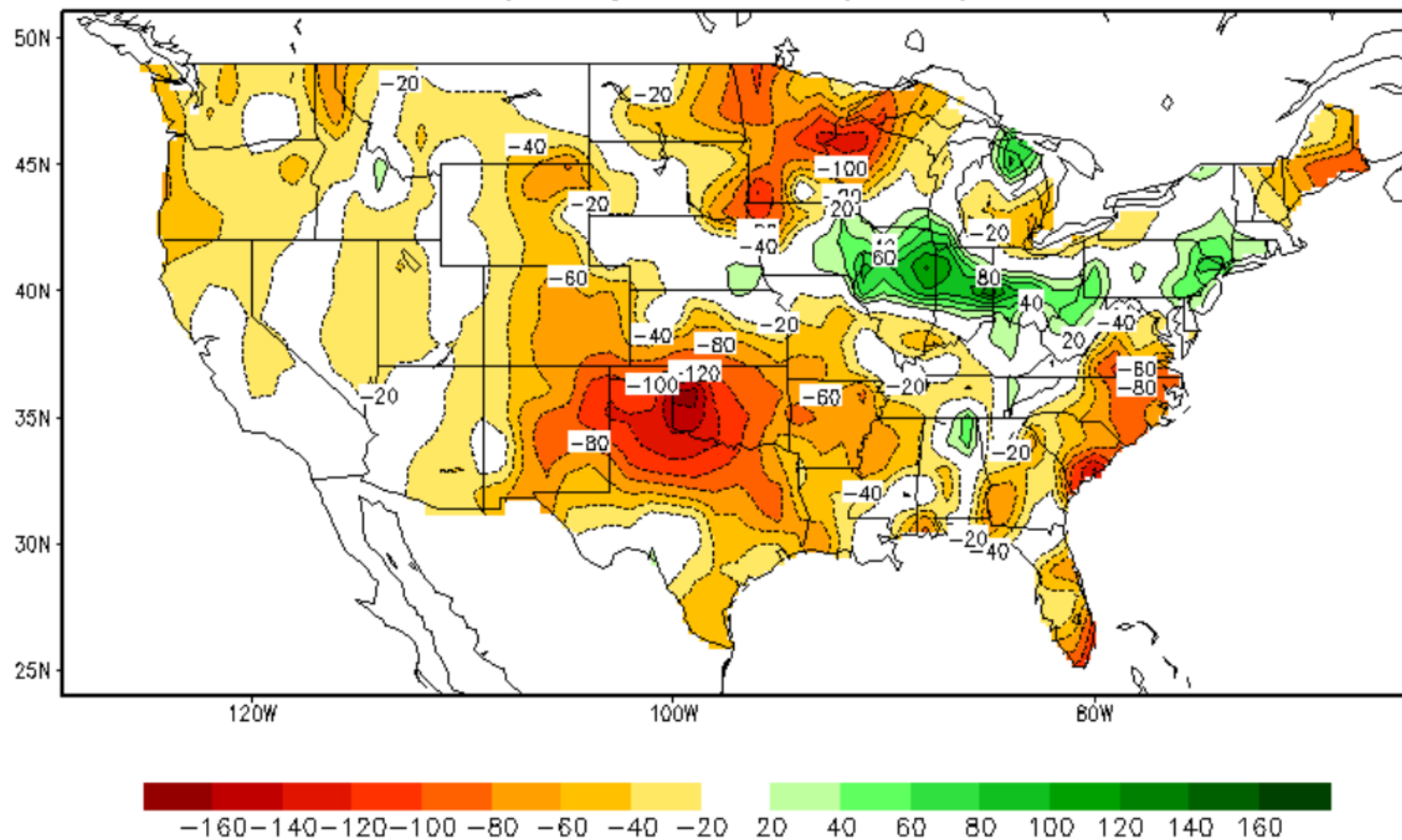
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7-day Accumulated Precp % of Normal 23AUG2026-29AUG2026



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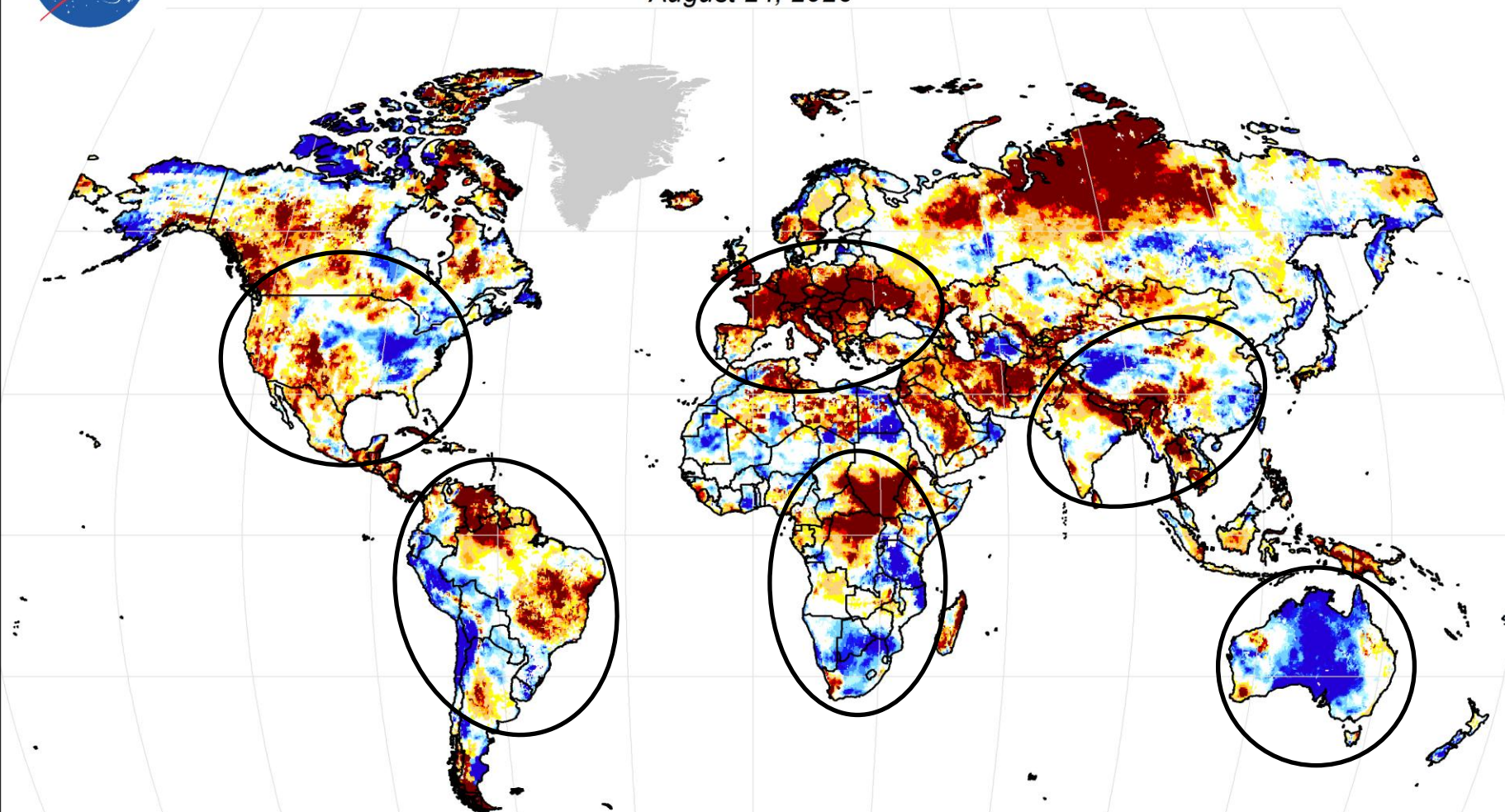
Predicted Soil Moisture Anomaly (mm) (30Aug2026-06Sep2026)





GRACE-Based Root Zone Soil Moisture Drought Indicator

August 24, 2026

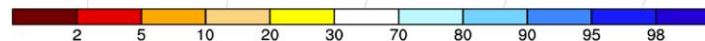


Wetness percentiles are relative to the period 1948-2012

The root zone is defined as the top 1 meter of soil

Cell Resolution 0.25 degrees

Projection of this document is Times (World)



Wetness Percentile

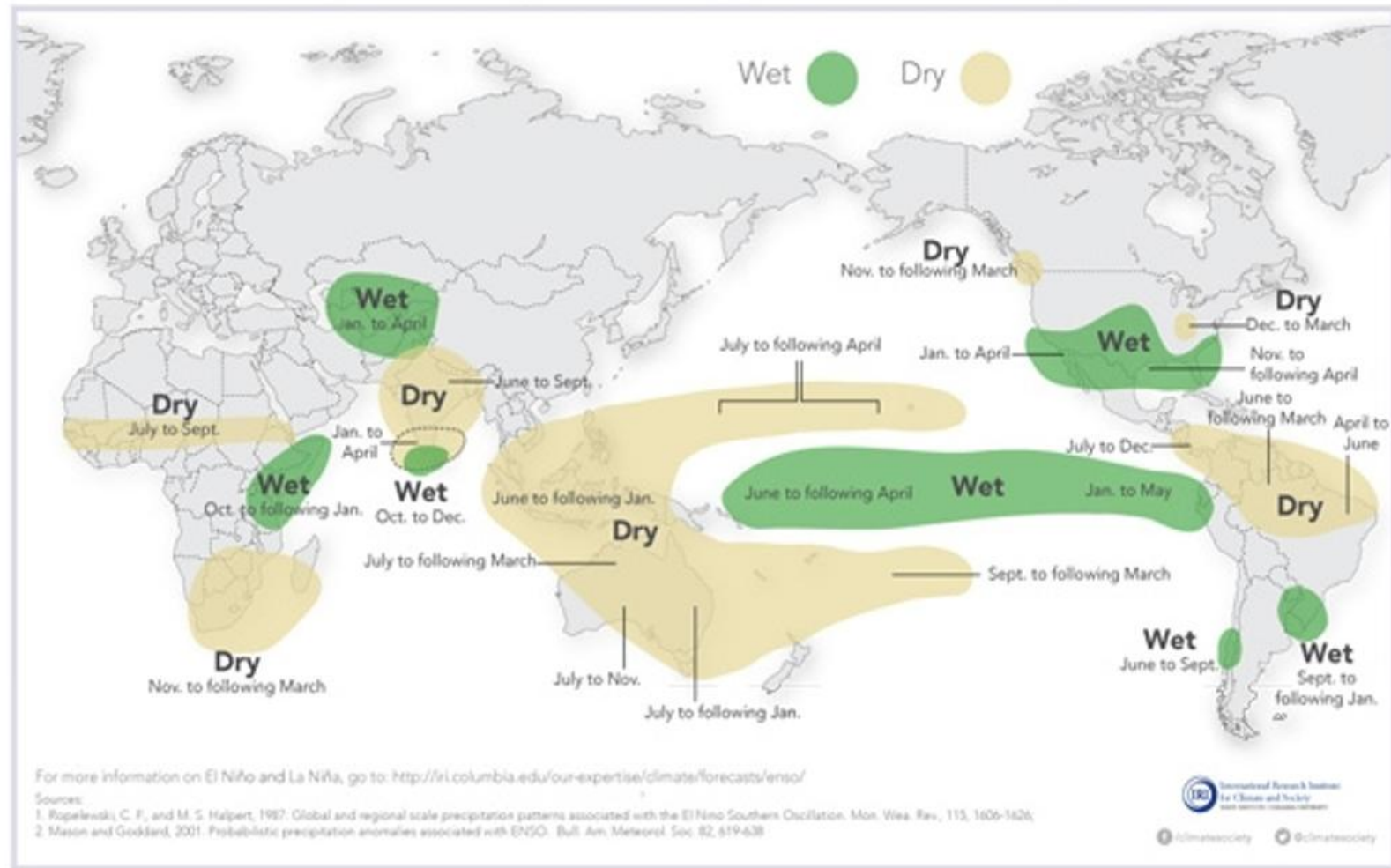
<https://nasagrace.unl.edu>

Current Market Outlook & Issues

Weather – El Nino Impact

El Niño and Rainfall

El Niño conditions in the tropical Pacific are known to shift rainfall patterns in many different parts of the world. Although they vary somewhat from one El Niño to the next, the strongest shifts remain fairly consistent in the regions and seasons shown on the map below.



➤ USDA/WAOB Joint Agricultural Weather Facility

– **2nd December 2025**

- EUROPE: though warmer-than-normal conditions lingered in southeasternmost portions of the continent.
- MIDDLE EAST: Rain in western Turkey contrasted with increasingly dry conditions over Iran.
- NORTHWEST AFRICA: Dry weather in Morocco juxtaposed with additional showers from north-central Algeria into northern Tunisia.
- AUSTRALIA: Sunny skies prevailed over most of the country's primary winter crop areas, with cool temperatures in the west giving way to extreme heat in parts of eastern Australia.
- SOUTH AFRICA: Widespread warm and rainy weather continued, maintaining favorable moisture for much of the corn belt and coastal sugarcane regions of KwaZulu-Natal.
- ARGENTINA: Drier weather dominated the region, reducing moisture for summer crop germination.
- BRAZIL: Scattered showers persisted across most of the region; however, southern Brazil experienced limited moisture as summer grains and oilseeds began their reproductive stage.

Source: USDA

<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/wwcw.pdf>

Corn Markets

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Key Feedgrain Market Issues

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A. 2027 Grain Futures \$'s favor Soybeans *Slightly* 8/28/2026

- $\$12.42 \text{ NOV 2027 Soybeans} \div \$5.26 \frac{1}{4} \text{ DEC 2027 Corn} = 2.36 (> 2.30)$

B. Potential Impact of anticipated “*Super*” El Nino 2026/2027 on the 2027 Brazil Safrina ^{2nd} Corn crop

- The 2nd Safrina Brazil Corn Crop = 80% of Total, focused on Exports
- “*Dry*” in Northern Brazil, “*Wet*” in Southern Brazil + Argentina

Key Feedgrain Market Issues

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C. Pending Year-Round E-15 Ethanol Policy Decision (???)

- Likely is a need for ↑ Ethanol Use as Corn Yields-Production ↑

D. “Tightening” World Corn % Stocks/Use in recent Years

- Declining % S/U likely to support future World feedgrain \$’s

Q? Will record corn yields & higher World Corn Production continue in coming years? ****Assuming higher U.S. corn yield trend to continue****

Key Feedgrain Market Issues

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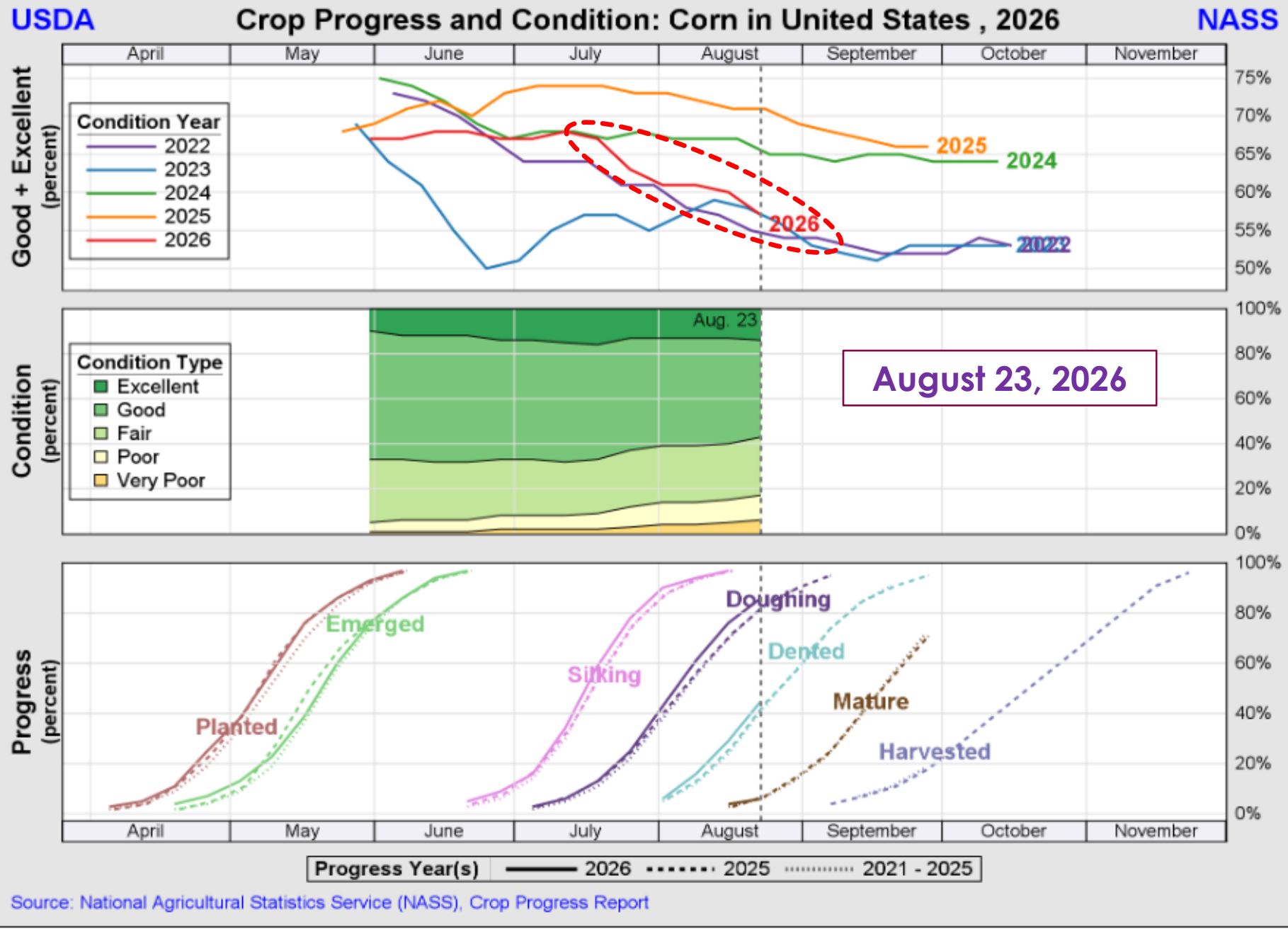
E. Will the current strength in U.S. Corn Exports continue?

- **Key issue** – strong **Mexico** feedgrain demand (*livestock feeding*) + Japan, Philippines, others (with uncertain **Brazil** crop in 2027)

F. The Uncertainty of USDA August Corn Production Forecasts

- 67% Forecast Interval ($\pm 3.5\%$) = ± 560 mb (15.453 bb to 16.573 bb)

Growing season USDA Crop Forecasts treated as “*point estimates*”,
instead of “*probability forecasts*” $\Rightarrow$ **Leads to excess \$ volatility**





\$5.36 ½

Monthly Commodity Futures Price Chart Corn (Globex) (CBOT)

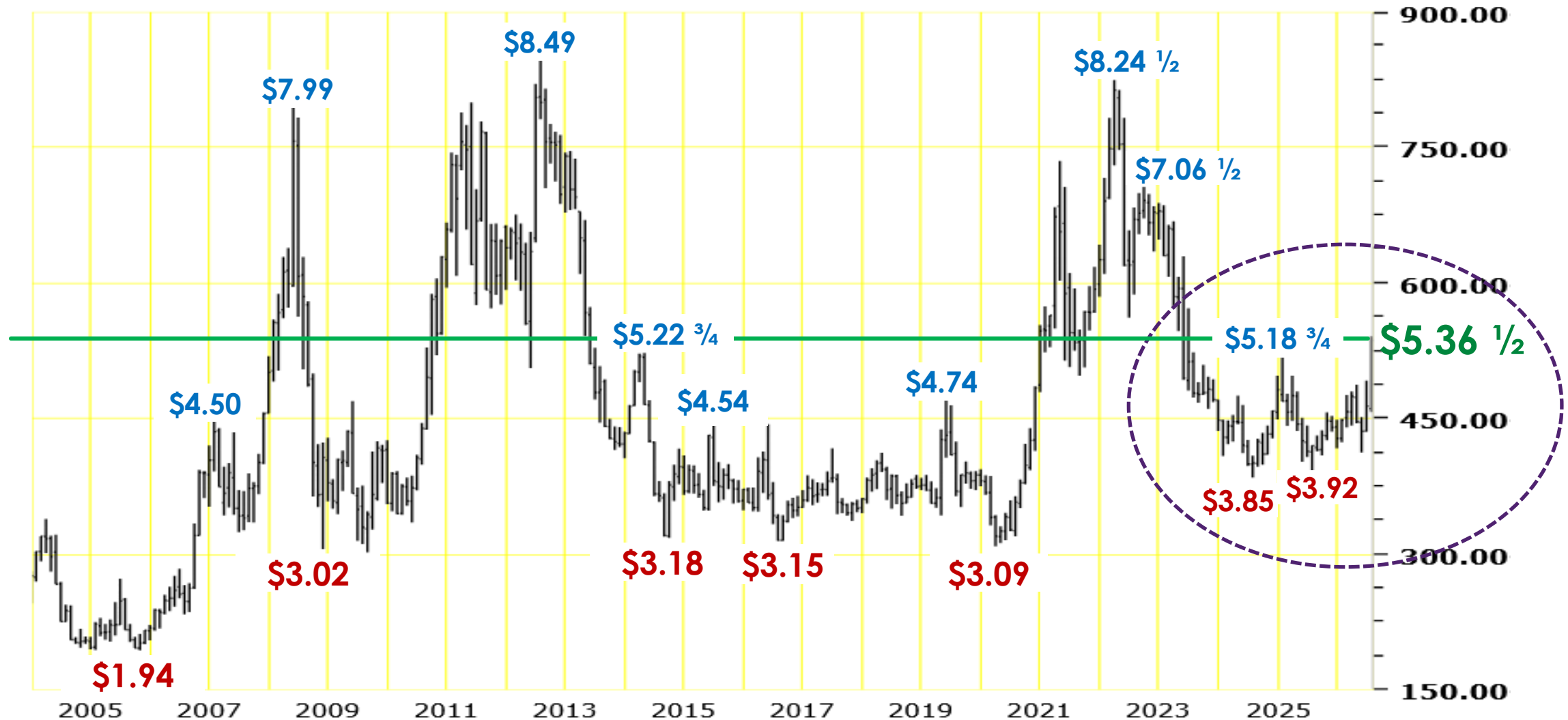
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TFC Commodity Charts

ZC - Corn (Globex) - Monthly Chart

Change: 75.500

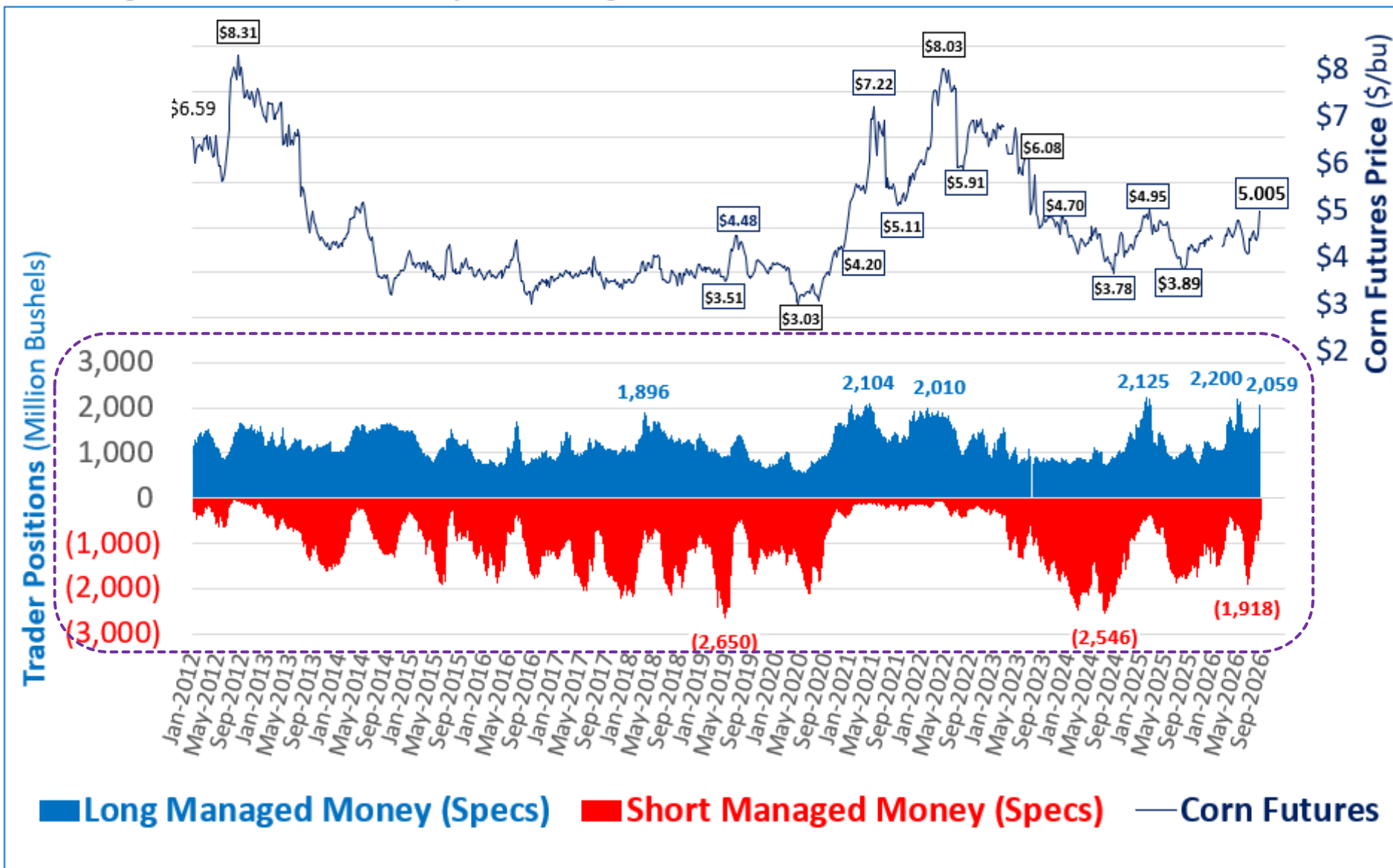
08/30/2026 O: 461.000 H: 541.250 L: 457.250 C: 536.500 Vol: 605061 OI: 1718762



Corn Futures - *Managed Money Traders* Specs

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Long & Short Positions, January 2012 through 8/25/2026^{CFTC Data} + 8/25/2026 SEPT²⁰²⁶ Corn Futures ^{Closes}

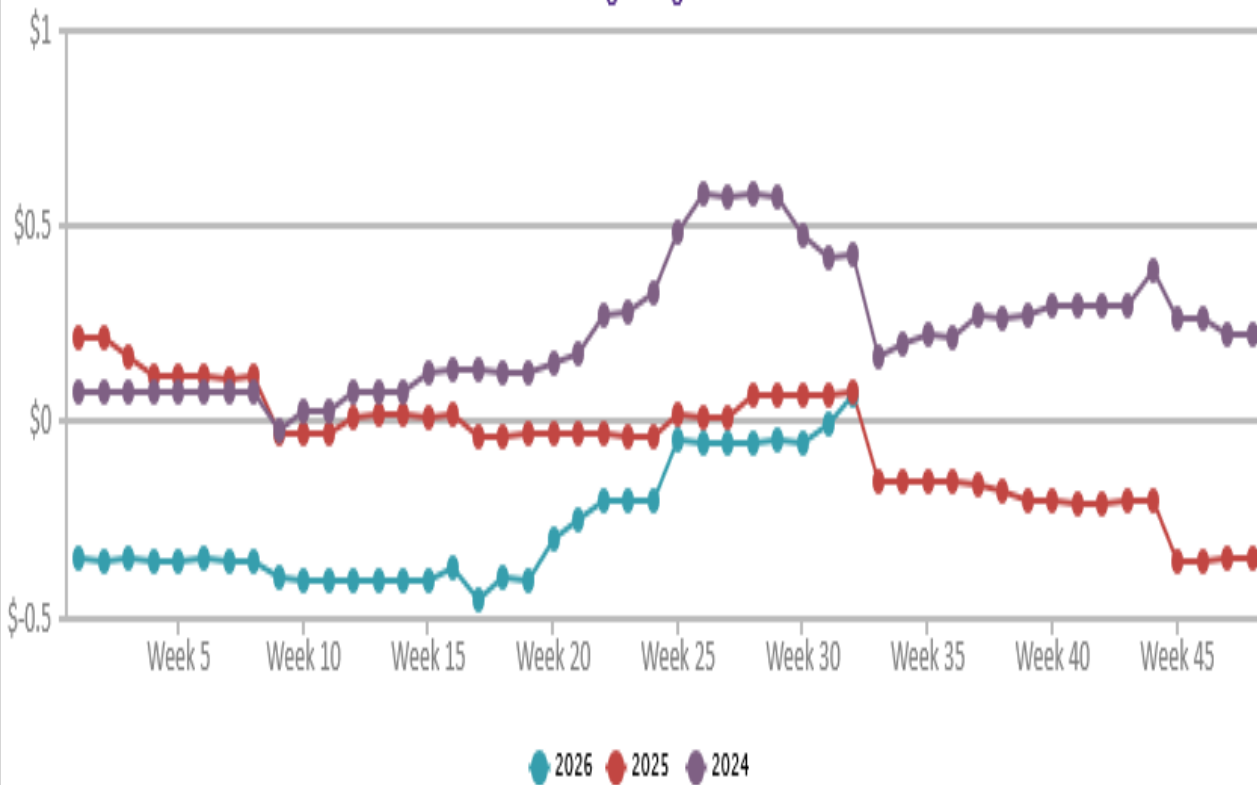


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Corn Spot Cash\$: Spring²⁰²⁶	\$5.07	\$5.42	\$4.97	\$5.12	\$4.97	\$5.12
<i>2026 Cash Market Basis - August 2026</i>	<i>(\$0.04)</i>	<i>\$0.31</i>	<i>(\$0.14)</i>	<i>\$0.01</i>	<i>(\$0.14)</i>	<i>\$0.01</i>
Corn Harvest FC\$: Fall²⁰²⁶	\$5.17	\$5.42	\$4.97	\$5.07	\$4.97	\$4.87
<i>2026 Harvest Cash Market Basis - Nov-Dec 2026</i>	<i>(\$0.19)</i>	<i>\$0.06</i>	<i>(\$0.39)</i>	<i>(\$0.29)</i>	<i>(\$0.39)</i>	<i>(\$0.49)</i>
2026 "Spot Cash" Soybean vs Corn \$ Ratio	2.30	2.21	2.53	2.48	2.61	2.48
2026 "New Crop" Soybean vs Corn \$ Ratio	2.26	2.21	2.49	2.43	2.50	2.50
"Spot Cash" HRW Wheat vs Corn \$ Ratio	1.50	1.42	1.59	1.56	1.61	1.42

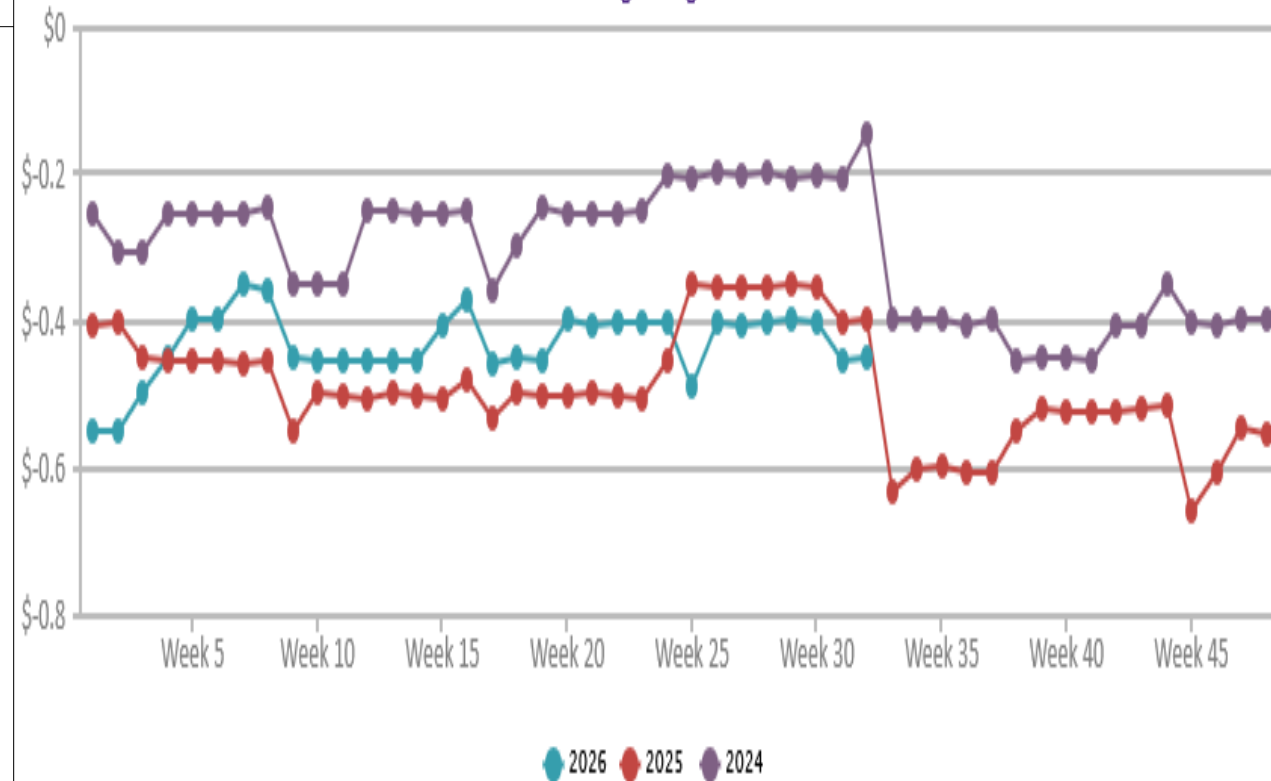
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A Preharvest Marketing Plan for Corn

Objective: Buy crop insurance to protect production risk and price 65% of my anticipated Corn crop, based on APH yield (60,000 bu.) by March 15th

Using Six, 10,000-bushel Increments

- 1) Price 10,000 bushels at \$4.80 DEC 26 futures **or \$4.50 cash price** using forward contract, futures hedge, or HTA contract (pre-April)
- 2) Price 10,000 bushels at \$5.05f/\$4.75c, **or** by April 1st, *pricing tool tbd*
- 3) Price 10,000 bushels at \$5.30f/\$5.00c, **or** by May 1st, *pricing tool tbd*
- 4) Price 10,000 bushels at \$5.55f/\$5.25c, **or** by June 1st, *pricing tool tbd*
- 5) Price 10,000 bushels at \$5.80f/\$5.50c, **or** by July 1st, *pricing tool tbd*
- 6) Price 10,000 bushels at \$6.05f/\$5.75c, **or** by August 1st, *pricing tool tbd*

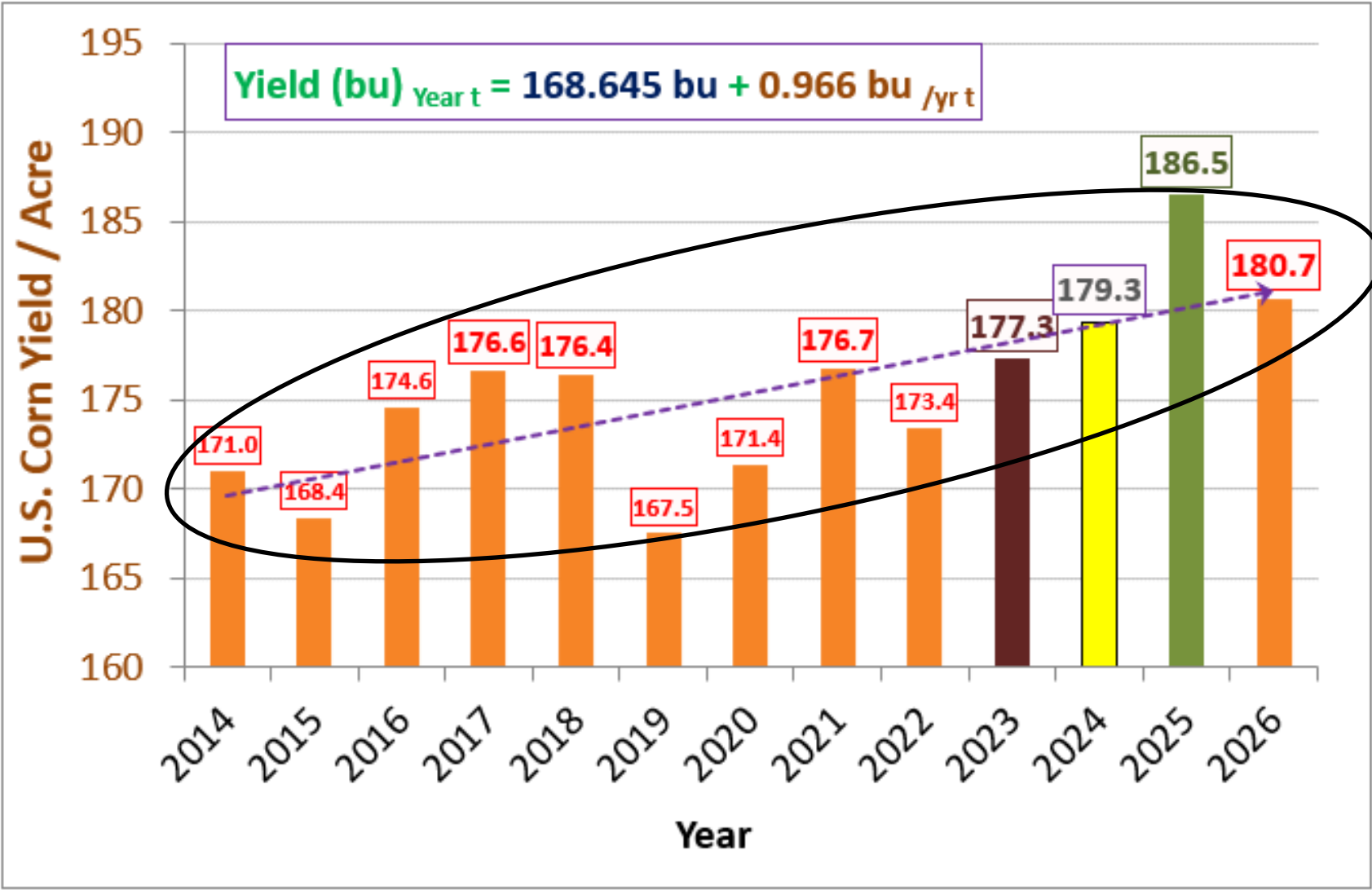
A. Plan starts on March 25, 2026.

B. Ignore decision dates & make no sale *IF* prices are less than **\$4.50 local cash **or 4.80 DEC 2026 Corn**. (i.e., Est. cost of production)**

C. Exit all futures &/or options positions by October 1, 2026.

U.S. Corn Yields for 2014-2026

MY 2014/15 - "New Crop" 2026/27: from the latest WASDE 8/12/2026

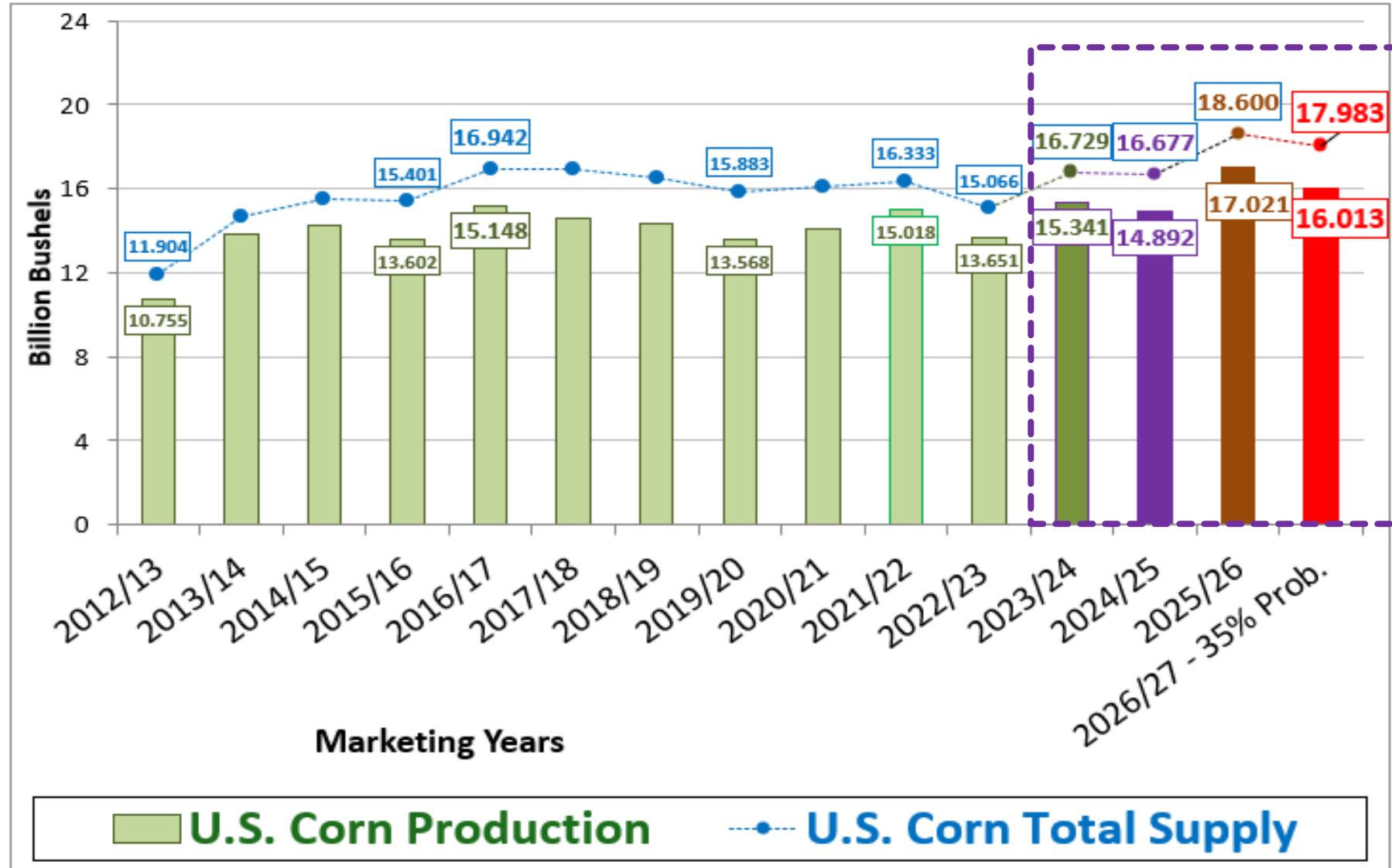


Q? What will be the results of the September 11th USDA NASS U.S. Corn Yield Estimate?

U.S. Corn Production & Supplies

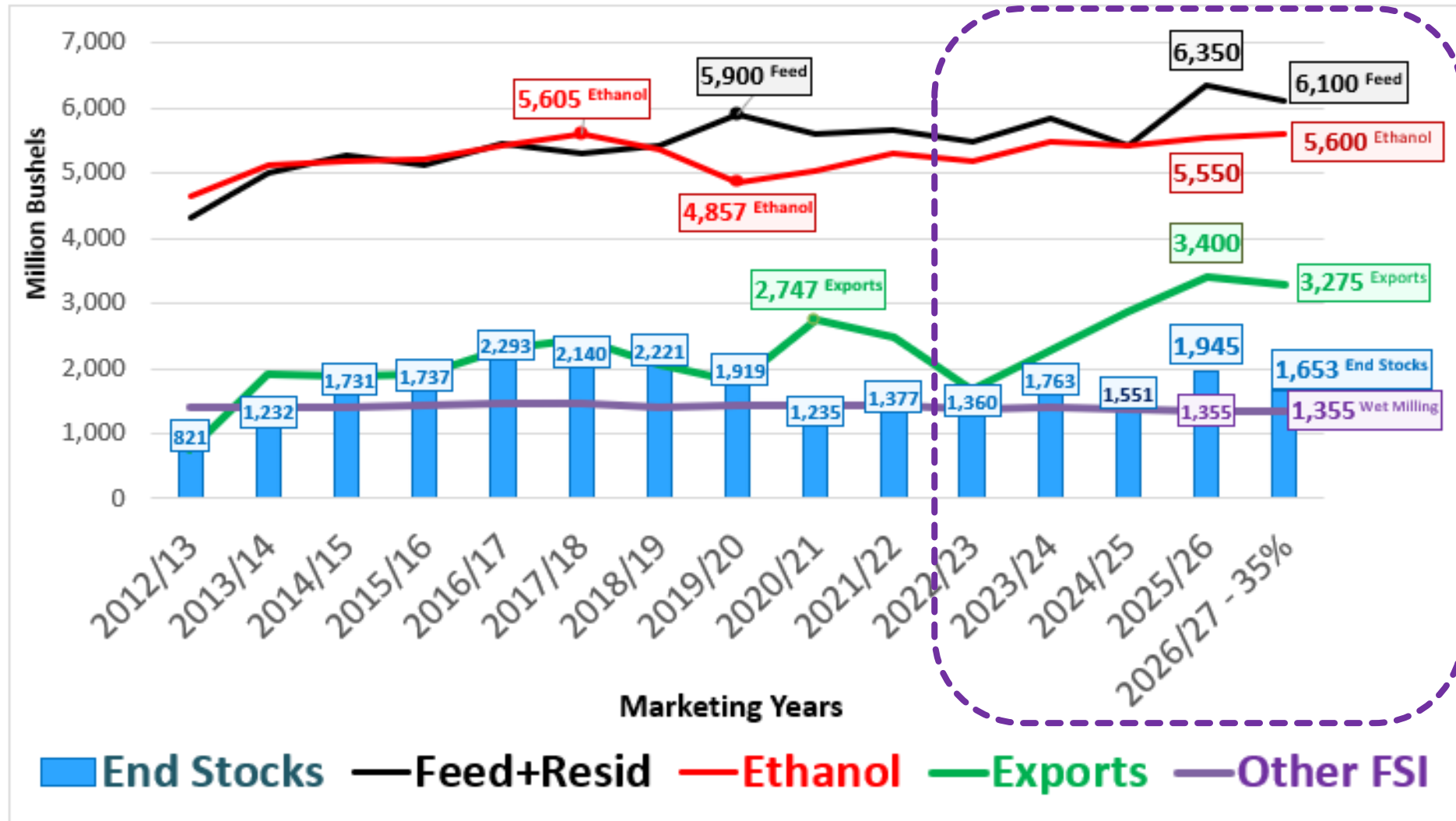
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MY 2012/13 - "New Crop" 2026/27: from the latest WASDE 8/12/2026



U.S. Corn Use & Stocks

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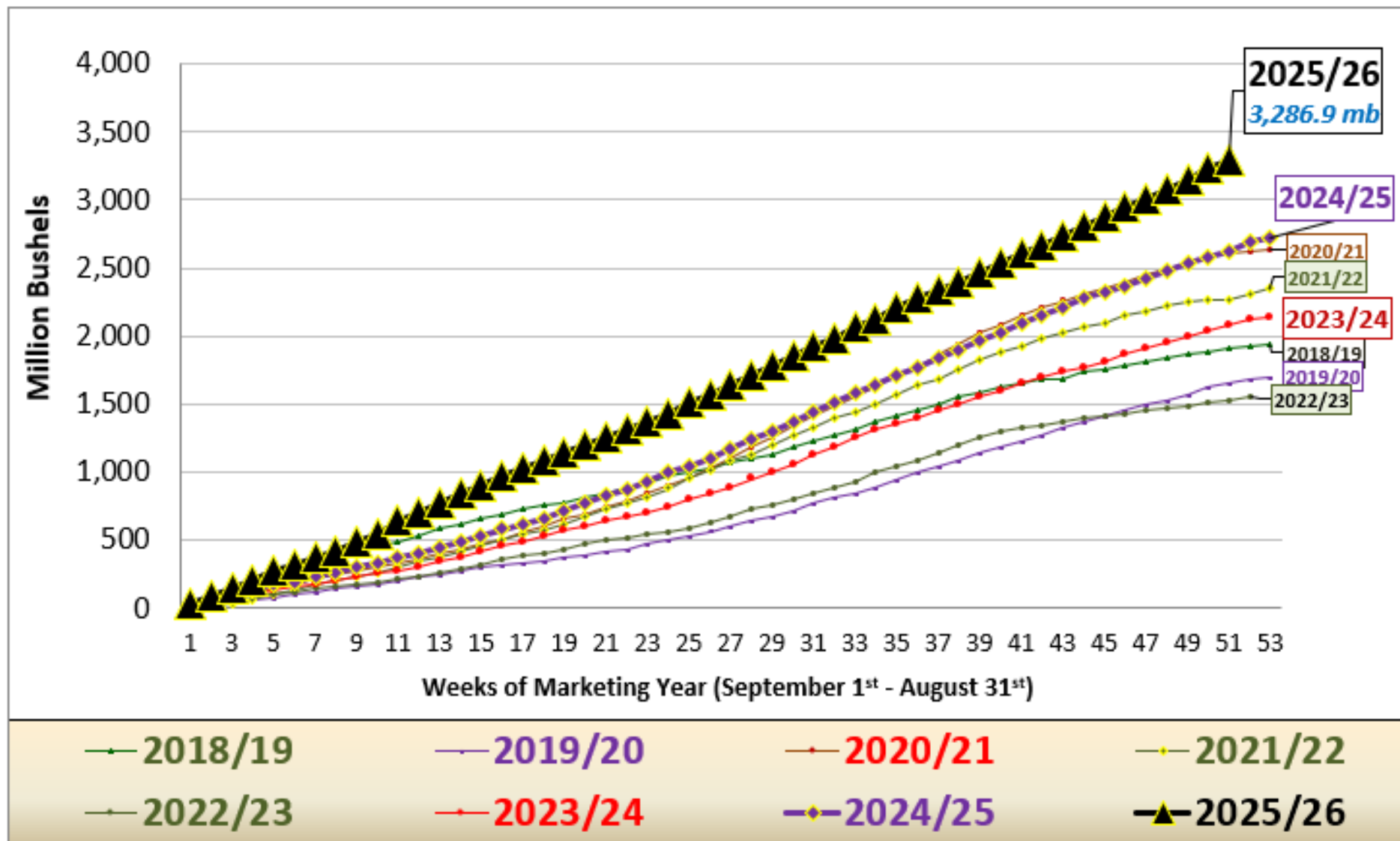


U.S. Corn Exports

MY 2018/19 thru "Current" 2025/26

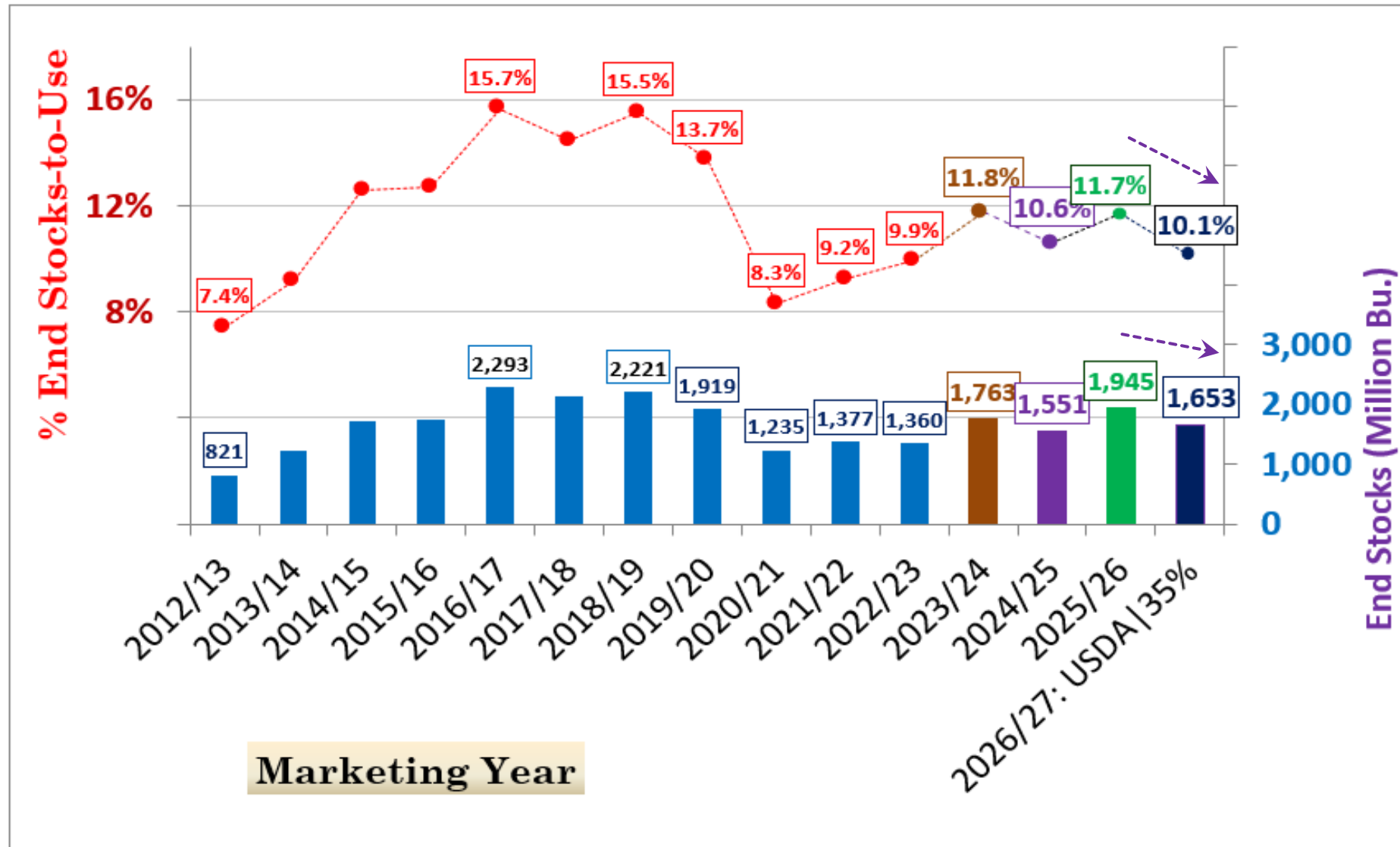
Based on USDA FAS Weekly Export reports through 8/20/2026

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U.S. Corn Stocks & % S/U

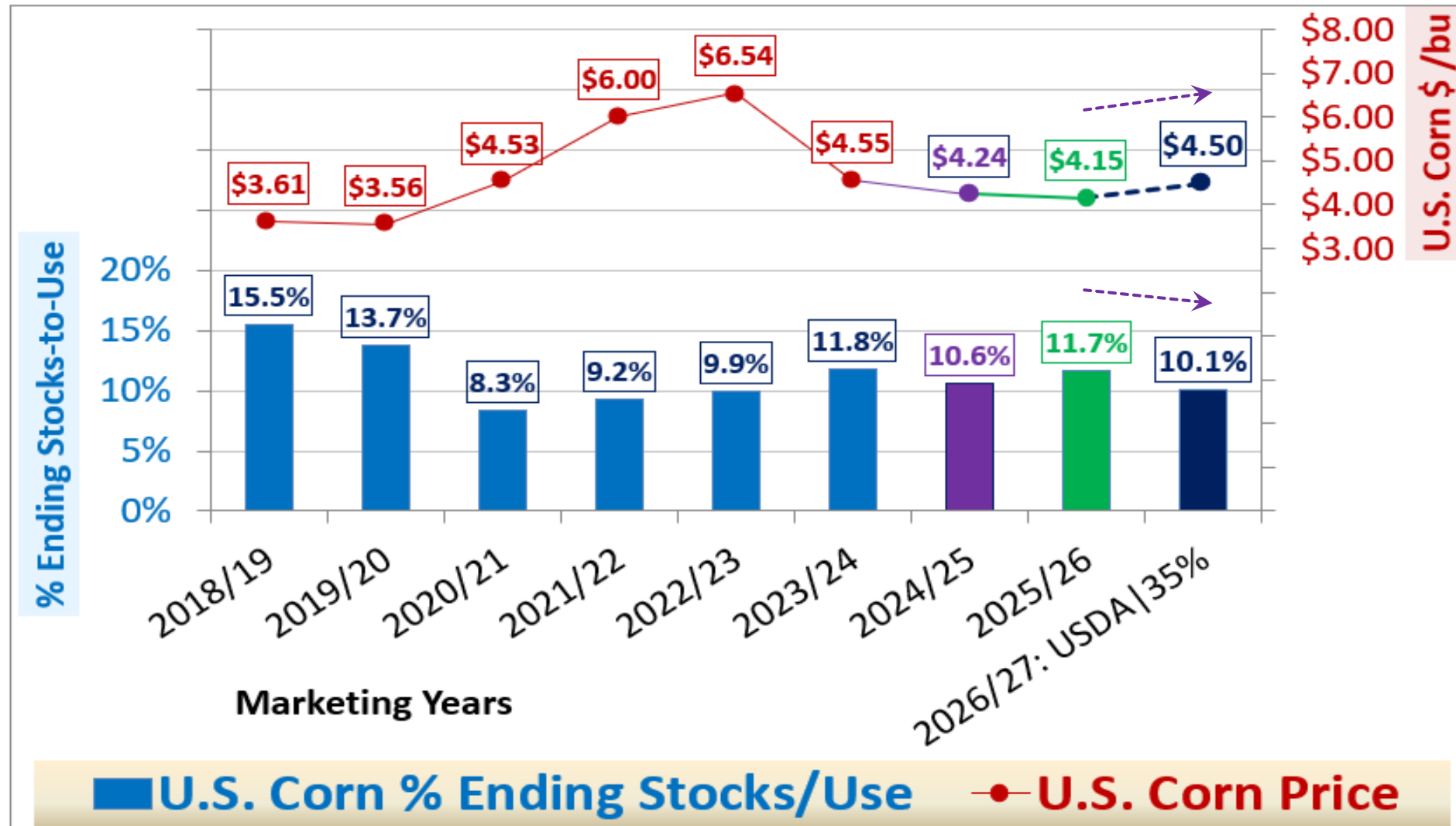
MY 2012/13 - "New Crop" 2026/27: from the latest WASDE 8/12/2026



U.S. Corn %S/U vs Corn \$

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MY 2012/13 - "New Crop" 2026/27: from the latest WASDE 8/12/2026



U.S. Corn Market Scenarios *KSU*

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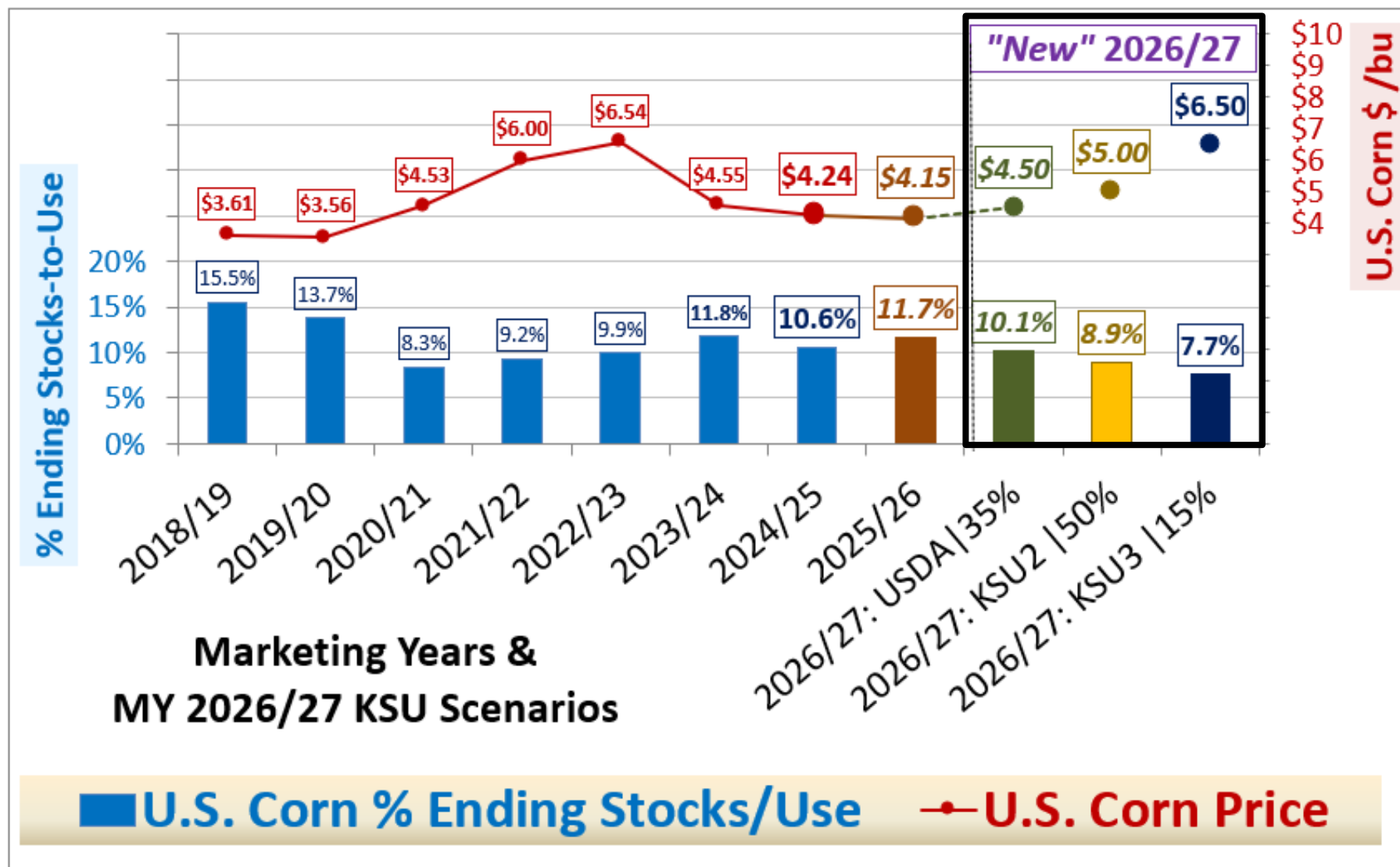
“New Crop” MY 2026/27: from the latest USDA WASDE Report as of August 29, 2026

Item	USDA #1 “New Crop” 2026/27 180.7 bu/ac Yield	B. KSU #2 “New Crop” 2026/27 178.5 bu/ac Yield	C. KSU #3 “New Crop” 2026/27 175.5 bu/ac Yield
% Prob. of Occurring (<i>KSU</i>)	35% <i>KSU-est</i>	50% <i>KSU-est</i>	15% <i>KSU-est</i>
Planted Area (million acres)	96.730	96.370	96.370
Harvested Area (million acres)	88.592	88.592	88.592
Yield / harvested acre (bu/ac)	180.7	- 2.2 bu./ac. 178.5	- 5.2 bu./ac. 175.5
		Million Bushels	
Production (million bu.)	16.013	- 199 mb 15,814	- 465 mb 15,548
Total Supply (million bu.)	17,983	- 199 mb 17,784	- 465 mb 17,518
		Million Bushels	
Ethanol (million bu.)	5,600	5,600	5,600
Exports (million bu.)	3,275	3,275	- 62 mb 3,213
Total Use (million bu.)	16,330	16,330	- 62 mb 16,268
		Million Bushels	
Ending Stocks (million bu.)	1,653	- 199 mb 1,454*	- 403 mb 1,250*
% Ending Stocks-to-Use	10.12%	8.90%	7.68%
U.S. Corn Avg Farm \$ /bu	\$4.50 ^{USDA #1}	\$5.00 ^{KSU #2}	\$6.50 ^{KSU #3}

U.S. Corn % Stocks/Use vs \$

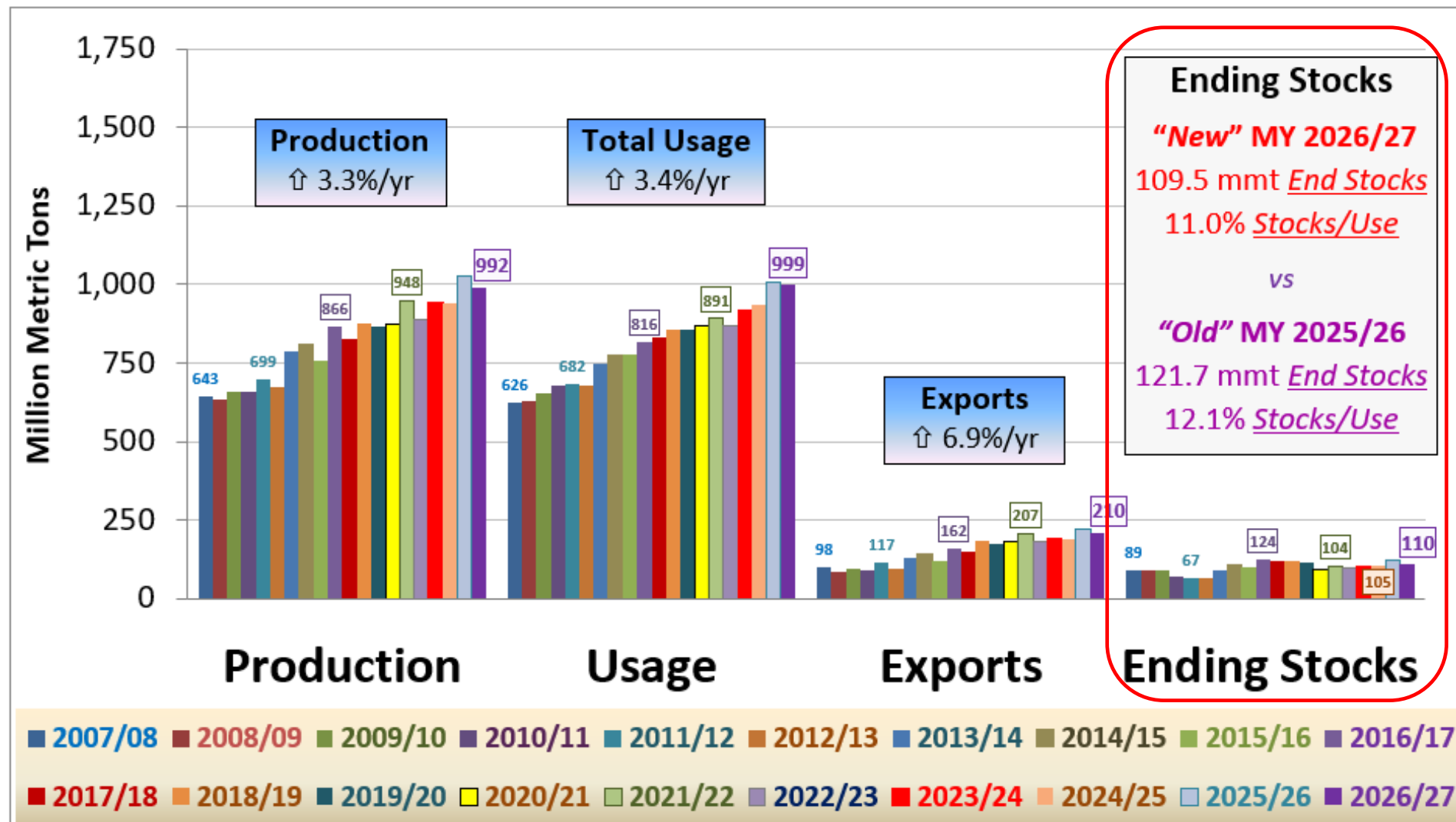
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MY 2012/13 - "New Crop" 2026/27: from the latest WASDE ^{8/12/2026} + KSU Ests.



“World Less-China” Corn Supply-Demand

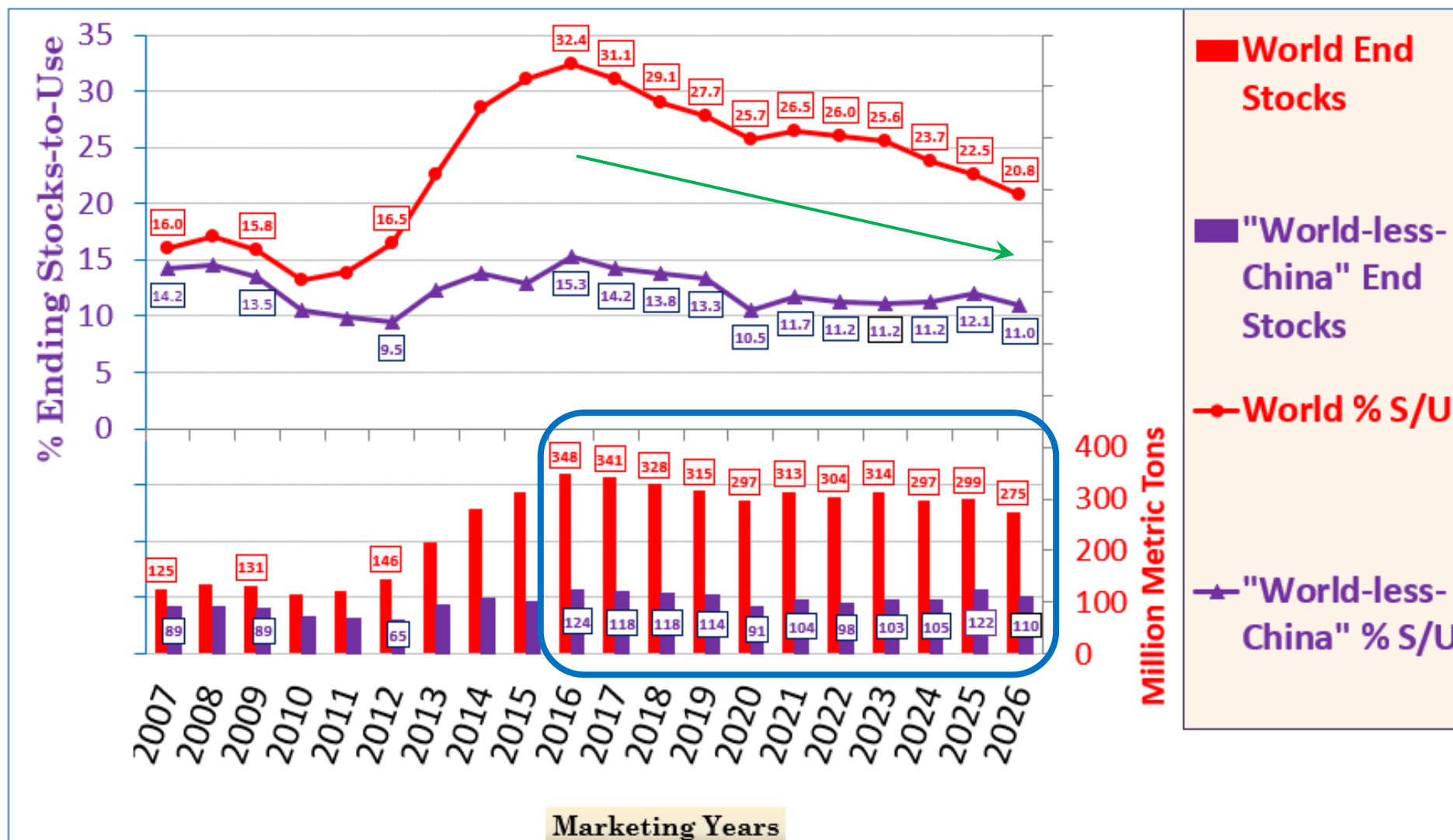
MY 2007/08 – “New Crop” 2026/27 as of the latest WASDE on 8/12/2026



Corn: *World* vs *World* ^{Less-China} % S/U

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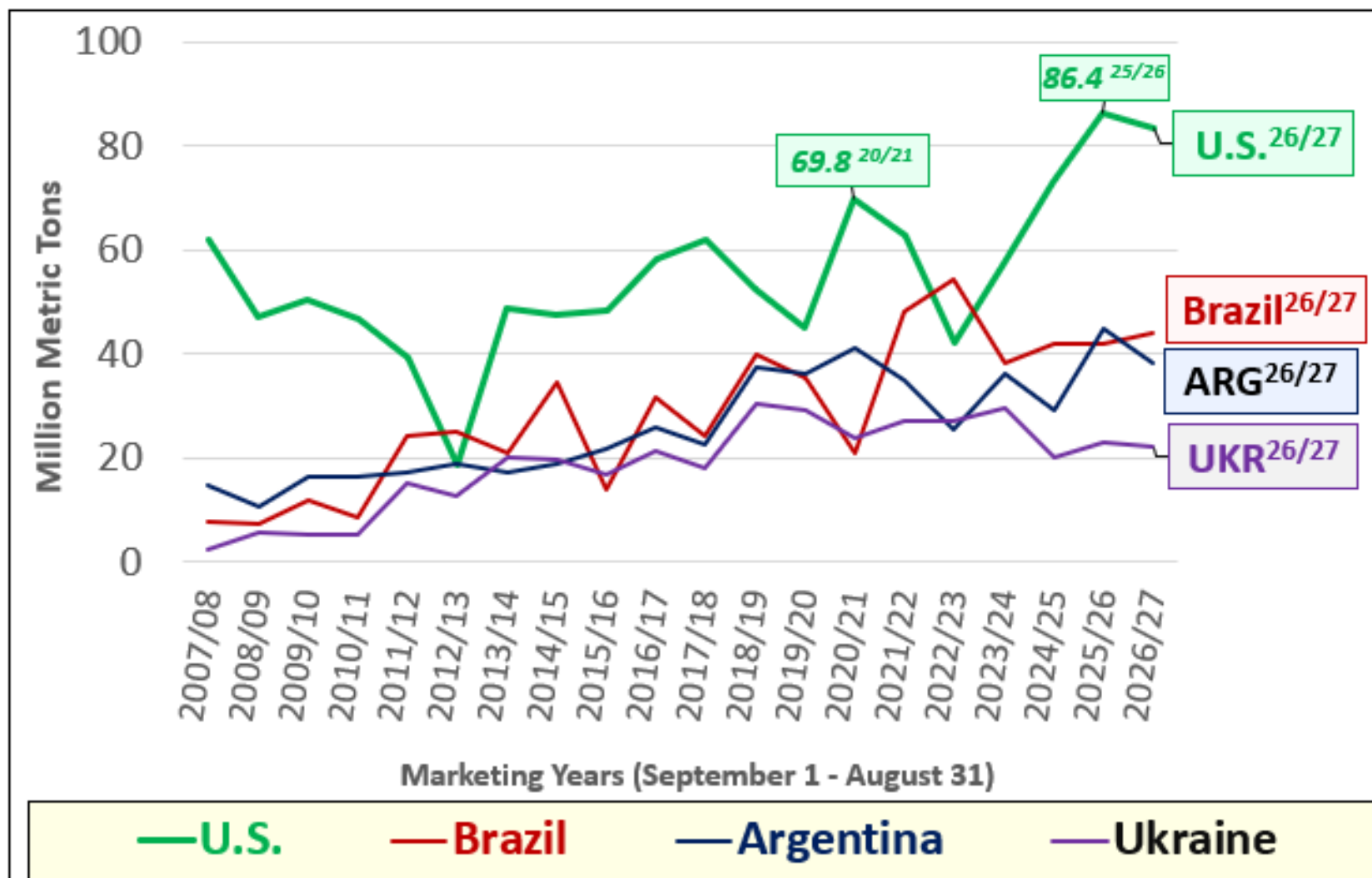
MY 2007/08 thru "New" MY 2026/27, as of the latest USDA WASDE ^{8/12/2026} report



Corn: Top 4 Exporters *Shipments*

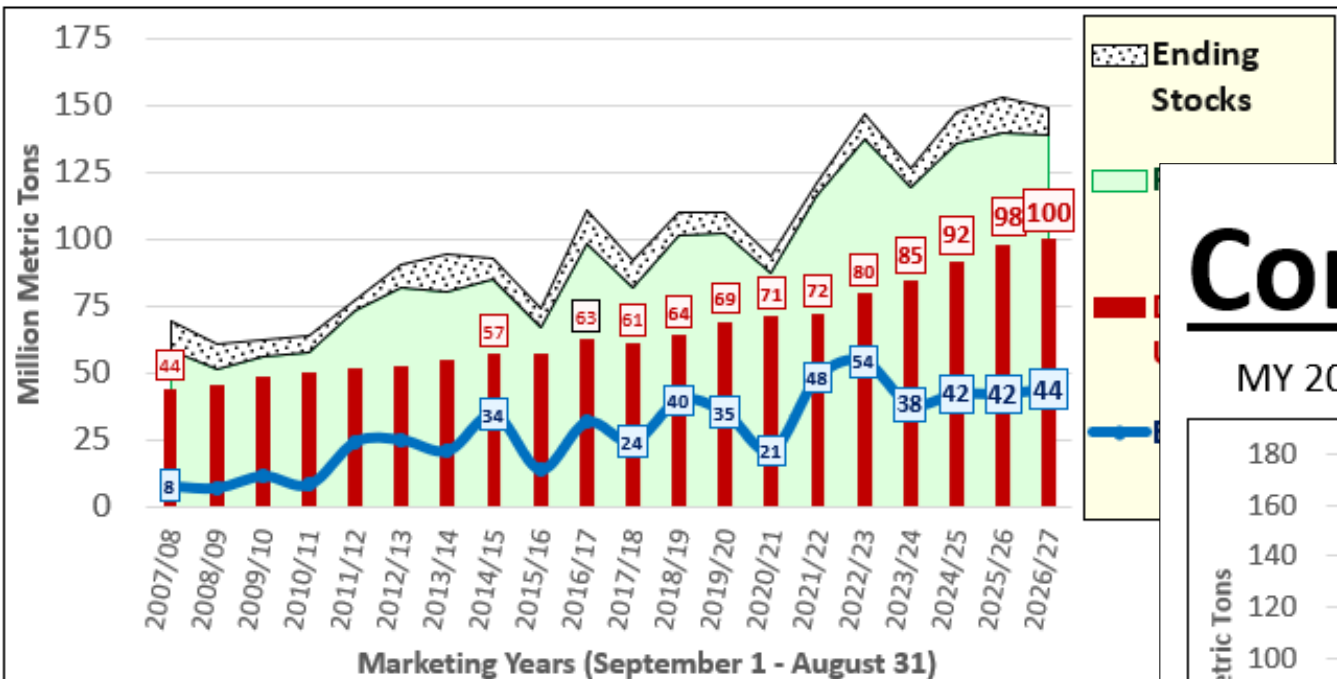
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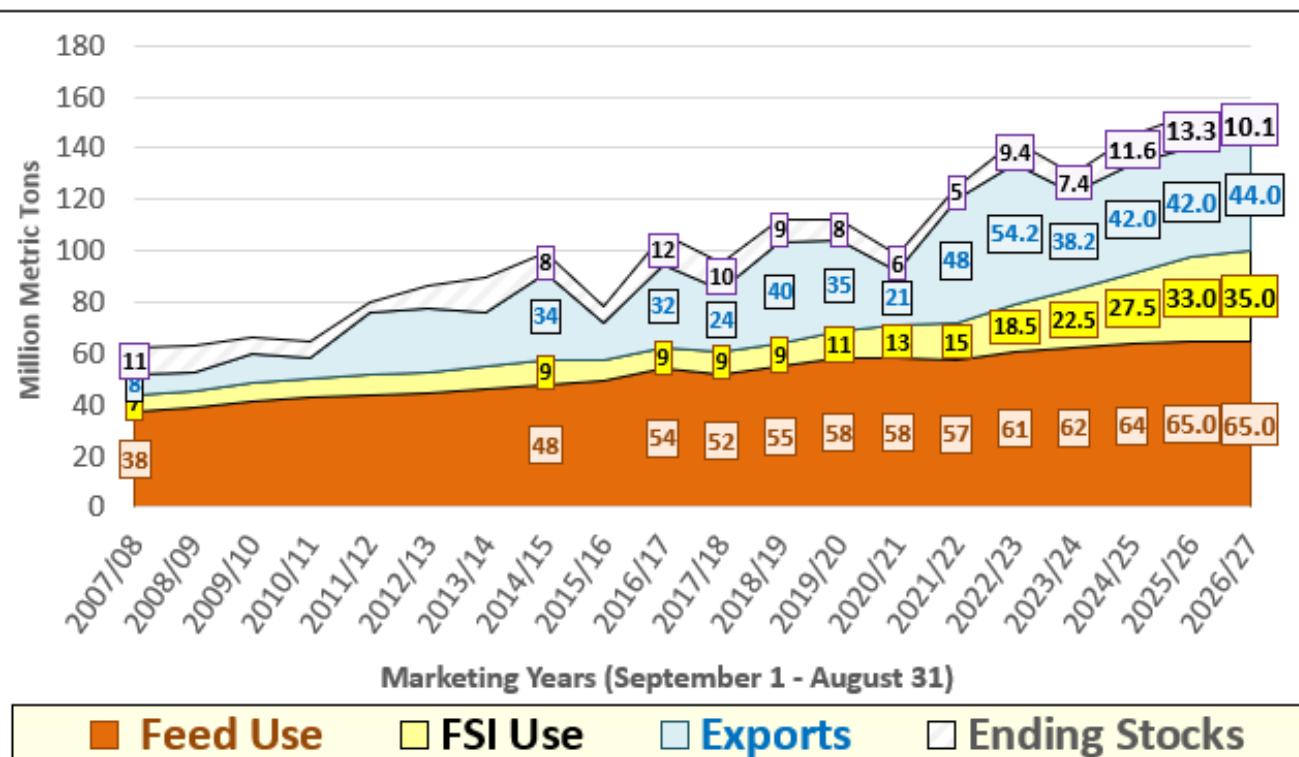
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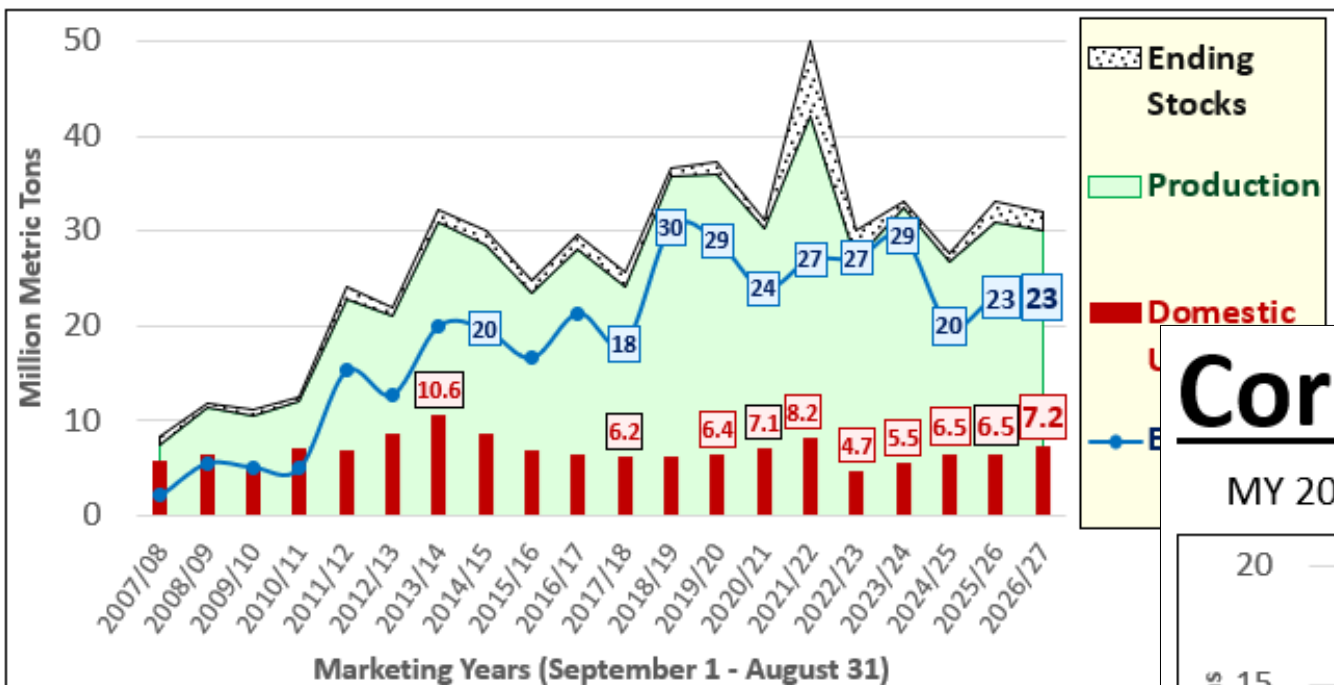
Corn: Brazil *Use & Stocks*

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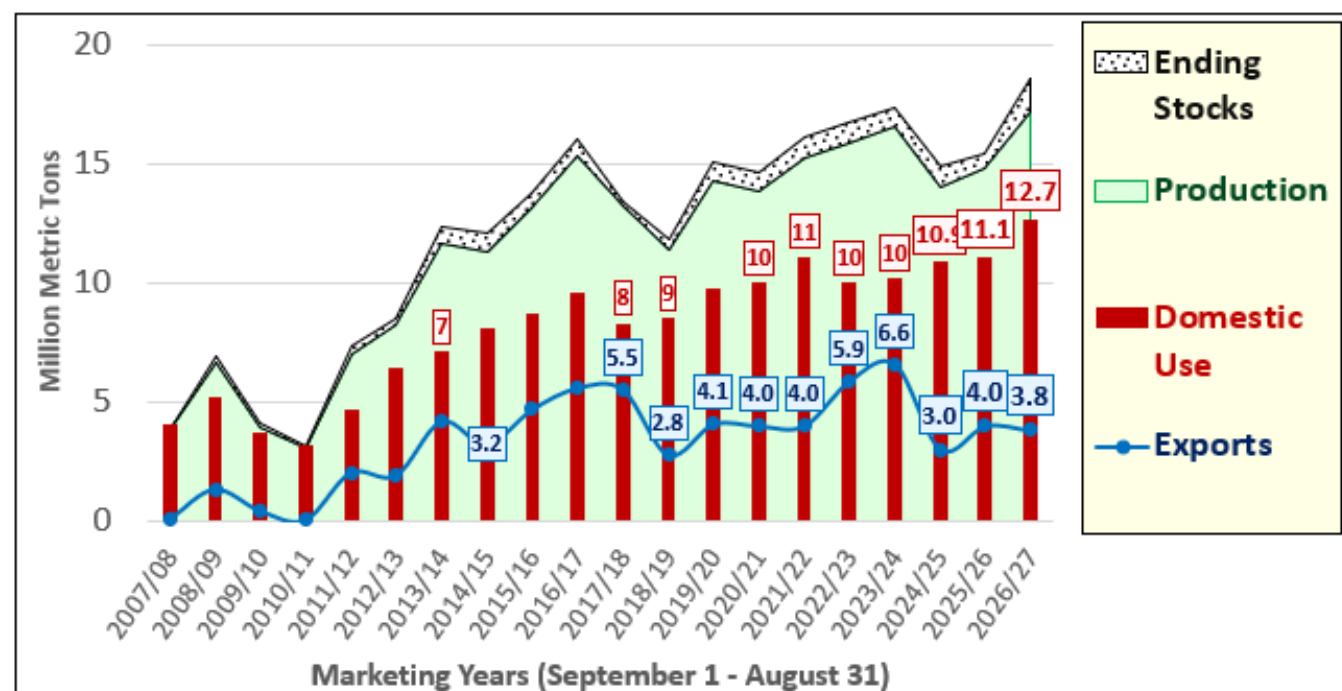
Corn: Ukraine Supply-Demand

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Corn: Russia Supply-Demand

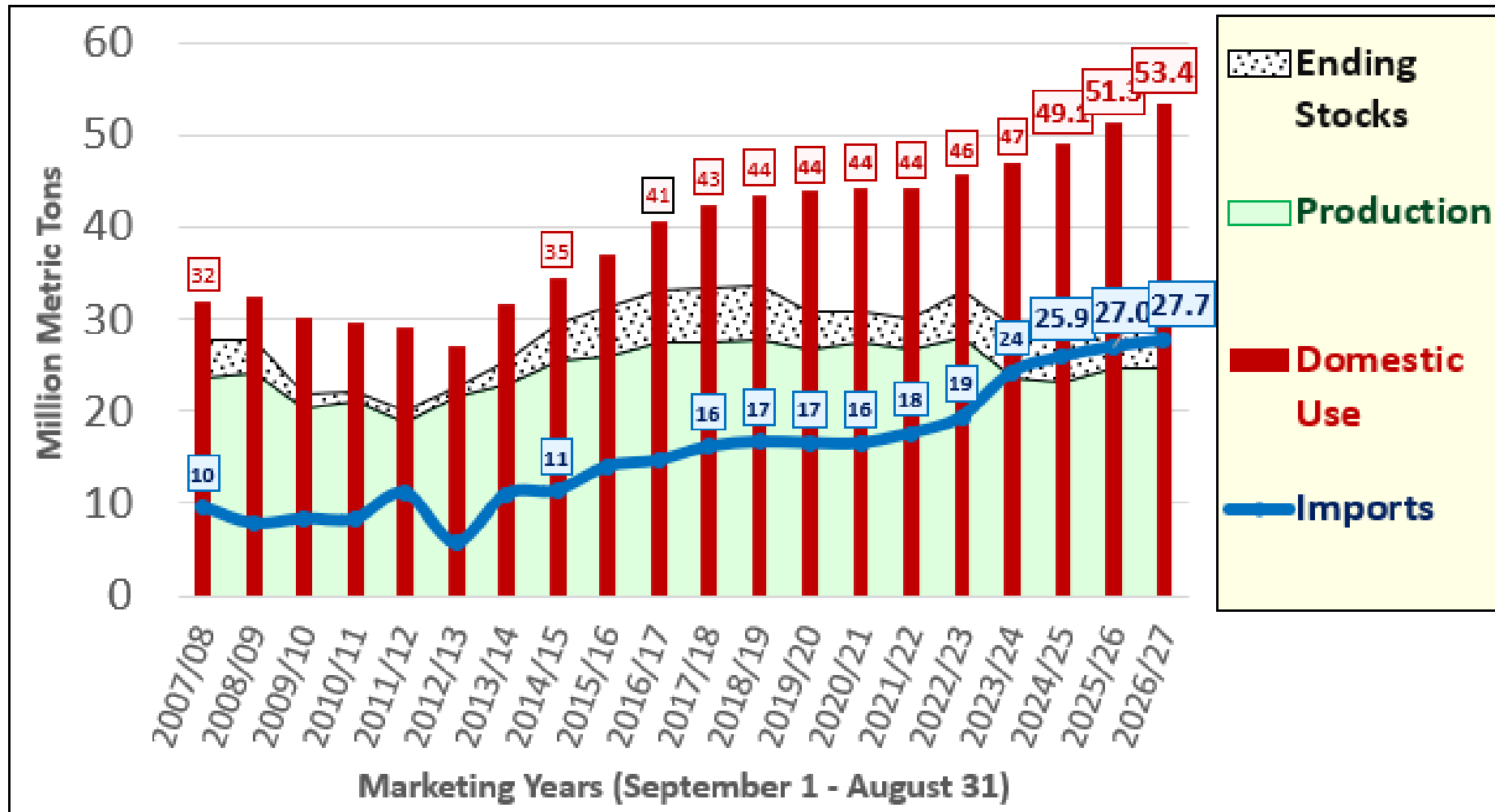
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Corn: Mexico *Supply-Demand*

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Sorghum Markets

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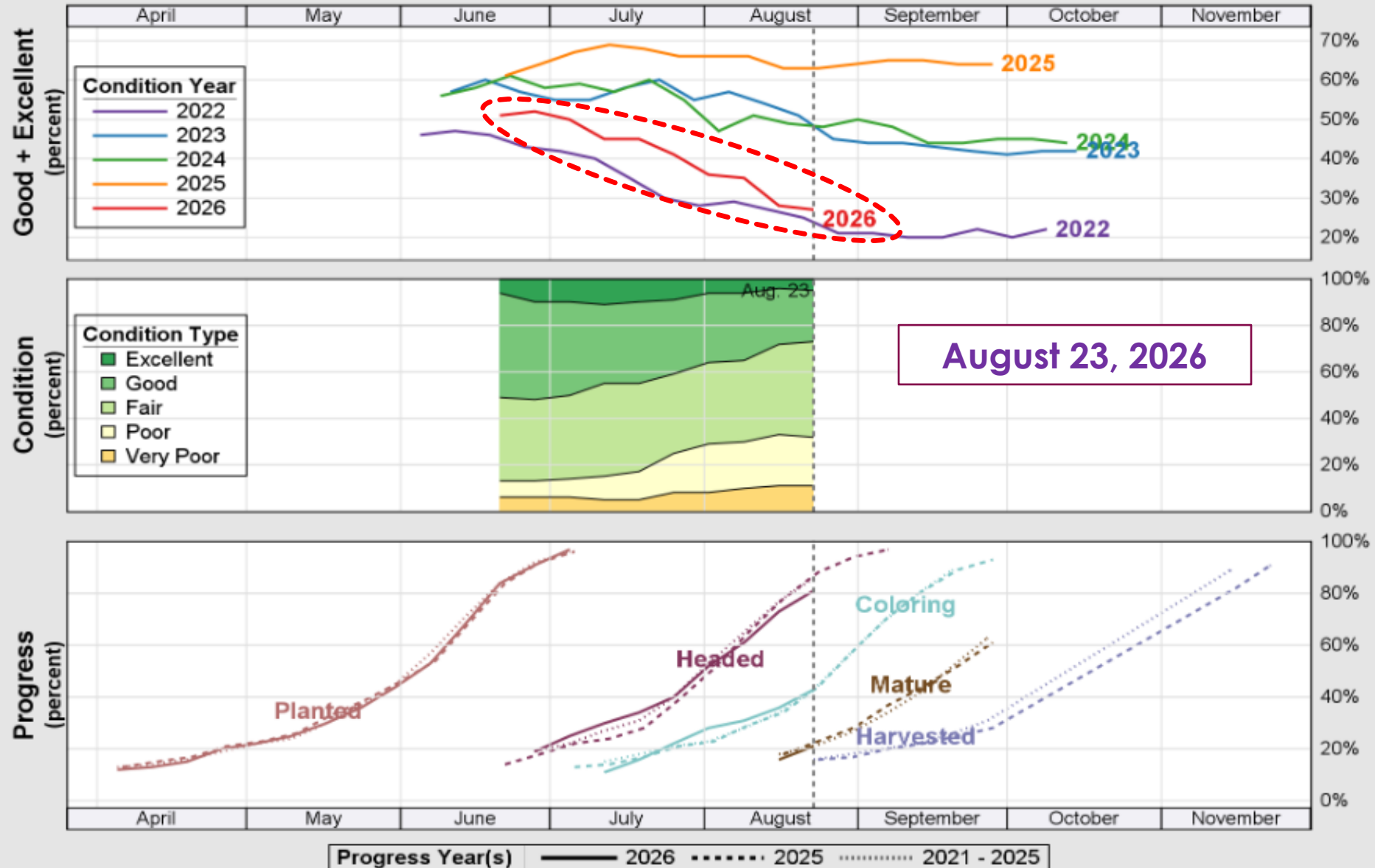
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Crop Progress and Condition: Sorghum in United States , 2026

NASS



Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Crop Progress Report

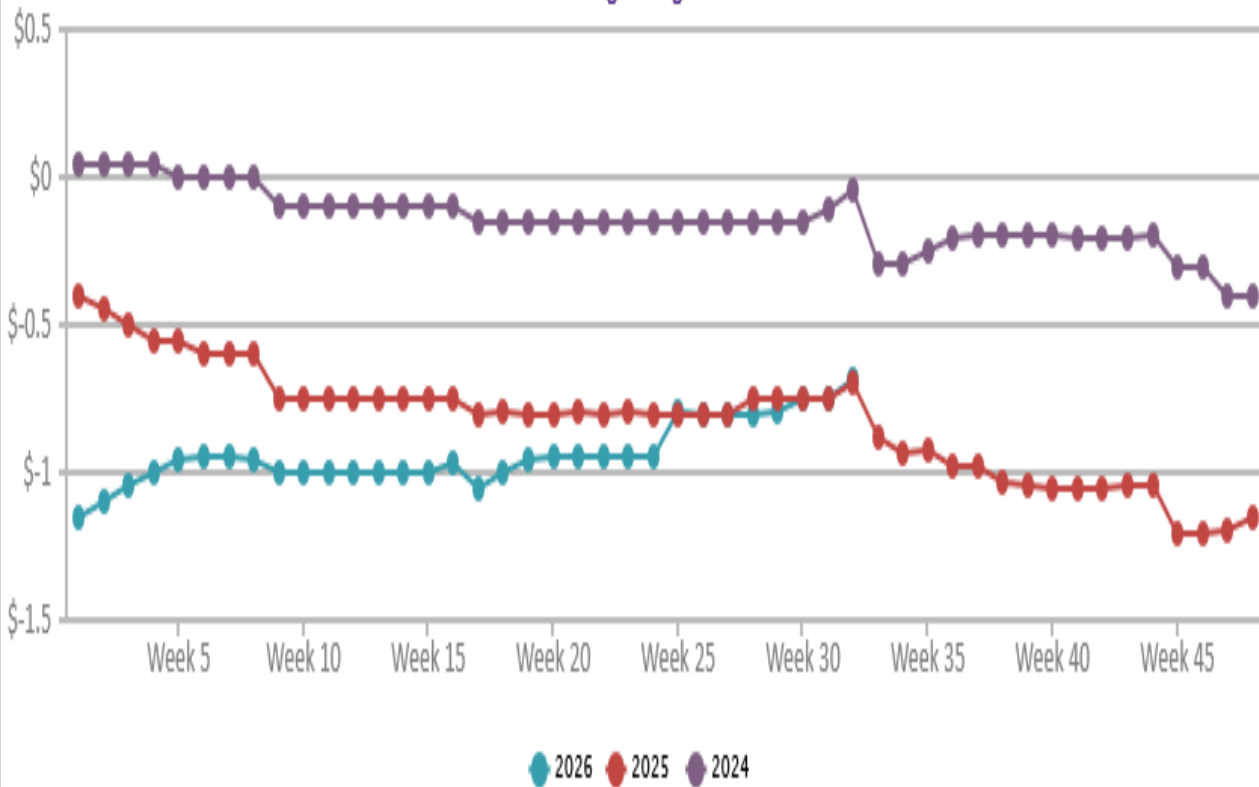
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Grain Sorghum Harvest FC\$: Fall ²⁰²⁶	\$4.72	\$4.72	\$4.77	\$4.57	\$4.77	\$4.27
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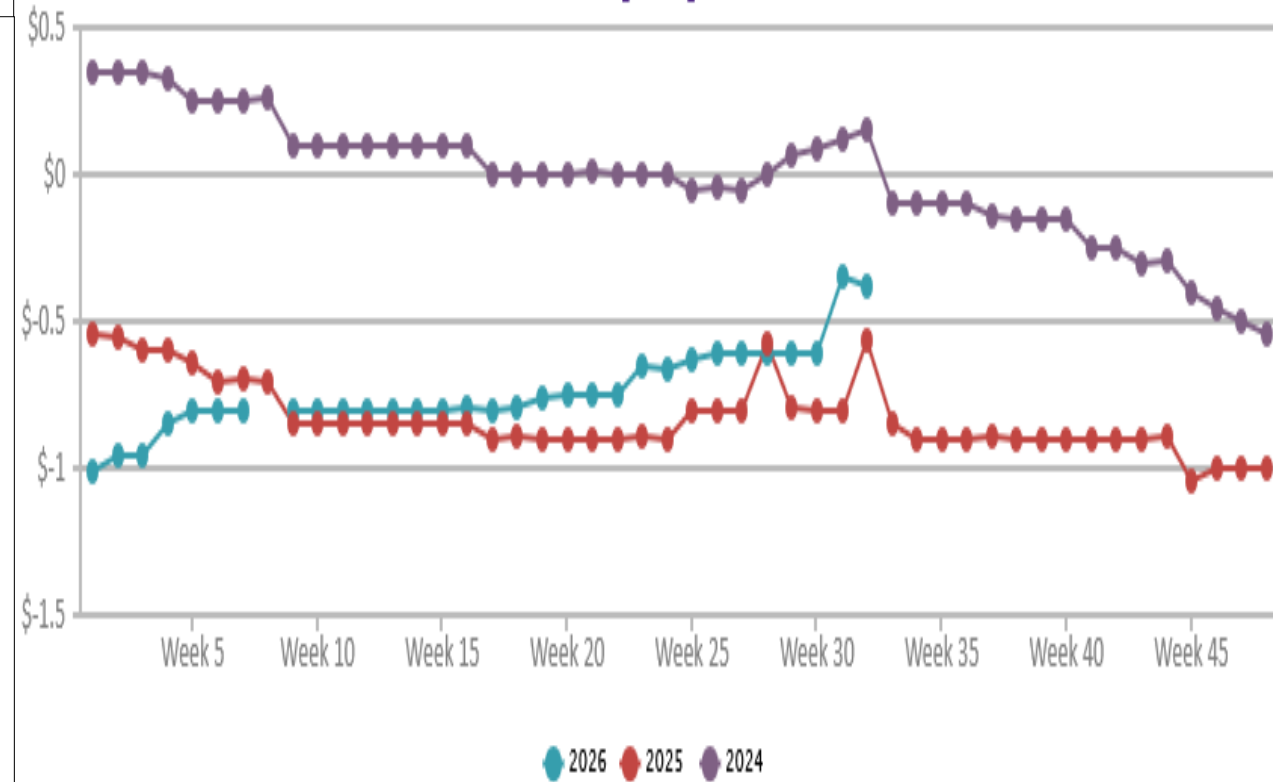
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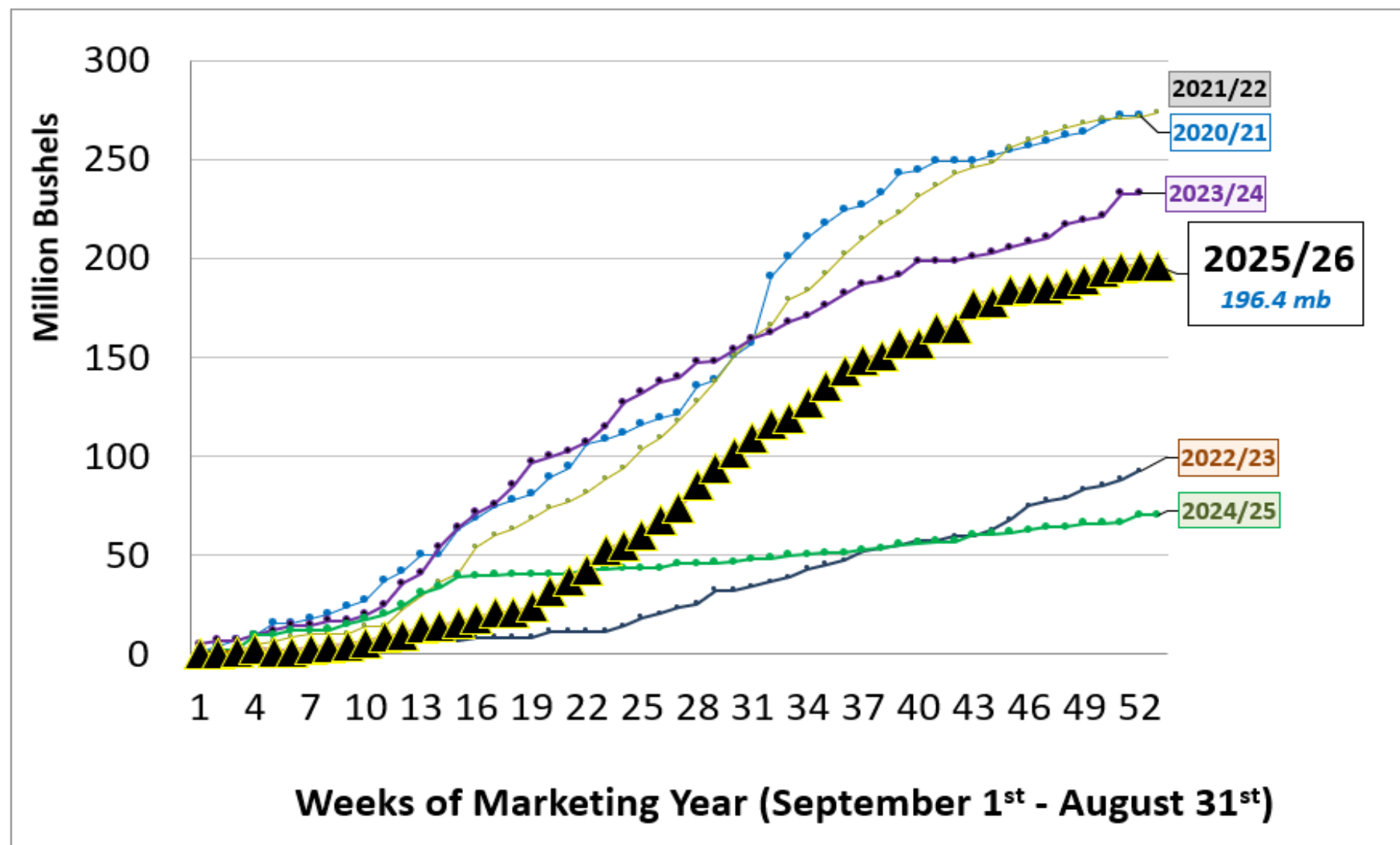
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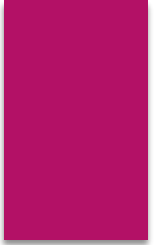
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MY 2012/13 - "Current" MY 2025/26 as of 8/20/2026 USDA FAS Export

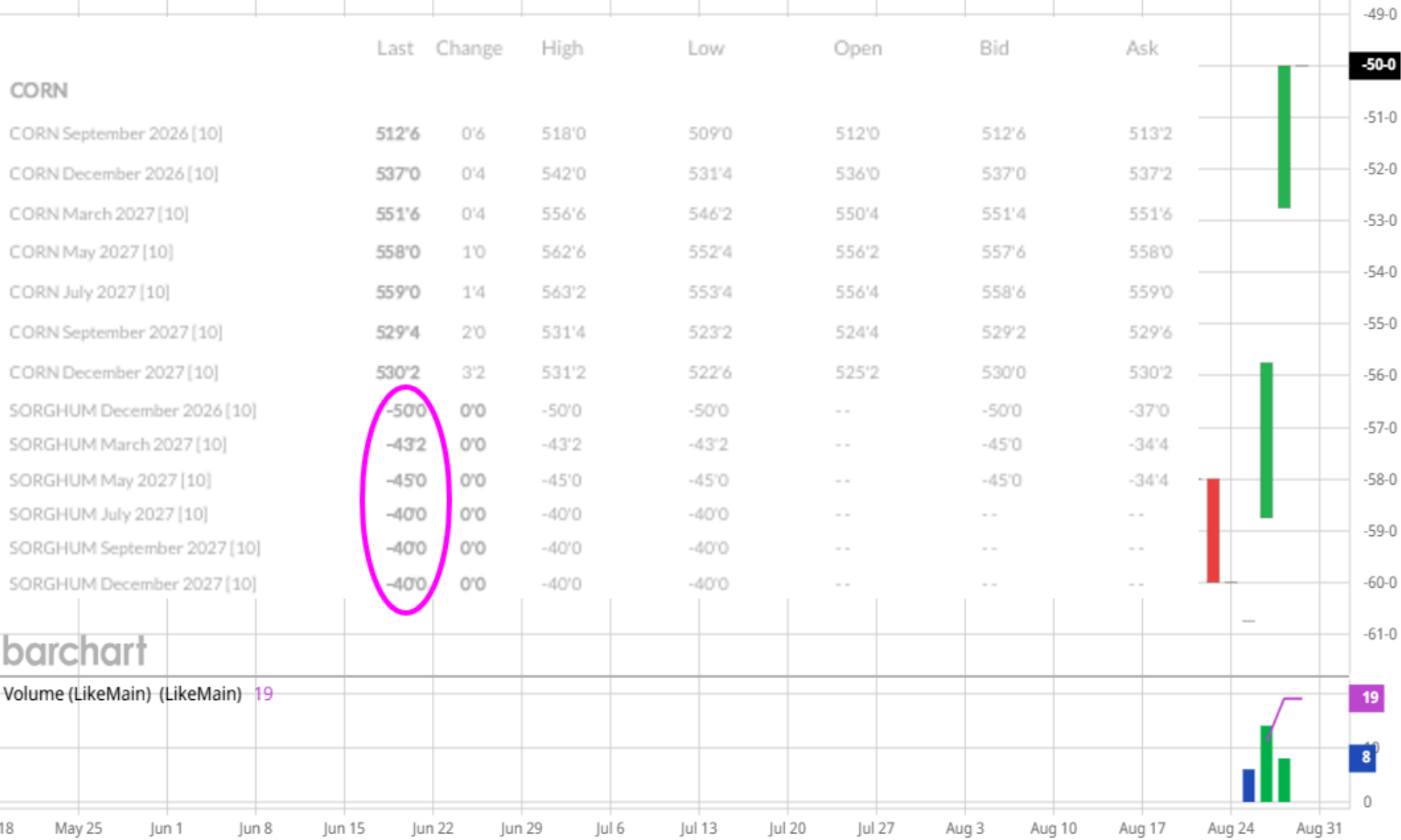


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U.S. CBOT Milo / Sorghum – Nearby Daily



08/28/2026 Sorghum Futures (BSOZ26) [CBOT] O-50-0 H-50-0 L-50-0 C-50-0 Δ0-0 (0.00%)



CBOT Milo/Sorghum Daily Nearby

US\$/bushel

28th August 2026 - 50 cents/bu

Observations:

- We now have an internationally transparent price for Grain Sorghum
- We now have a Forward Curve for Grain Sorghum Prices
- Carries for Grain Sorghum are wider than Corn; reflecting currently poor export demand.

Wheat Markets

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Key Wheat Market Issues

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A. World Wheat Market Impact of Russia-Ukraine War Tensions

- Wheat markets have responded to accelerated attacks & disruptions of Wheat Handling & Shipping in the Black Sea Region

B. Trends in World Wheat Ending Stocks & % Stocks/Use

- The MY 2025/26 “*jump*” in World Stocks disrupted the long term down trend in **World & World-Less-China** % Ending Stocks-to-Use

Q? Is this long term down trend *changing* or *temporarily disrupted*?

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C. Market impact of the “short” 2026 U.S. HRW Wheat crop

- Low HRW wheat production is a key issue in U.S. Wheat S-D

D. The Outlook for Kansas Winter Wheat seedings? + or - ?

- A mix of influences, with *higher prices* (+) & *competitive crop enterprises* (-) in Kansas working against one another (Corn, Milo, others)

E. The current Status & Impact of HRS-SRW Wheat Spreads...

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U.S. Wheat Spread Comparison – Nearby Daily



U.S. Wheat

Daily Nearby, US\$/bushel

CME Wheat

1 Year History

4 May 2026 - \$6.40¼

KHRW Wheat

1 Year History

4 May 2026 - \$6.96¼

+56 cents

CME HRS Wheat

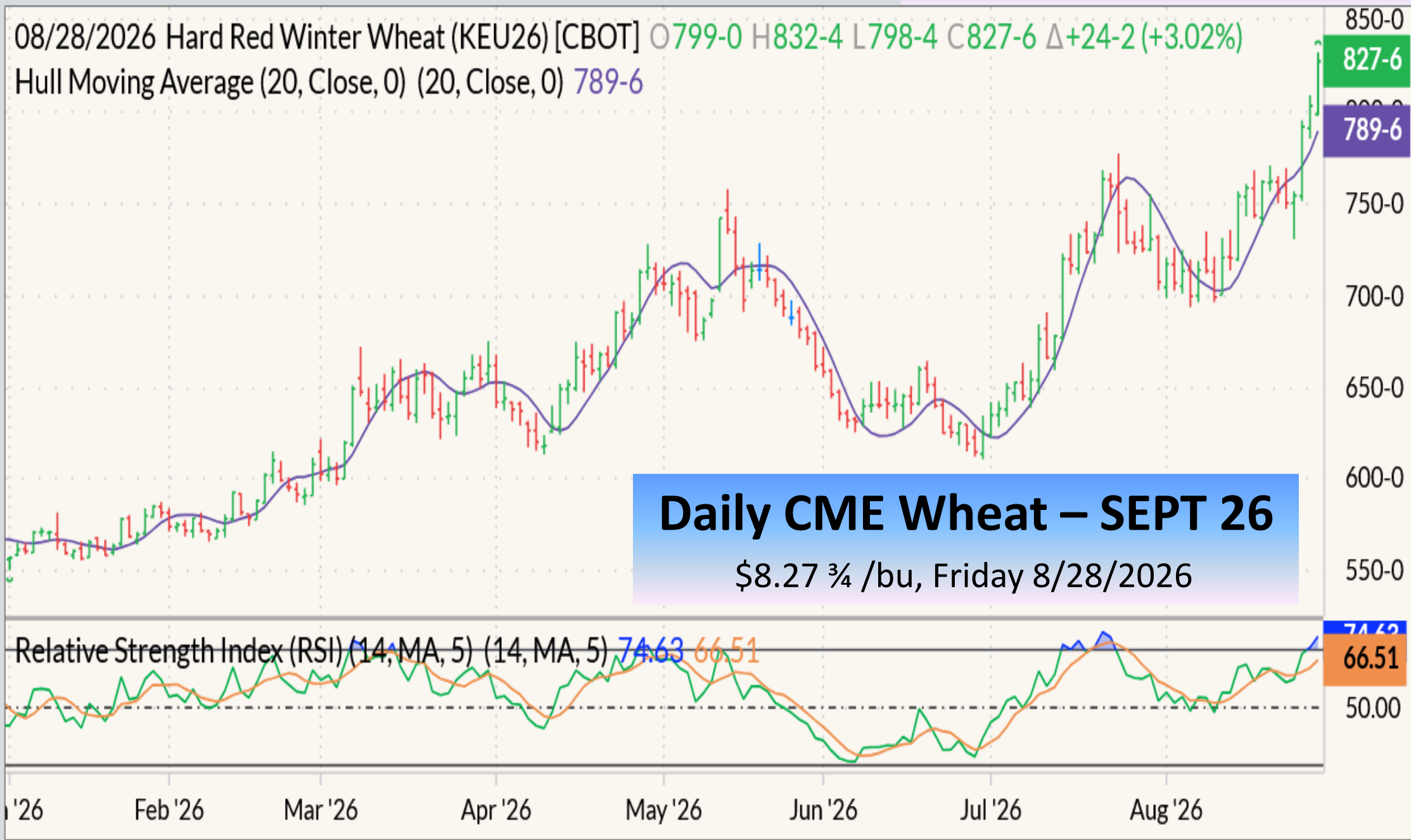
1 Year History

4 May 2026 - \$7.05¼

+65 cents

08/28/2026 Hard Red Winter Wheat (KEU26) [CBOT] O799-0 H832-4 L798-4 C827-6 Δ+24-2 (+3.02%)
Hull Moving Average (20, Close, 0) (20, Close, 0) 789-6

\$8.27 ³/₄



Monthly Commodity Futures Price Chart

Wheat (Kansas) (Electronic) (KCBT)

TFC Commodity Charts

KE - Wheat (Kansas) (Electronic) - Monthly Chart

Change: 139.750

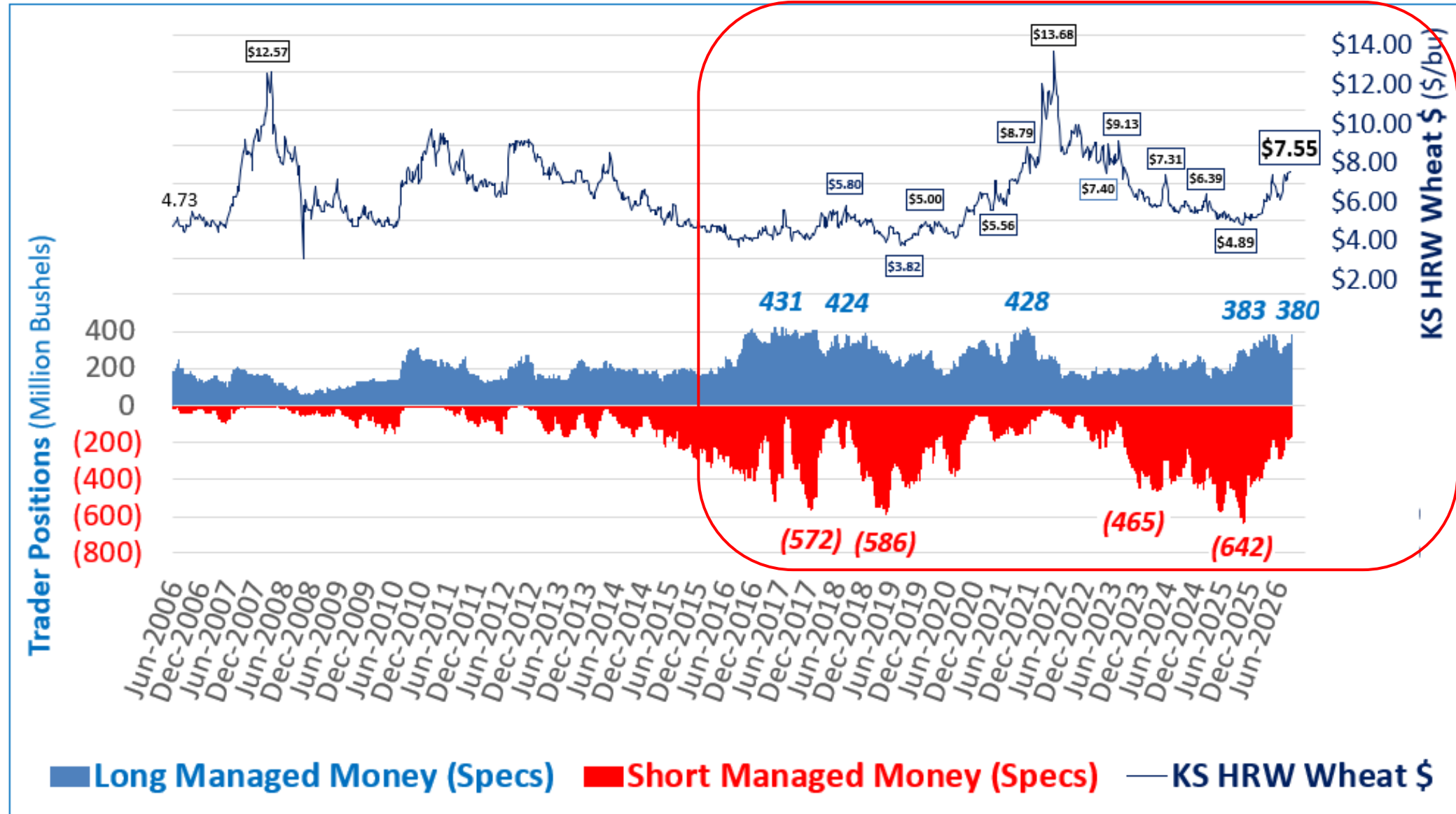
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KS HRW Wheat ^{CME} - Managed Money Traders Specs

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Long/Short Positions + Futures \$'s: June 2006 – 8/25/2026 CFTC Data with 8/25/2026 Futures for SEPT²⁰²⁶ KS HRW Wheat



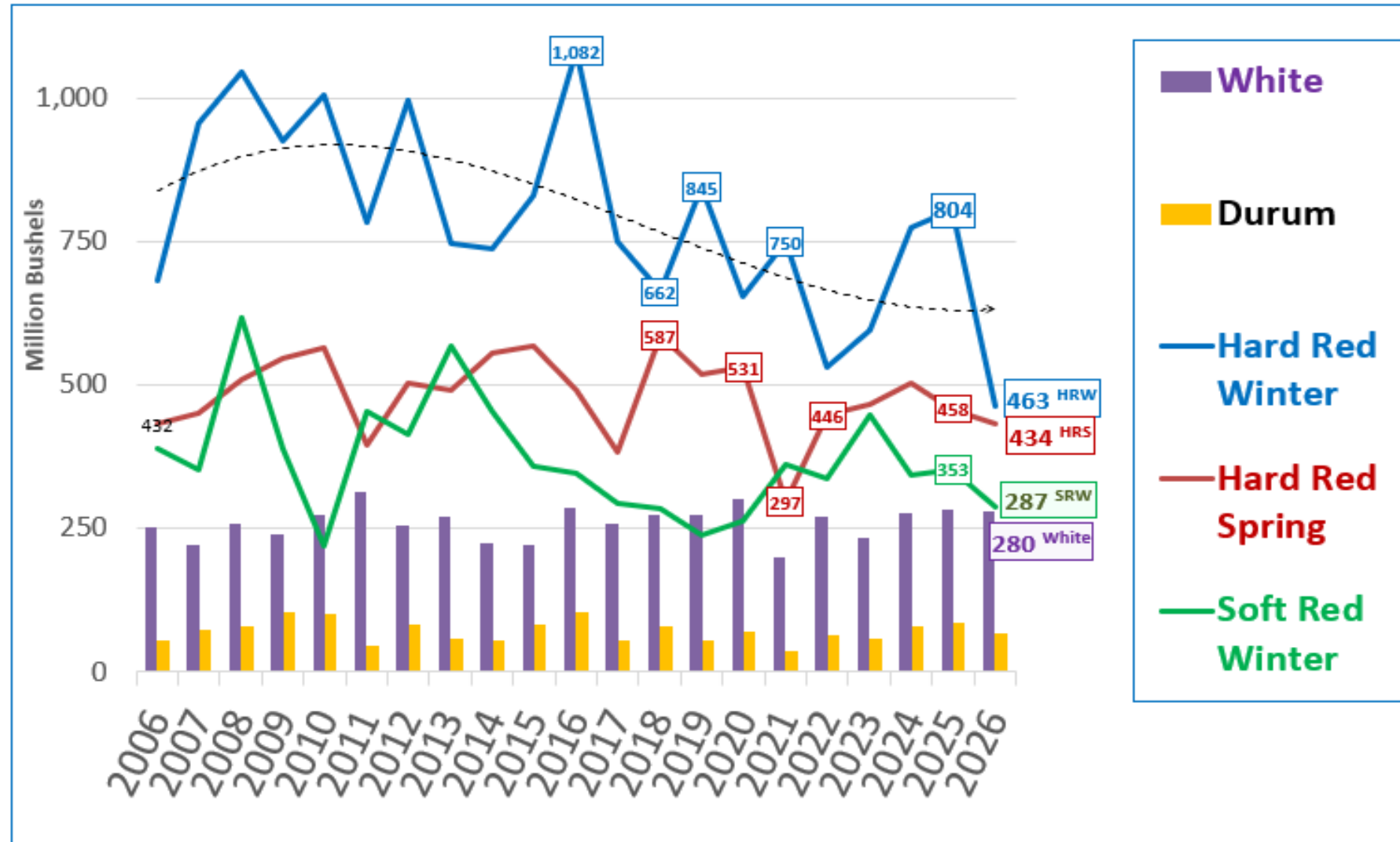
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	<i>Representing the highest bids available at each location</i>					
Cash Market Spot & FC Bids	Colby ^{Area}	Garden City ^{Area}	Salina ^{Area}	Hutchinson ^{Area}	Topeka ^{Area}	Pittsburg ^{Area}
<i>Cash Market Bids from Barchart.com</i>	NW KS	SW KS	NC KS	SC KS	NE-EC KS	SE KS
KC HRW Wheat Harvest Spot Cash\$ - Summer	\$7.63	\$7.69	\$7.88	\$7.98	\$7.98	\$7.28
<i>2026 Cash Market Basis - August 2026</i>	(\$0.65)	(\$0.59)	(\$0.40)	(\$0.30)	(\$0.30)	(\$1.00)
KC HRW Wheat FC\$ Summer^{2027 Harvest Futures}	\$7.71	\$7.76	\$8.21	\$8.16	\$8.11	\$7.61
<i>"New Crop" 2026/27 HRW Hvst FC\$ Basis - July 2026</i>	(\$0.71)	(\$0.66)	(\$0.21)	(\$0.26)	(\$0.31)	(\$0.81)
"Spot Cash" HRW Wheat vs Corn \$ Ratio	1.50	1.42	1.59	1.56	1.61	1.42

U.S. Wheat Production *by Class*

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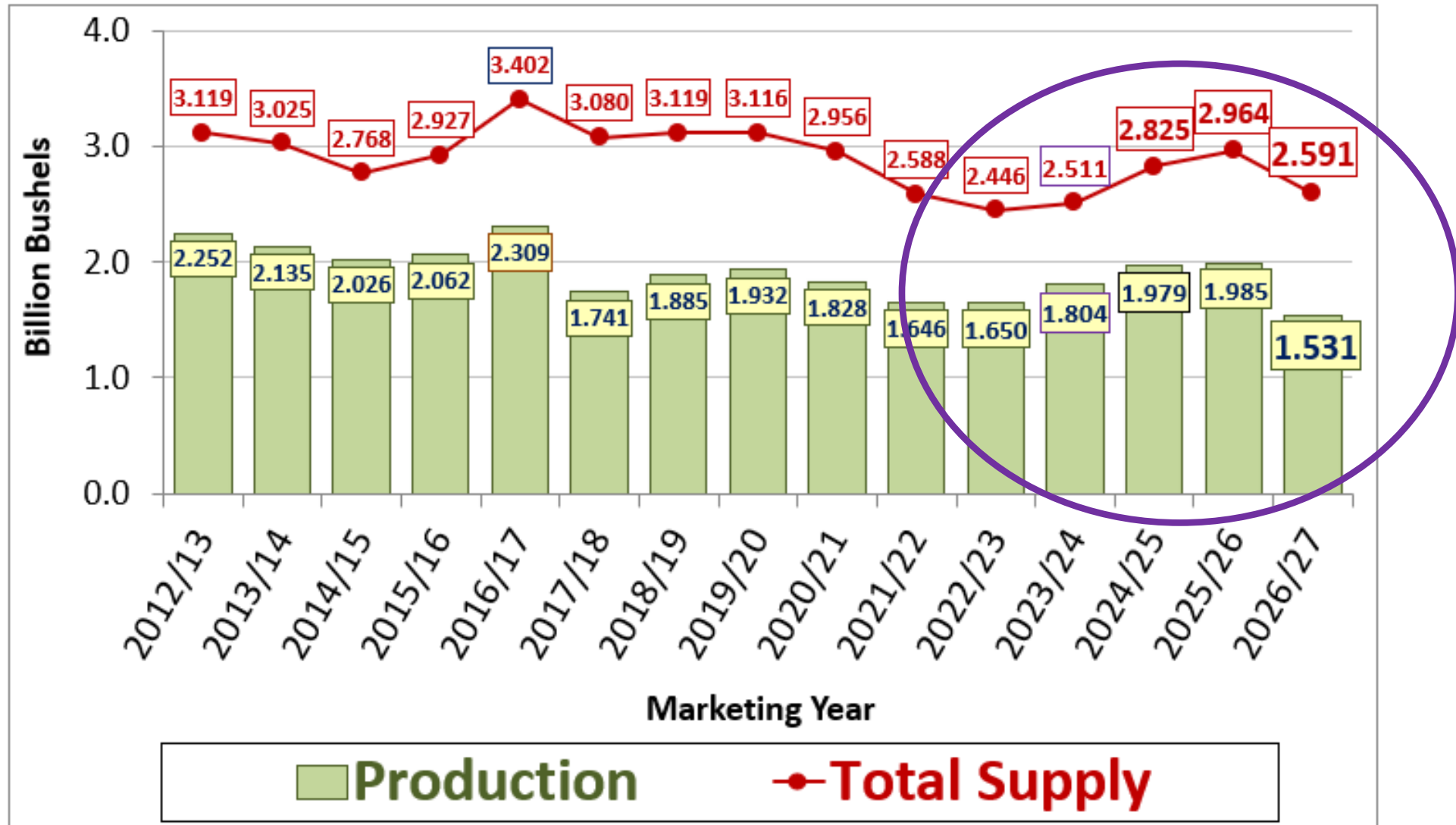
Since Year 2006 – USDA NASS Production Report 8/12/2026



U.S. Wheat Total Supplies

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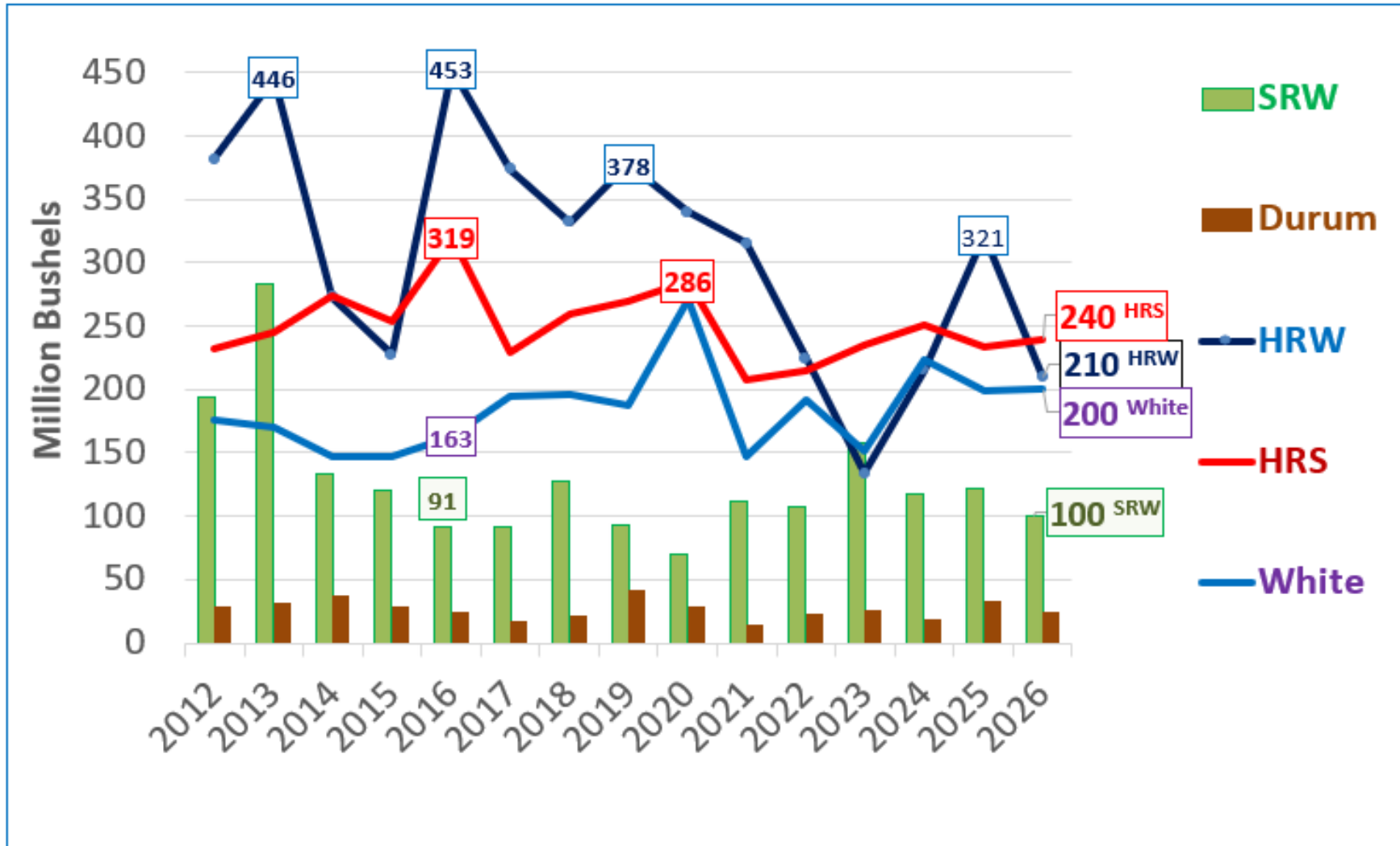
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U.S. Wheat Exports *by Class*

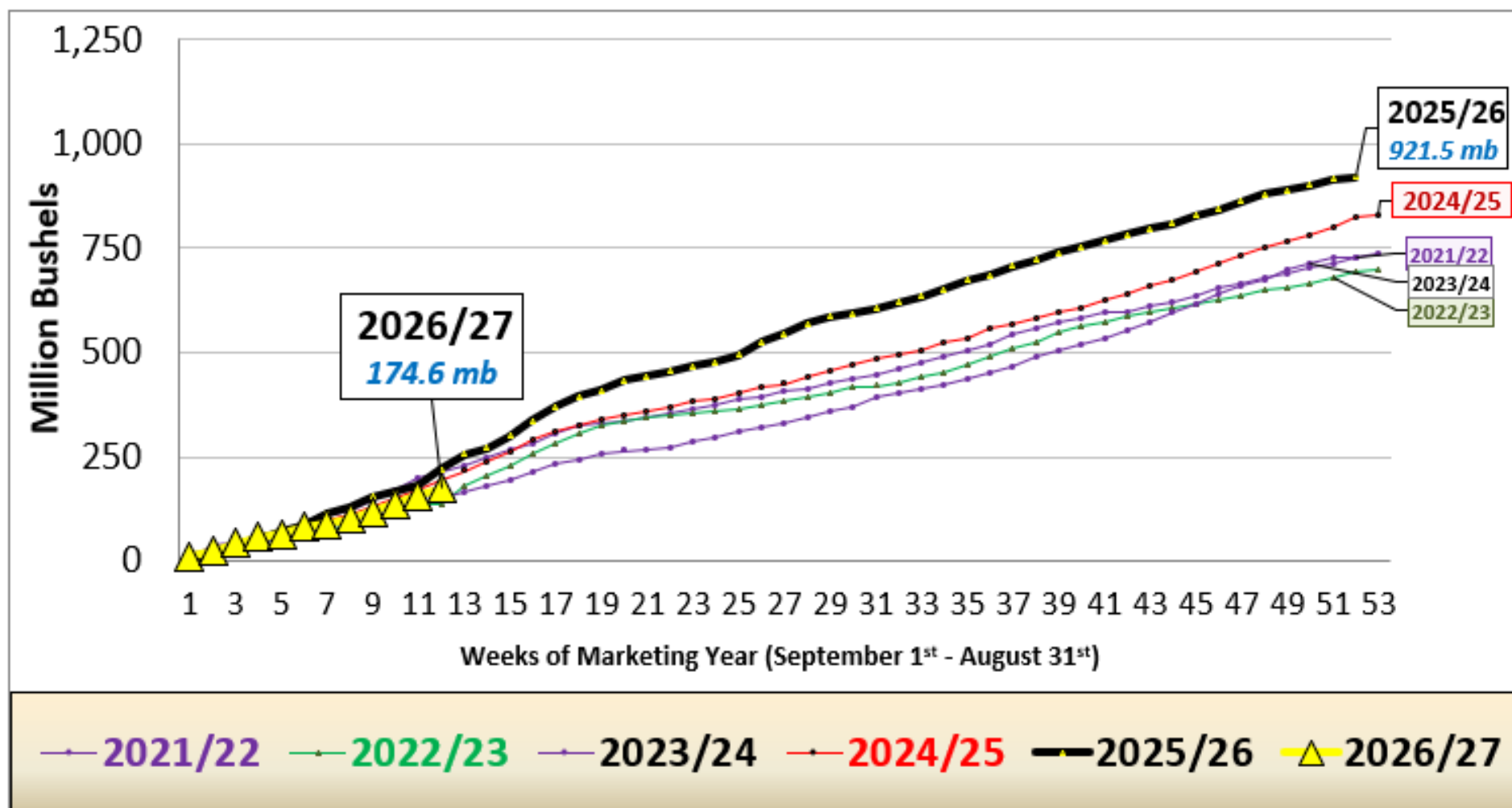
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Since Year 2012 as of the USDA Wheat Yearbook Tables 8/12/2026



U.S. All Wheat Exports

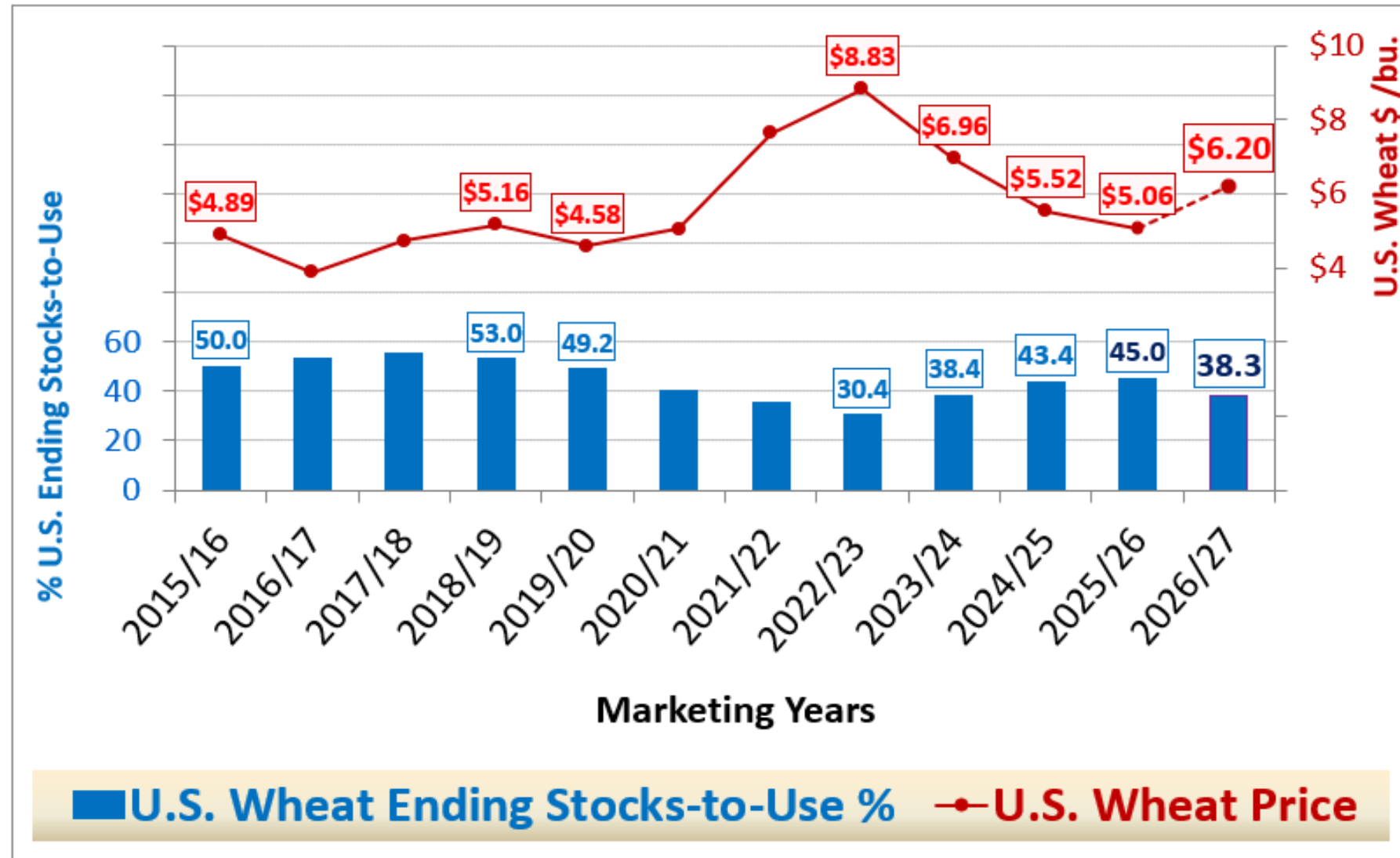
MY 2021/22 thru "New Crop" MY 2026/27 as of 8/20/2026 USDA FAS Weekly Exports



U.S. Wheat: % *S/U* vs *Cash \$'s*

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MY 2015/16 - "New Crop" 2026/27: as of the latest USDA Reports ^{8/12/2026}



U.S. Wheat Market Scenarios

“New Crop” 2026/27 from the latest USDA WASDE report 8/12/2026

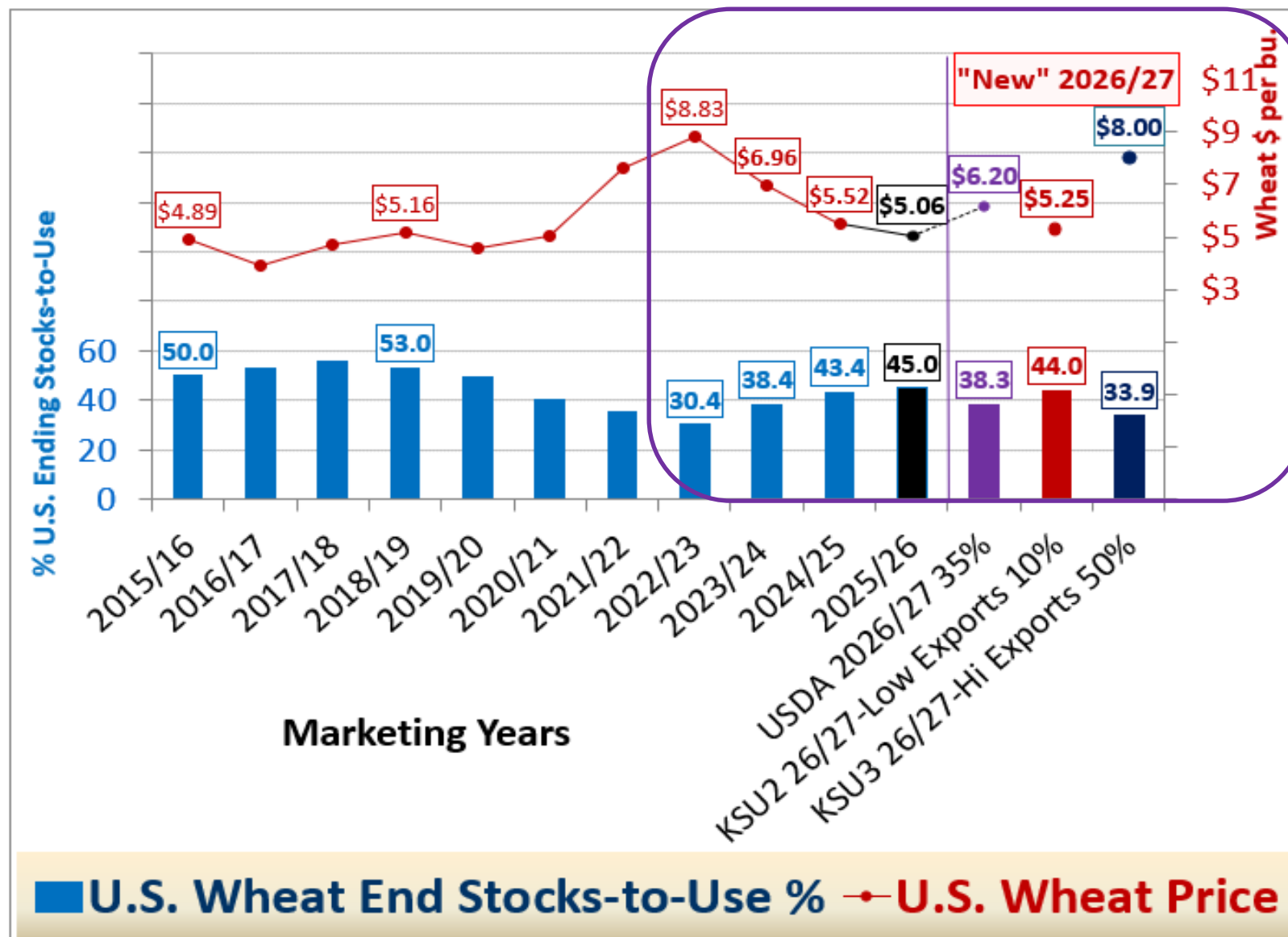
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Item	USDA Scenario #1 “New” MY 2026/27 38.3% S/U	KSU2 Scenario #2 MY 2026/27 Low Exports: 700 mb 44.0% S/U	KSU3 Scenario #3 MY 2026/27 High Exports: 850 mb 33.9% S/U
% Probability <i>KSU #s</i>	40% prob	10% prob.	50% prob
Planted Area (million acres)	42.740	42.740	42.740
Harvested Area (million ac.)	32.063	32.063	32.063
Yield/Harvested Acre (bu/ac)	47.8	47.8	47.8
		Million Bushels	
Beginning Stocks	920	920	920
Production	1,531	1,531	1,531
Total Supply (million bu.)	2,591	2,591	2,591
Exports	775	-75 mb 700	+ 75 mb 850
Total Use (million bushels)	1,874	-75 mb 1,799	+ 75 mb 1,949
Ending Stocks (million bu.)	717	+75 mb 792	- 75 mb 642
% End Stocks-to-Use	38.26%	44.02%	33.94%
U.S. Wheat Avg. Farm \$ (\$/bushel)	\$6.00	\$5.25	\$8.00

U.S. Wheat: % *S/U* vs *Cash \$'s*

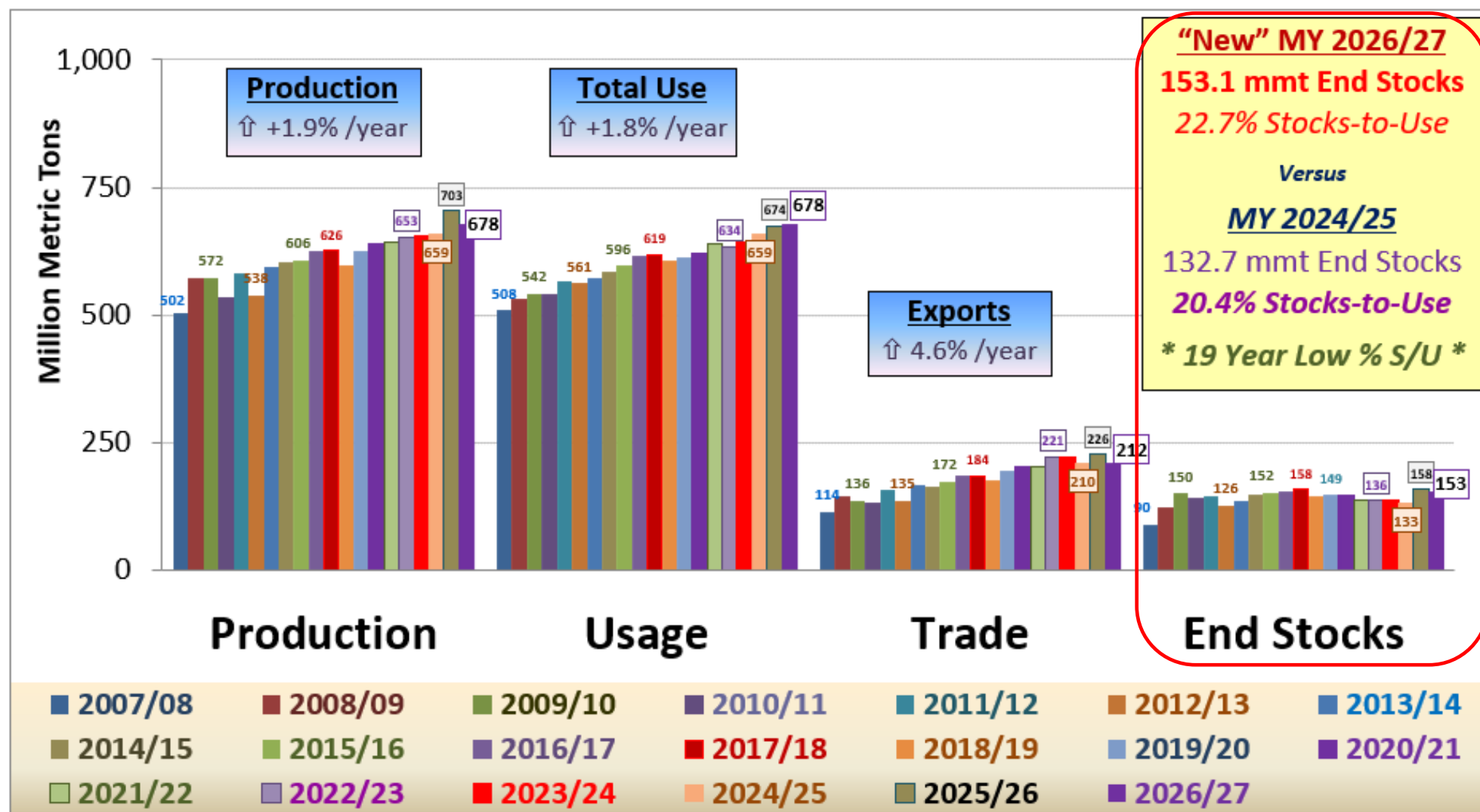
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MY 2012/13 - "New Crop" 2026/27: as of the last USDA WASDE 8/12/2026



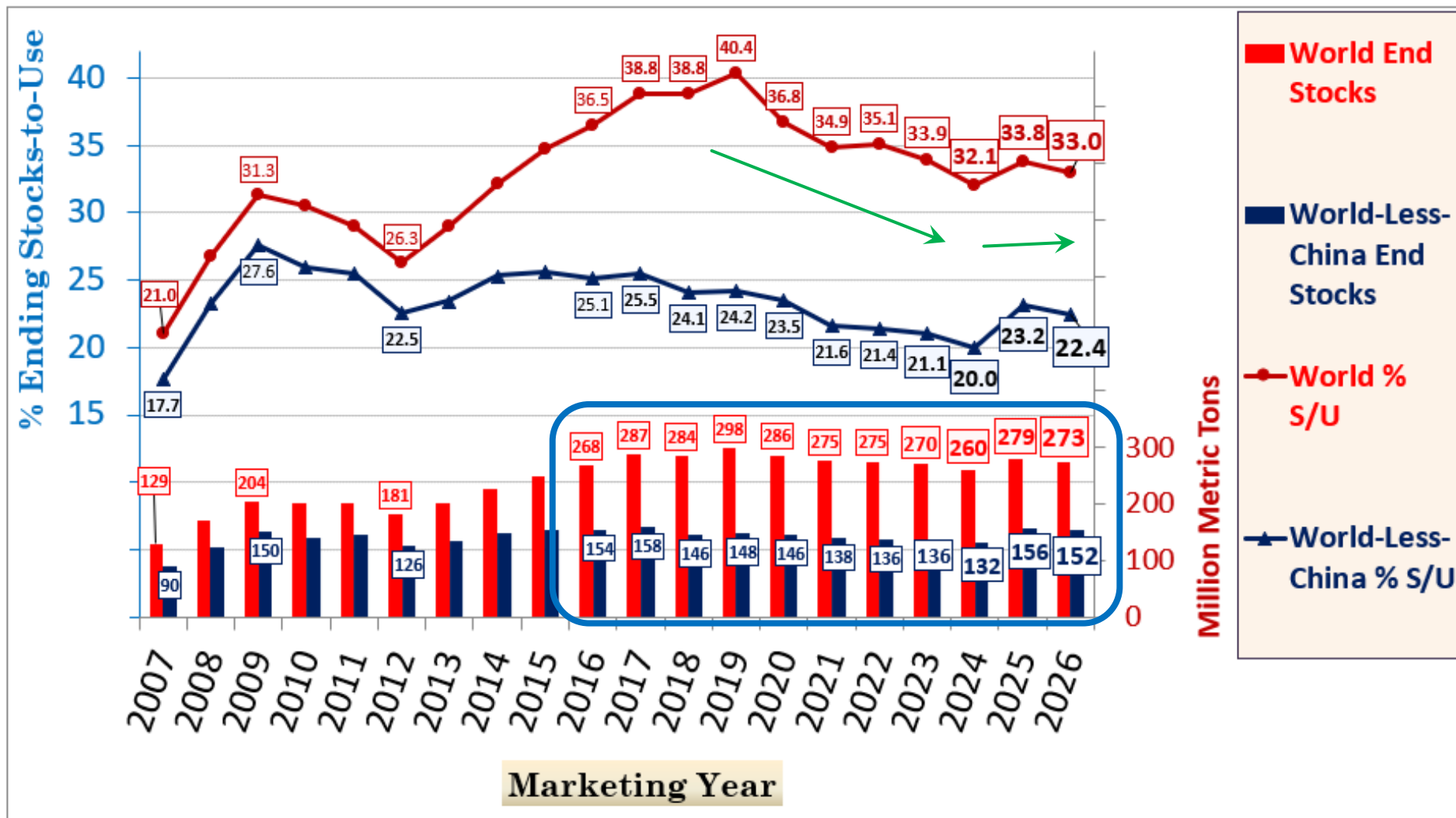
“World Less-China” Wheat: Use & End Stocks

MY 2007/08 - “New” MY 2026/27 as of the latest USDA WASDE 8/12/2026



Wheat: **World** vs **"World Less-China"** Stocks & % S/U

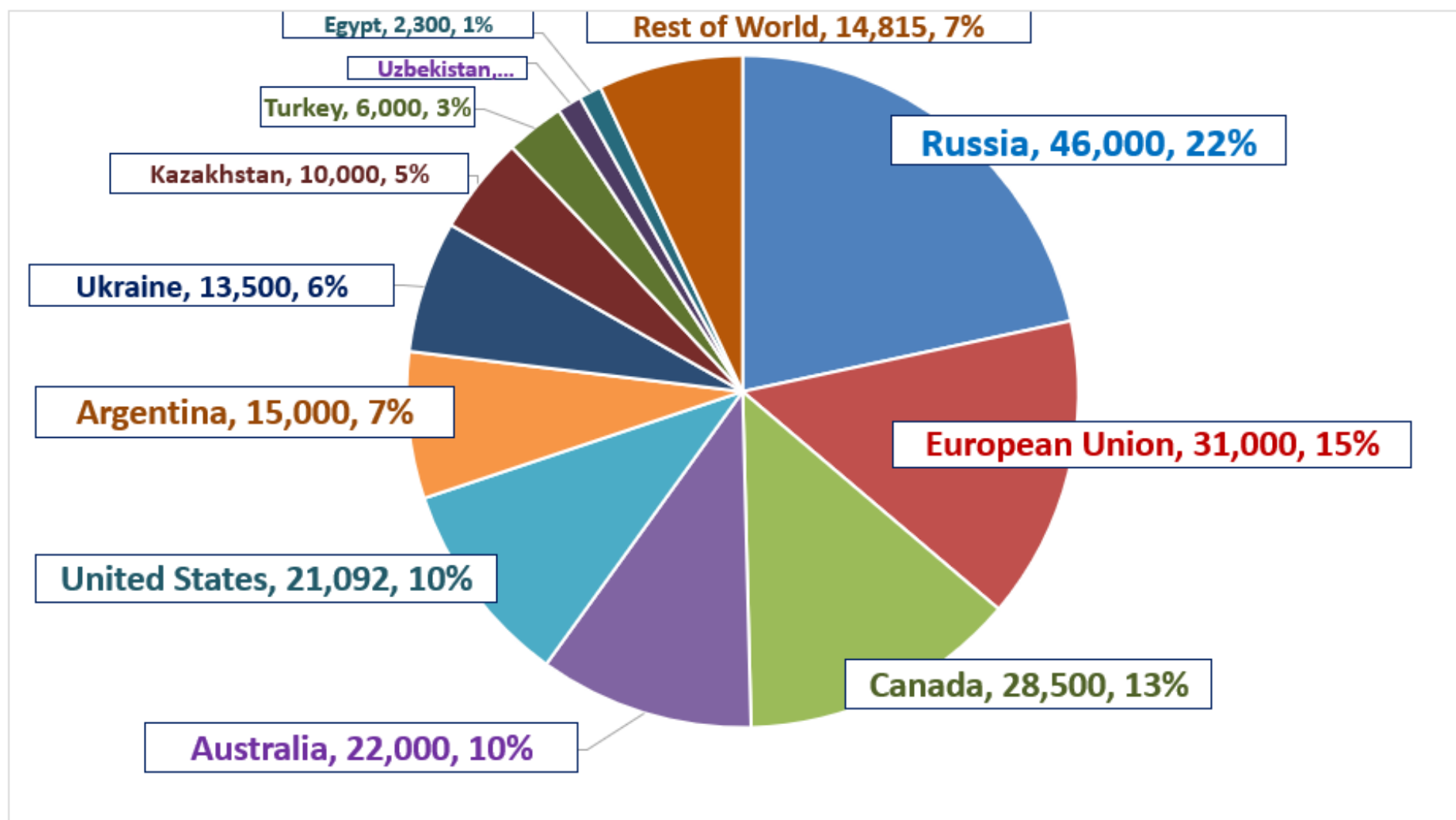
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Wheat Exporters *"New Crop" MY 2026/27*

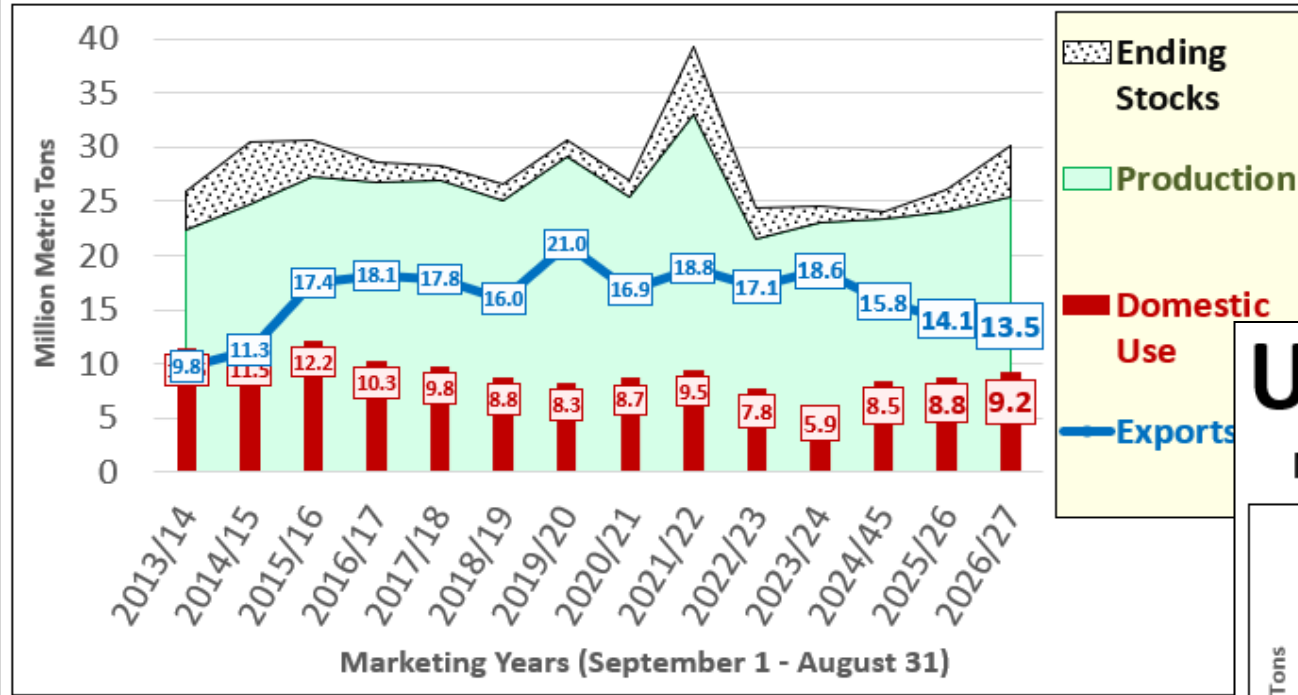
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"New" MY 2026/27 from USDA FAS PSD-Online & WASDE ^{8/12/2026} (1,000 mt)



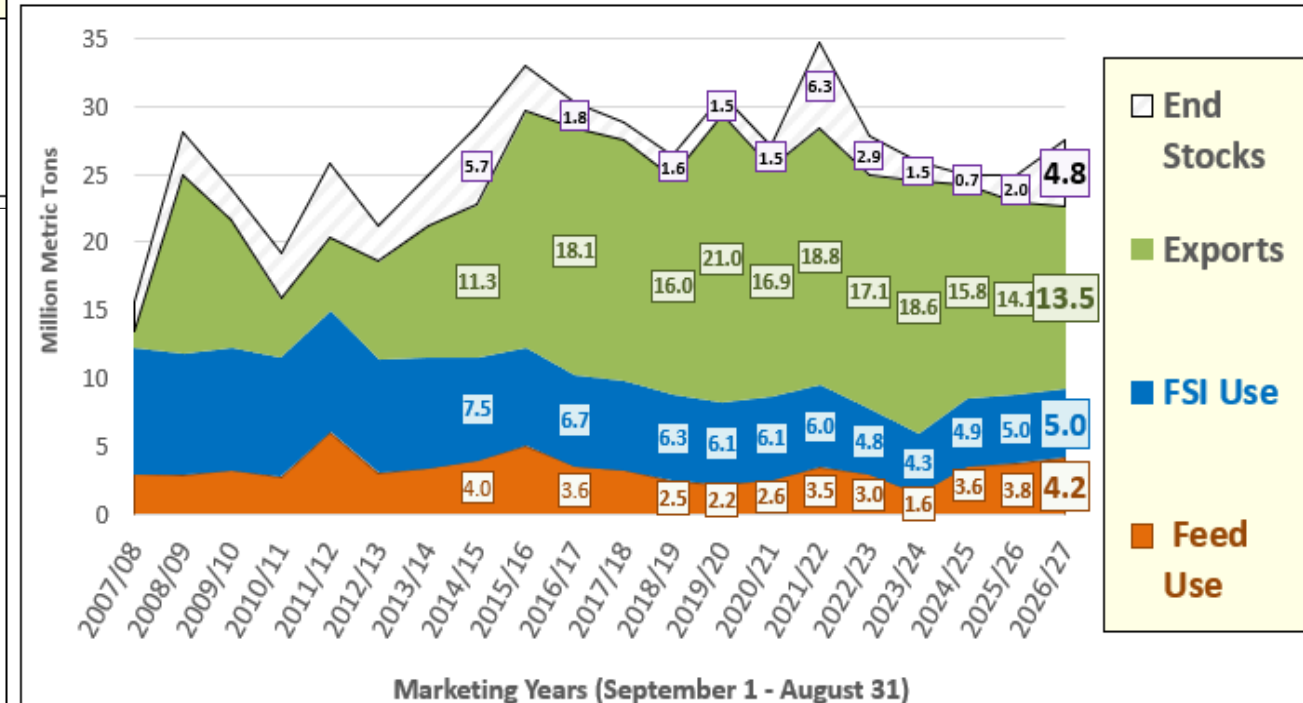
Ukraine Wheat *S-D Trends*

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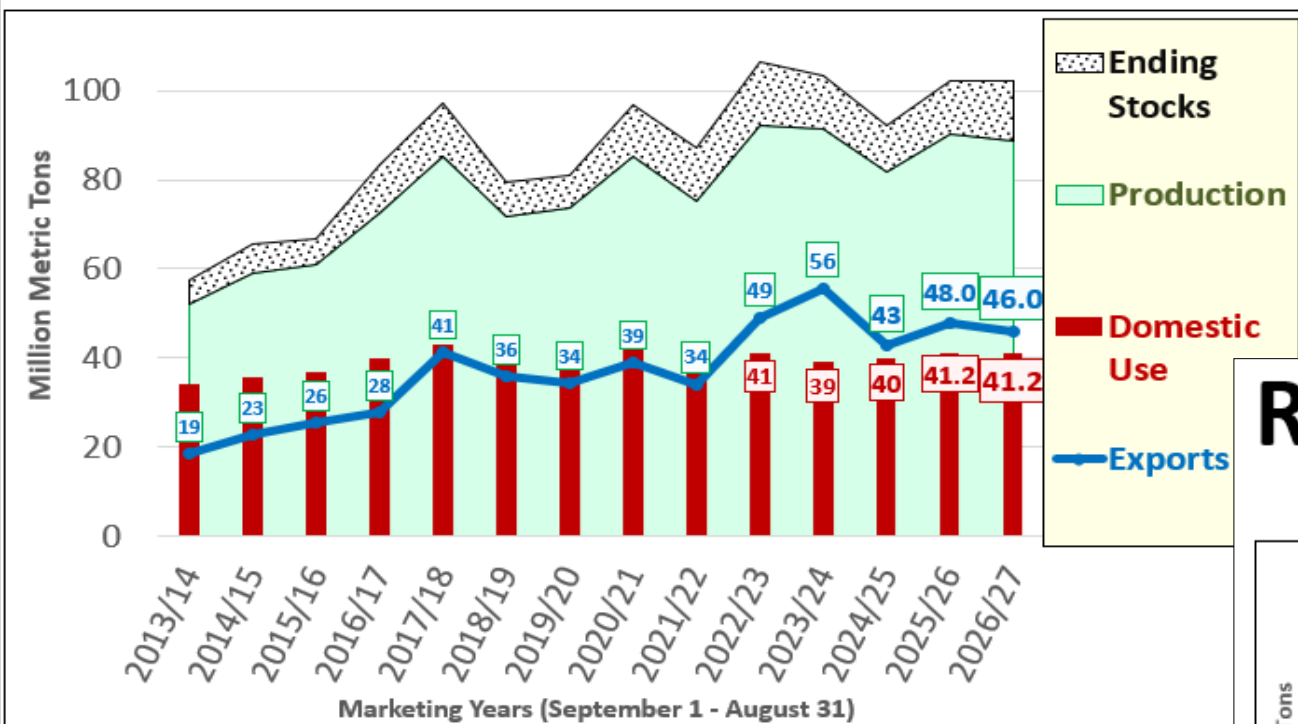
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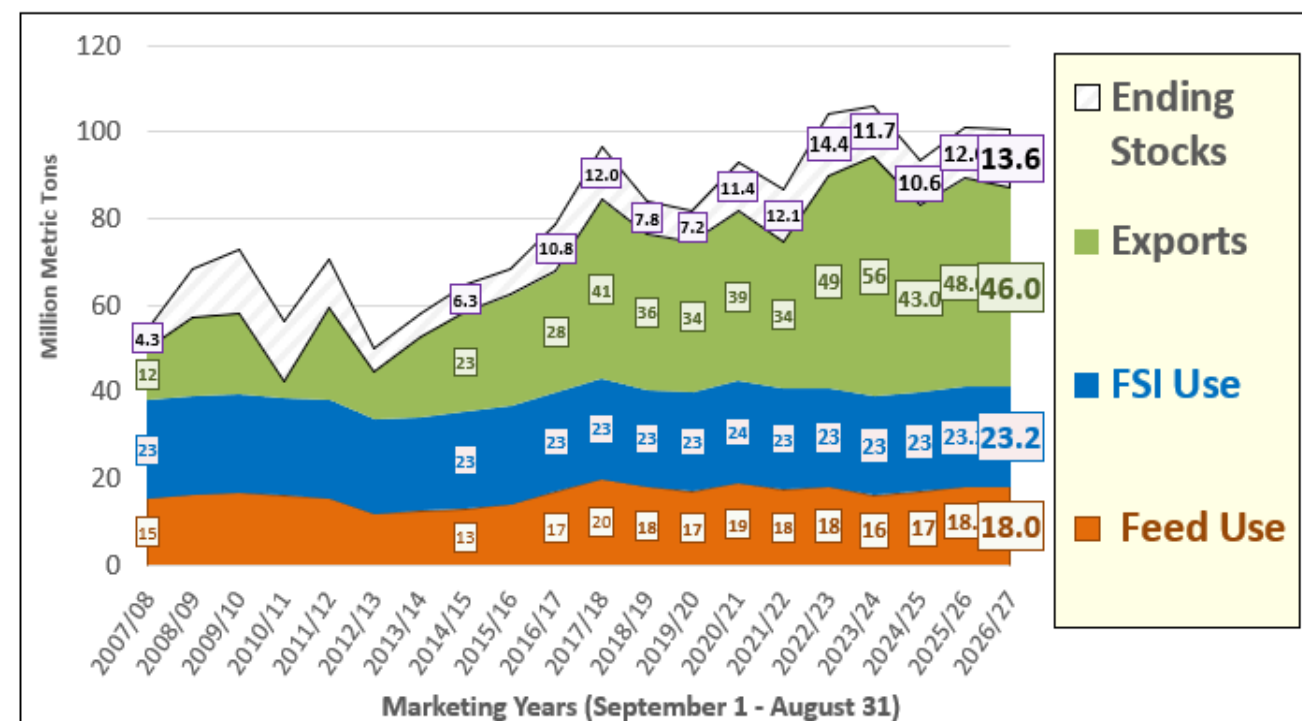
Russia Wheat S-D Trends

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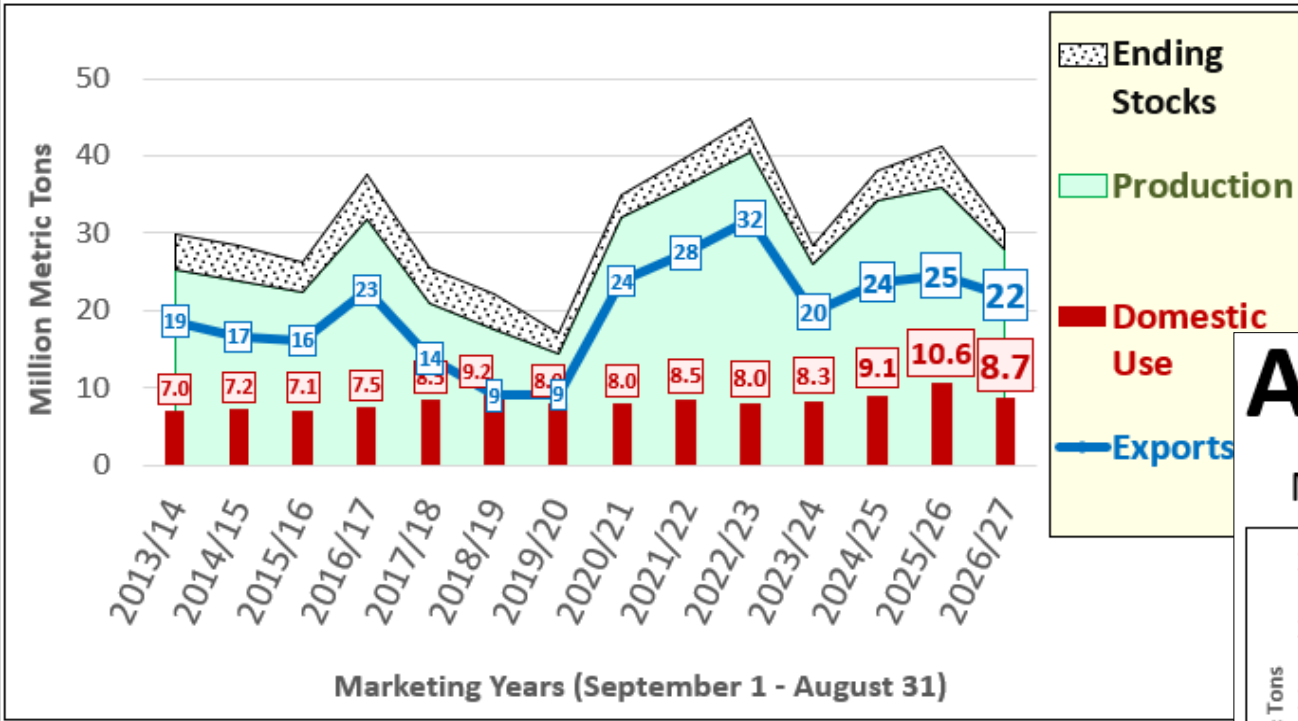
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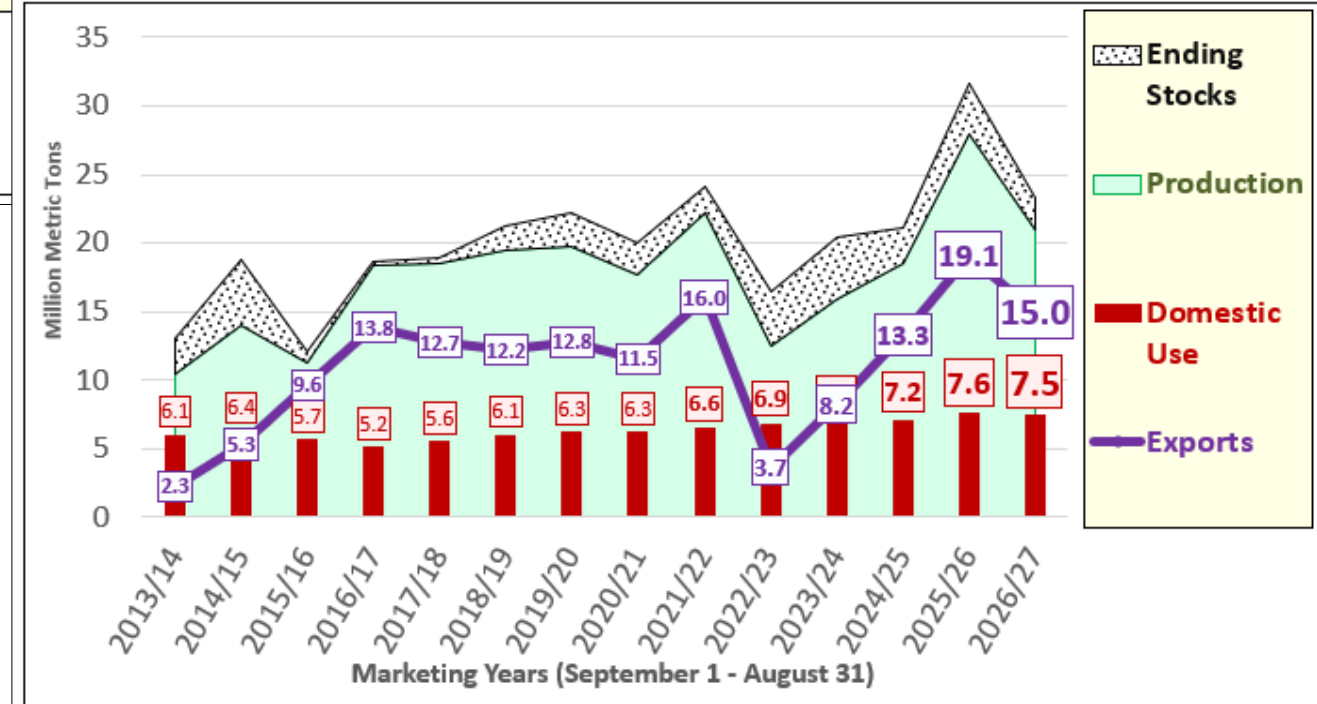
Australia Wheat S-D Trends

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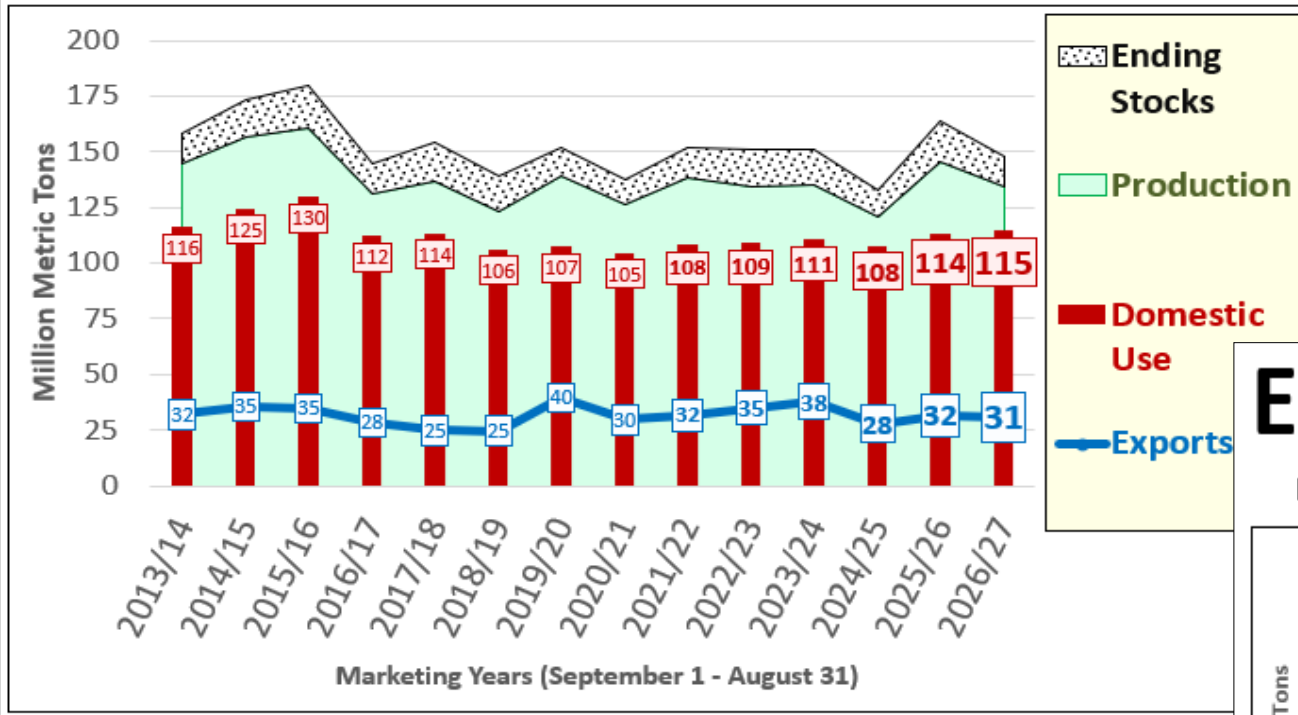
Argentina Wheat S-D Trends

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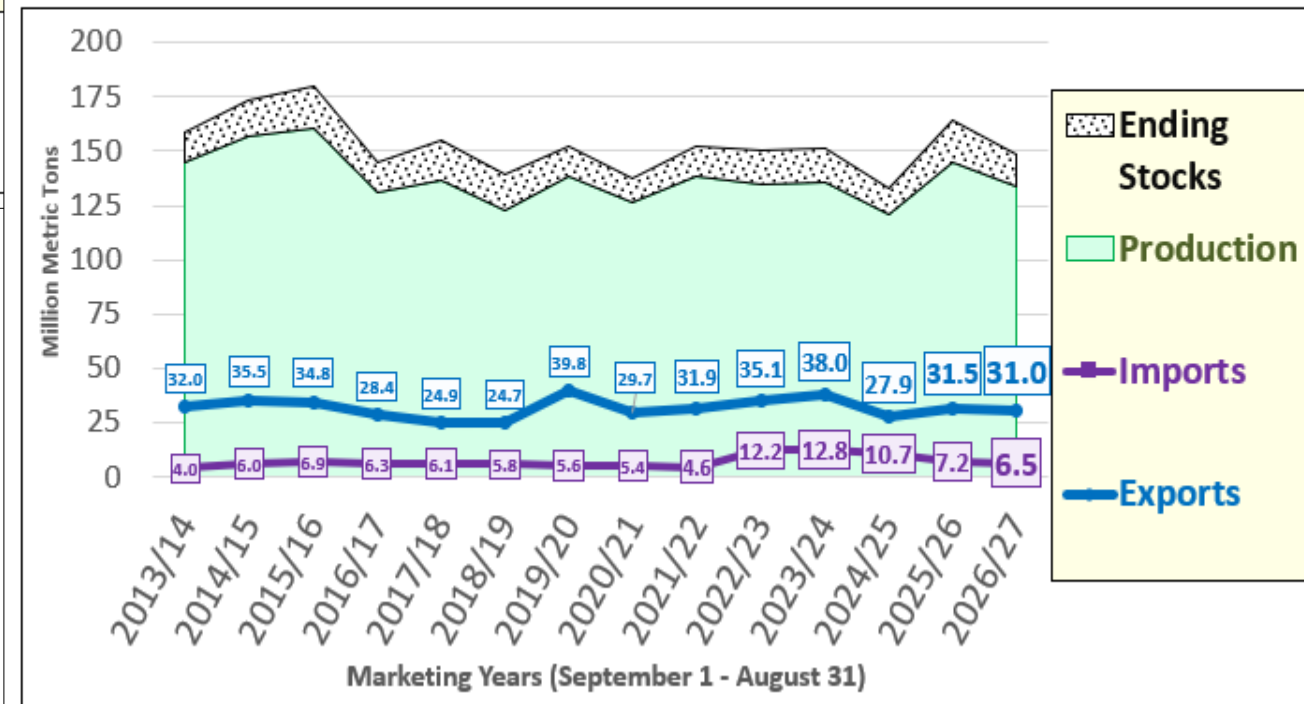
E.U. Wheat S-D Trends

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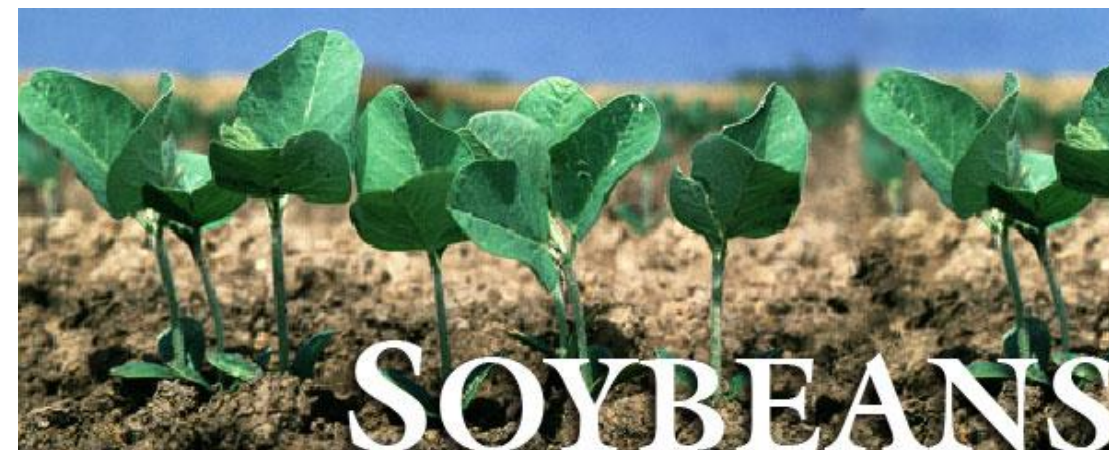
EU Wheat Export-Import Trends

MY 2013/14 - “Current” MY 2025/26 as of the latest USDA WASDE 8/12/2026 Report



Soybean Markets

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Key Soybean Market Issues

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A. Will China fulfill its Trade Deal to buy all 25 mmt from U.S.?

- China has bought ≈ 12.5 mmt so far in MY 2026/27, so would lead to **an additional 12.5 mmt** in Soybean purchases to 25 mmt
 - Would have a “*consequential*” positive soybean market impact, but a “negative” impact if China does not (**A source of market risk**)

B. Potential Impact of El Nino on 2027 Brazil Soybean crop

Q? How “at risk” is the 2027 Brazil Soy Crop to 2027 El Nino damage?

Key Soybean Market Issues

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C. Strong growth in U.S. Soybean Crush (> Production)

- *Compensated for by* ↓ **U.S. Soybean exports** in the USDA Soybean balance sheet (*i.e., to balance U.S. Ending Stocks*)

D. Upcoming USDA Reports....

- NASS Crop Production & WASDE ⇒ *September 11, 2026*
- ERS Crop Outlooks (Feed, Oil Crop, Wheat, Cotton, ..) ⇒ *September 13, 2026*
- NASS Grain Stocks ^{September 1, 2026} ⇒ *September 30, 2026*

Key Soybean Market Issues

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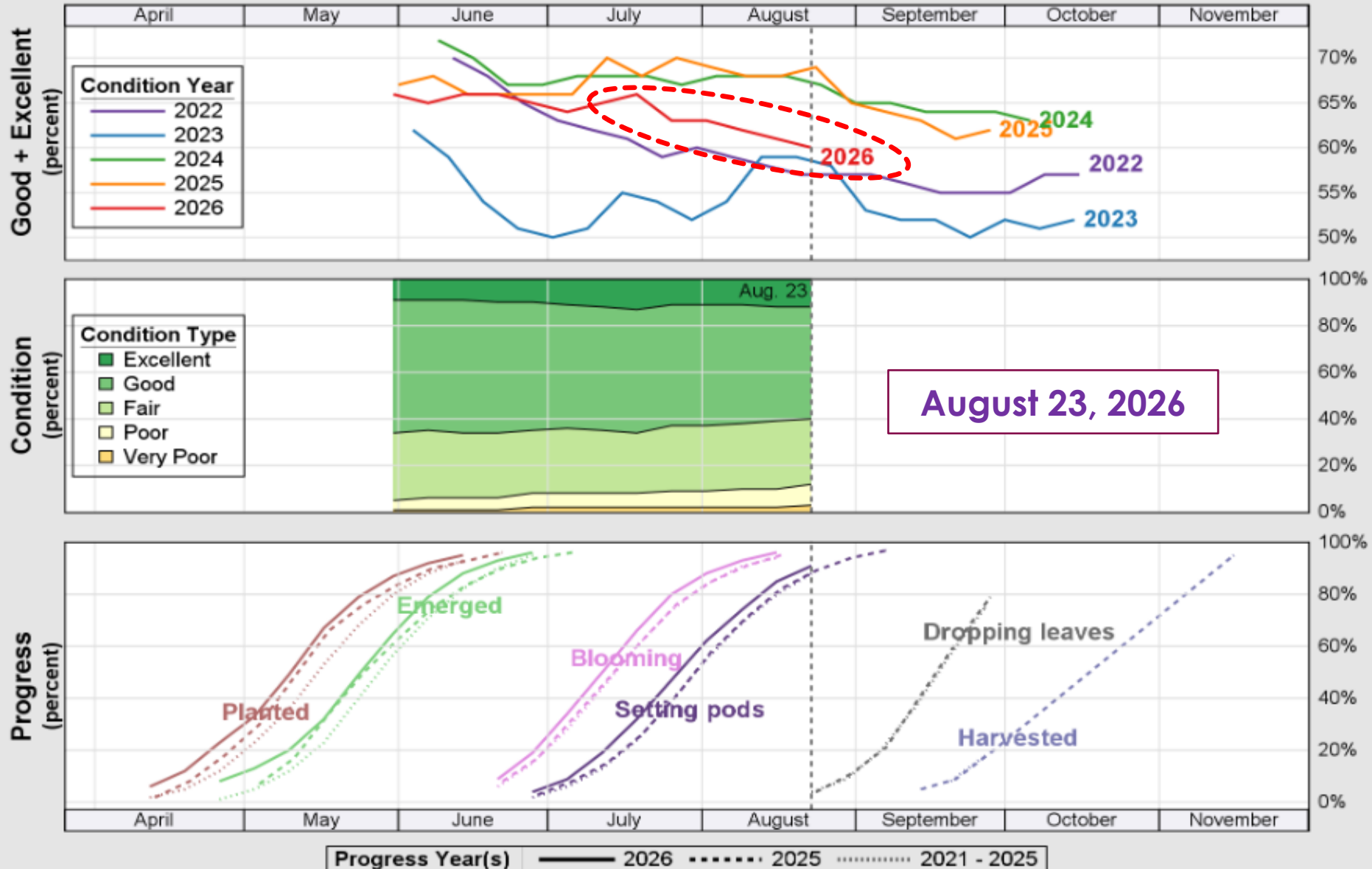
E. Uncertainty of USDA August ²⁰²⁶ Soybean Crop Forecasts

- 67% Forecast Interval (+/- 4.5%) = +/- 203 mb (4.316 bb to 4.722 bb)
- The August ²⁰²⁶ Soybean Crop Production forecast was more uncertain %-wise than for U.S. Corn
 - ❖ Differences in the timing of U.S. crop reproductive stages

USDA

Crop Progress and Condition: Soybeans in United States , 2026

NASS



Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Crop Progress Report

08/31/2026 Soybean (ZSX26) [CBOT] O:1288-0 H:1288-4 L:1283-2 C:1285-0 Δ-3-0 (-0.23%)

Hull Moving Average (20, Close, 0) (20, Close, 0) 1275-7

1300-0

1285-0

\$12.85

1250-0

1200-0

1150-0

1100-0

Daily Soybeans – NOV 26

\$12.85 /bu, Friday, 8/30/2026 closes

1050-0

Relative Strength Index (RSI) (14, MA, 5) (14, MA, 5) 72.61 69.98

69.98

50.00

Feb '26

Mar '26

Apr '26

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Jun '26

Jul '26

Aug '26

Monthly Commodity Futures Price Chart Soybeans (Globex) (CBOT)

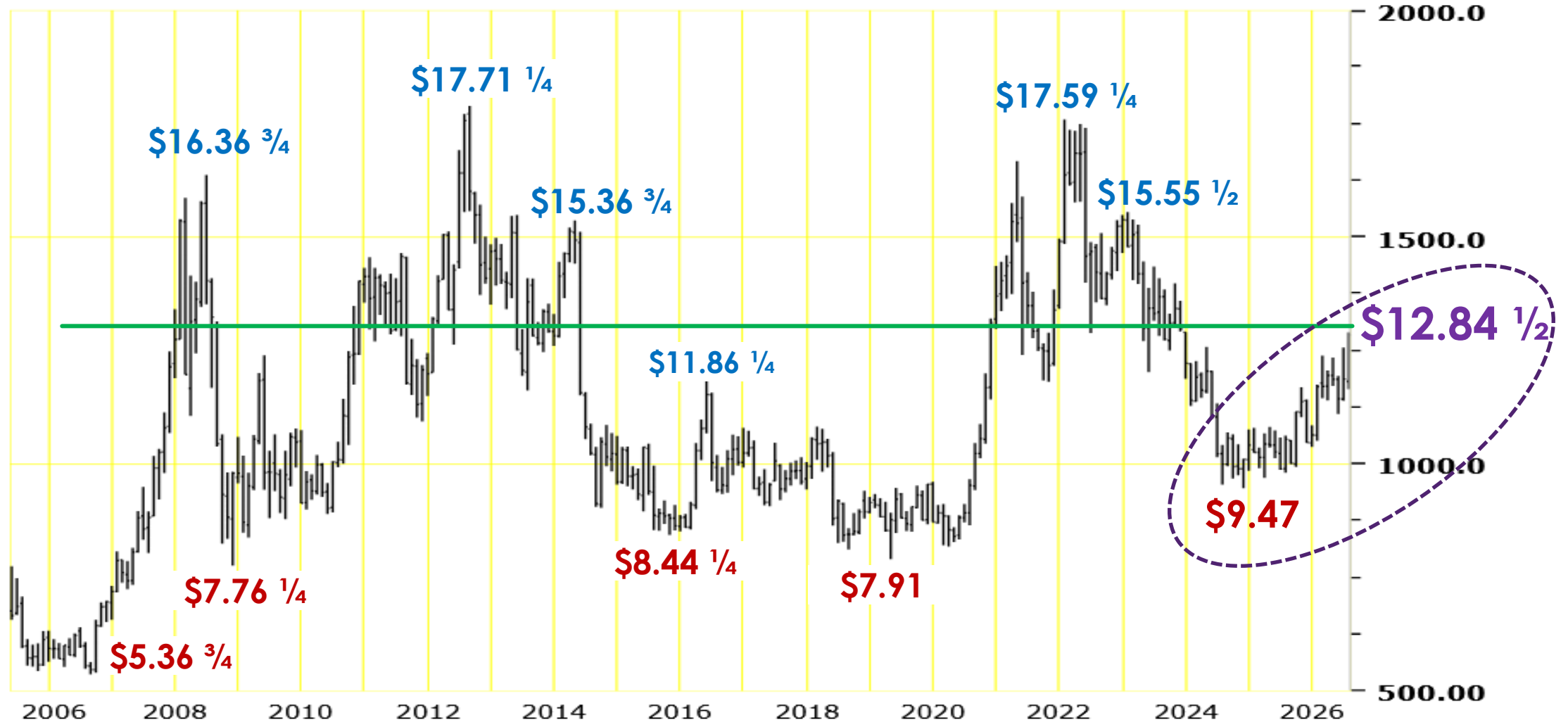
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TFC Commodity Charts

ZS - Soybeans (Globex) - Monthly Chart

Change: 102.250

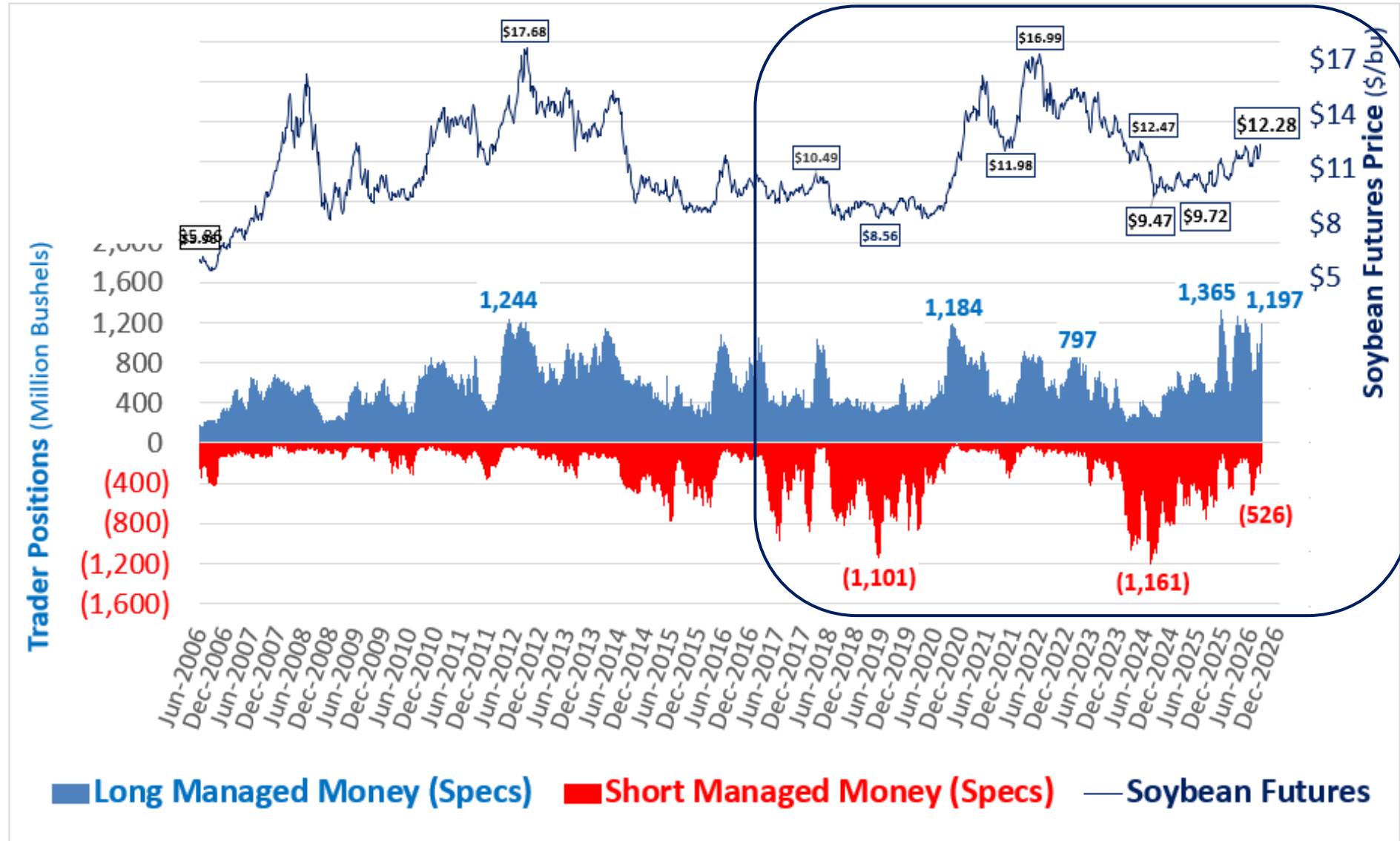
08/31/2026 O: 1182.250 H: 1290.000 L: 1165.250 C: 1284.500 Vol: 254002 OI: 984393



Soybean Futures - *Managed Money Traders* Specs

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Long & Short Positions, June 2006 thru 8/25/2026 CFTC Data + 8/25/2026 SEPT²⁰²⁶ Soybean Futures



Kansas Cash & Futures Prices						
Date						
Friday, August 28, 2026 Closes						
Grain Futures Contracts		Closing \$				
SEPT 2026 Soybean ^{Lead Futures}		\$12.7775				
NOV 2026 Soybean ^{"New Crop" MY 2026/27 "Lead-Harvest" Futures}		\$12.8775				
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Soybean Spot Cash\$: Spring ²⁰²⁶	\$11.68	\$11.98	\$12.58	\$12.68	\$12.98	\$12.68
2026 Cash Market Basis - August 2026	(\$1.10)	(\$0.80)	(\$0.20)	(\$0.10)	\$0.20	(\$0.10)
Soybean Harvest FC\$: Fall ²⁰²⁶	\$11.68	\$11.98	\$12.38	\$12.33	\$12.43	\$12.18
2026 Harvest Cash Market Basis - Nov-Dec 2026	(\$1.20)	(\$0.90)	(\$0.50)	(\$0.55)	(\$0.45)	(\$0.70)
2026 "Spot Cash" Soybean vs Corn \$ Ratio	2.30	2.21	2.53	2.48	2.61	2.48
2026 "New Crop" Soybean vs Corn \$ Ratio	2.26	2.21	2.49	2.43	2.50	2.50

A Preharvest Marketing Plan for Soybeans

Objective: Buy crop insurance to protect production risk and price 65% of my anticipated soybean crop, based on APH yield (60,000 bu.) by March 15th

Using Six, 10,000-bushel Increments

- 1) Price 10,000 bushels at \$11.30 NOV26 futures **or \$10.70 cash price** using forward contract, futures hedge, or HTA contract (pre-April)
- 2) Price 10,000 bushels at \$11.60f/\$11.00c, **or** by April 1st, *pricing tool tbd*
- 3) Price 10,000 bushels at \$11.90f/\$11.30c, **or** by May 1st, *pricing tool tbd*
- 4) Price 10,000 bushels at \$12.20f/\$11.60c, **or** by June 1st, *pricing tool tbd*
- 5) Price 10,000 bushels at \$12.50f/\$11.90c, **or** by **July 1st**, *pricing tool tbd*
- 6) Price 10,000 bushels at \$12.80f/\$12.20c, **or** by August 1st, *pricing tool tbd*

A. Plan starts on **March 25, 2026.**

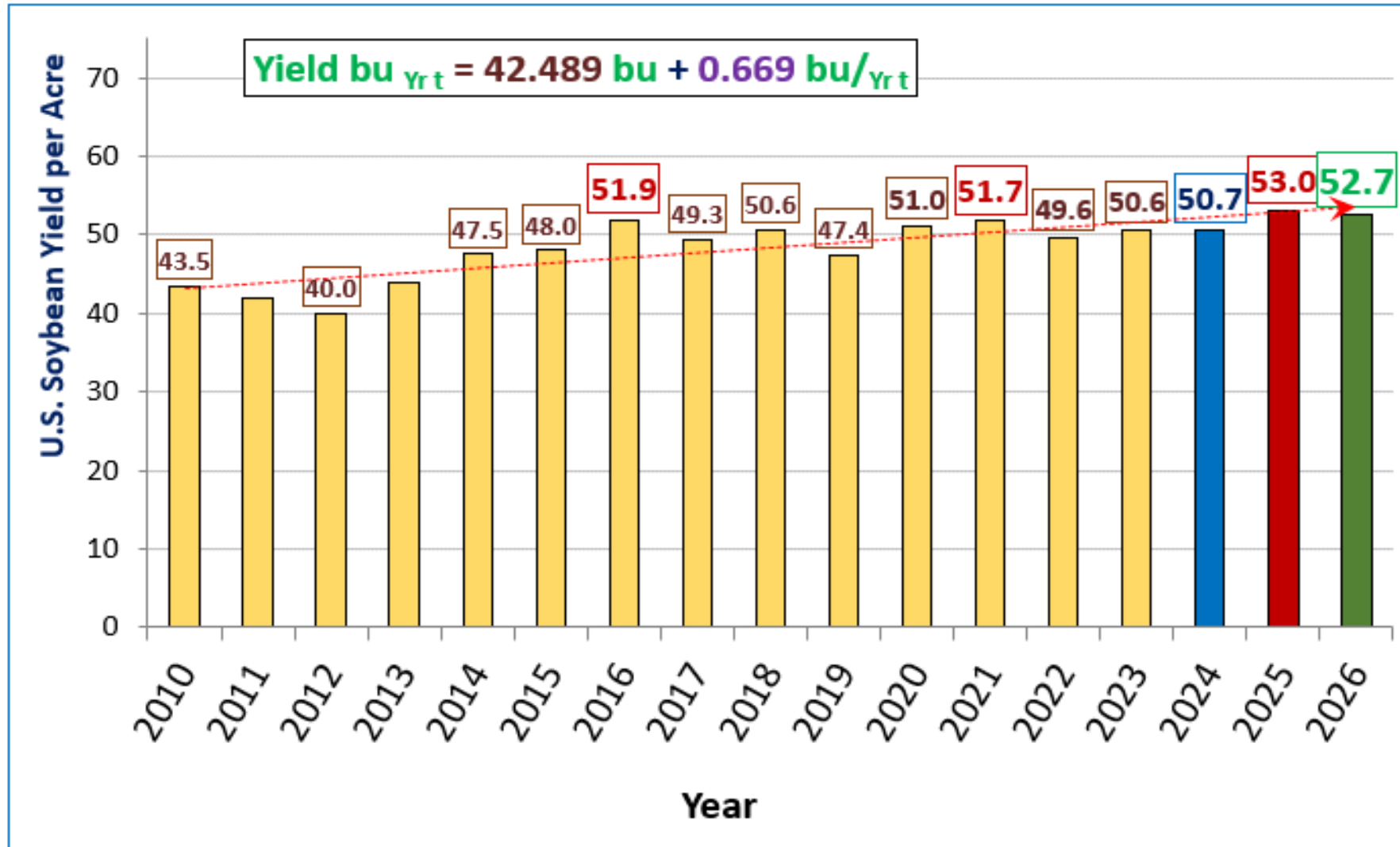
B. Ignore decision dates & make **no sale *IF* prices are less than **\$10.00 local cash\$ or \$10.70 NOV 2026 Soybeans.** (i.e., Est. cost of production)**

C. Exit all futures &/or options positions by October 1, 2026.

U.S. Soybean Yields 2010-2026

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Year 2013 - "New Crop" 2026/27 via the latest WASDE report ^{8/12/2026}

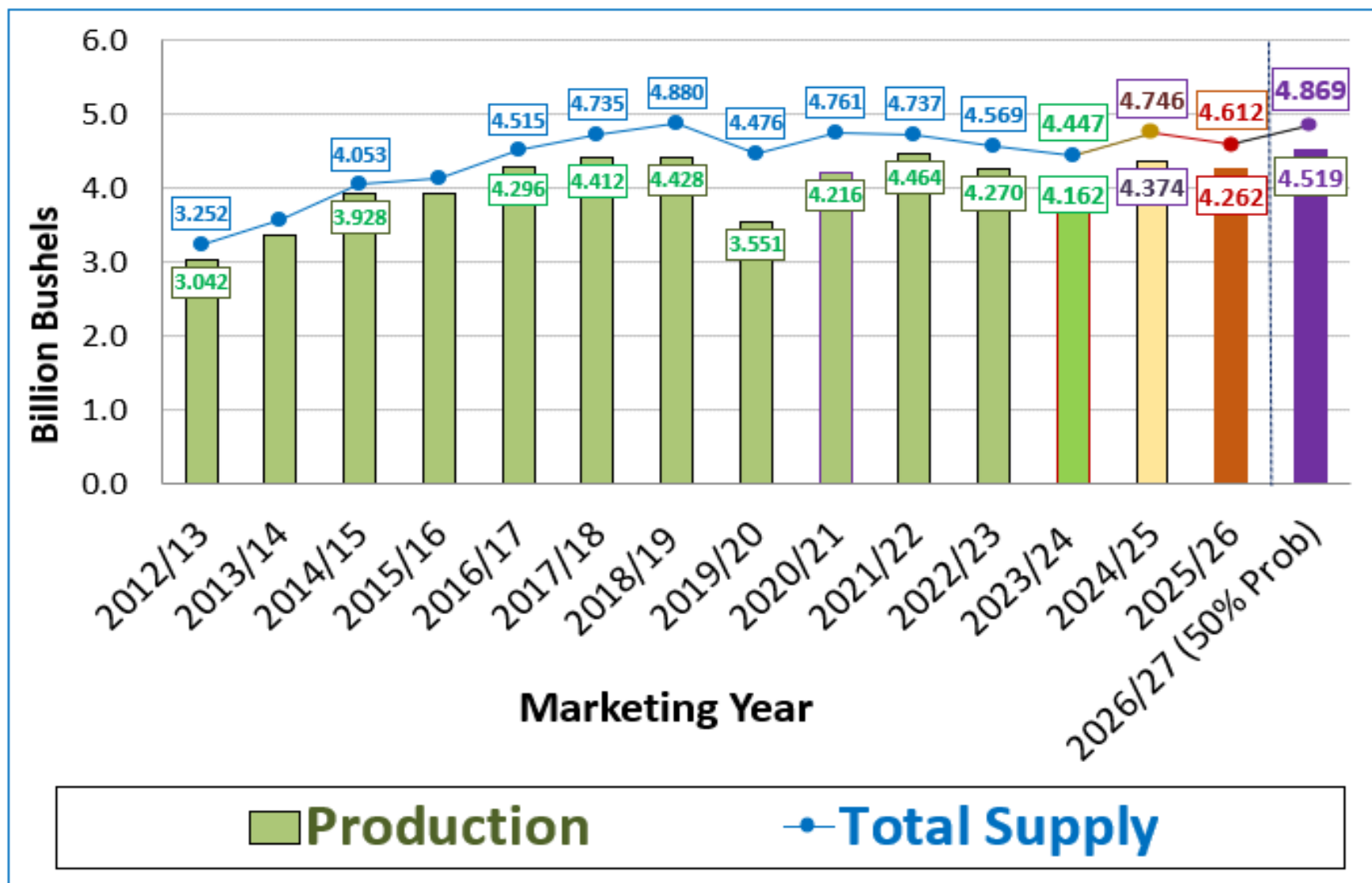


**Results of last
week's PF Crop
Tour wrt U.S.
Soybean yields?**

U.S. Soybean Production & Supply

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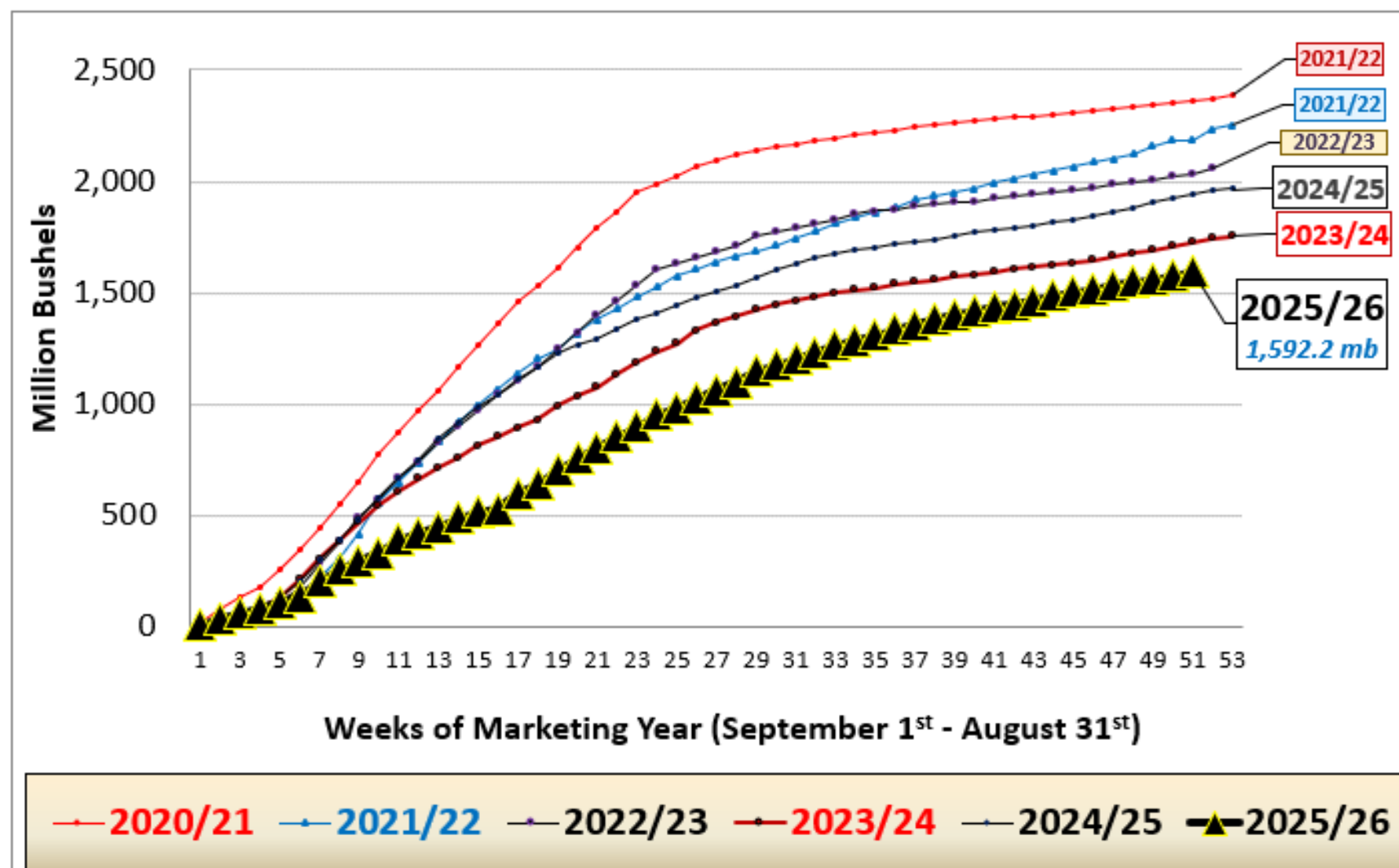
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U.S. Soybean Exports Thru 8/20/2026

MY 2020/21 thru "Current" 2025/26 USDA FAS Weekly Export #s

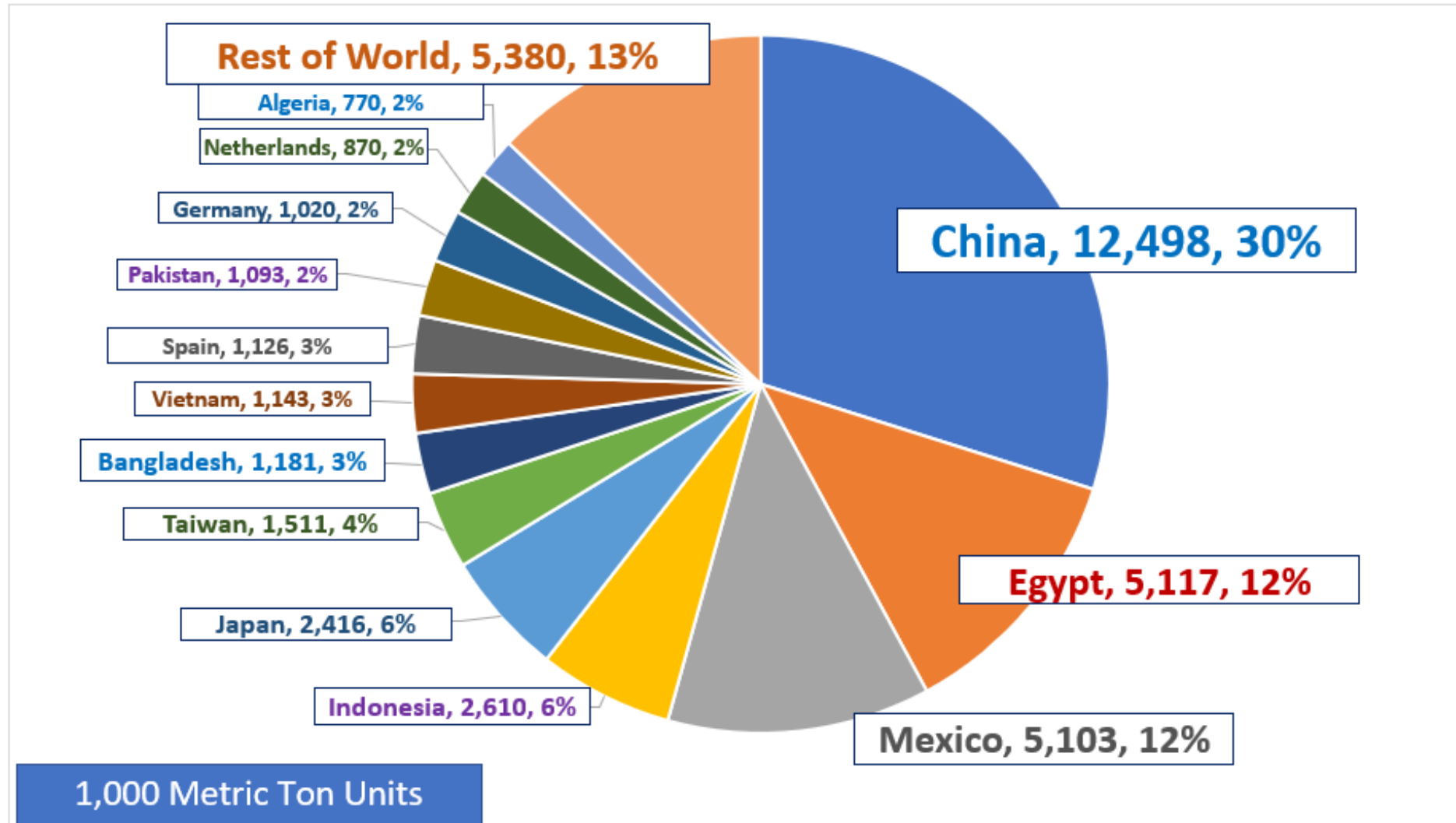
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U.S. Soybean Exports Outstanding Sales + Shipments

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"Current" MY 2025/26 as of the 8/20/2026 USDA U.S. Export Forward Purchases (1,000 mt)



U.S. Soybean Use & End Stocks

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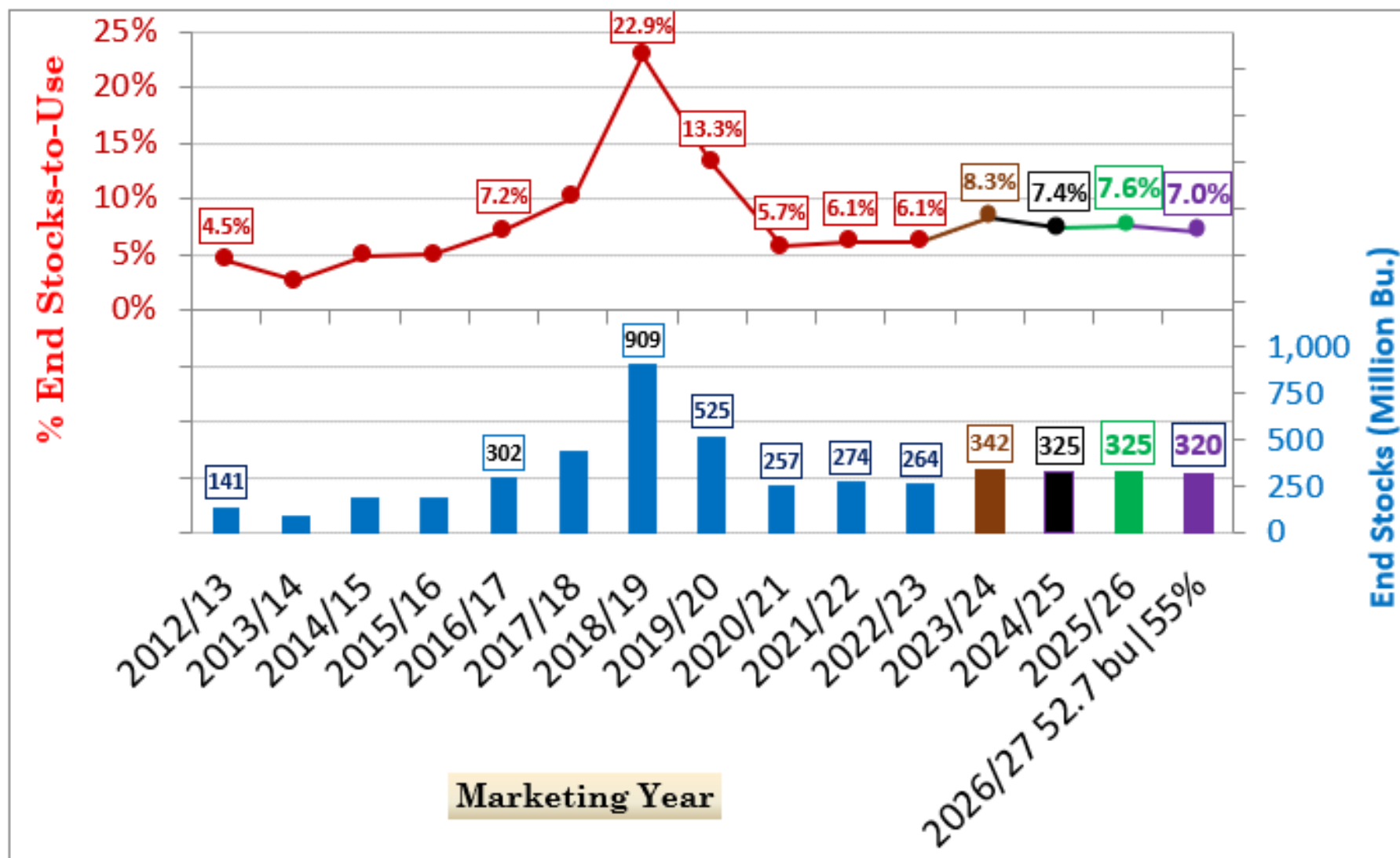
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U.S. Soybean Stocks & % S/U

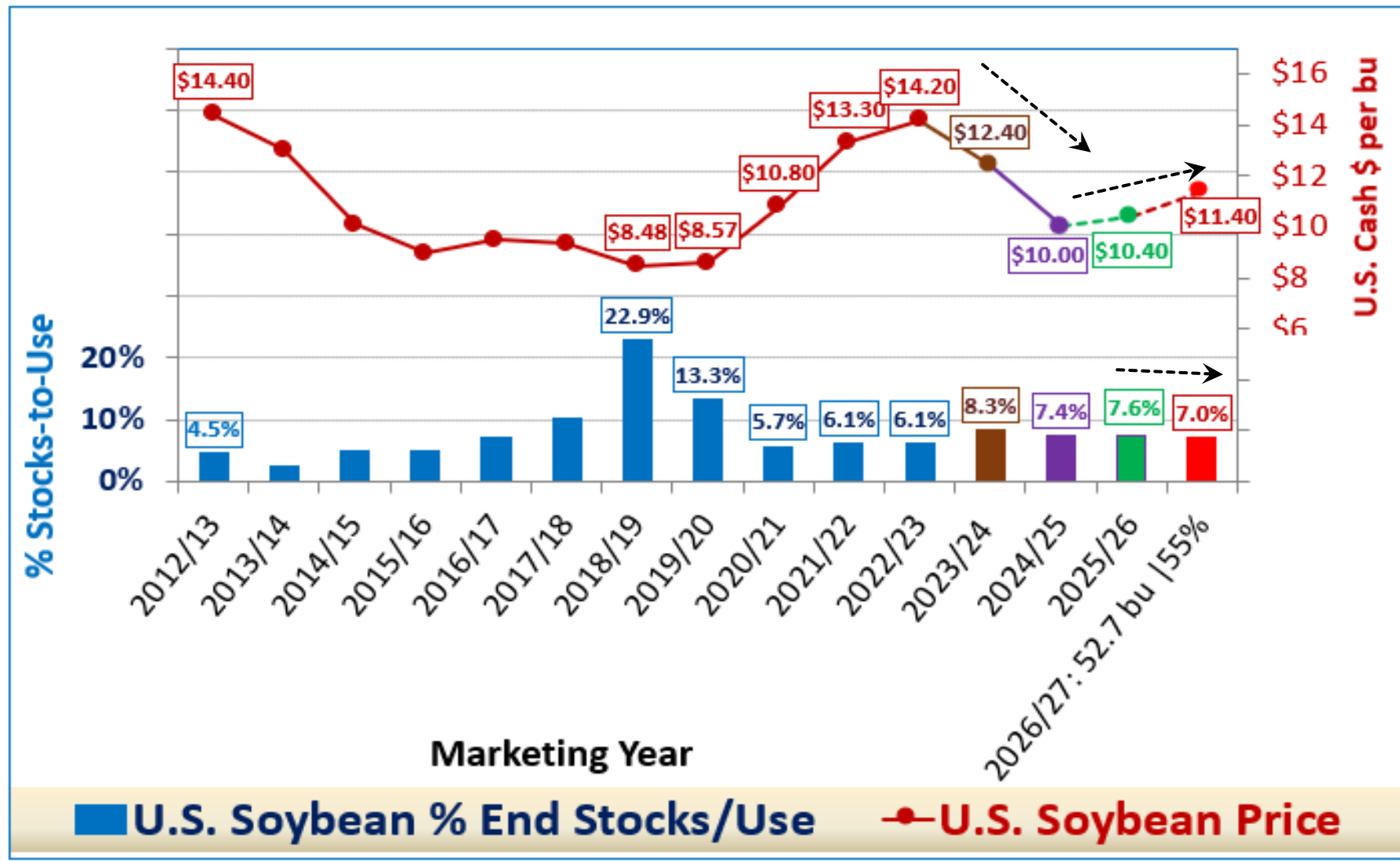
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MY 2012/13 - "New Crop" 2026/27 via the latest WASDE 8/12/2026



U.S. Soybean % S/U & Price\$

MY 2012/13 - "New Crop" 2026/27 via the latest WASDE 8/12/2026



U.S. Soybean S-D “New Crop” 2026/27

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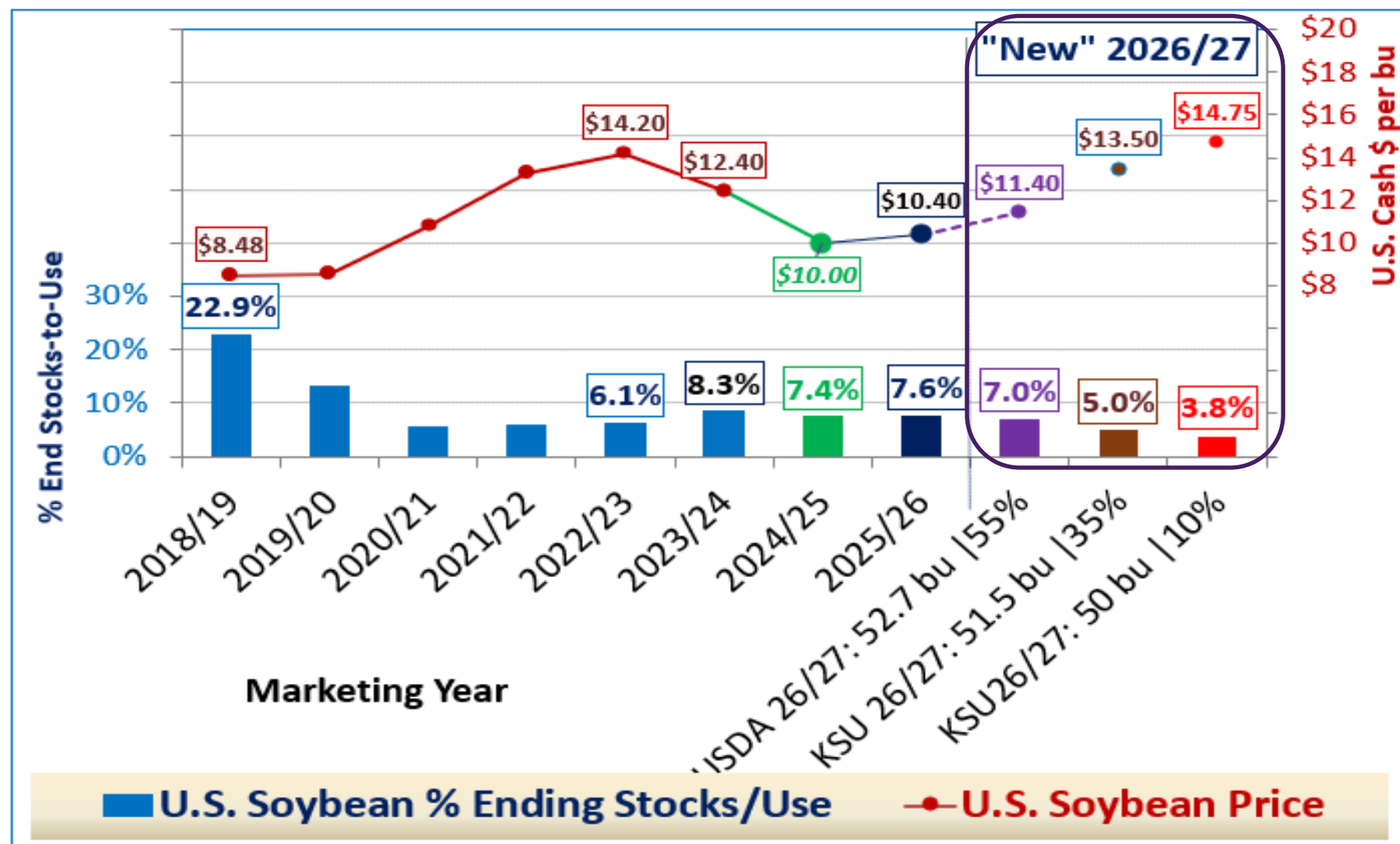
“New Crop” MY 2026/27: from the latest USDA WASDE report 8/30/2026

Item	A. USDA Scenario #1 “New” 2026/27	B. KSU2 Scenario #2 “New” 2026/27 Low Yield = 51.5 bu./ac	C. KSU3 Scenario #3 “New” 2026/27 Lower Yield = 50.0 bu./ac
% Prob. of Occurring (KSU)	55% ^{KSUest}	35% ^{KSUes}	10% ^{KSUst}
Planted Area (million acres)	86.765	86.765	86.765
Harvested Area (million acres)	85.781	85.781	85.781
Yield / harvested acre (bu/ac)	52.7	- 1.2 bu/ac 51.5	- 2.7 bu/ac 50.0
Production (million bu.)	4,519	-101 mb 4,418	-230 mb 4,289
Total Supply (million bu.)	4,869	-101 mb 4,768	-230 mb 4,639
Domestic <u>Crushings</u>	2,780	2,780	-50 mb 2,730
Exports	1,660	1,660	-30 mb 1,630
Total Use	4,549	4,549	-80 mb 4,469
Ending Stocks	320	-101 mb 219	-150 mb 170
% End Stocks-to-Use	7.03%	4.96%	3.80%
U.S. Avg. Farm \$ (\$/bu)	\$11.40 ^{USDA}	\$13.50 ^{KSU}	\$14.75 ^{KSU}

U.S. Soybean % S/U & Cash\$

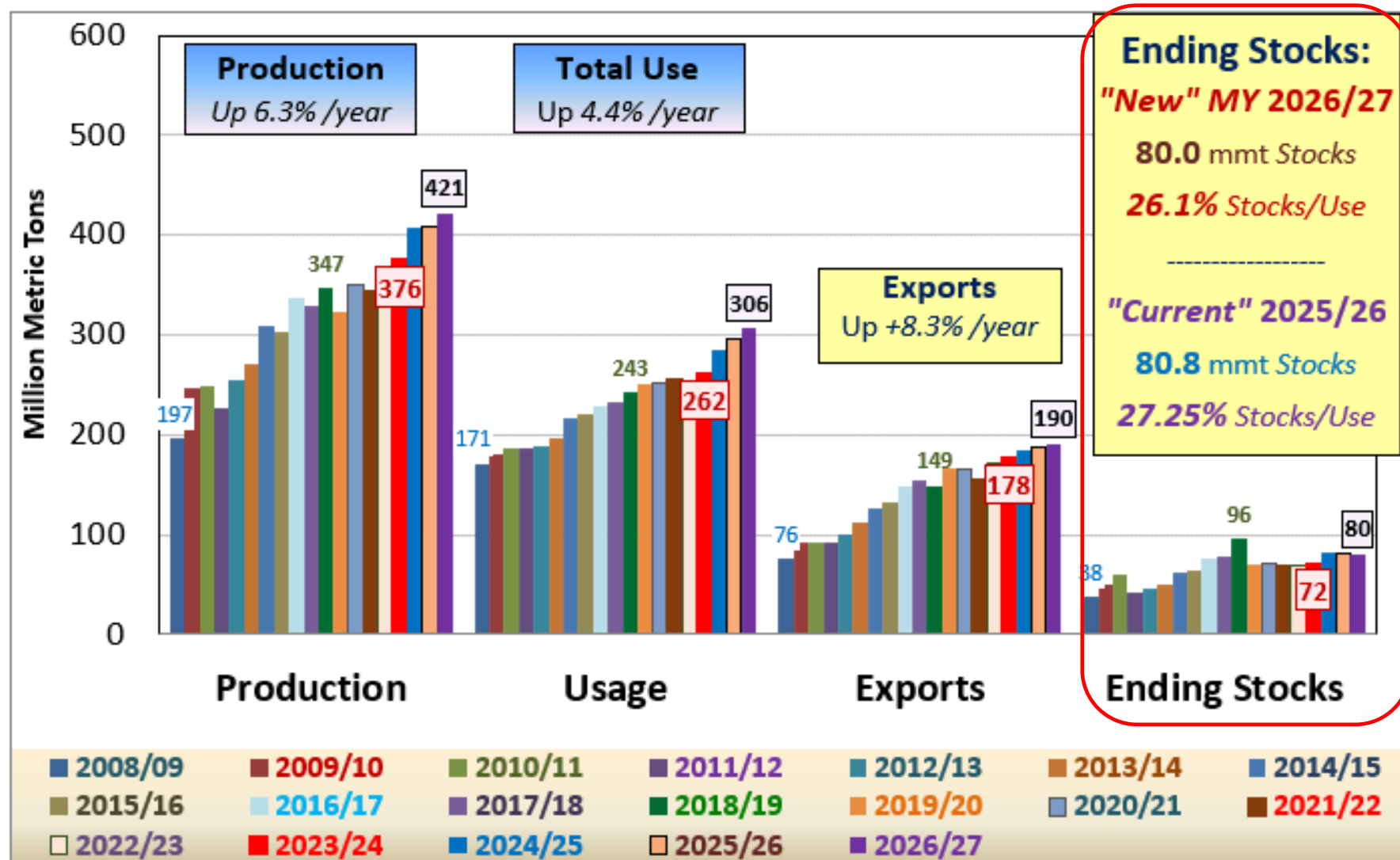
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MY 2015/16 - "New Crop" 2026/27 via latest WASDE 8/12/2026



Soybeans: *World Less-China* S-D & Stocks

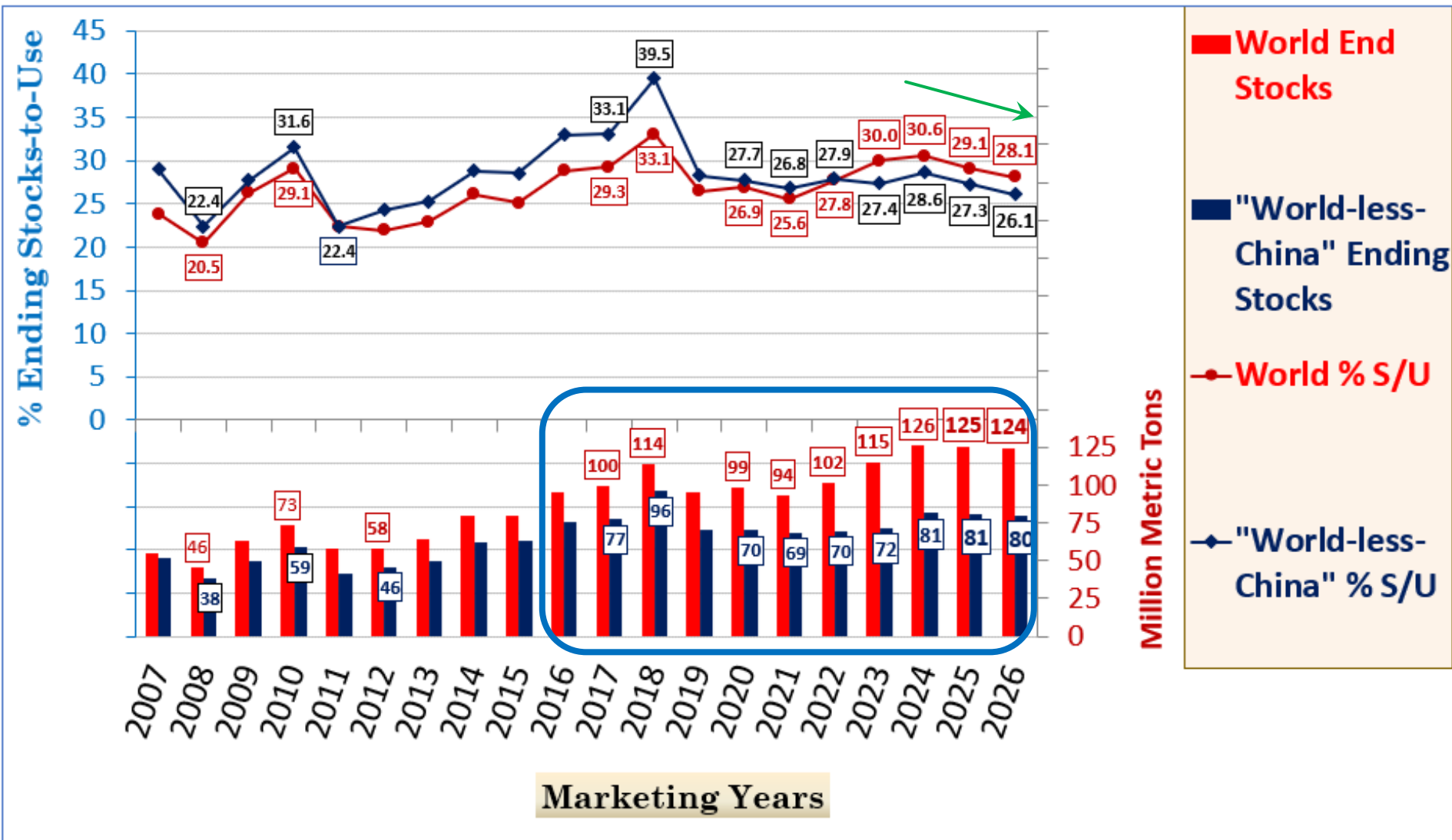
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Soybeans: World vs % *"World Less-China"* % S/U

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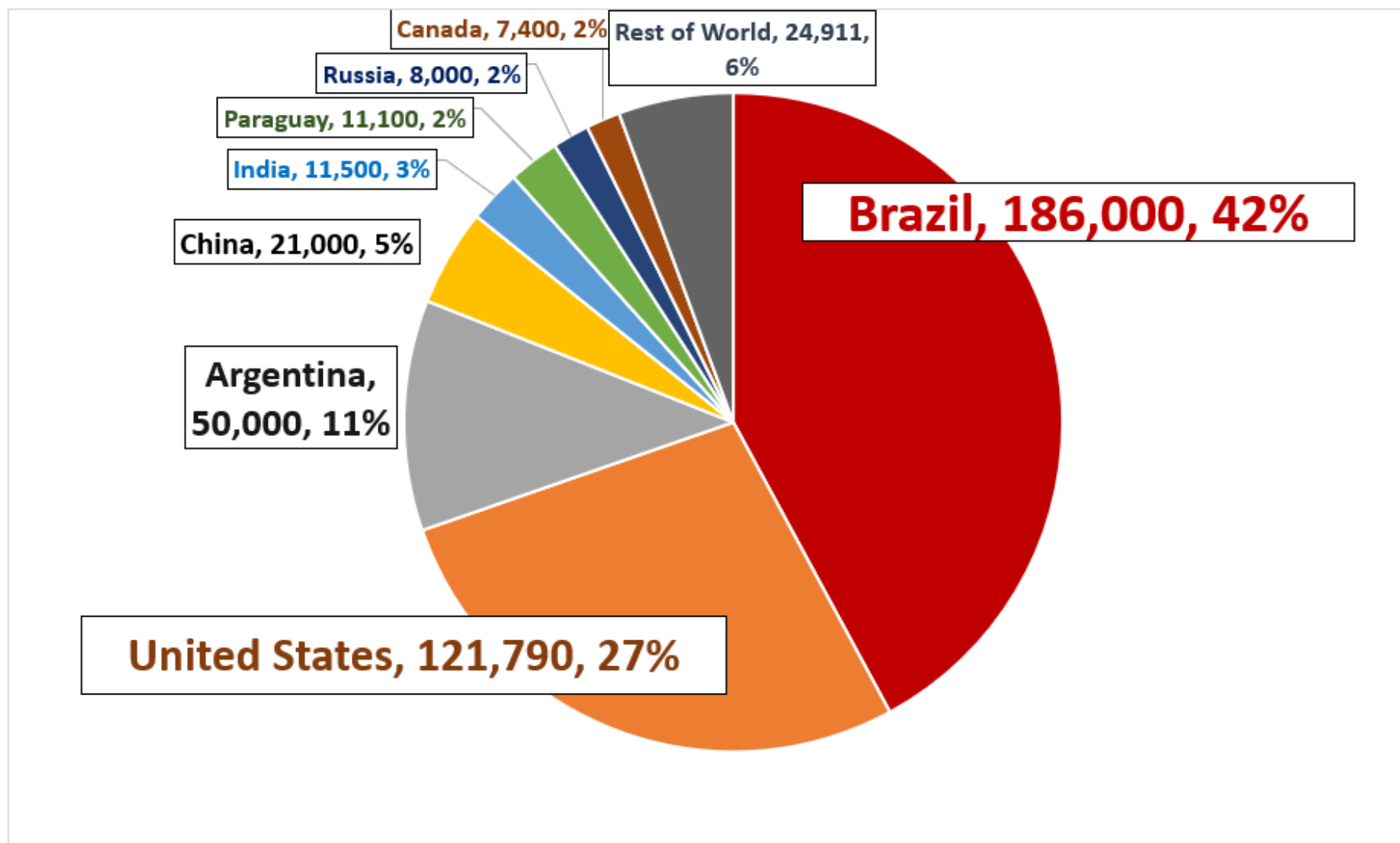
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Soybean Producing Countries *"New" 2026/27*

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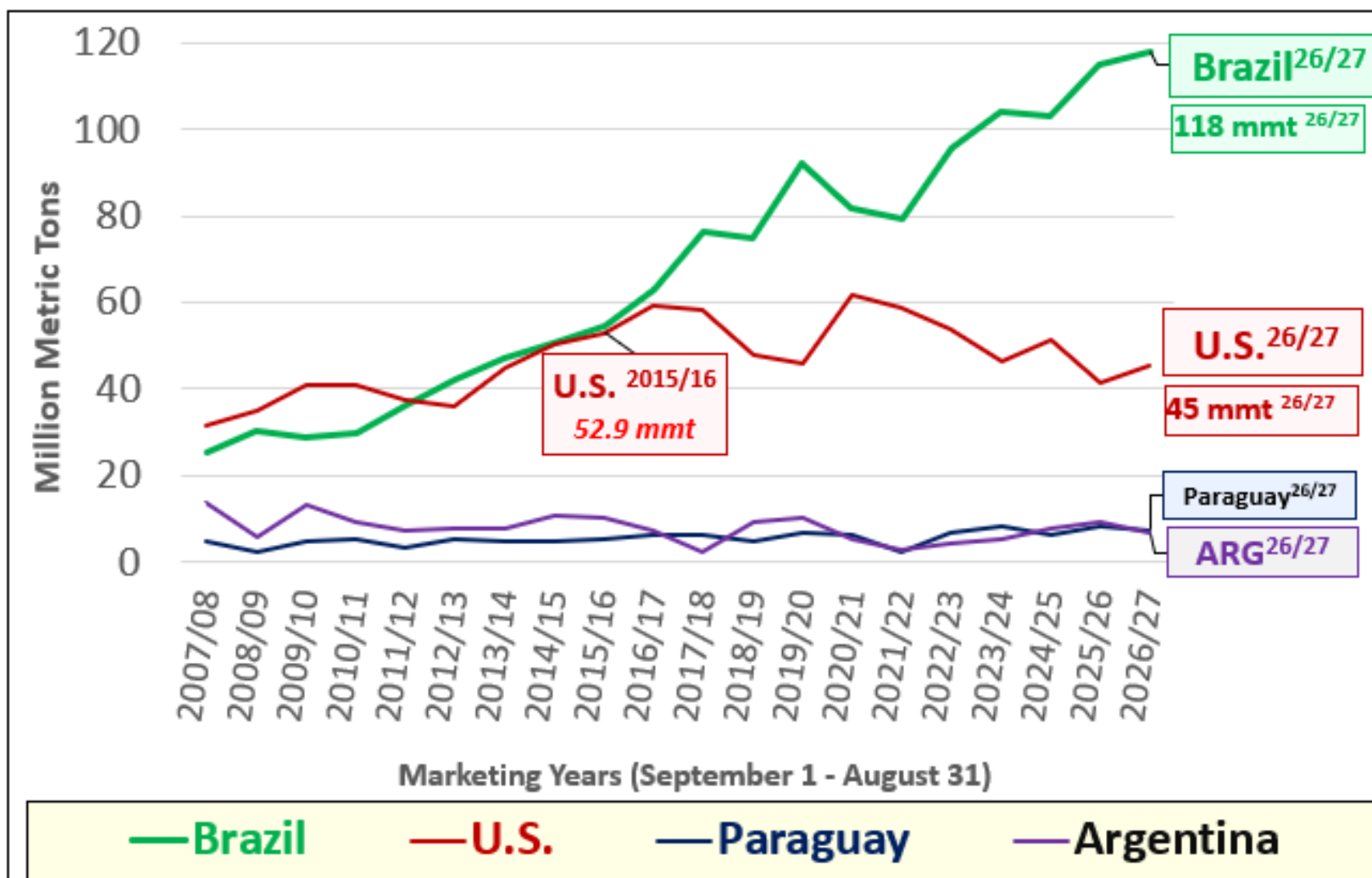
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Soybeans: Top 4 Exporters

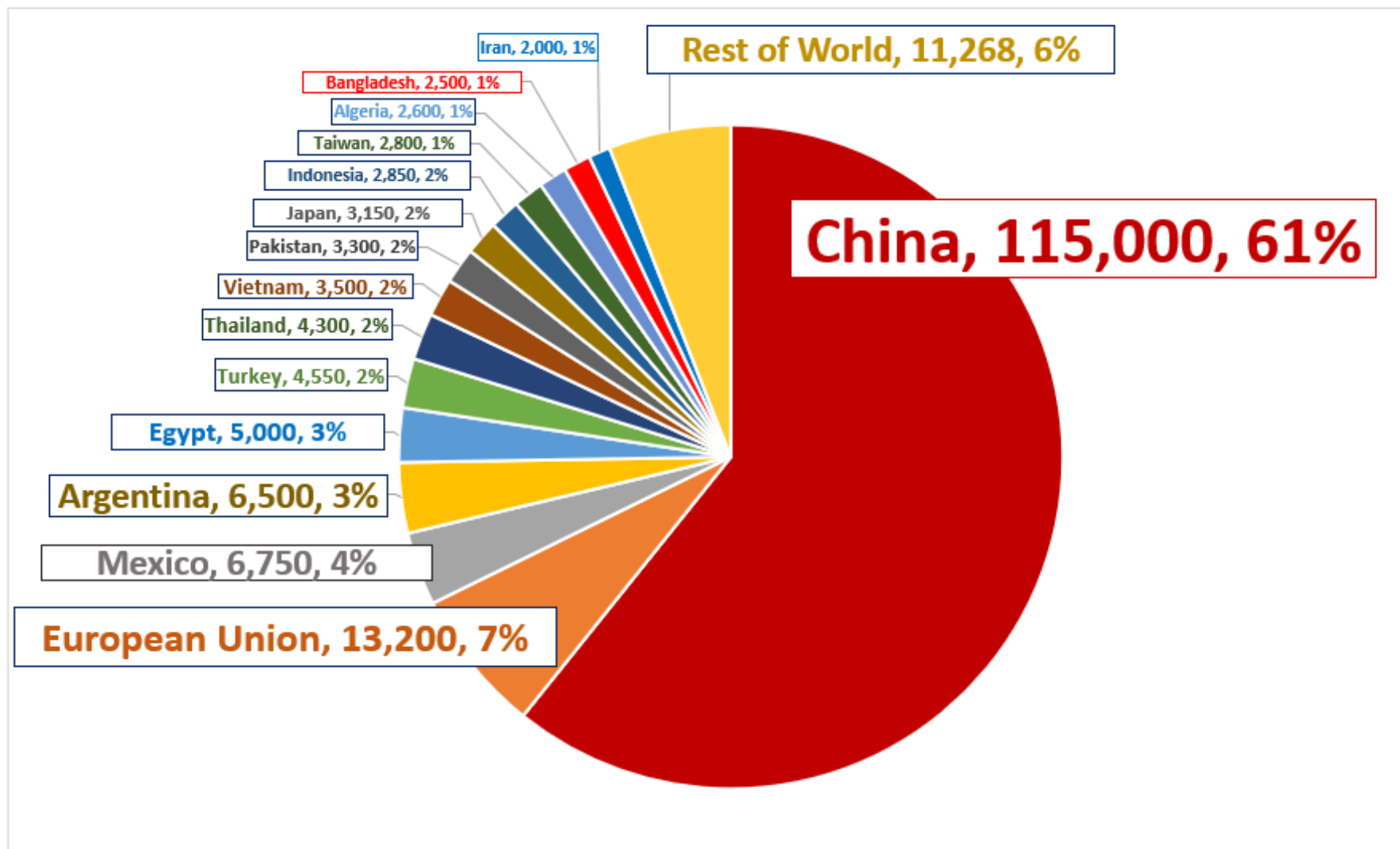
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MY 2007/08 – “New Crop” 2026/27 Shipments - latest USDA WASDE 8/12/2026 report



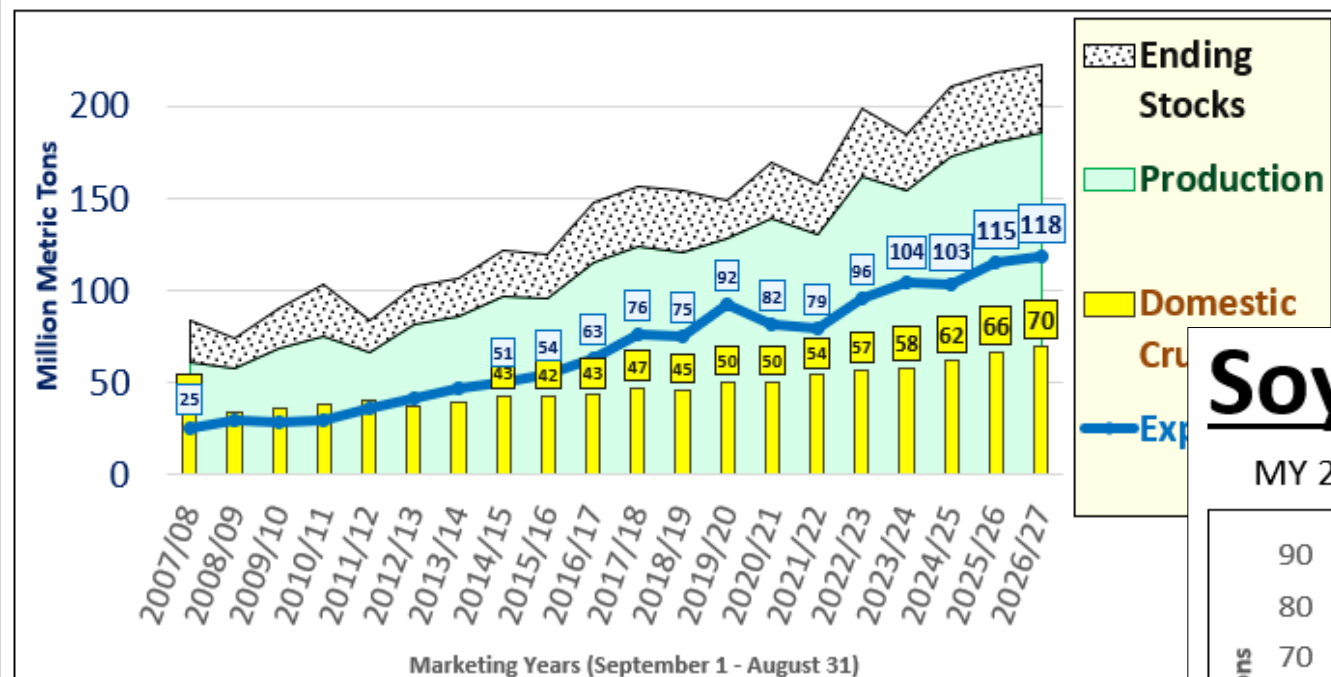
World Soybean Importers *"New" 2026/27*

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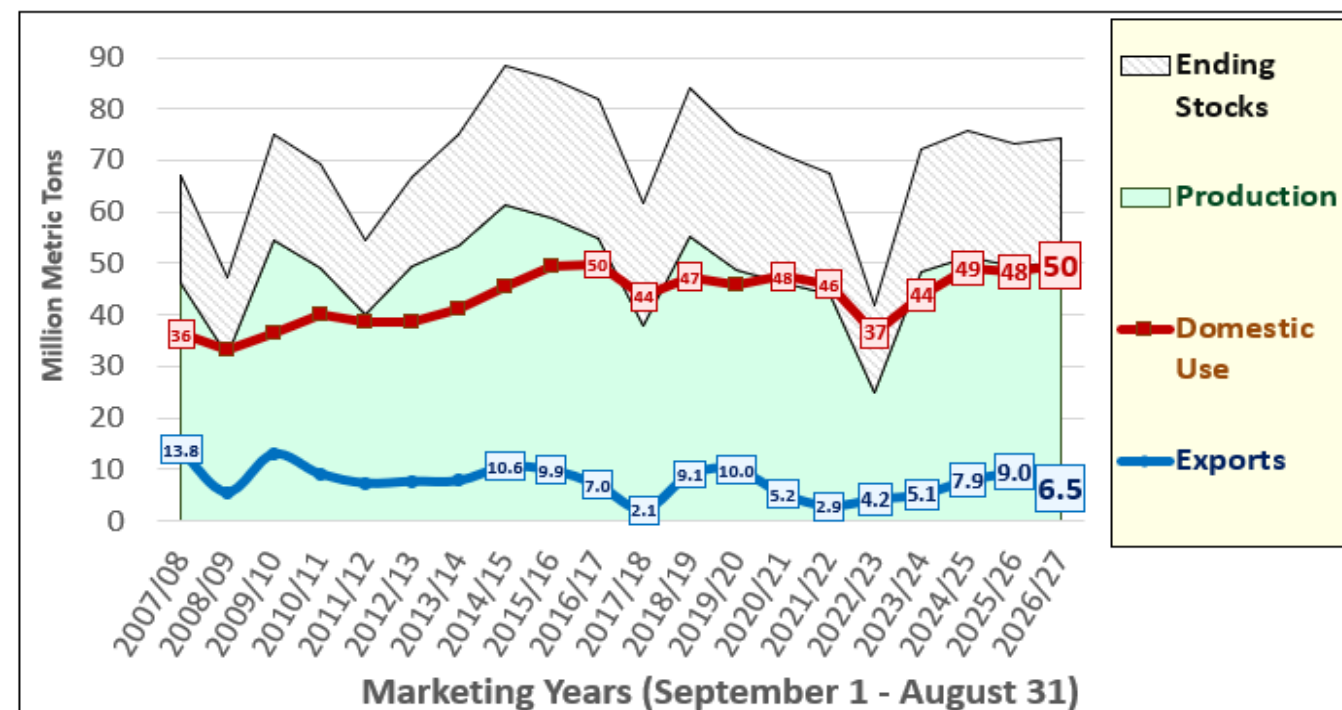
Soybeans: Brazil Supply-Demand

MY 2007/08 – “New Crop” MY 2026/27 as of the latest WASDE 8/12/2026



Soybeans: Argentina S-D

MY 2007/08 – “New Crop” MY 2026/27 as of the latest WASDE 8/12/2026



Soybeans: China Supply-Demand

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MY 2007/08 – “New Crop” 2026/27 as of the latest WASDE 8/12/2026



Current Market Outlook & Issues

U.S. Dollar Index



5 Year Chart

(31 August 2026)

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

The United States Dollar is expected to trade at 99.59 by the end of this quarter, according to Trading Economics global macro models and analysts expectations.

Looking forward, we estimate it to trade at 97.43 in 12 months time.

Current Market Overview, Outlook & Issues

Crude Oil Monthly / 5 Year History

WTI Crude Oil - Spot Cash Nearby Monthly / Brent Crude Oil Spot Cash – Nearby Weekly

US\$83.38/barrel



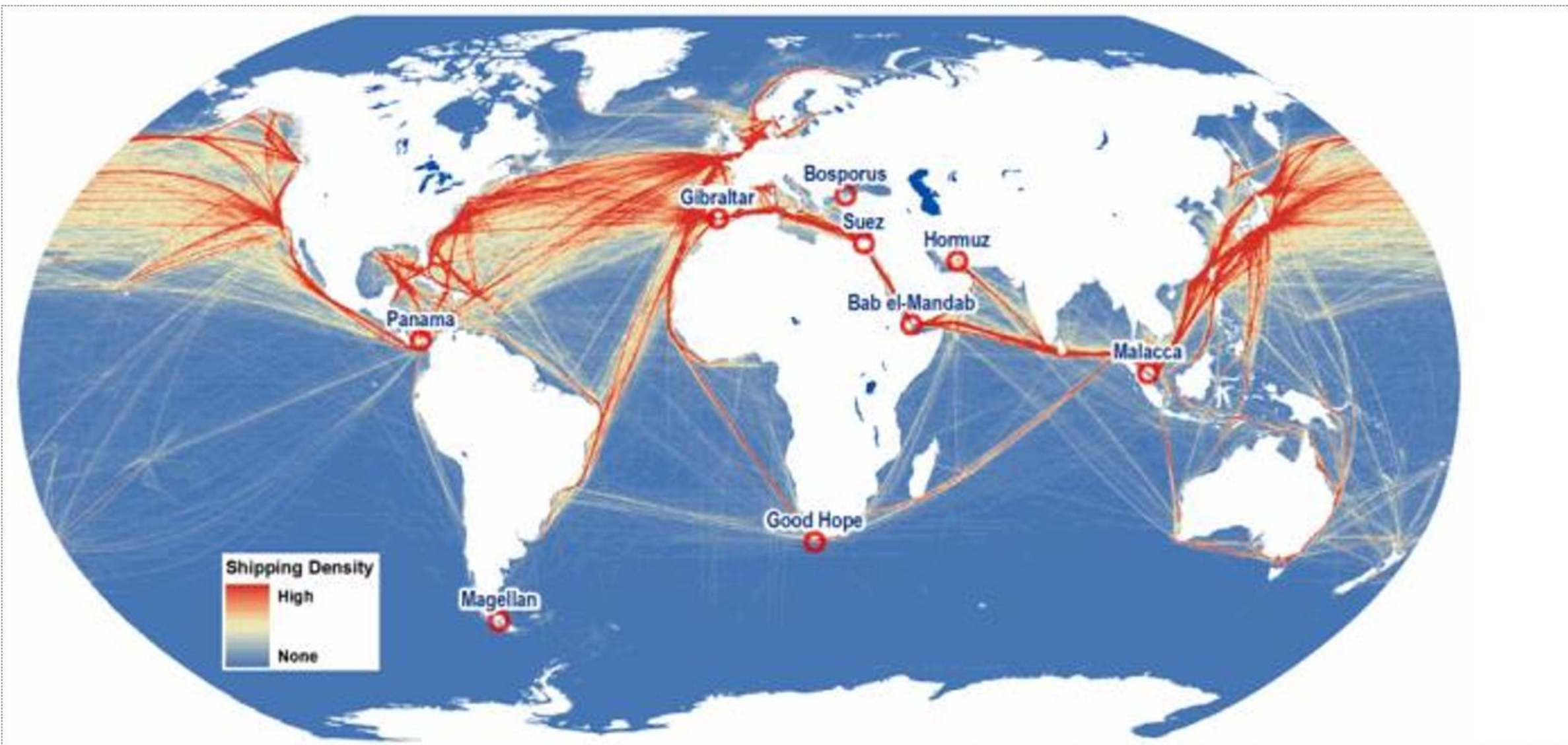
US\$88.07/barrel



Ocean Freight Overview

Global Shipping Routes

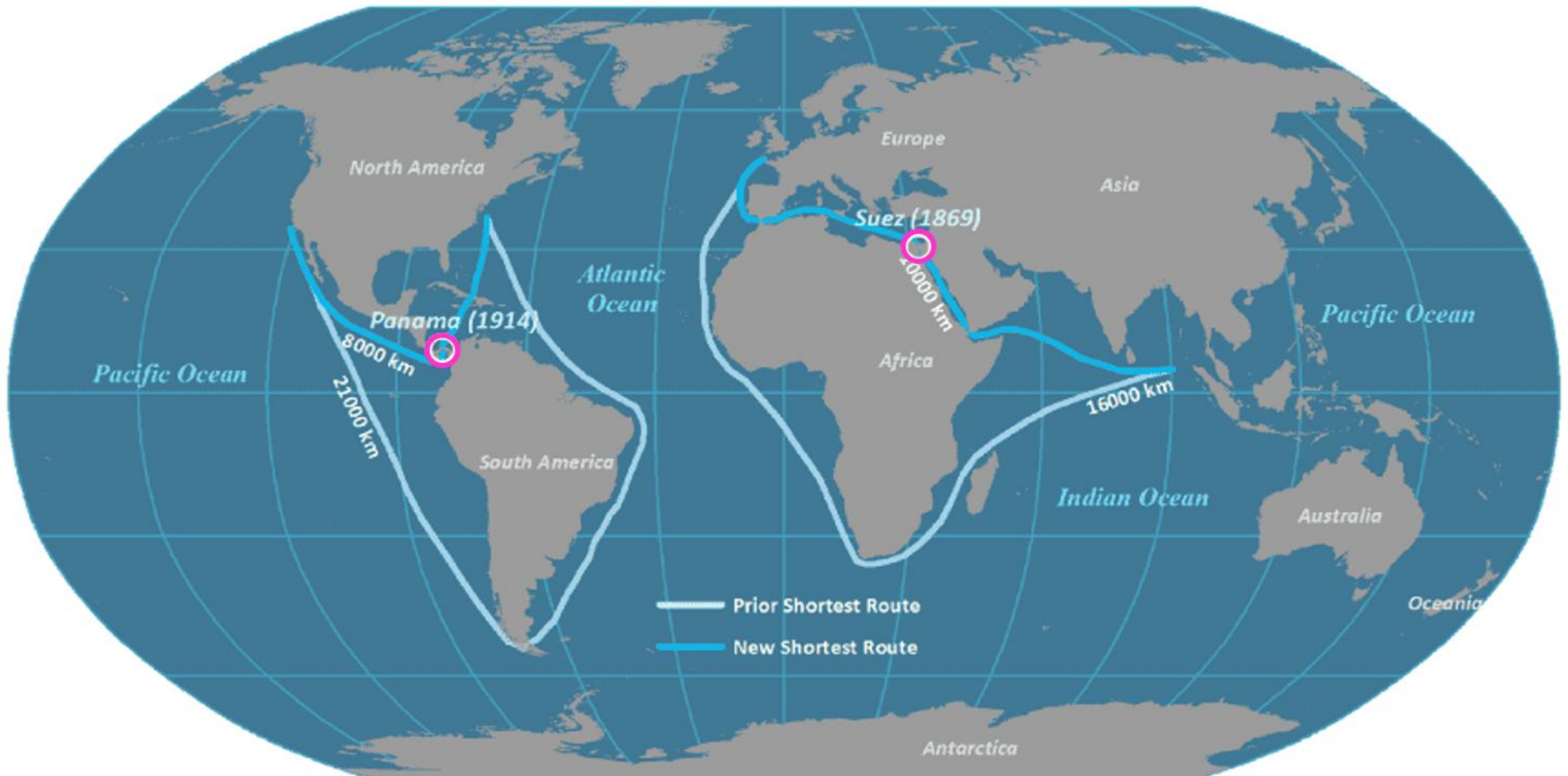
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Ocean Freight Overview

International Logistics – Ocean Freight

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Ocean Freight Overview

London Baltic Exchange – Dry Index



Current Market Overview, Outlook & Issues

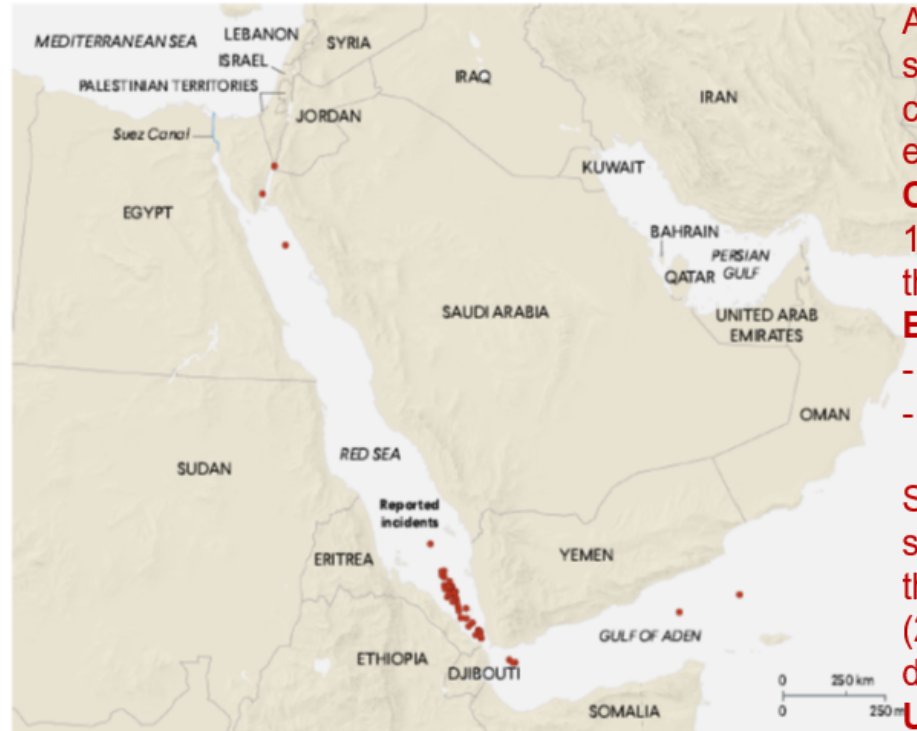
Yemen – Houthi Attacks



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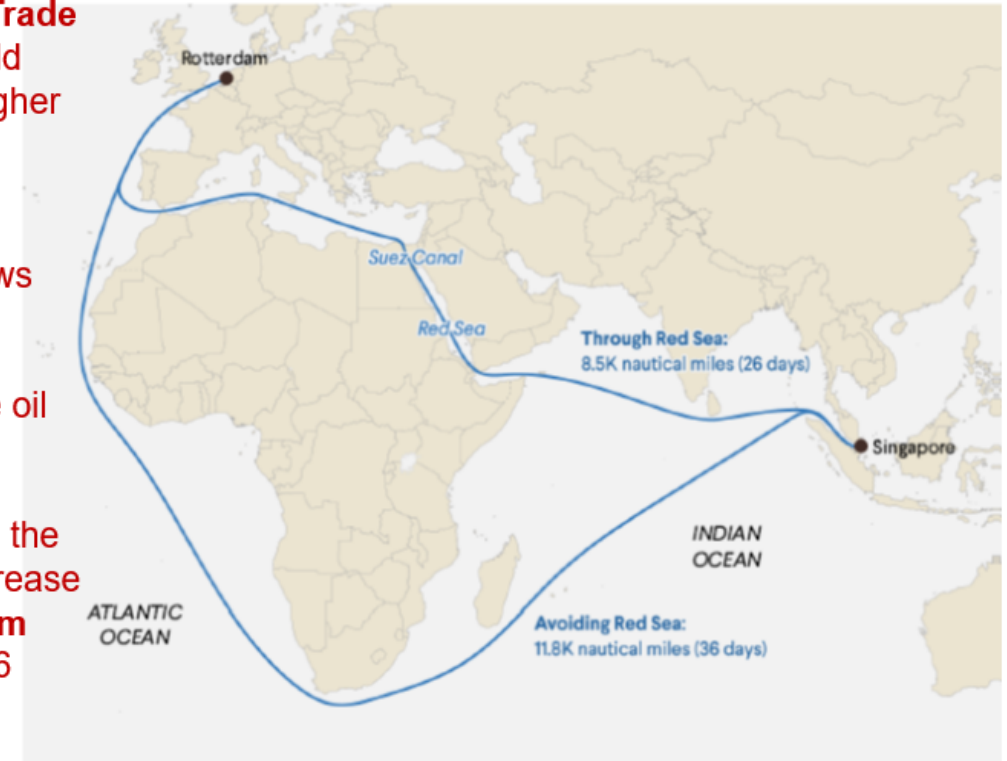
Where Ships Are Being Targeted

Reported incidents of Houthi targeting of vessels between November 19, 2023 and January 2, 2024



Note: Incidents include attacks, approaches, business interruptions, and sightings.

Avoiding the Red Sea Means Much Longer Shipping Routes



Note: Distances and days are approximate.

40% of Asia – Europe Trade

A disruption in trade could send a ripple effect of higher costs across the world economy.

Container Traffic

1/3rd of all containers flows through the Suez Canal.

Energy

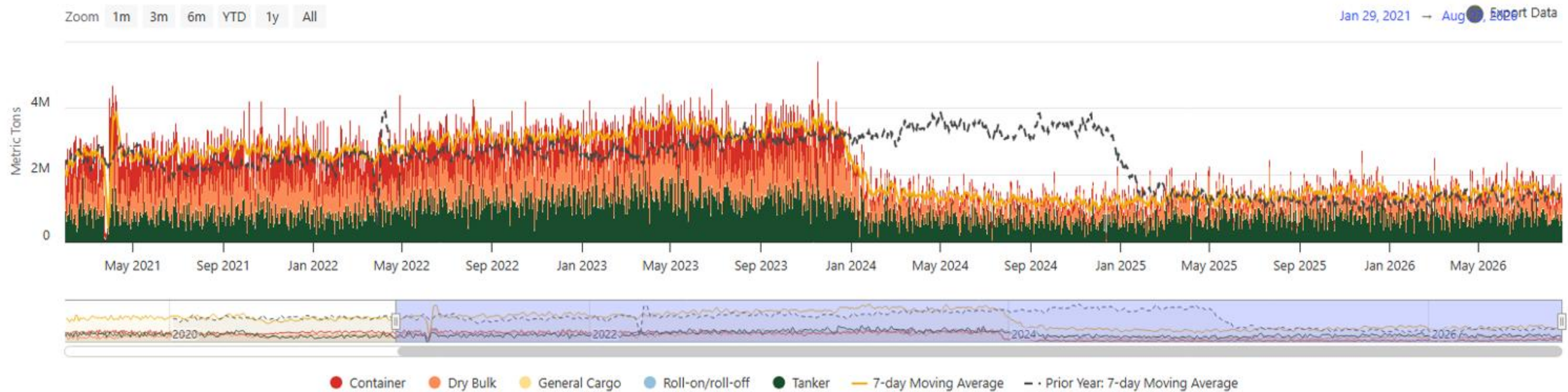
- 12% of seaborne crude oil
- 8% of LNG)

Shipping detours around the southern tip of Africa increase the distance from **8.5k nm** (26days) to **11.8k nm** (36 days) or by **39%**; (over **US\$1million**)

- **Yemen** Since mid-November 2023, the Yemen-based, Iran-backed Houthi rebel group has attacked dozens of commercial ships in the Red Sea, with no signs of slowing down. An exodus of shipping companies from the region now threatens to scuttle supply chains and increase consumer prices just as global inflation begins to ebb.
- The United States has announced an international security initiative to protect commercial vessels, but some experts say the effort falls short of the necessary deterrence, and others worry a forceful response could propel the region into wider conflict..

Current Market Overview, Outlook & Issues

Suez Canal: Daily Transit Trade Volume



Sources: UN Global Platform; PortWatch.

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Geo Political Risks – Western Hemisphere

- **USMCA** – Monroe Doctrine
- **Mexico** – Schedule renegotiation of USMCA (NAFTA) has begun
- **Canada** – Schedule renegotiation of USMCA (NAFTA) has been complicated by Canada
- **Venezuela** – U.S. intervention and change in leadership
- **Cuba** – Country on the edge of collapse

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- **Persian Gulf: Iran – Israel, U.S.** – Open Conflict
 - Iraq –
 - Yemen –
 - Ethiopia – Eritrea
 - Afghanistan –
- **Red Sea / Suez Canal**
 - Yemen –
 - Ethiopia – Eritrea
- **Russia - Ukraine**
- **China** – Belts & Roads Initiative
 - Regional
 - Taiwan
 - South China Sea and broader territory claims
- **North Korea** –
- **Sahel** - (Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, The Gambia, Guinea Mauritania, Mali, Niger, Nigeria and Senegal) – U.S. has sent drones to Nigeria to

Closing Perspectives

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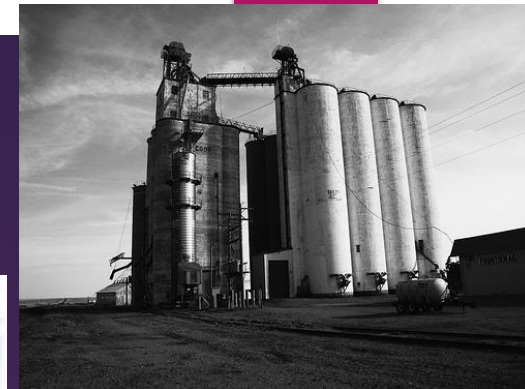
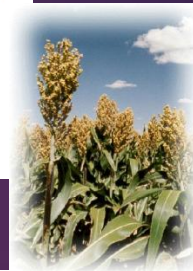
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