

2026 Grain Market Outlook

“Winning-The-Game” Grain Marketing Webinar

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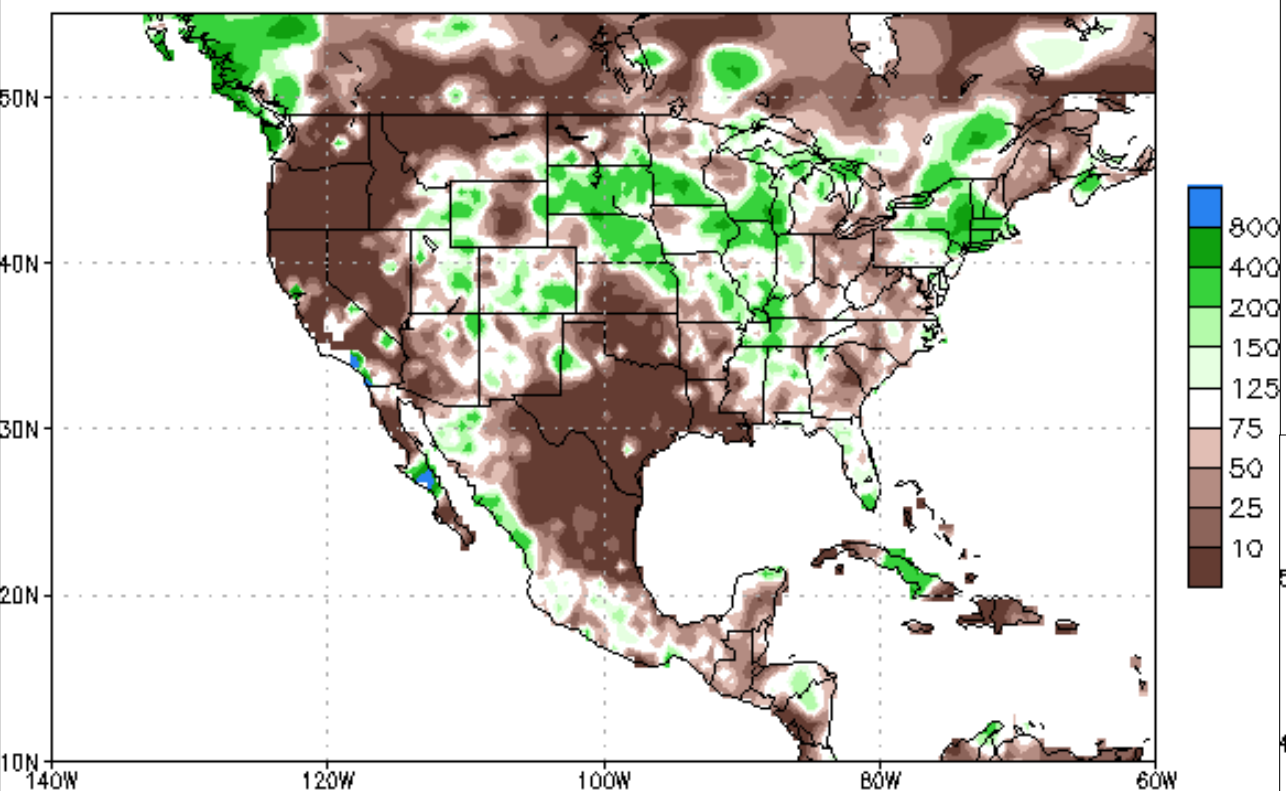


U.S. & Global Weather

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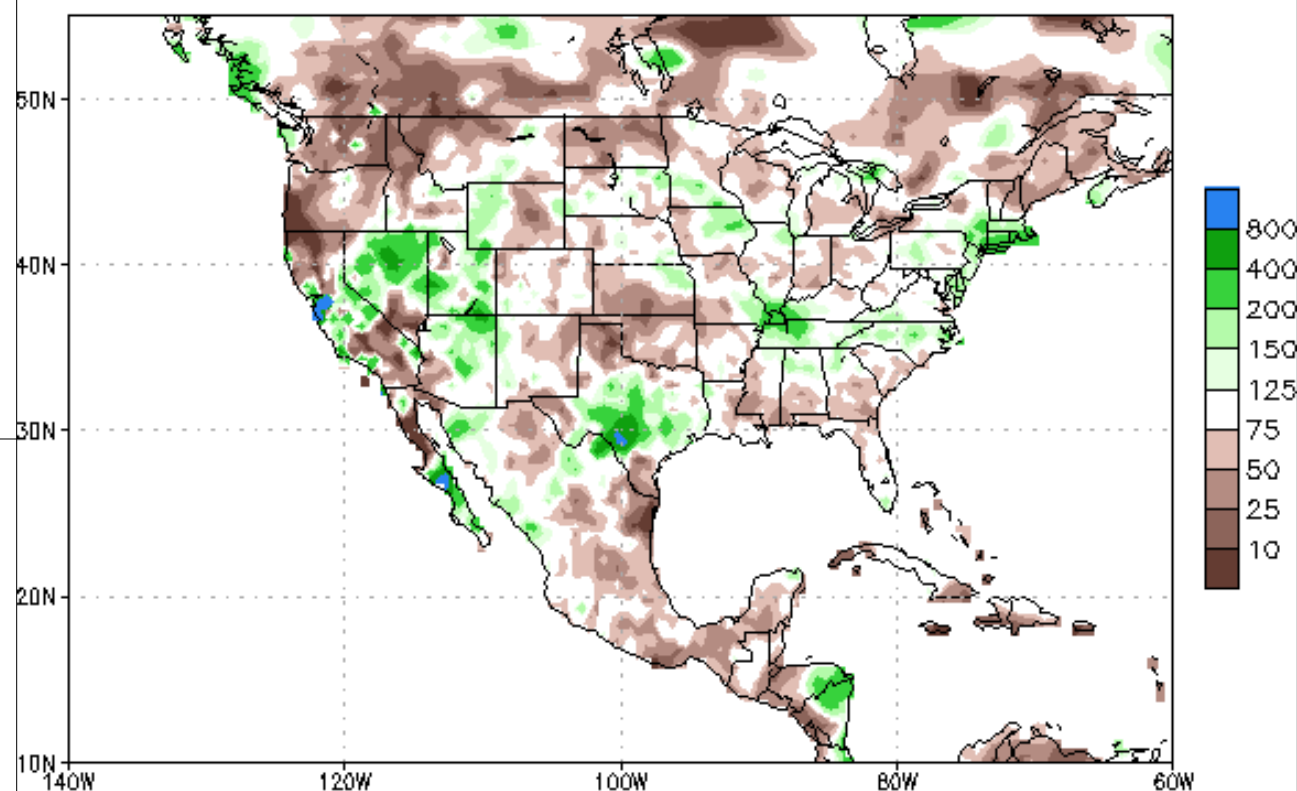
7-day Accumulated Prep % of Normal 26JUL2026-01AUG2026



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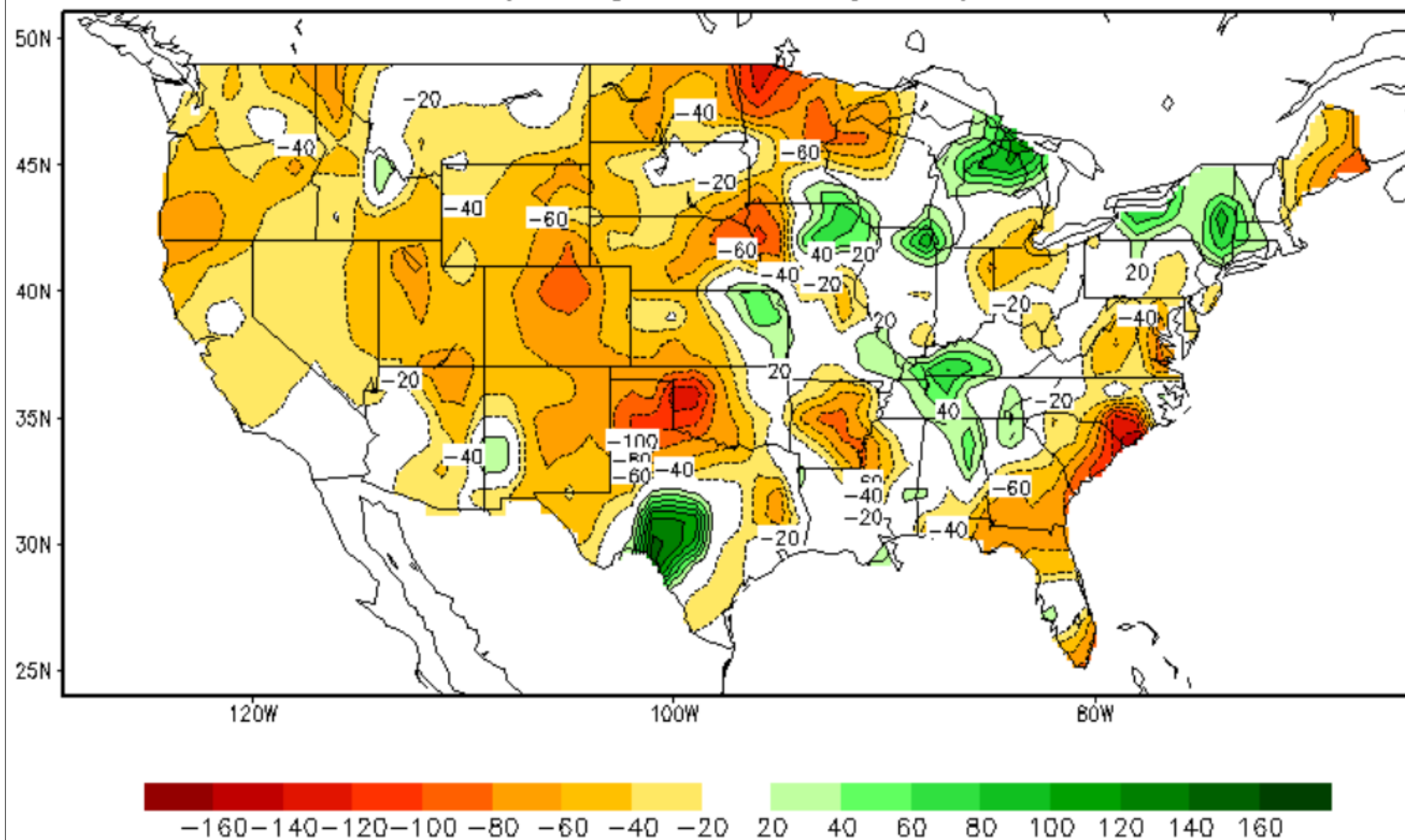
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30-day Accumulated Prep % of Normal 03JUL2026-01AUG2026



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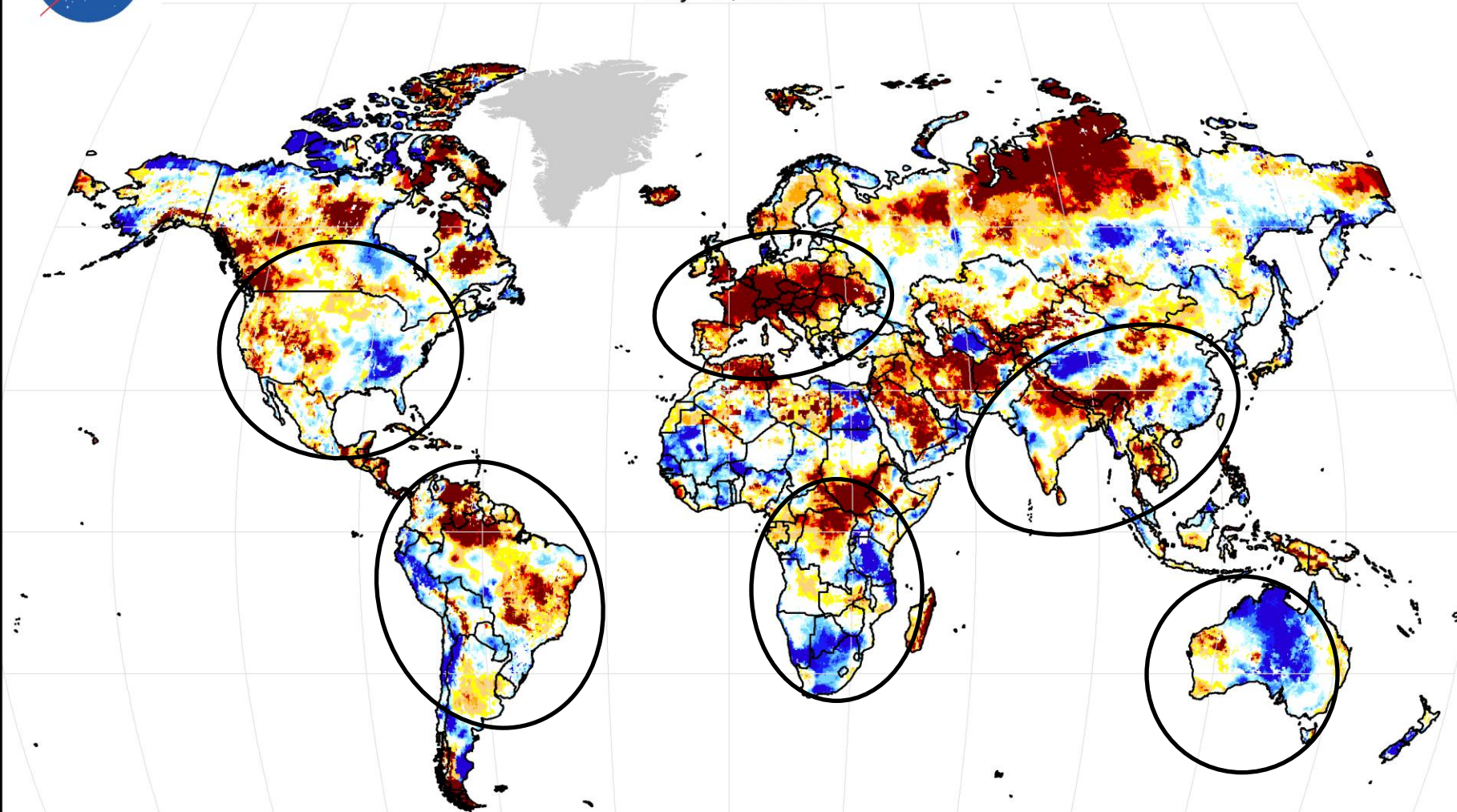
Predicted Soil Moisture Anomaly (mm) (02Aug2026–09Aug2026)





GRACE-Based Root Zone Soil Moisture Drought Indicator

July 27, 2026

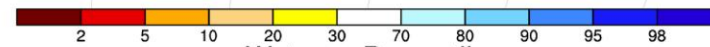


Wetness percentiles are relative to the period 1948-2012

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>

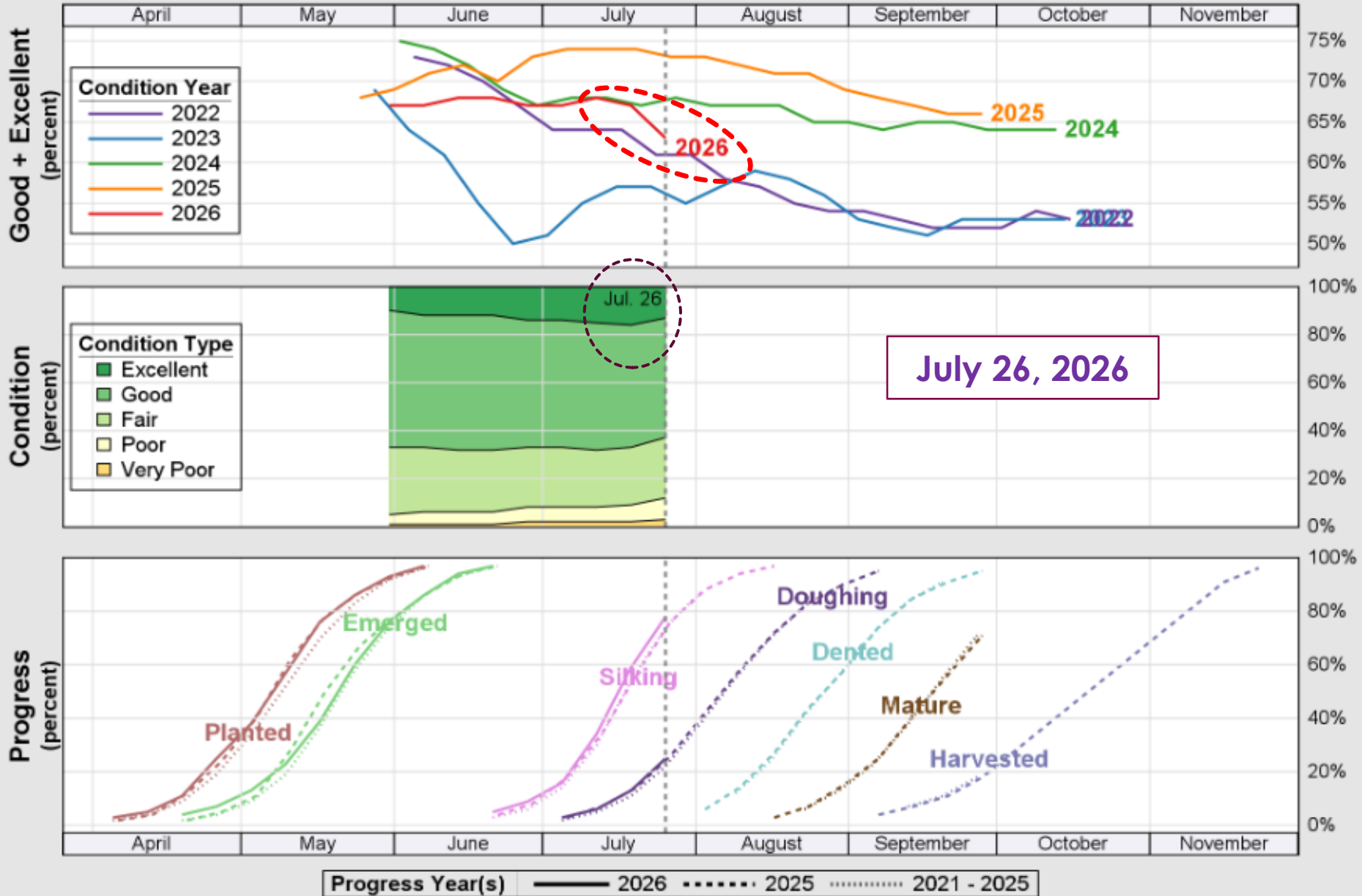
Corn Markets

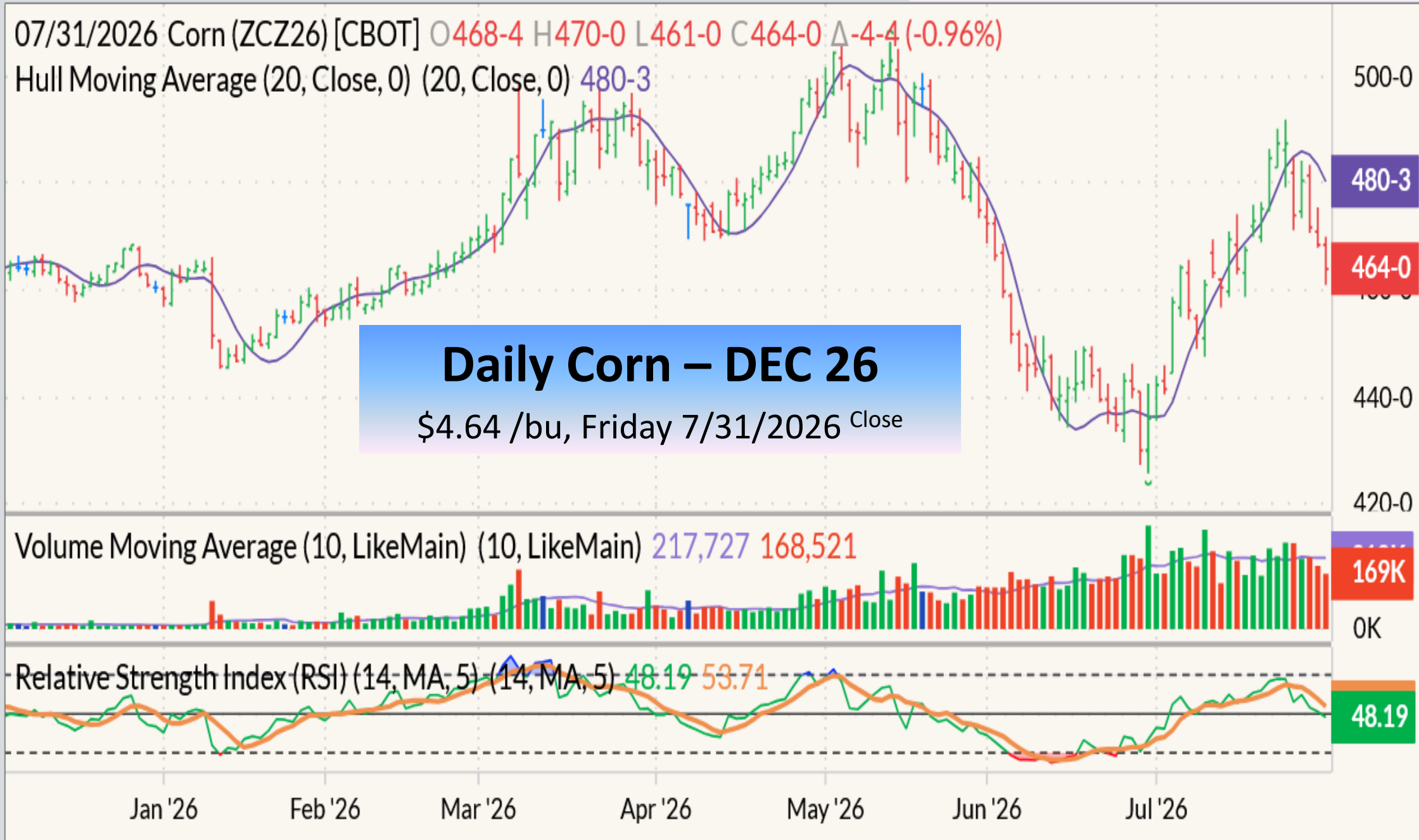
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Monthly Commodity Futures Price Chart

Corn (Globex) (CBOT)

TFC Commodity Charts

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ZC - Corn (Globex) - Monthly Chart

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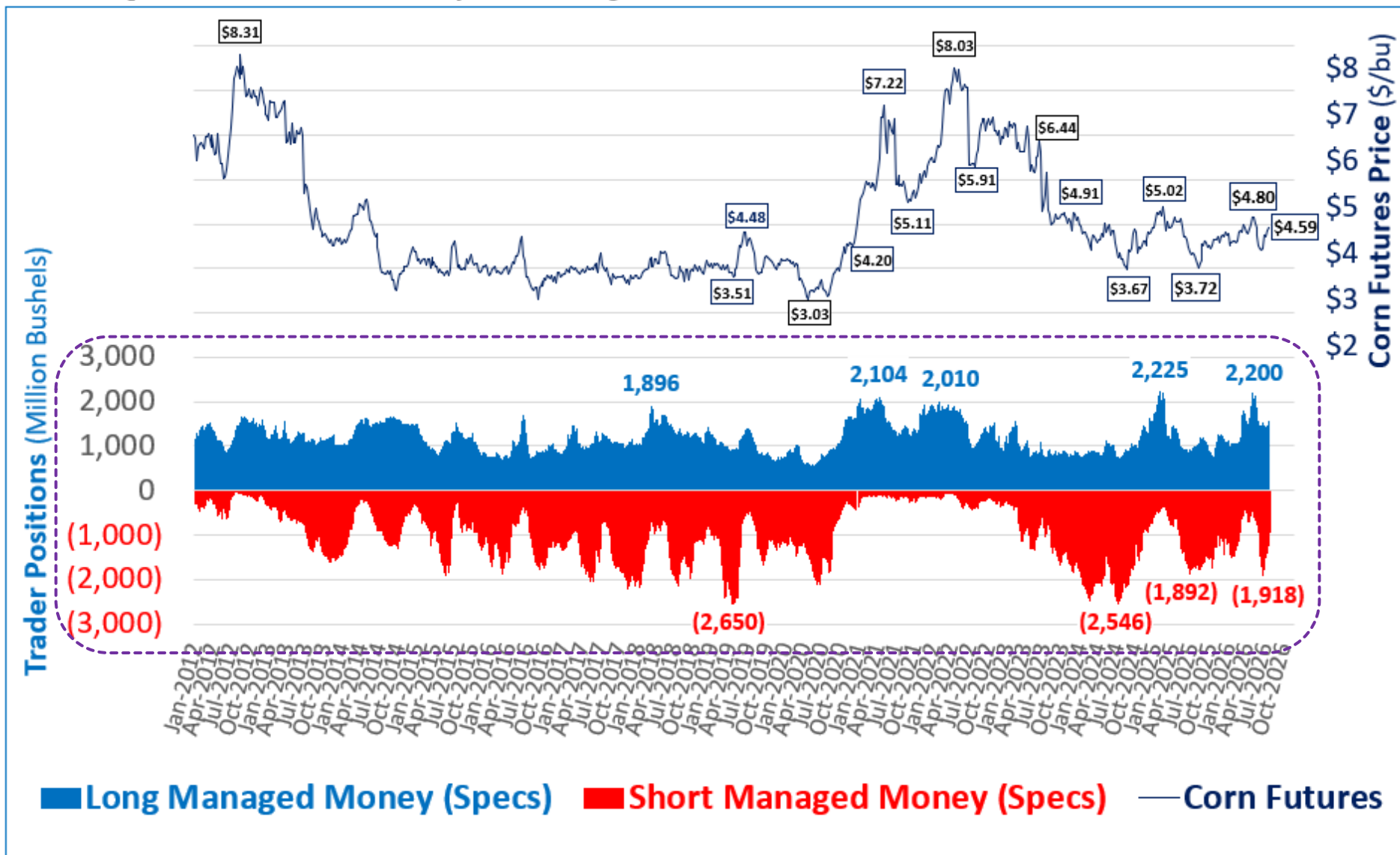
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Corn Futures - *Managed Money Traders* Specs

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Long & Short Positions, January 2012 through 7/28/2026^{CFTC Data} + 7/28/2026 SEPT²⁰²⁶ Corn Futures Closes



Kansas Cash & Futures Prices

Date						
Monday, August 3, 2026 a.m.						
Grain Futures Contracts		Closing \$				
SEPT 2026 Corn ^{Lead Futures}		\$4.3900				
DEC 2026 Corn ^{"New Crop" MY 2026/27 "Lead-Harvest" Futures}		\$4.6200				
Monday, August 3, 2026 a.m.	Cash Grain & Harvest Contract Prices @ Kansas Grain Elevators					
	Representing the highest bids available at each location					
Cash Market Spot & FC Bids	Colby ^{Area}	Garden City ^{Area}	Salina ^{Area}	Hutchinson ^{Area}	Topeka ^{Area}	Pittsburg ^{Area}
Cash Market Bids from Barchart.com	NW KS	SW KS	NC KS	SC KS	NE-EC KS	SE KS
Corn Spot Cash\$: Spring ²⁰²⁶	\$4.21	\$4.29	\$4.22	\$4.38	\$4.26	\$4.38
2026 Cash Market Basis - August 2026	(\$0.18)	(\$0.10)	(\$0.17)	(\$0.01)	(\$0.13)	(\$0.01)
Corn Harvest FC\$: Fall ²⁰²⁶	\$4.24	\$4.52	\$4.22	\$3.98	\$4.23	\$4.47
2026 Harvest Cash Market Basis - Nov-Dec 2026	(\$0.38)	(\$0.10)	(\$0.40)	(\$0.64)	(\$0.39)	(\$0.15)
2026 "Spot Cash" Soybean vs Corn \$ Ratio	2.52	2.50	2.68	2.53	2.82	2.54
2026 "New Crop" Soybean vs Corn \$ Ratio	2.65	2.41	2.68	2.83	2.69	2.49
"Spot Cash" HRW Wheat vs Corn \$ Ratio	1.53	1.48	1.59	1.54	1.58	#VALUE!

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.**

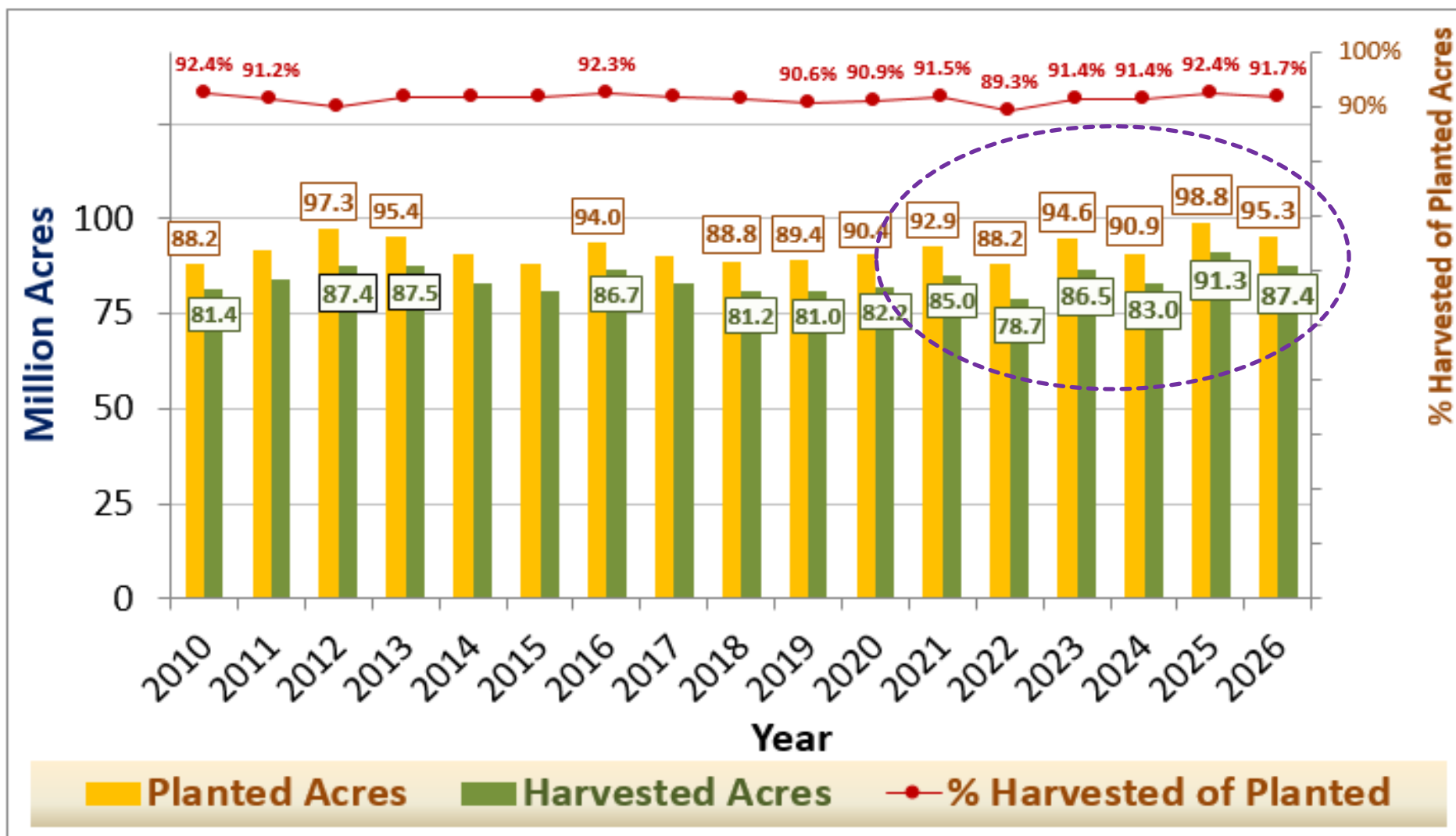
B. Ignore decision dates & make no sale *IF*** prices are less than **\$4.50 local cash** **or 4.80 DEC 2026 Corn**. (i.e., Est. cost of production)**

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

U.S. Corn Acres 2010-2026

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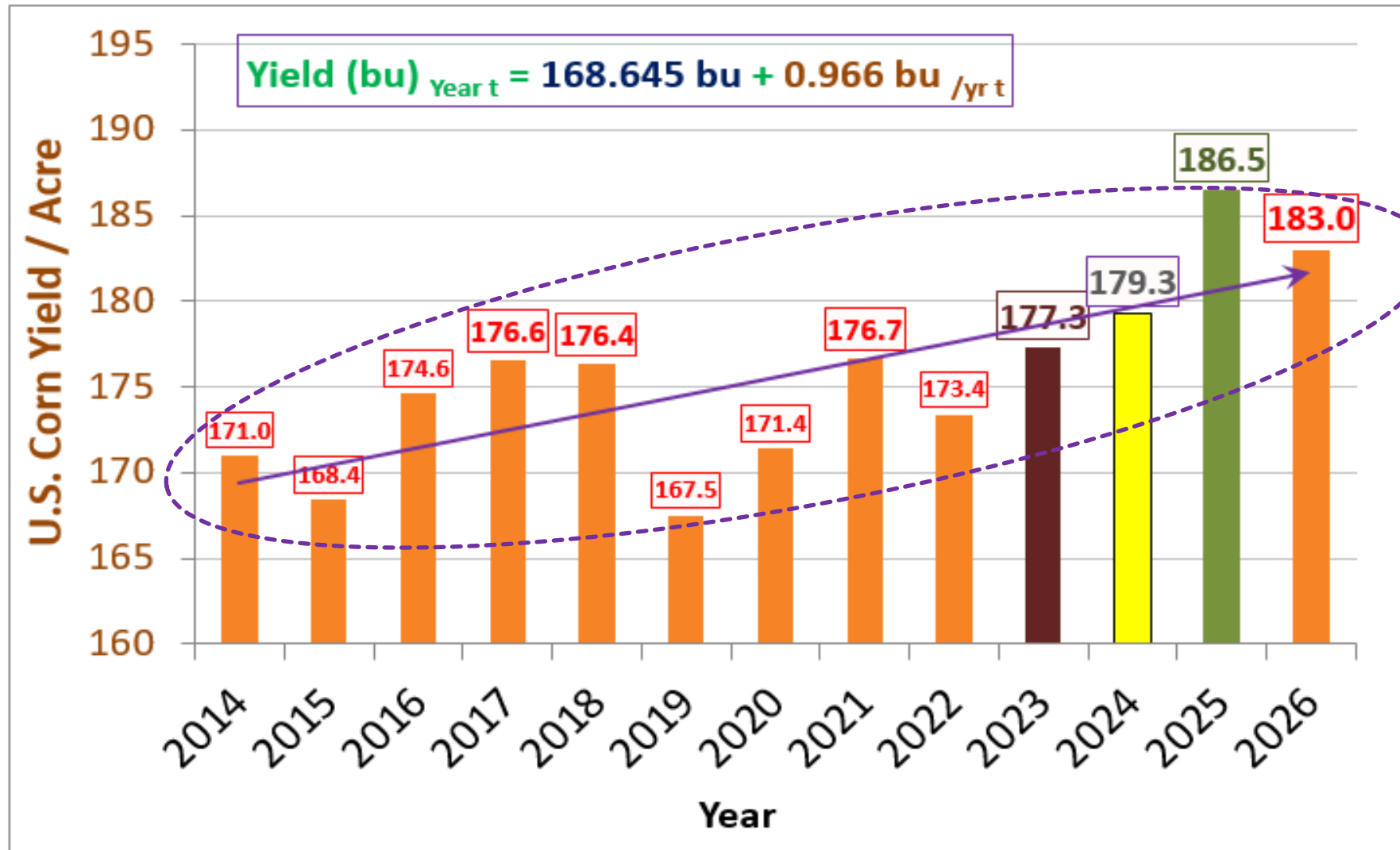
MY 2010/11 - "New Crop" 2026/27: from the latest WASDE 7/10/2026



U.S. Corn Yields for 2014-2026

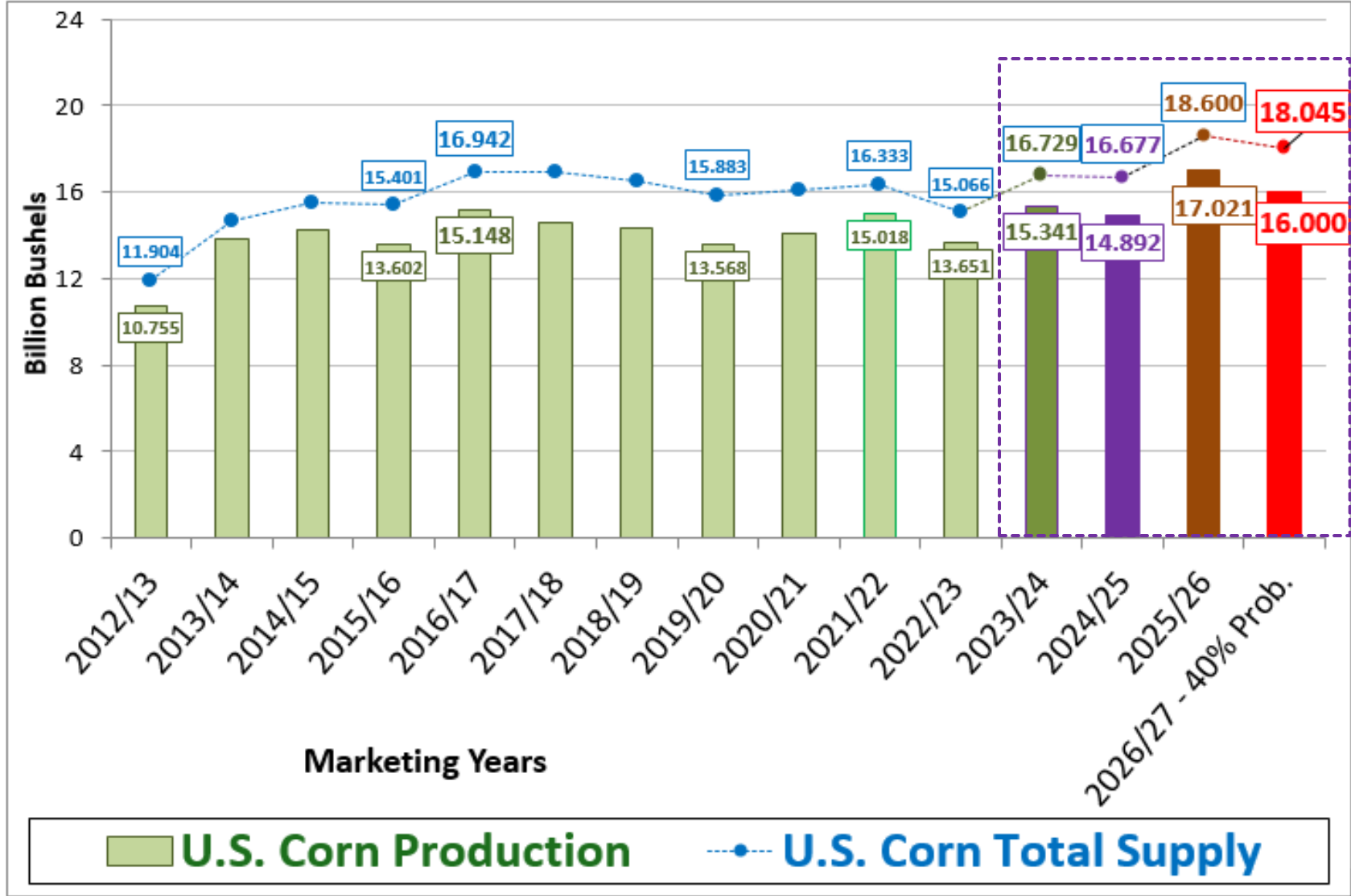
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MY 2014/15 - "New Crop" 2026/27: from the latest WASDE 7/10/2026



U.S. Corn Production & Supplies

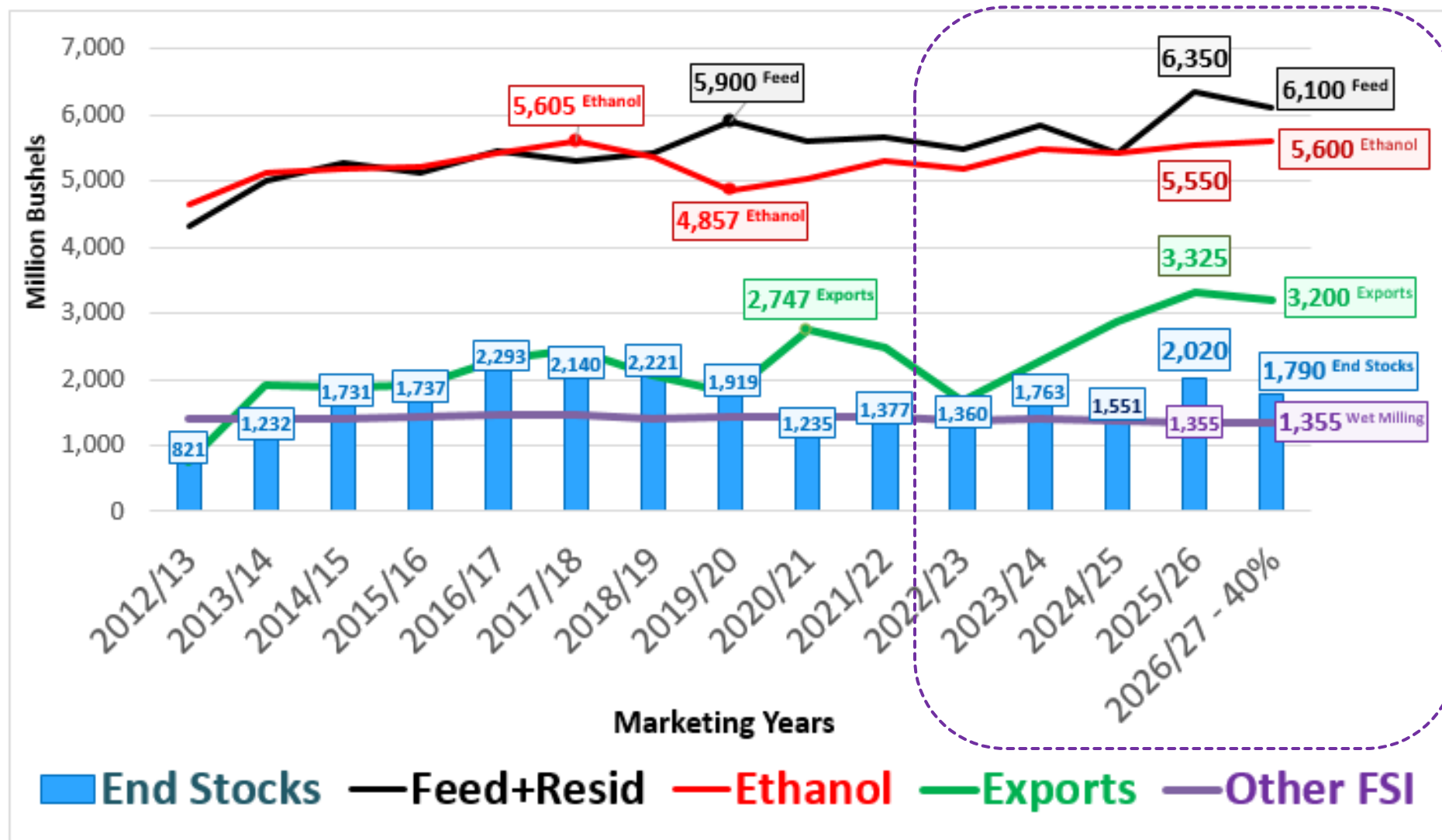
MY 2012/13 - "New Crop" 2026/27: from the latest WASDE 7/10/2026



U.S. Corn Use & Stocks

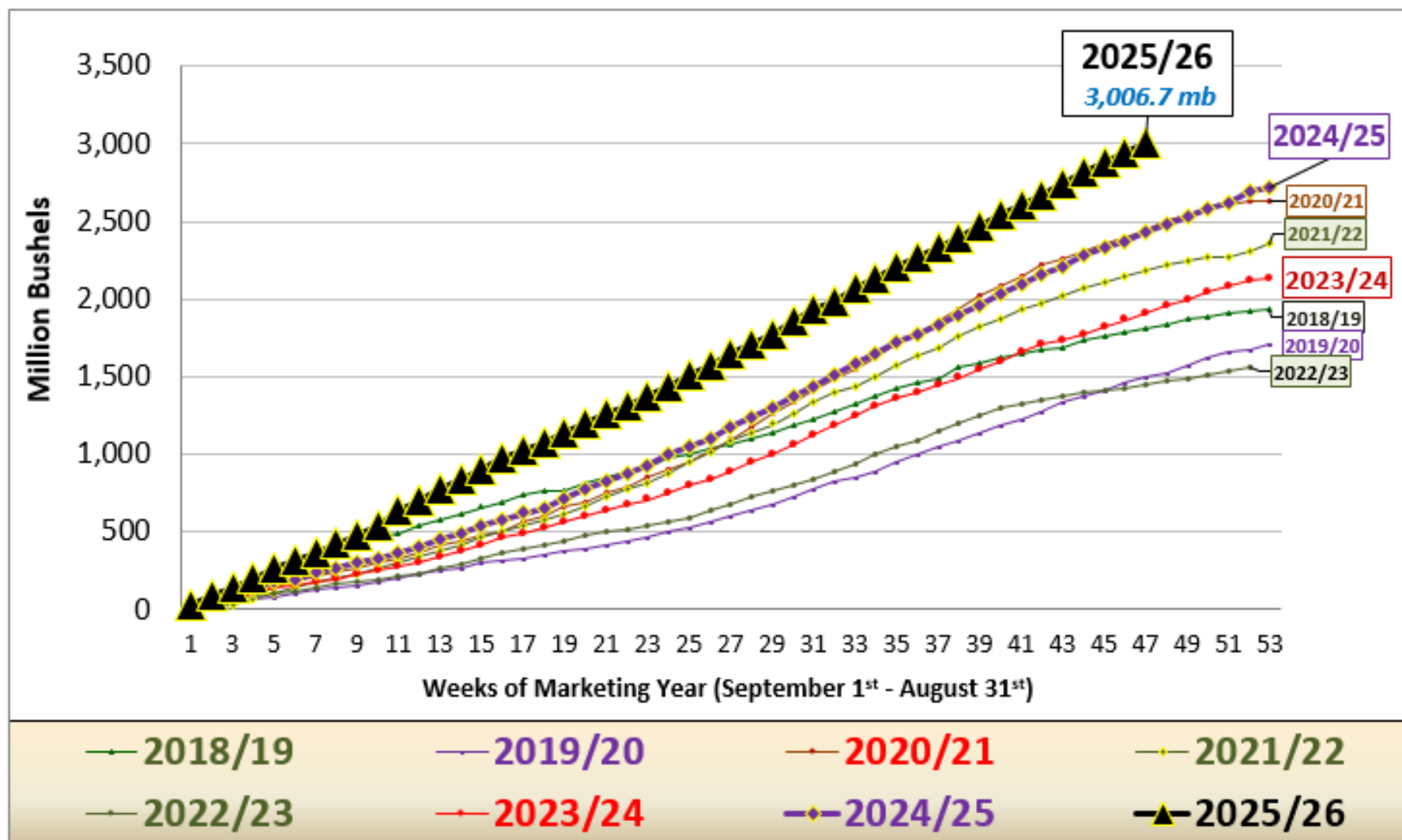
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MY 2012/13 - "New Crop" 2026/27: from the latest WASDE 7/10/2026



U.S. Corn Exports MY 2018/19 thru "Current" 2025/26

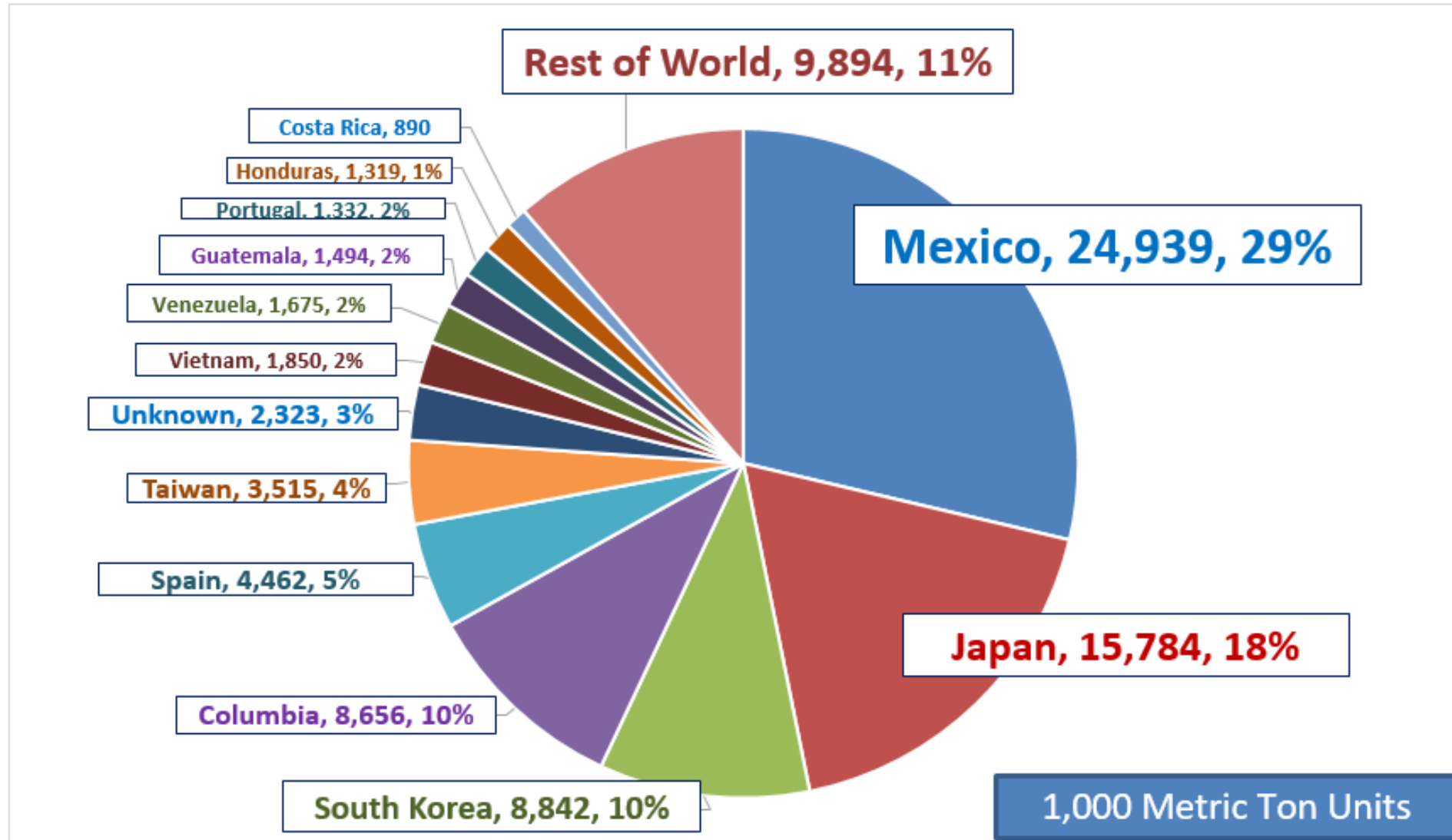
Based on USDA FAS Weekly Export reports through 7/23/2026



U.S. Corn Export Sales + Shipments

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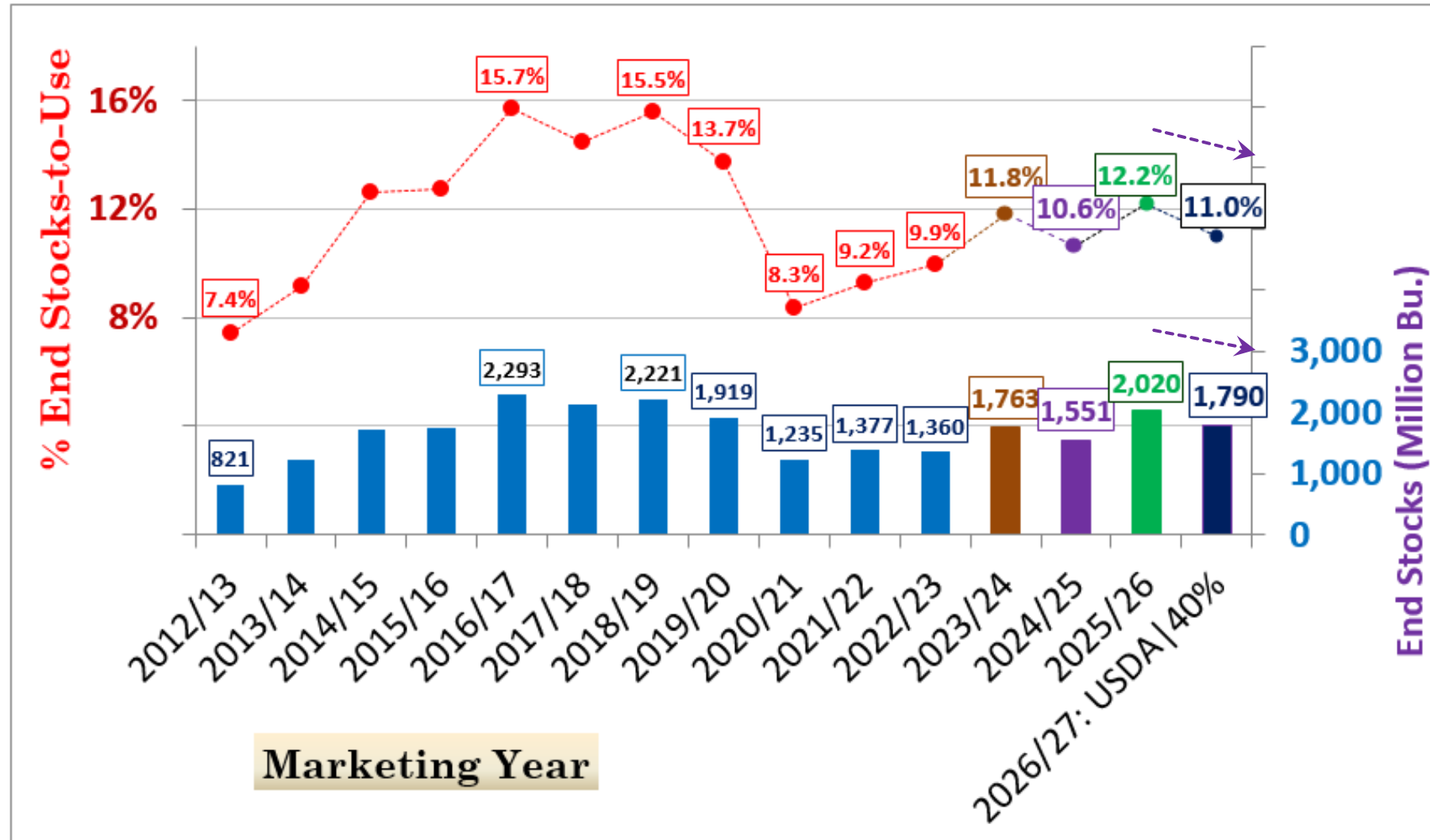
"Current" MY 2025/26 as of the 7/23/2026 USDA U.S. Export Forward Purchases (1,000 mt)



U.S. Corn Stocks & % S/U

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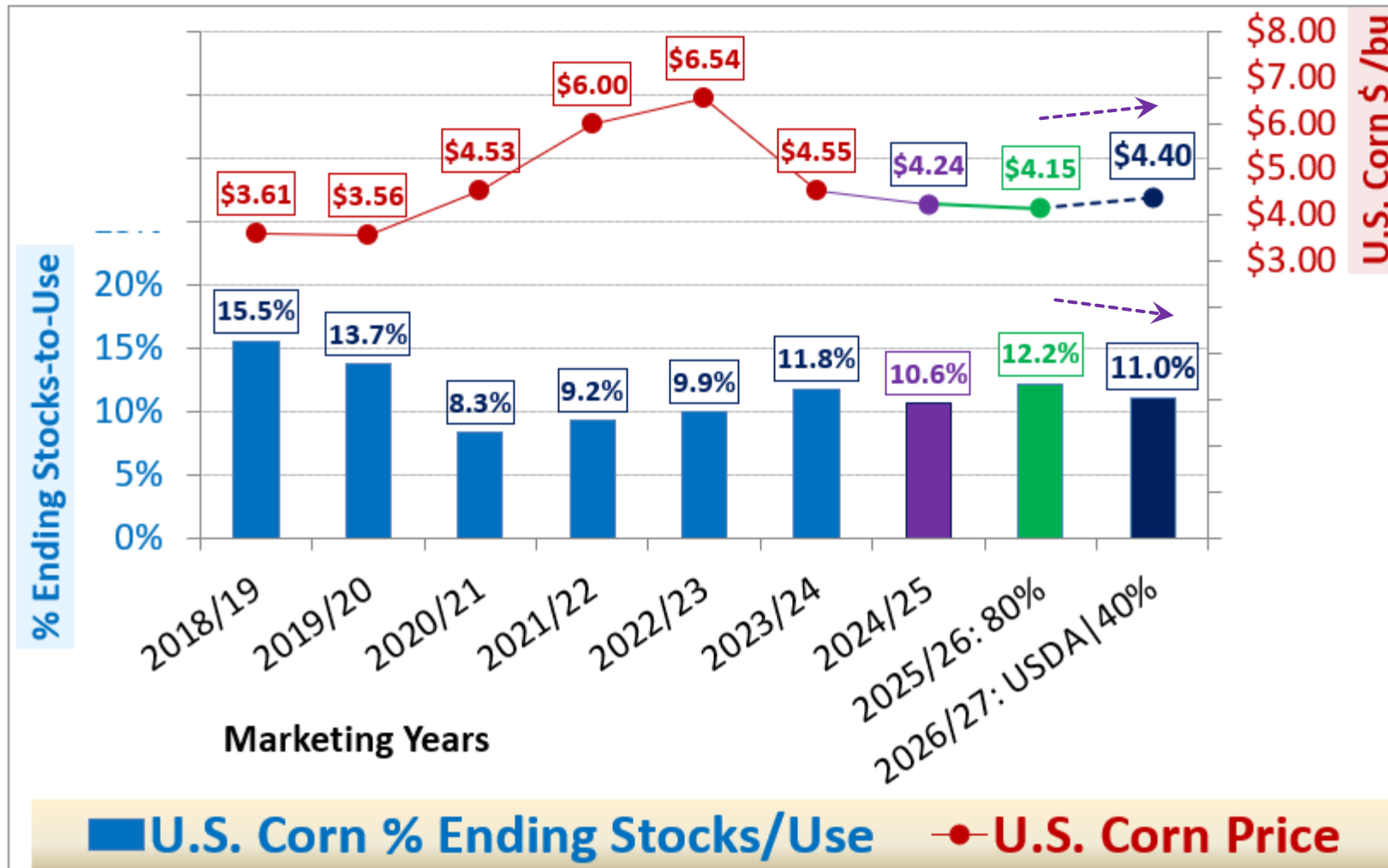
MY 2012/13 - "New Crop" 2026/27: from the latest WASDE 7/10/2026



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

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MY 2012/13 - "New Crop" 2026/27: from the latest WASDE 7/10/2026



U.S. Corn Supply-Demand *KSU #'s*

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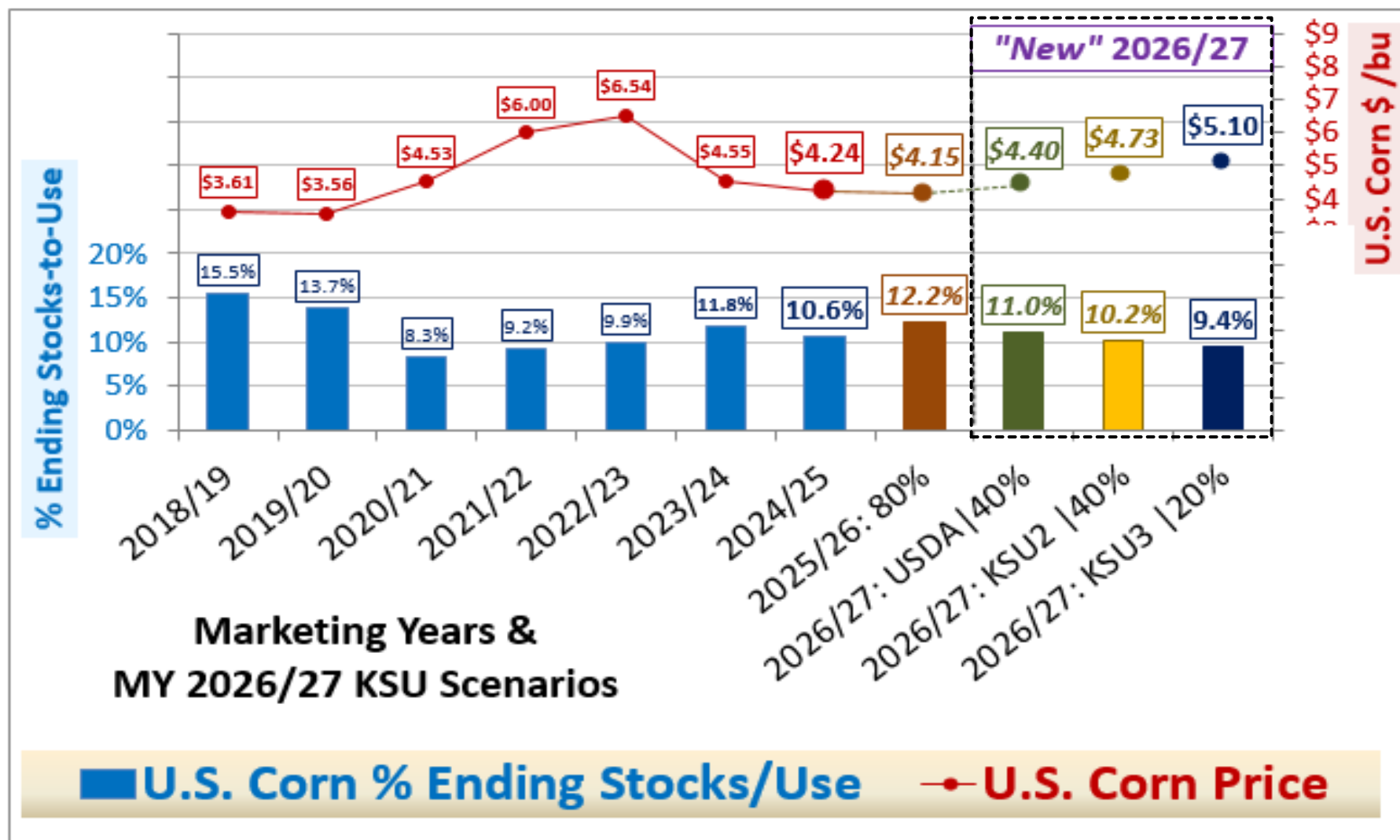
“New Crop” 2026/27: from the latest USDA WASDE report as of July 10, 2026

Item	A. USDA #1 “New Crop” MY 2026/27 95.338 mln ac Planted 16.000 bb U.S. Production 1.790 bb Ending Stocks	B. KSU #2 “New Crop” MY 2026/27 95.338 mln ac Planted 15.869 bb U.S. Production 1.659 bb Ending Stocks	C. KSU #3 “New Crop” MY 2026/27 95.338 mln ac Planted 15.738 bb U.S. Production 1.528 bb Ending Stocks
<i>% Prob. of Occurring (KSU)</i>	<i>40% KSUest</i>	<i>40% KSUest</i>	<i>20% KSUest</i>
Planted Area (million acres)	95.388	95.338	95.338
Harvested Area (million acres)	87.434	87.434	87.434
Yield / harvested acre (bu/ac)	183.0	- 1.5 bu/ac 181.5	- 2.5 bu/ac 180.0
		Million Bushels	
Beginning Stocks (million bu.)	2,020	2,020	2,020
Production (million bu.)	16.000	- 131 mb 15,869	- 262 mb 15,738
Total Supply (million bu.)	18,045	- 131 mb 19,914	- 262 mb 17,783
Ethanol (million bu.)	5,600	5,600	5,600
Exports (million bu.)	3,200	3,200	3,200
Total Use (million bu.)	16,255	16,255	16,255
Ending Stocks (million bu.)	1,790	- 131 mb 1,659*	- 262 mb 1,528*
% Ending Stocks-to-Use	11.01%	10.21%	9.40%
U.S. Corn Avg Farm \$ (\$/bushel)	\$4.40 USDA #1	\$4.73 KSU #2	\$5.10 KSU #3

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

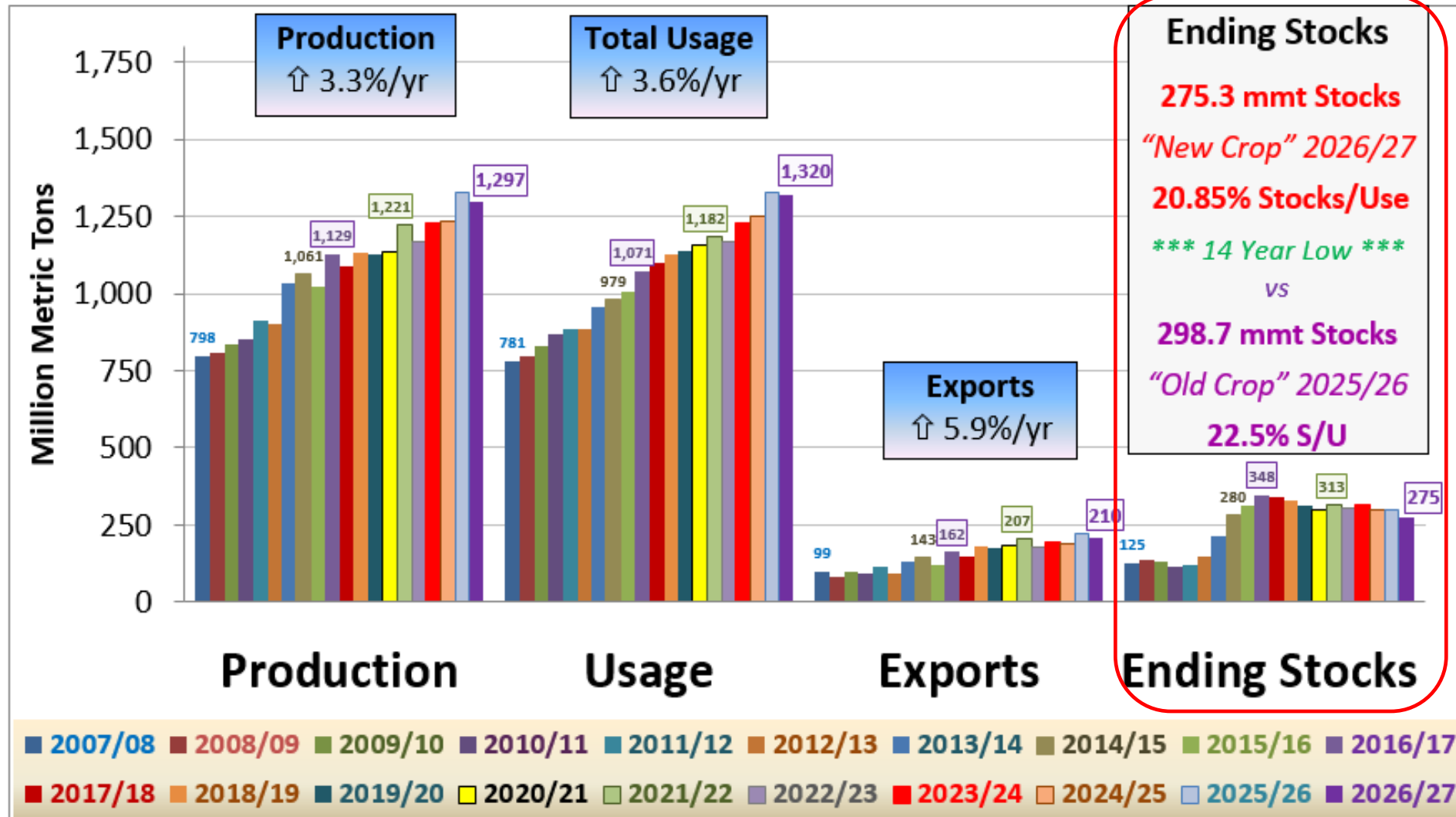
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MY 2012/13 - "New Crop" 2026/27: from the latest WASDE 7/10/2026 + KSU Ests.



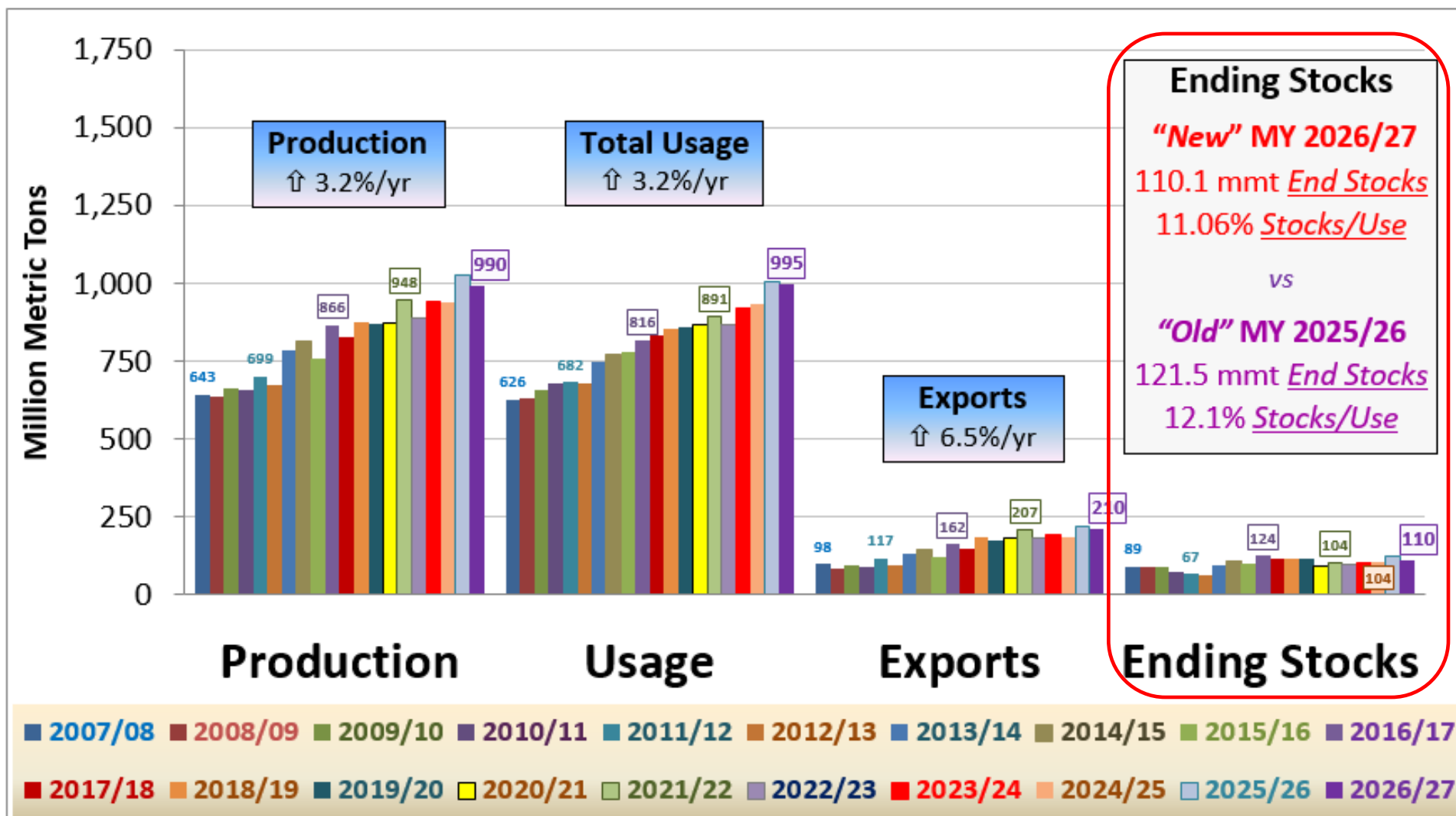
World Corn Supply-Demand

MY 2007/08 – “New Crop” 2026/27 as of the latest WASDE on 7/10/2026



“World Less-China” Corn Supply-Demand

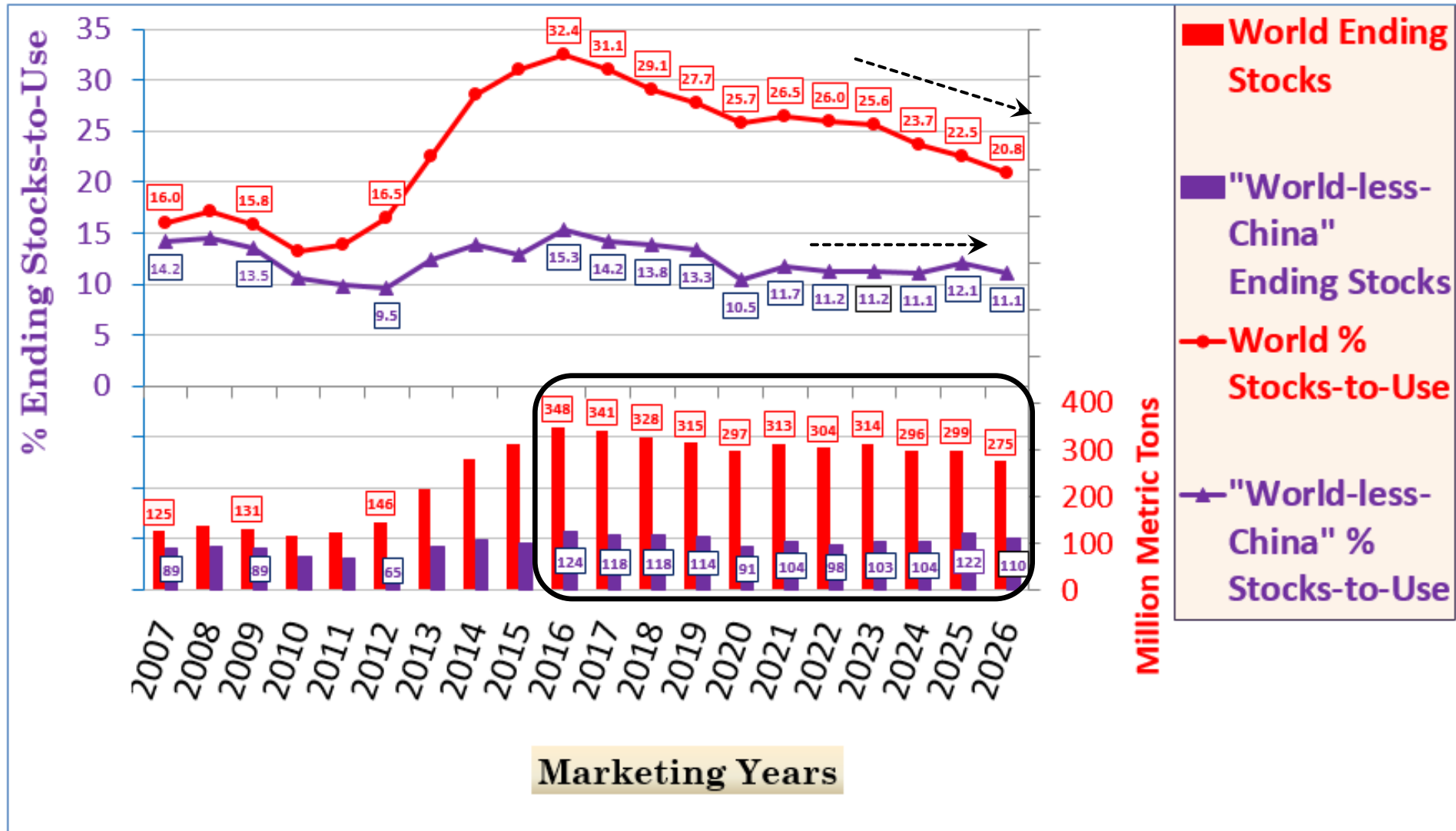
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Corn: *World* vs *World Less-China* % S/U

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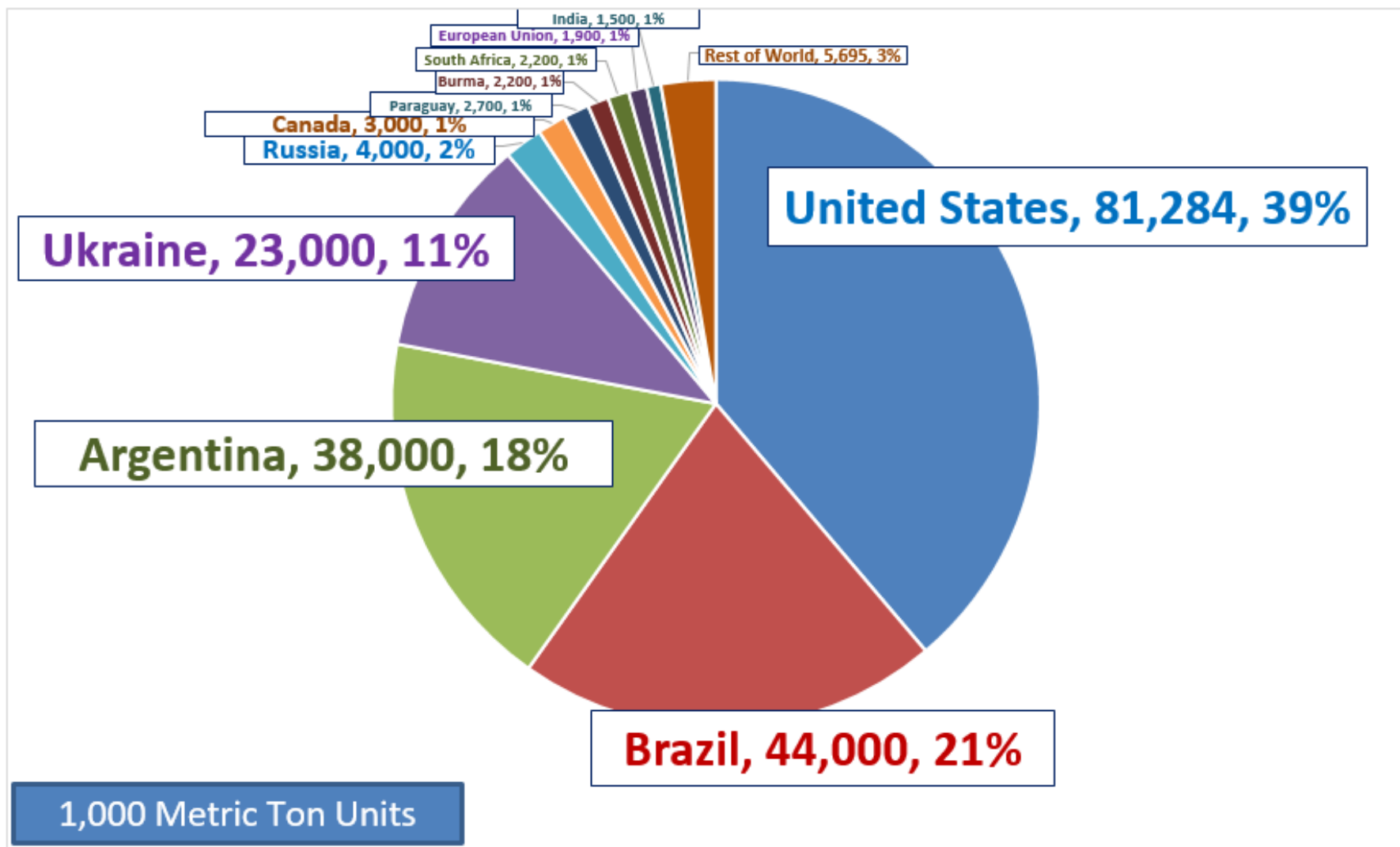
MY 2007/08 thru "New" MY 2026/27, as of the latest USDA WASDE 7/10/2026 report



Corn Exporters *"New Crop" 2026/27*

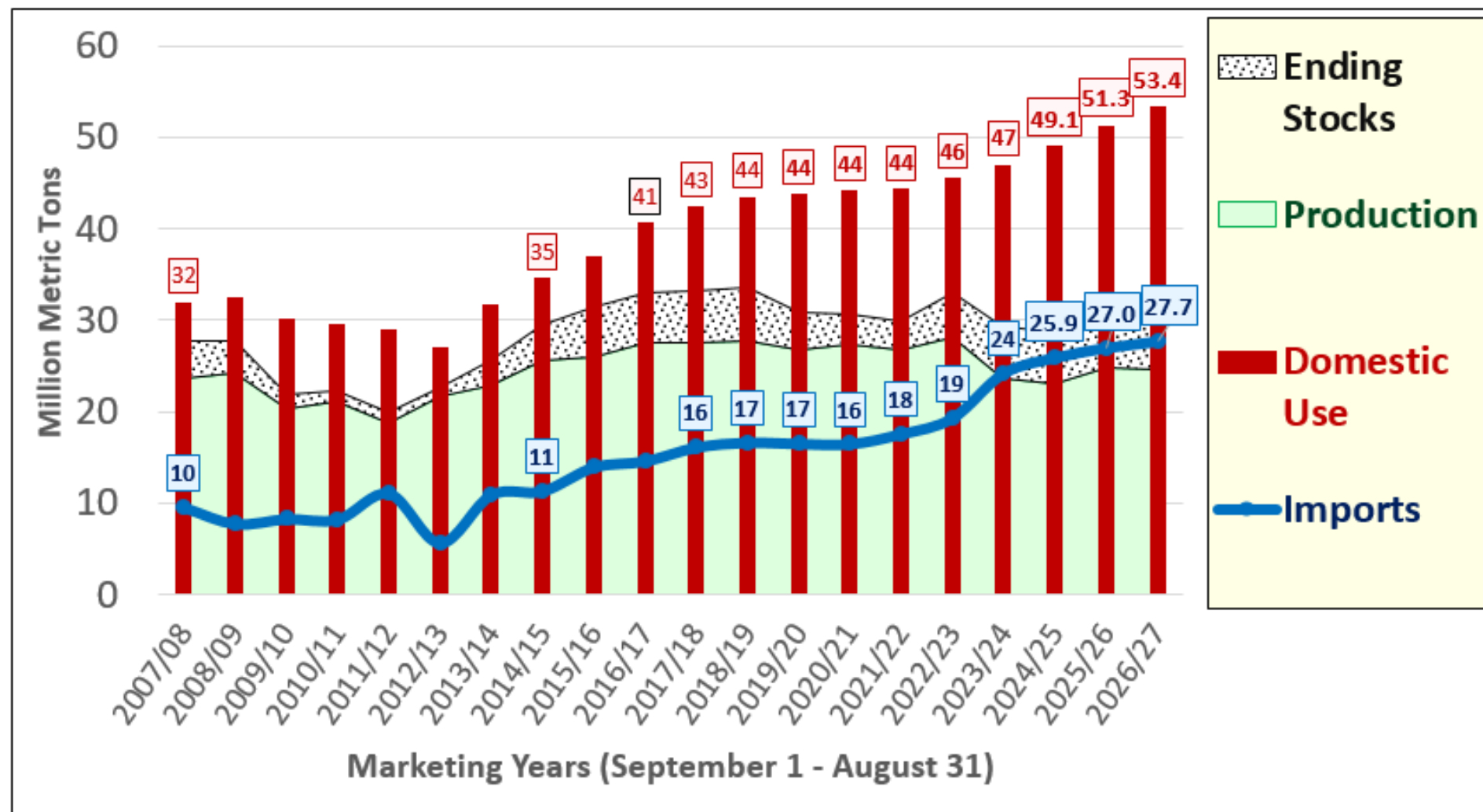
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USDA FAS PSD-Online, (1,000 mt) as of 7/10/2026



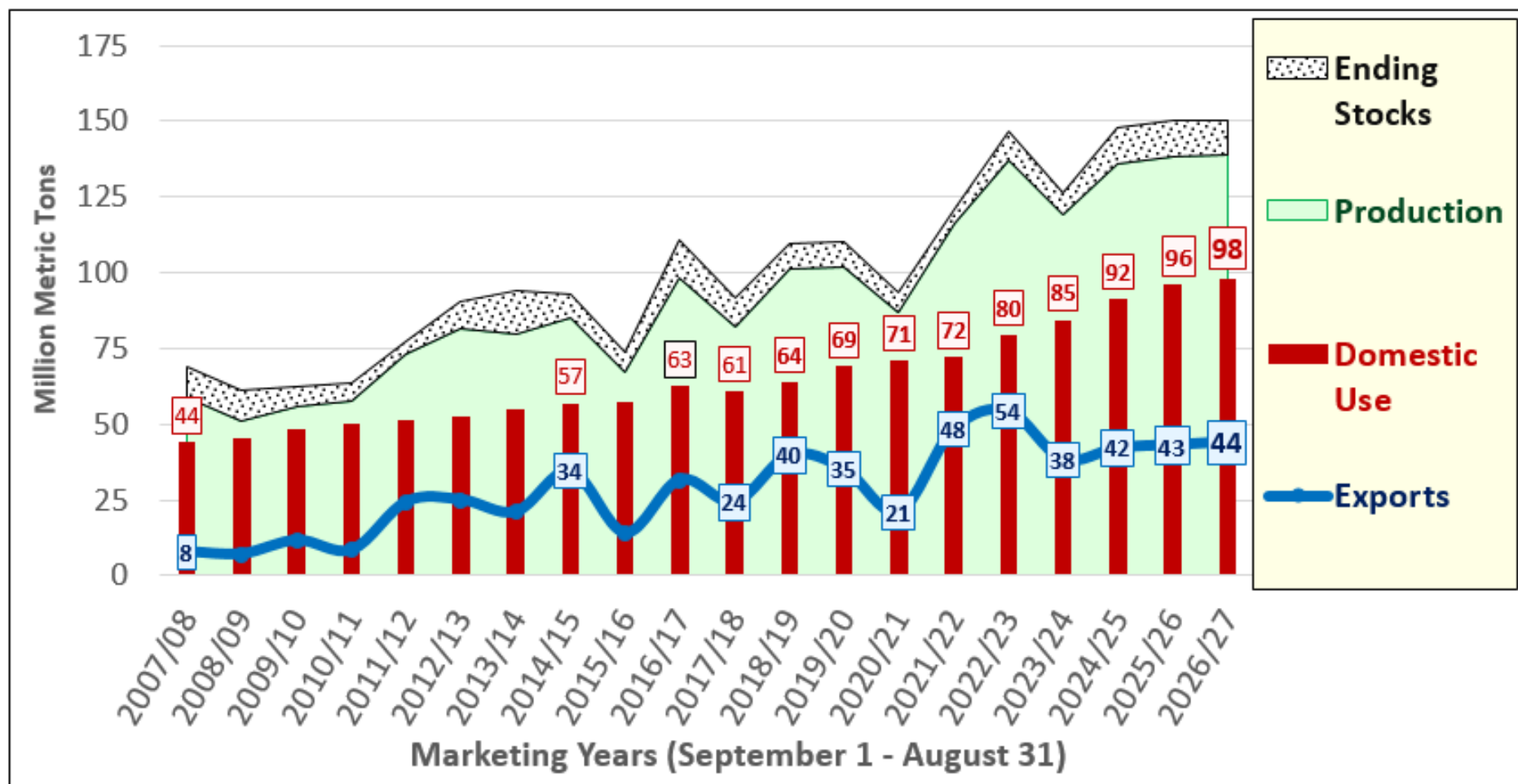
Corn: Mexico *Supply-Demand*

MY 2007/08 – “New Crop” 2026/27 as of the latest WASDE 7/10/2026



Corn: Brazil *Supply-Demand*

MY 2007/08 – “New Crop” 2026/27 as of the latest WASDE 7/10/2026



Sorghum Markets

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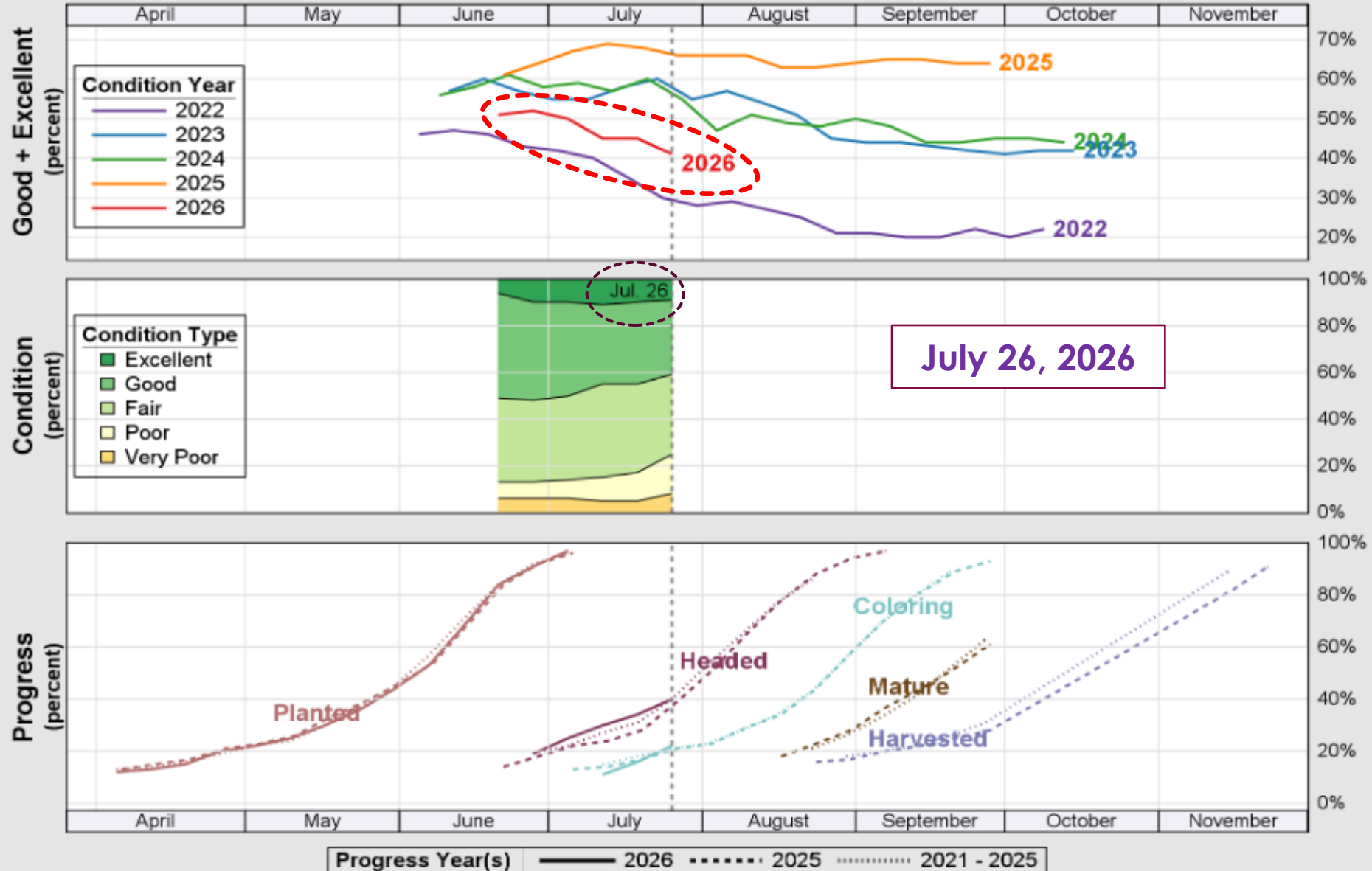
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Crop Progress and Condition: Sorghum in United States , 2026

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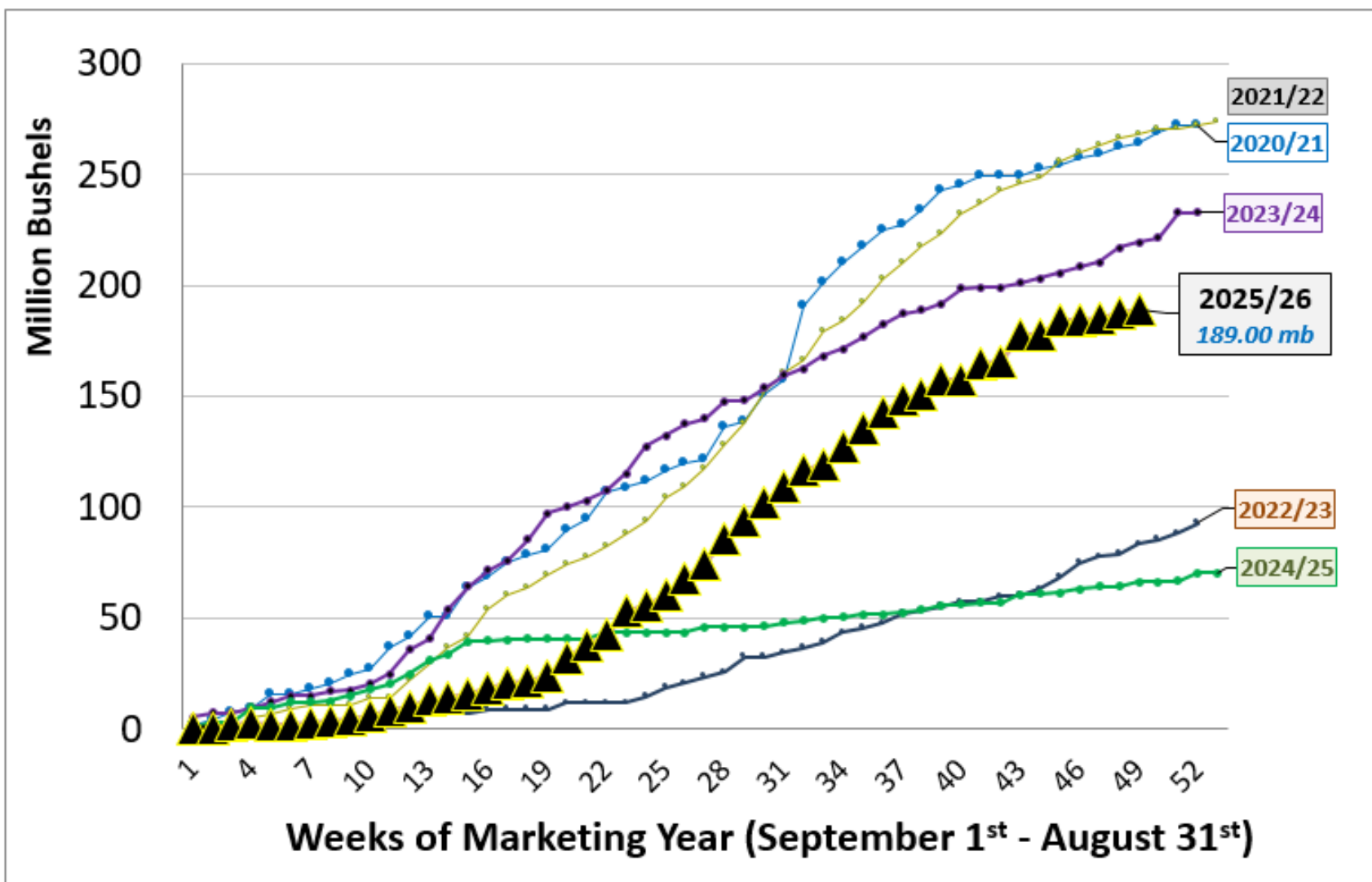
Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Crop Progress Report

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Grain Sorghum Spot Cash\$: Spring ²⁰²⁶		\$3.84	\$3.59	\$3.87	\$3.81	\$3.13	\$3.53
2026 Cash Market Basis - August 2026		(\$0.55)	(\$0.80)	(\$0.52)	(\$0.58)	(\$1.26)	(\$0.86)
Grain Sorghum Harvest FC\$: Fall ²⁰²⁶		\$4.07	\$3.82	\$4.02	\$3.83	\$4.02	\$3.53
2026 Harvest Cash Market Basis - Nov-Dec 2026		(\$0.55)	(\$0.80)	(\$0.60)	(\$0.79)	(\$0.60)	(\$1.09)

U.S. Grain Sorghum Exports

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MY 2012/13 - "Current" MY 2025/26 as of 7/23/2026 ^{USDA FAS Export}



U.S. Sorghum Supply-Demand

“New Crop” MY 2026/27: from the latest USDA WASDE ^{7/10/2026} + KSU Estimates ^{7/31/2026}

Item	USDA Scenario #1 “New Crop” MY 2026/27	KSU Scenario #2 Lower Exports (-35 to 170 mb)	KSU Scenario #3 Lower Exports (170 mb) Higher FSI & Feed Use
<i>% Prob. of Occurring (KSU)</i>	50% KSU Est.	40% KSU Est.	10% KSU Est.
Planted Area (million acres)	6.640	6.640	6.640
Harvested Area (million acres)	6.020	6.020	6.020
Yield / harvested acre (bu/ac)	69.3	69.3	69.3
		Million Bushels	
Production (million bu.)	380	380	380
Total Supply (million bu.)	417	417	417
Food & Industrial Use (mln bu.)	104	104	+20 mb 124
Exports (million bu.)	205	-35 mb 170	-35 mb 170
Feed & Residual Use (million bu.)	70	70	+25 mb 95
Total Use (million bu.)	380	-35 mb 345	+10 mb 390
Ending Stocks (million bu.)	37	+35 mb 72	-10 mb 27
% Ending Stocks-to-Use	9.74%	20.9%	6.92%
U.S. Sorghum Avg. Farm \$ (\$/bu)	\$4.10 USDA #1	\$3.15 KSU #2	\$4.50 KSU #3

Wheat Markets

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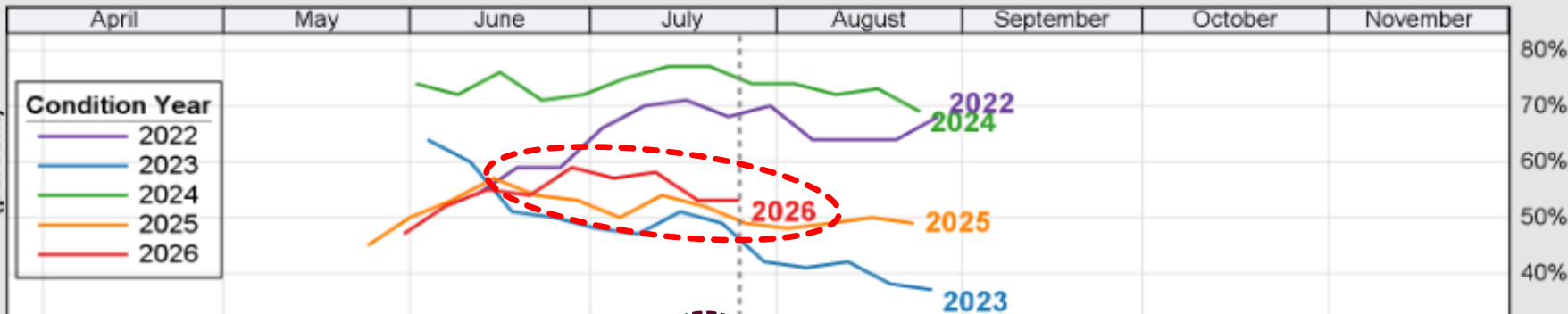


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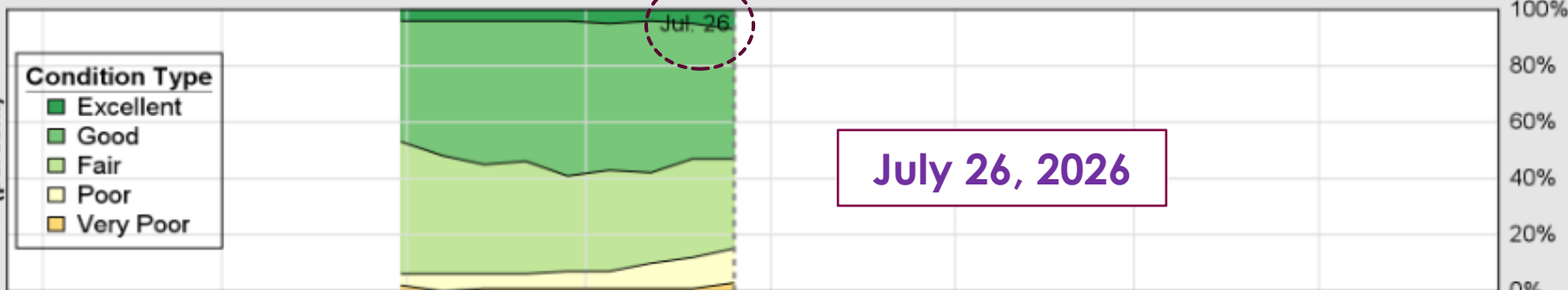
Crop Progress and Condition: Spring Wheat in United States , 2026

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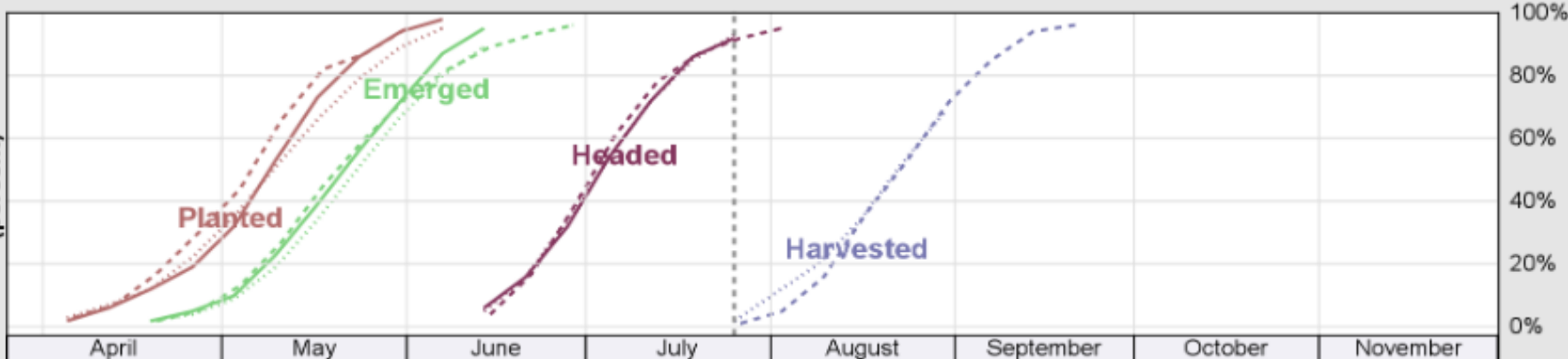
Good + Excellent
(percent)



Condition
(percent)

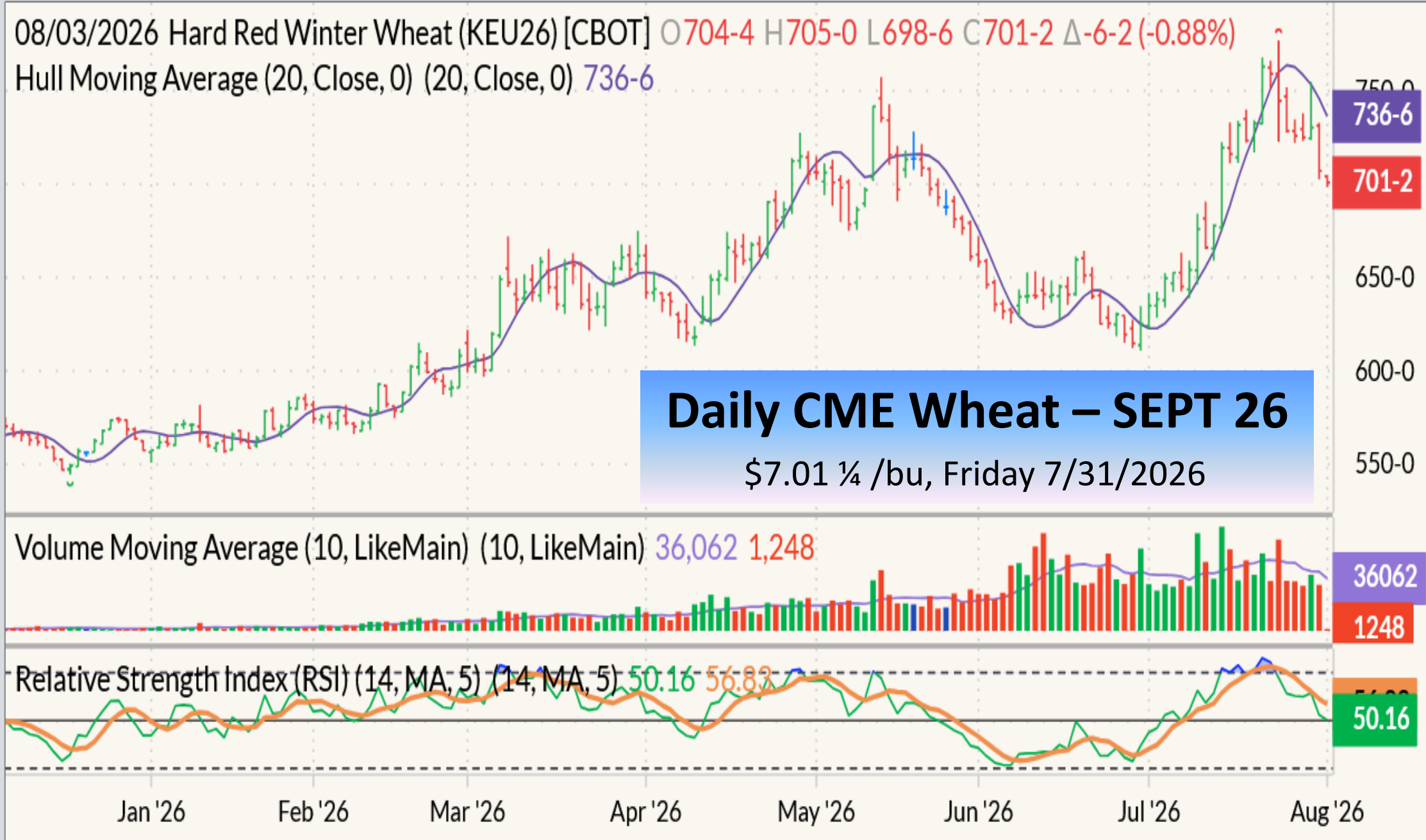


Progress
(percent)



Progress Year(s) — 2026 2025 2021 - 2025

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



\$7.01 ¼

Monthly Commodity Futures Price Chart
Wheat (Kansas) (Electronic) (KCBT)
TFC Commodity Charts

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

Change: -3.500

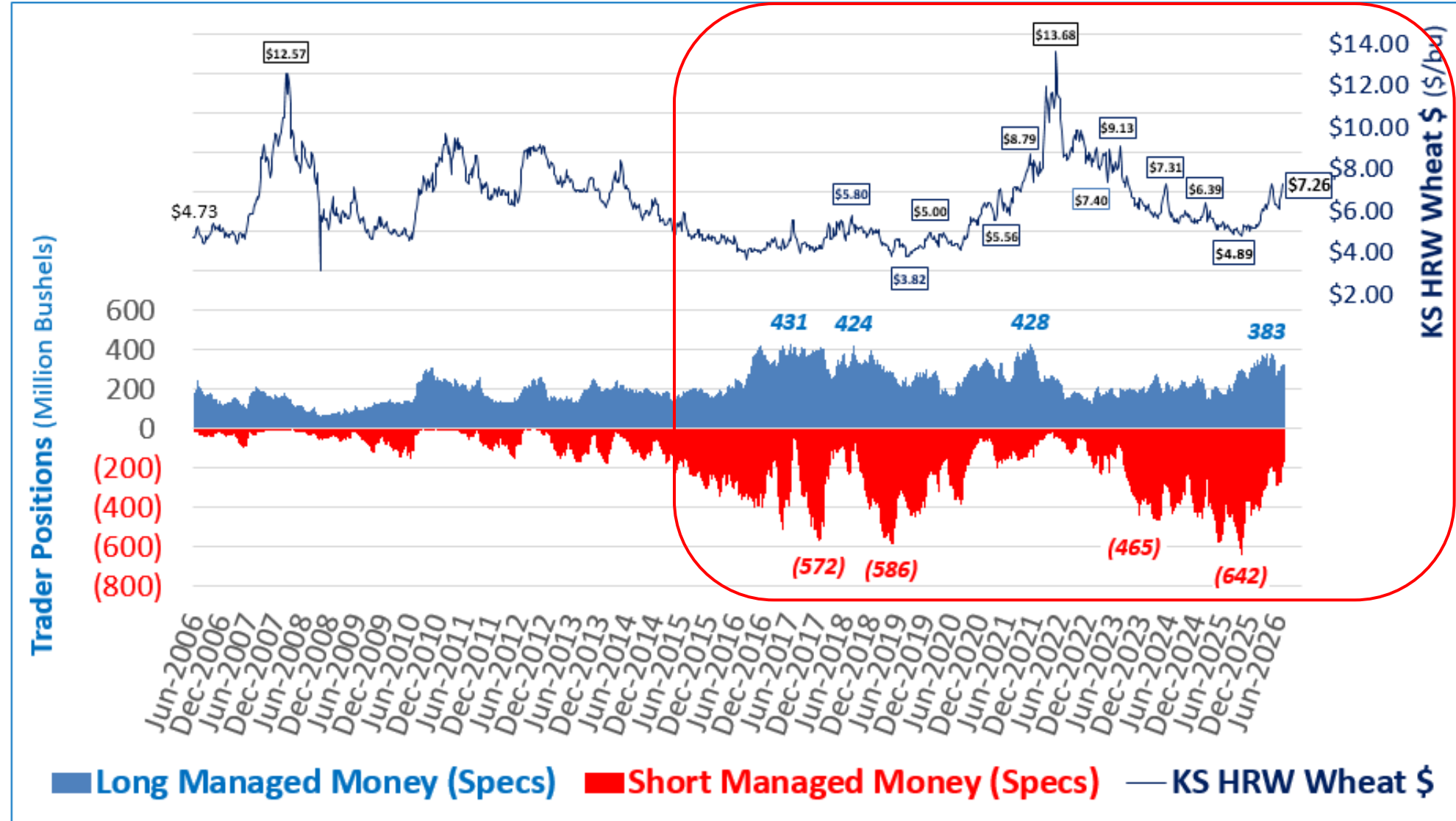
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KS HRW Wheat ^{CME} - Managed Money Traders Specs

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Long/Short Positions + Futures \$'s: June 2006 – 7/28/2026 CFTC Data with 7/28/2026 Futures for SEPT²⁰²⁶ KS HRW Wheat



Kansas Cash & Futures Prices

Date

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Grain Futures Contracts

Closing \$

SEPT 2026 KC HRW Wheat ^{Lead Futures}

\$7.0375

SEPT 2027 KC HRW Wheat ^{"New Crop" MY 2027/28 Harvest Futures}

\$7.2025

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NW KS

SW KS

NC KS

SC KS

NE-EC KS

SE KS

KC HRW Wheat Harvest Spot Cash\$ - Summer

\$6.44

\$6.37

\$6.73

\$6.74

\$6.73

Not Available

2026 Cash Market Basis - August 2026

(\$0.60)

(\$0.67)

(\$0.31)

(\$0.30)

(\$0.31)

#VALUE!

KC HRW Wheat FC\$ Summer ^{2027 Harvest Futures}

\$6.61

\$6.64

\$7.06

\$7.06

\$6.79

Not Available

"New Crop" 2026/27 HRW Hvst FC\$ Basis - July 2026

(\$0.59)

(\$0.56)

(\$0.14)

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"Spot Cash" HRW Wheat vs Corn \$ Ratio

1.53

1.48

1.59

1.54

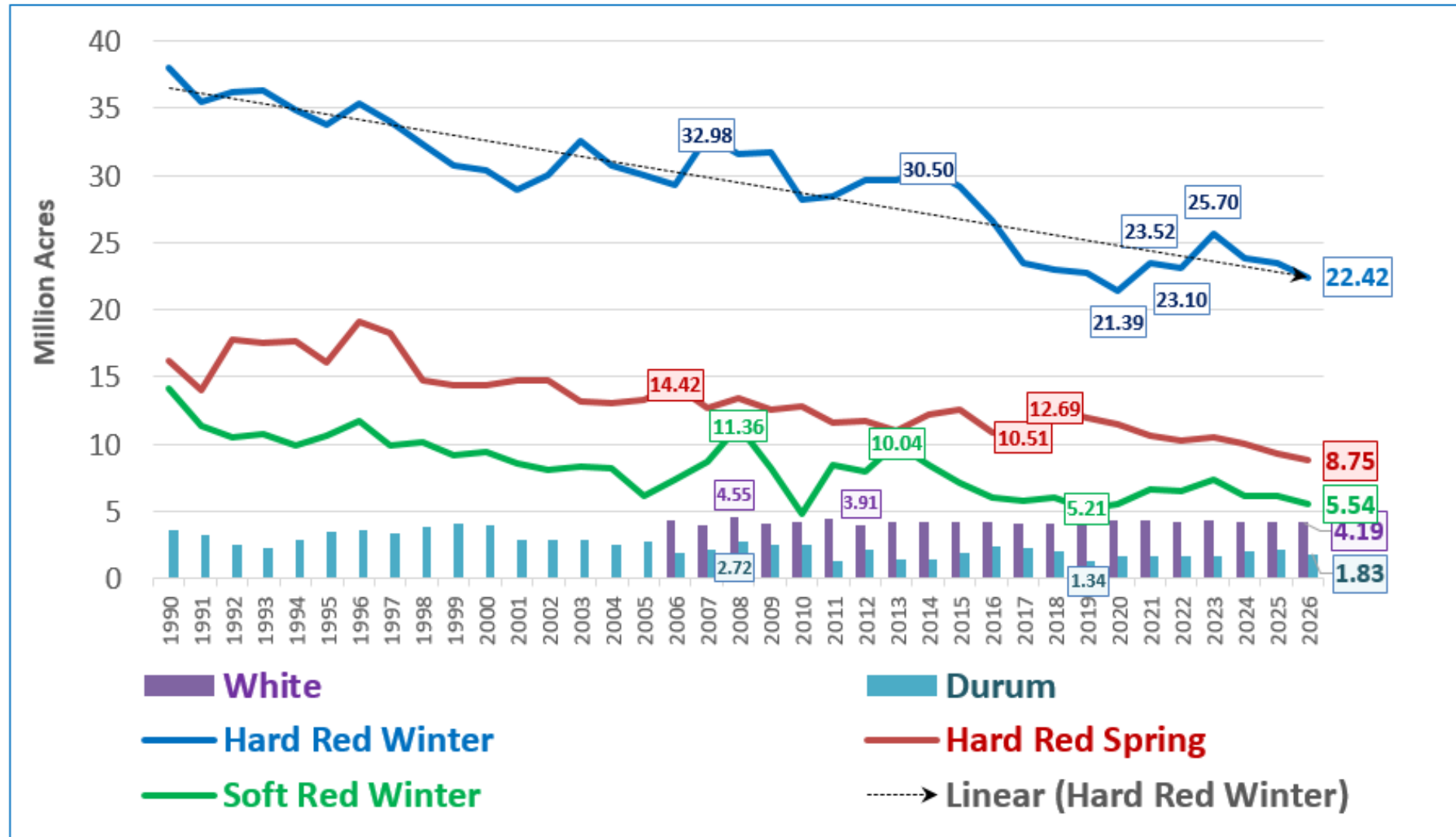
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U.S. Wheat Planted Acres by Class

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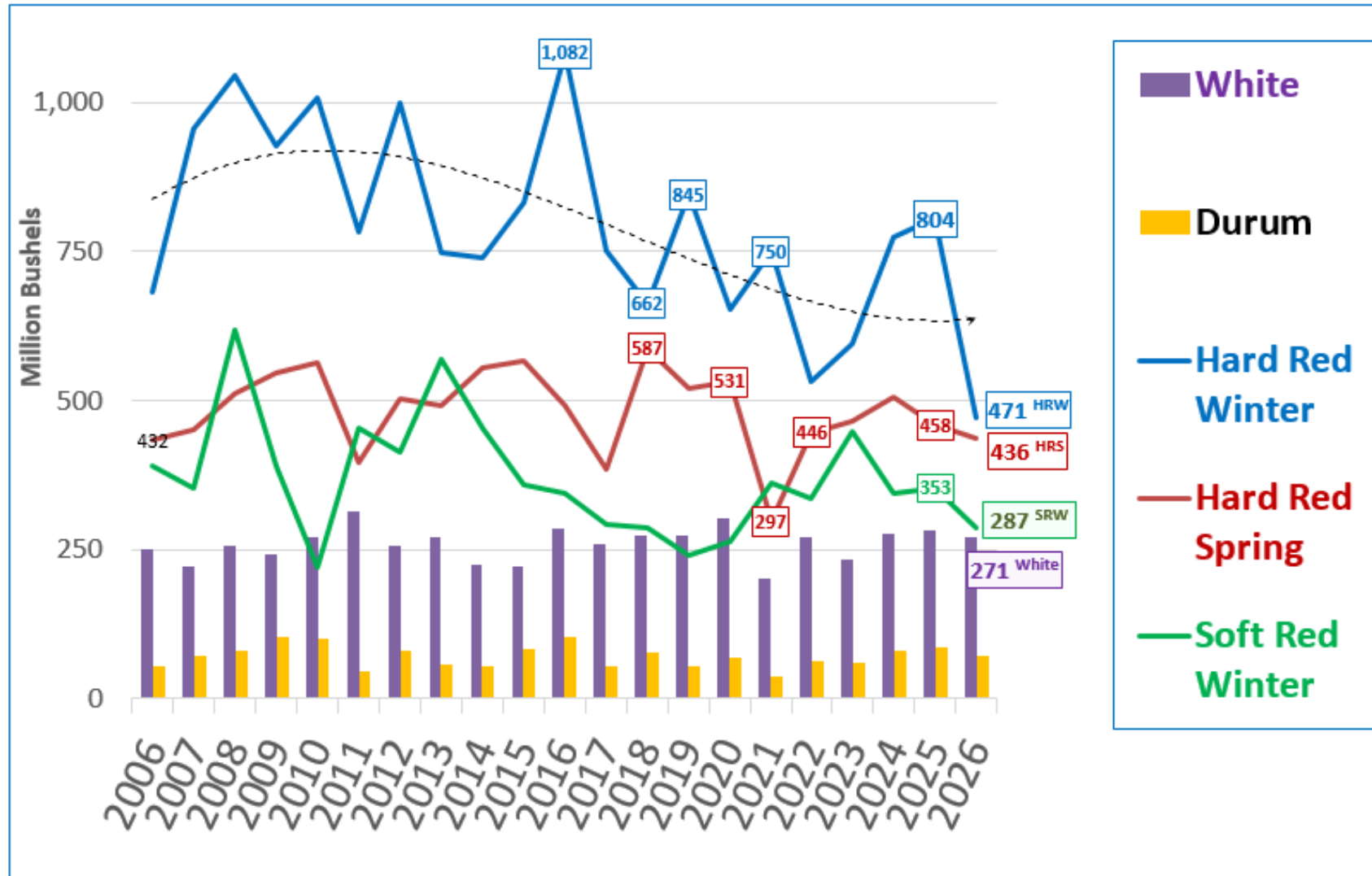
Since Year 1990 – As of the latest USDA Production & WASDE 7/10/2026 Reports



U.S. Wheat Production *by Class*

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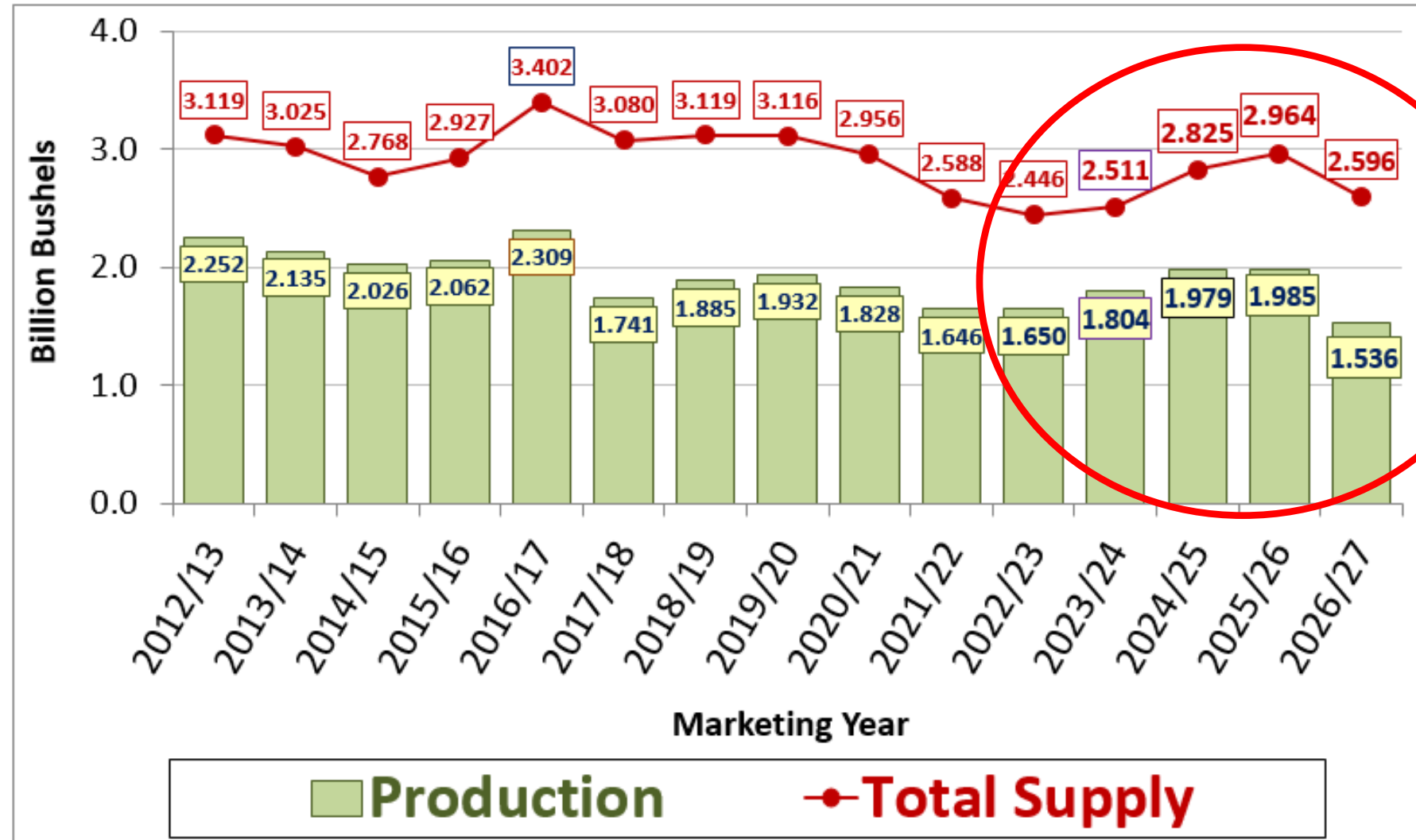
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U.S. Wheat Total Supplies

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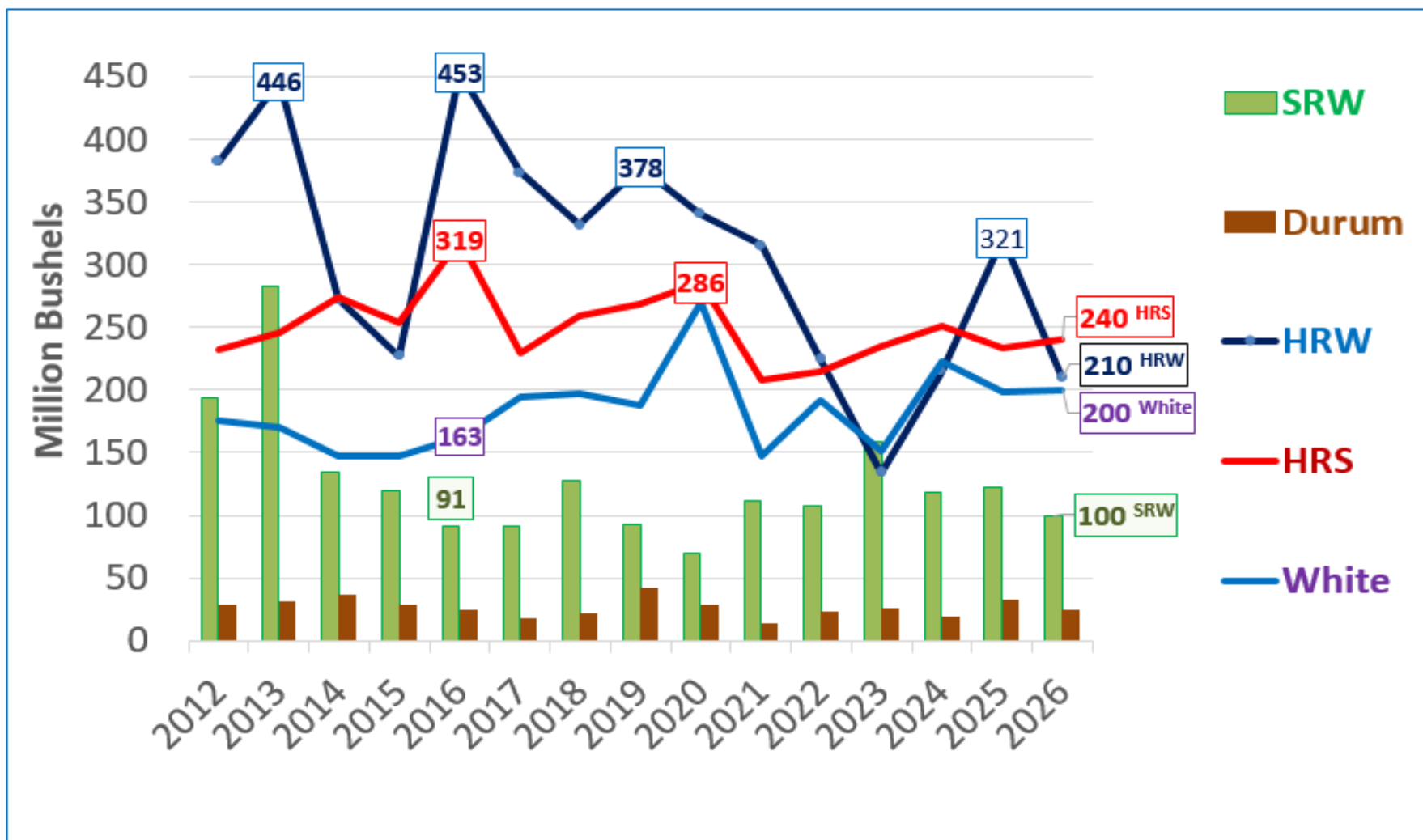
MY 2004/05 - "New Crop" 2026/27: USDA NASS Production & WASDE 7/10/2026



U.S. Wheat Exports *by Class*

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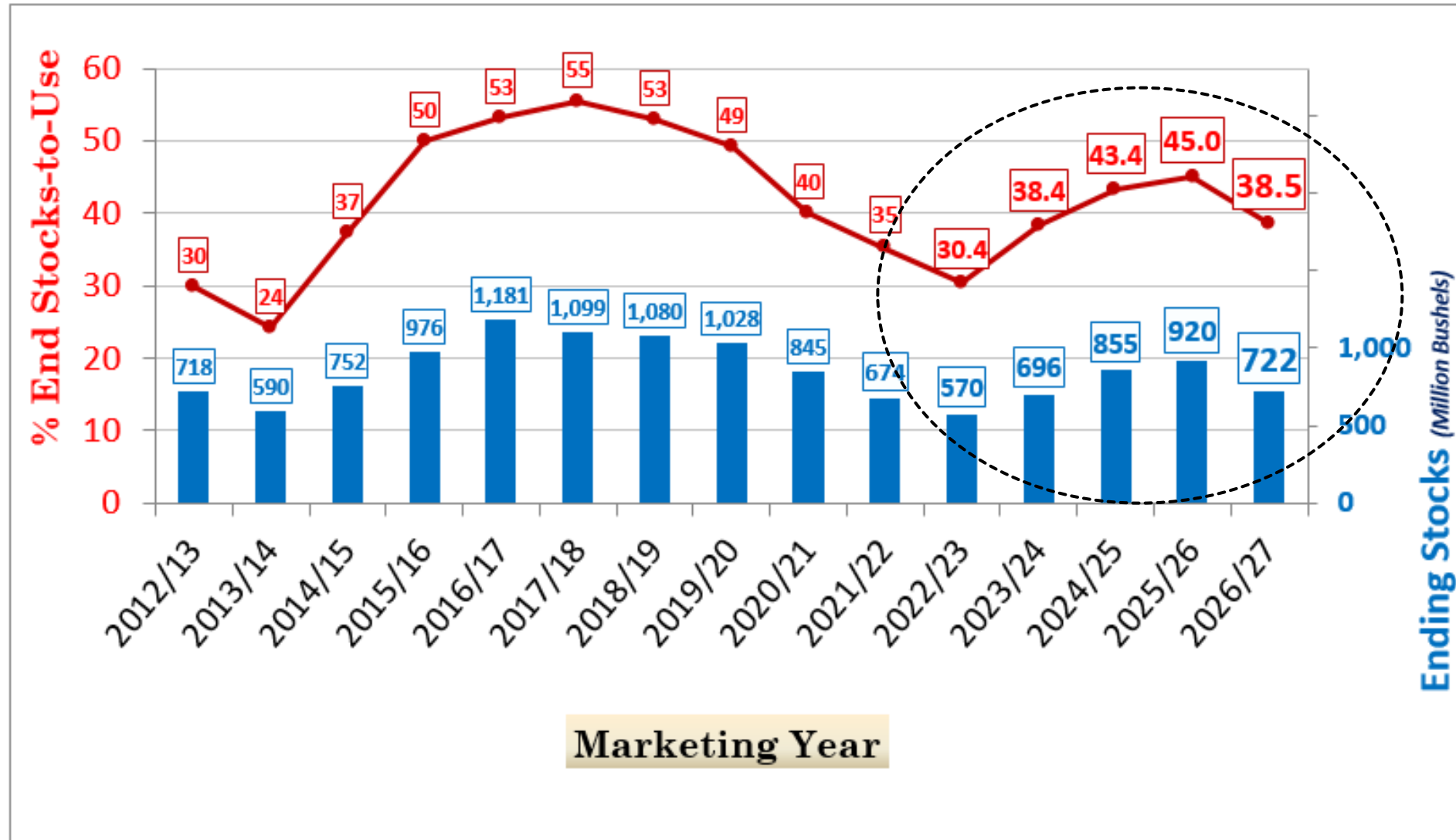
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U.S. Wheat: *End Stocks & % S/U*

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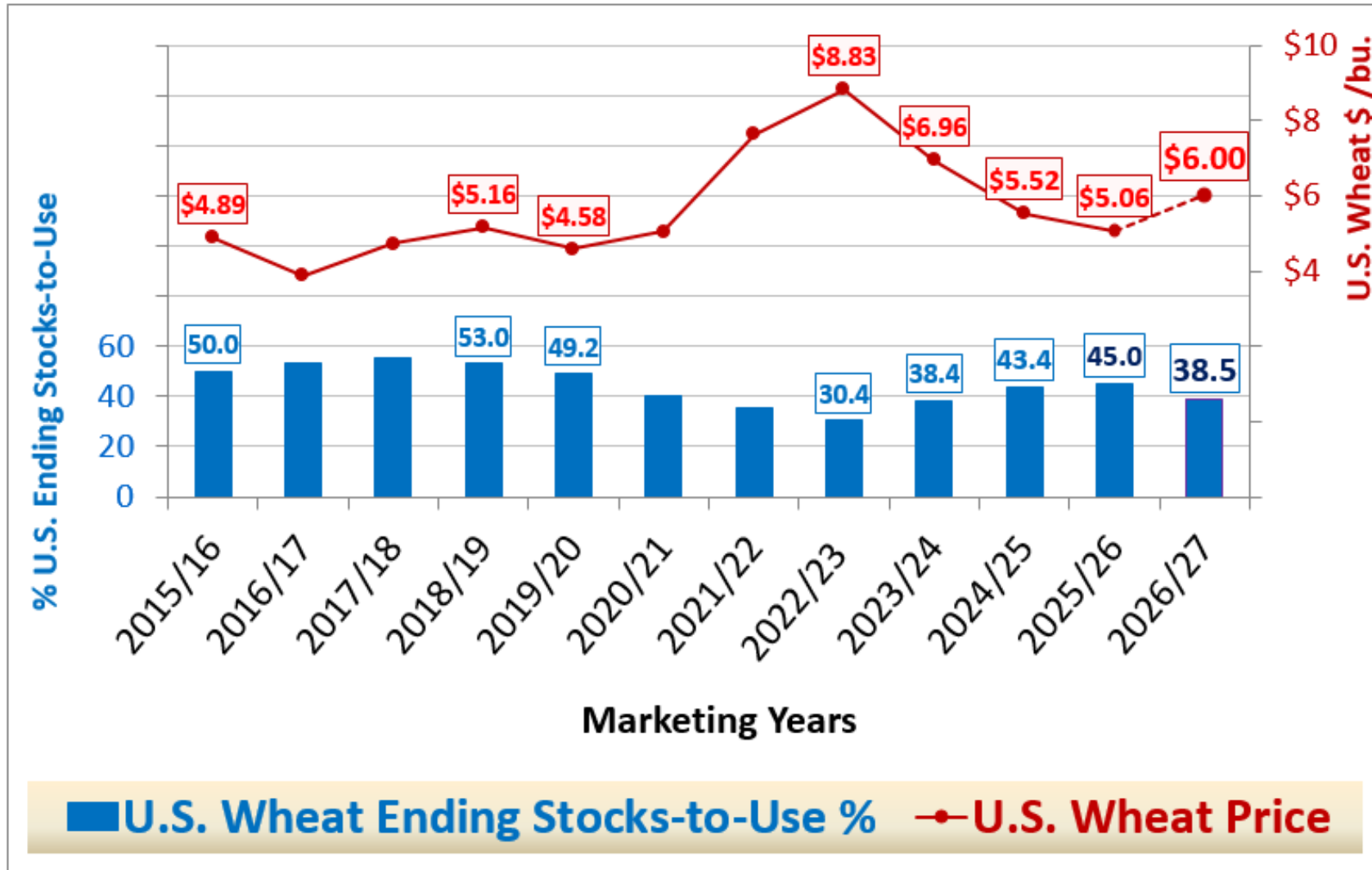
MY 2012/13 - "New Crop" 2026/27: as of the latest USDA Reports ^{7/10/2026}



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 ^{7/10/2026}



U.S. Wheat Market Scenarios

“New Crop” 2026/27 from the latest USDA WASDE report ^{7/10/2026}

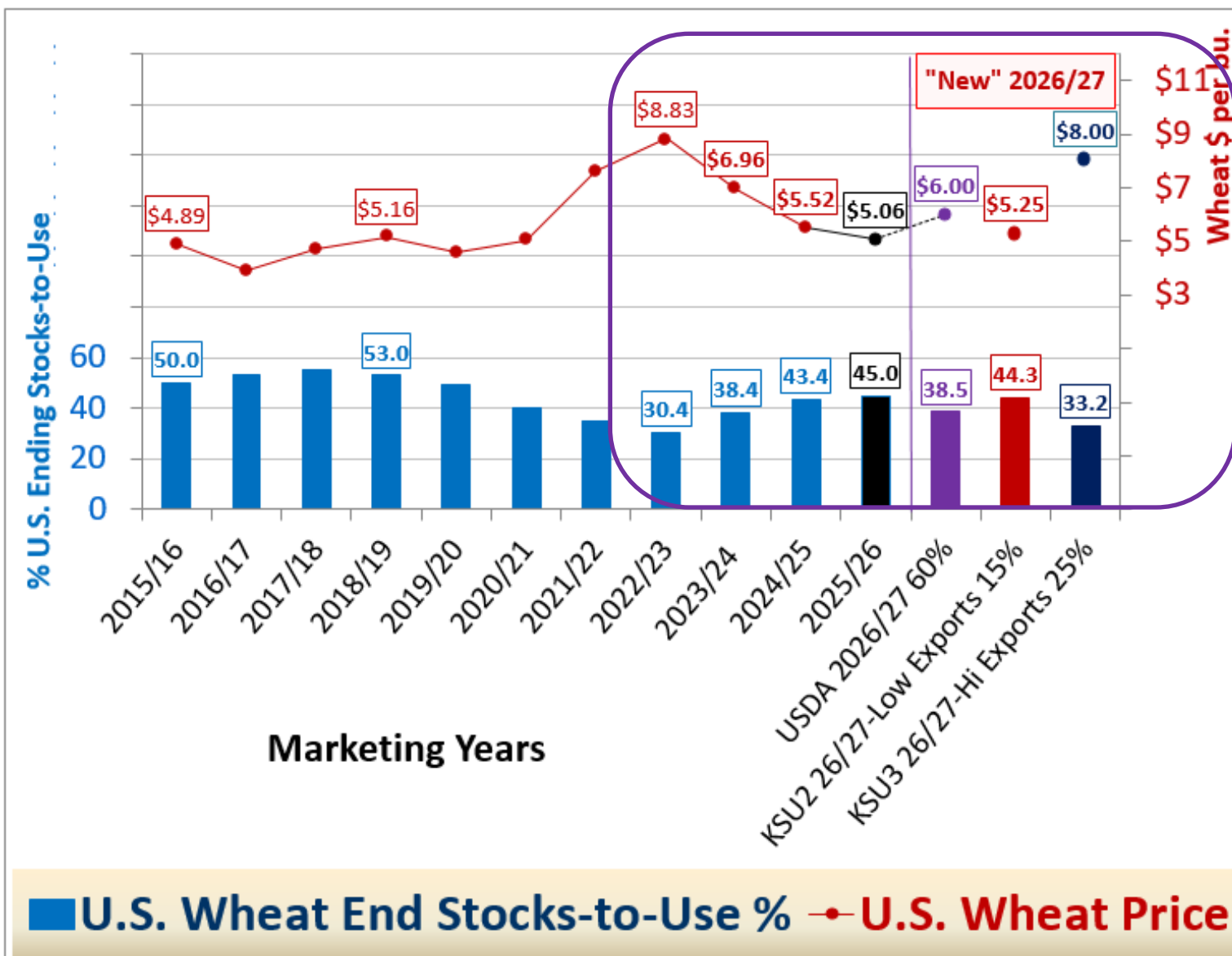
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Item	USDA Scenario #1 “New” MY 2026/27 38.5% S/U	KSU2 Scenario #2 MY 2026/27 Low Exports: 700 mb 44.30% S/U	KSU3 Scenario #3 MY 2026/27 High Exports: 850 mb 33.20% S/U
% Probability ^{KSU #s}	60% prob	15% prob.	25% prob
Planted Area (million acres)	42.740	42.740	42.740
Harvested Area (million ac.)	32.063	32.063	32.063
Yield/Harvested Acre (bu/ac)	47.9	47.9	47.9
		Million Bushels	
Beginning Stocks	920	920	920
Production	1,536	1,536	1,536
Total Supply (million bu.)	2,596	2,596	2,596
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.)	722	+82 mb 797	-75 mb 647
% End Stocks-to-Use	38.53%	44.30%	33.20%
U.S. Wheat Avg. Farm \$ (\$/bushel)	\$6.00	\$5.25	\$8.00

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

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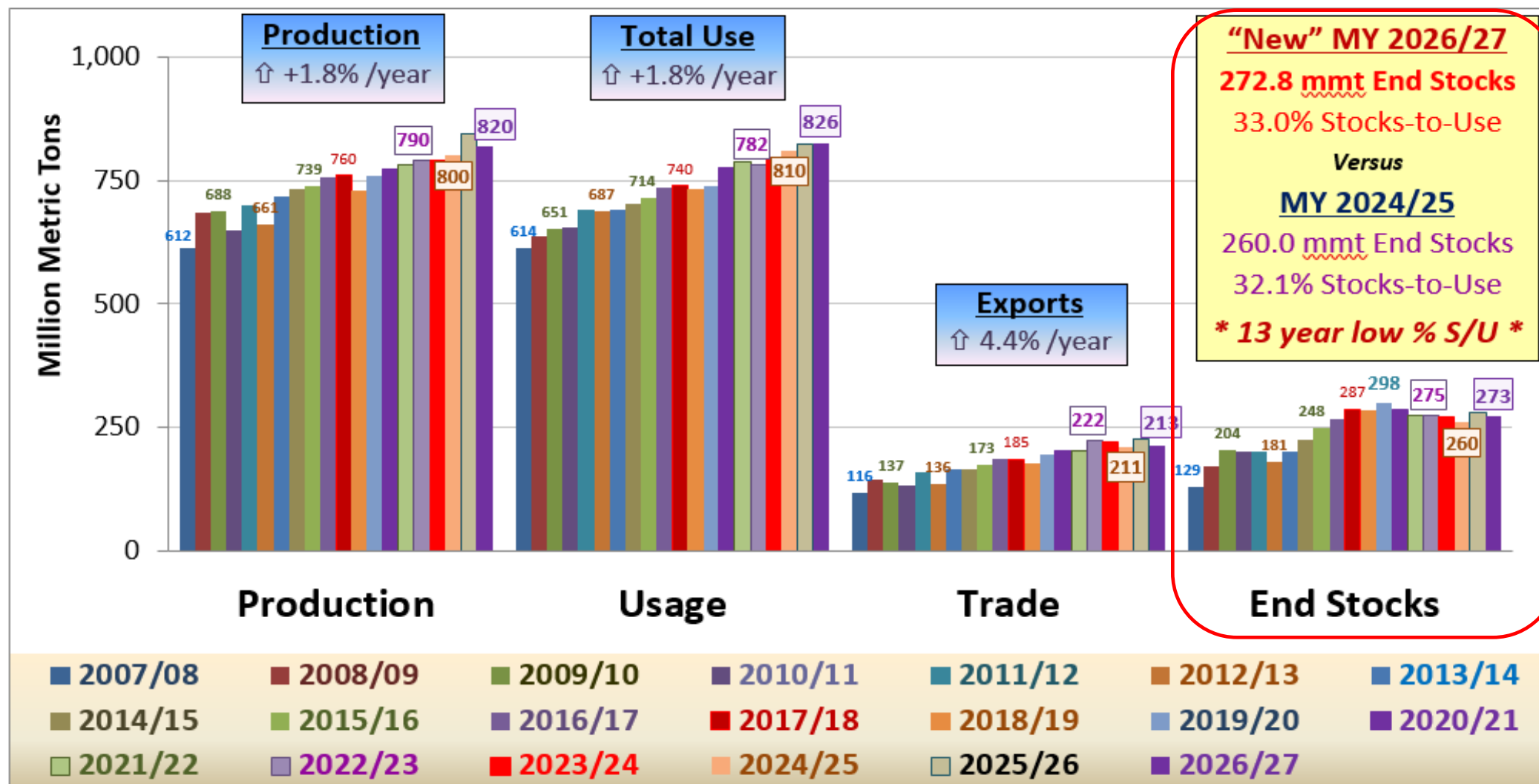
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World Wheat: Use & Ending Stocks

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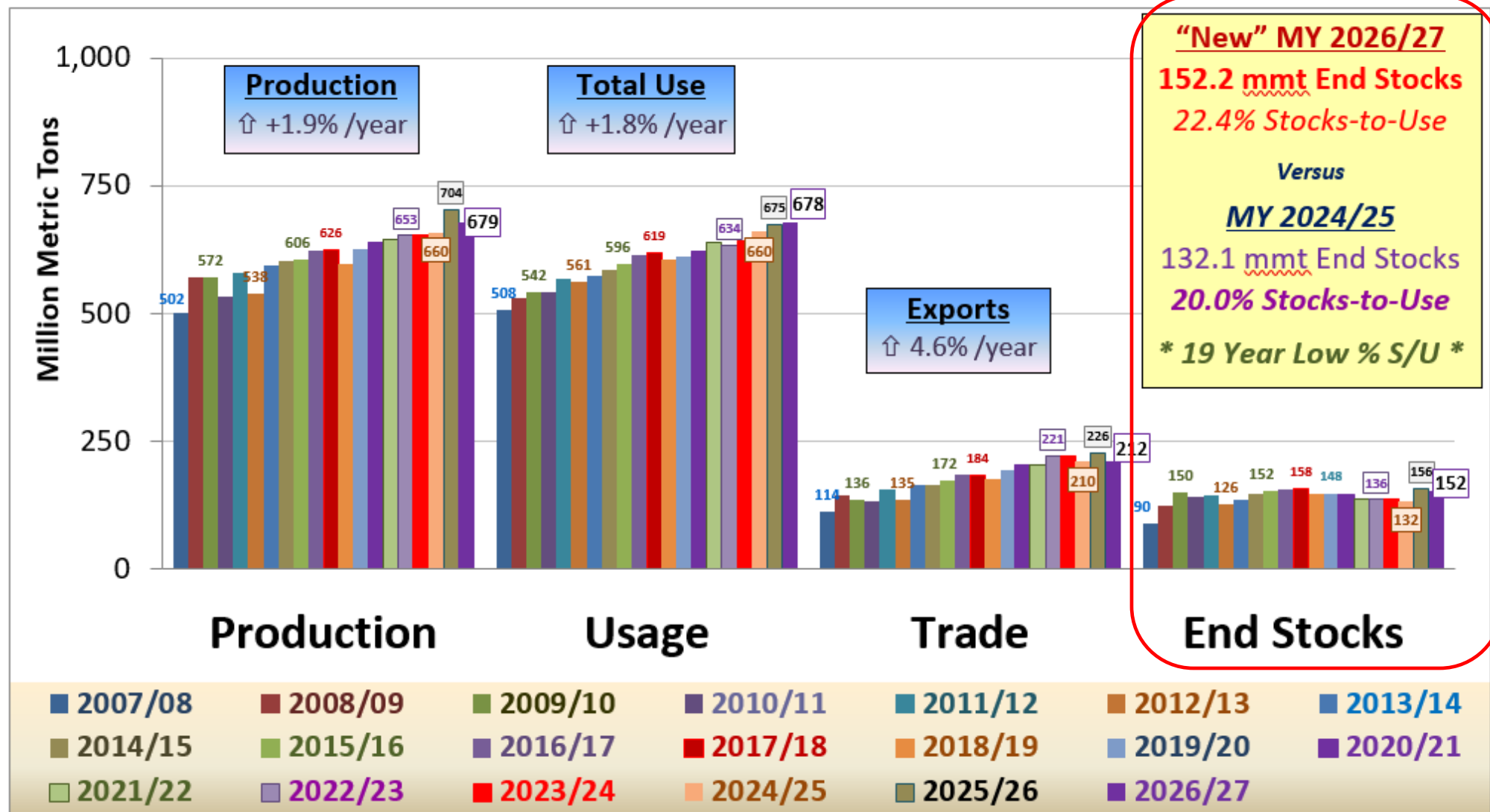
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“World ^{Less-China}” Wheat: Use & End Stocks

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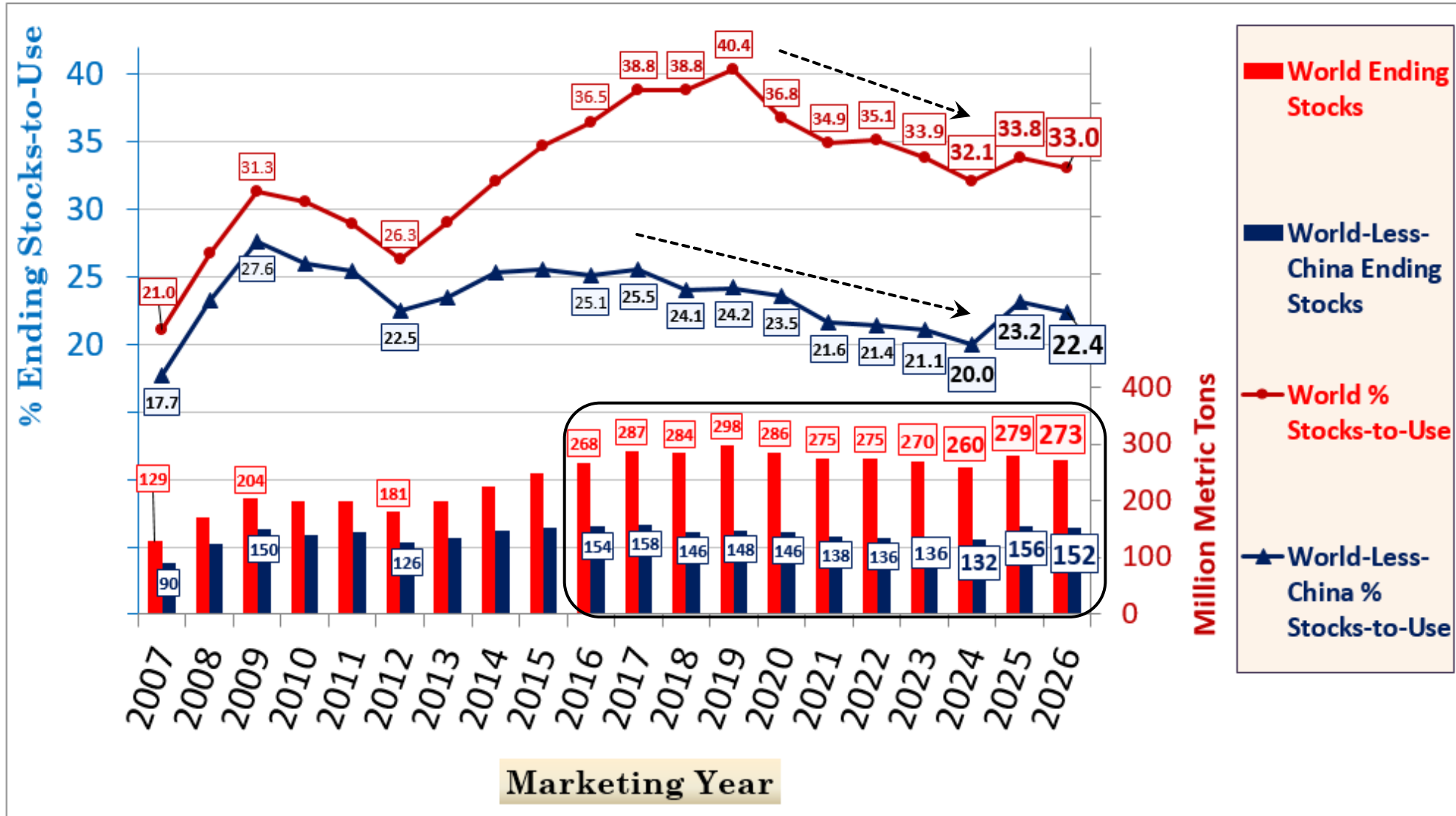
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Wheat: **World** vs **“World Less-China”** Stocks & % S/U

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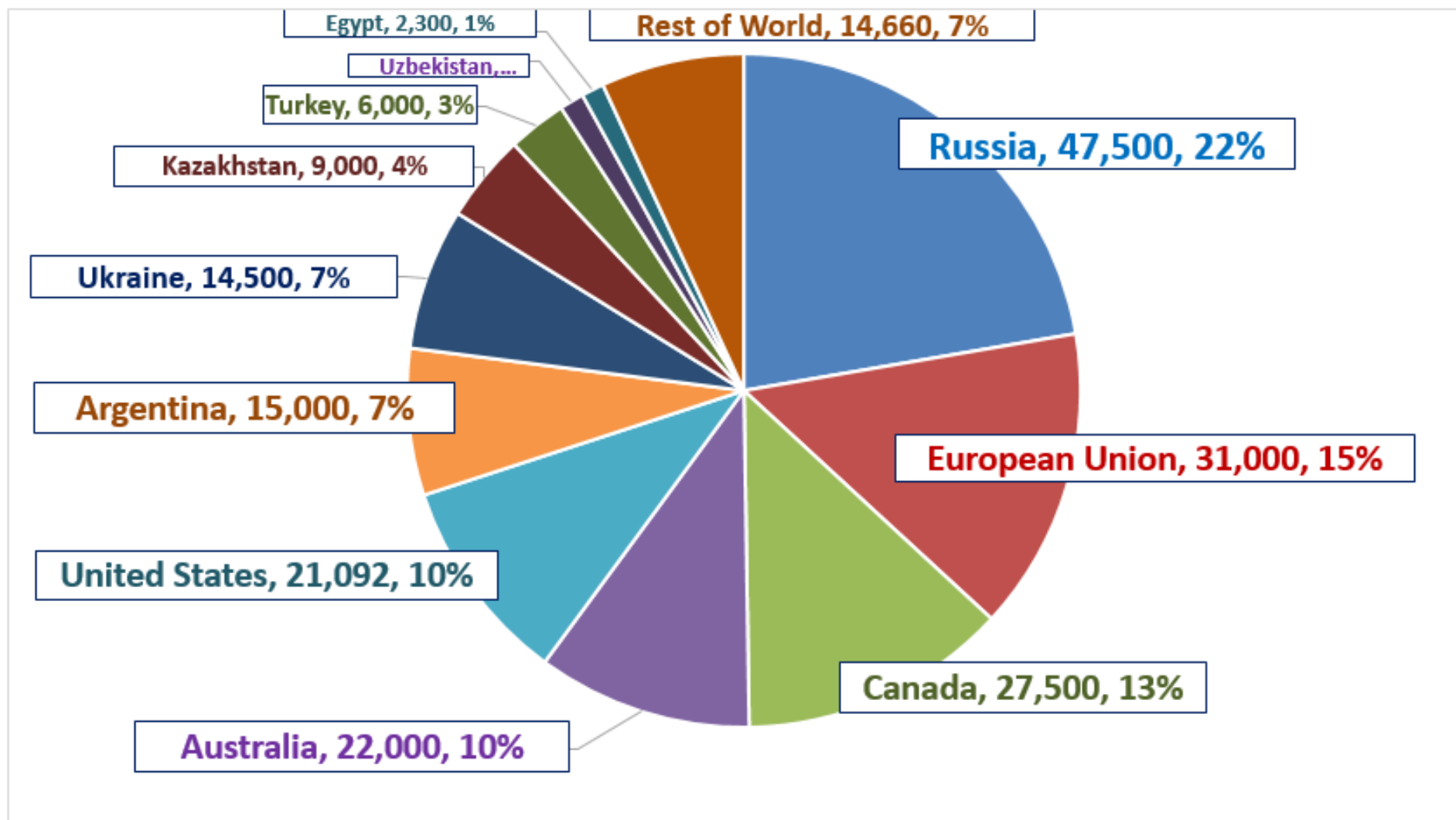
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Wheat Exporters *"New Crop" MY 2026/27*

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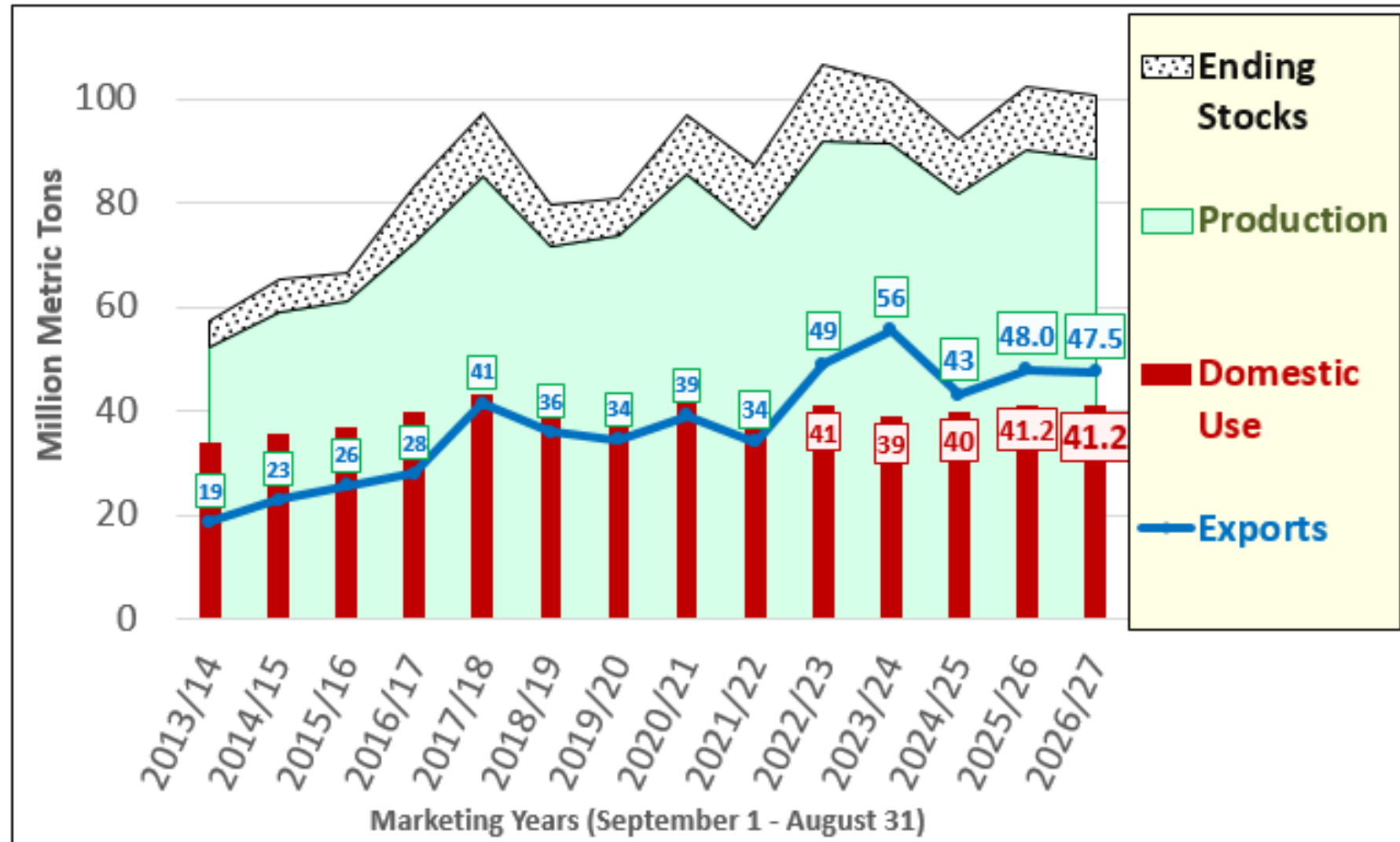
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Russia Wheat S-D Trends

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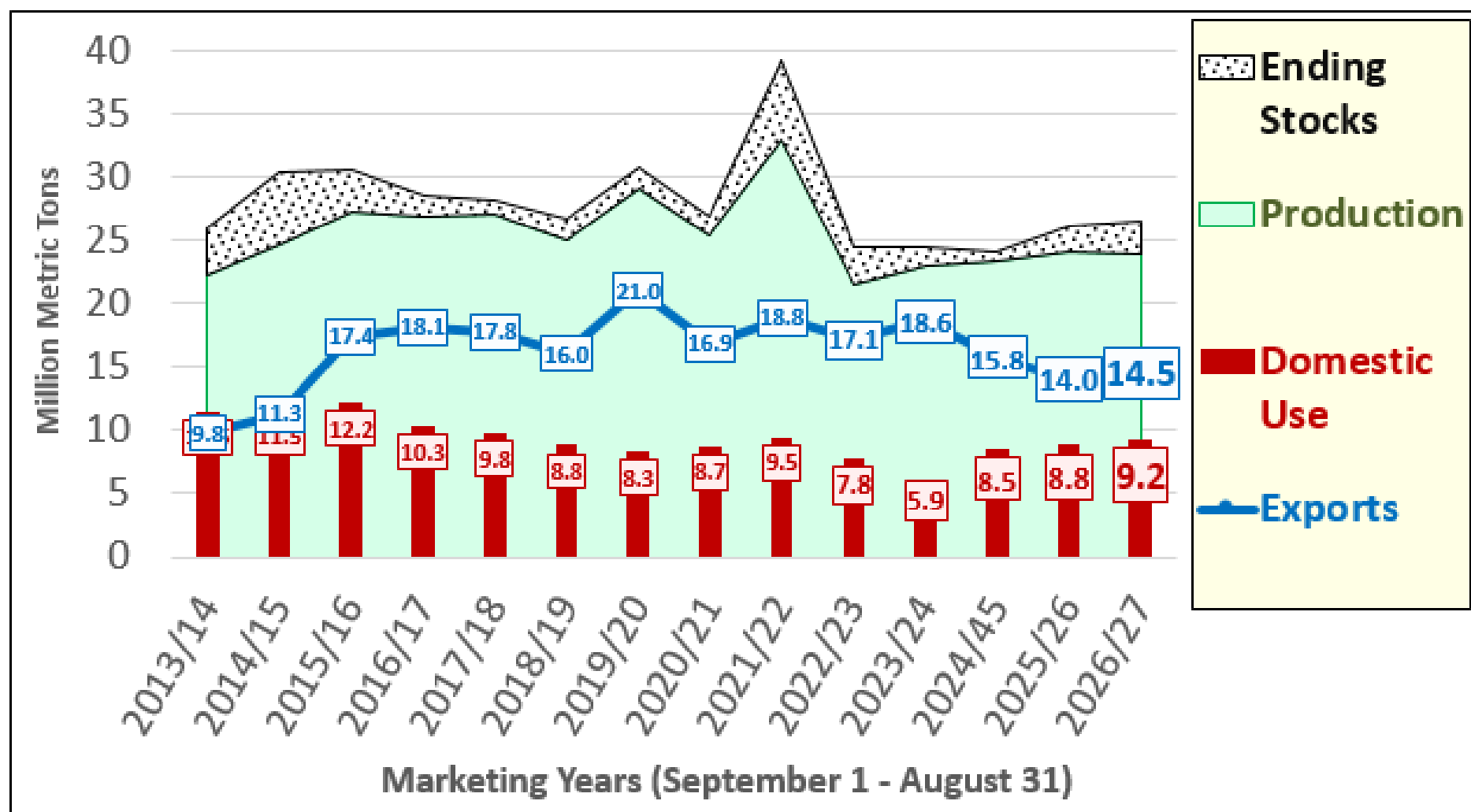
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Ukraine Wheat *S-D Trends*

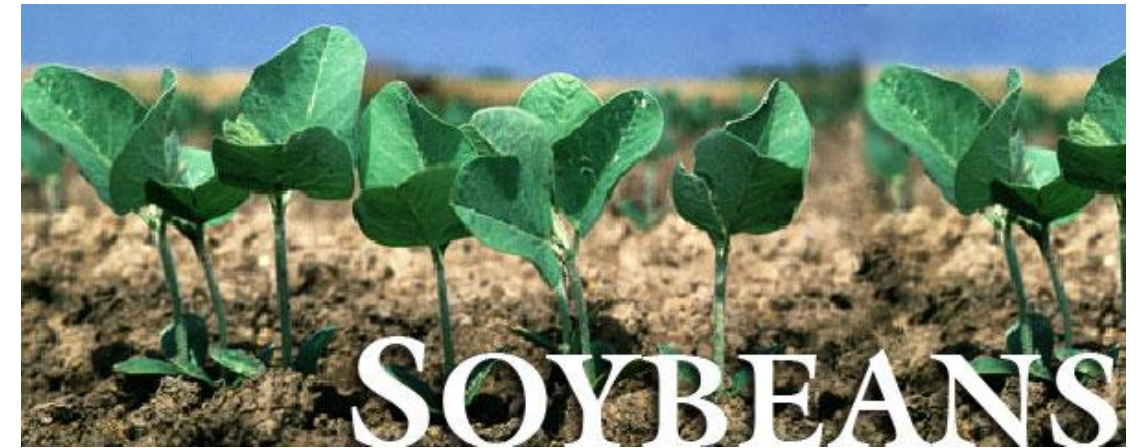
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Soybean Markets

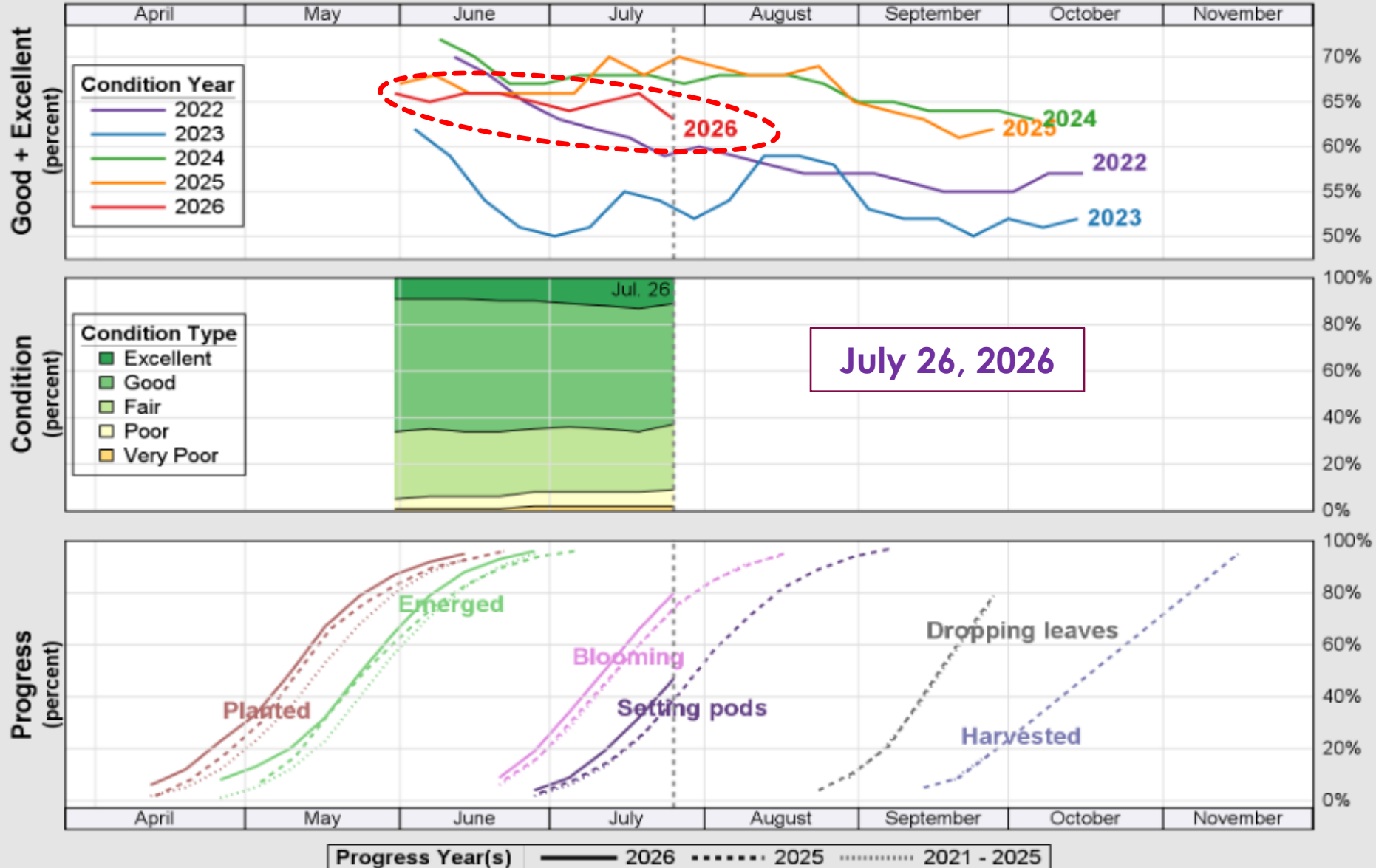
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Crop Progress and Condition: Soybeans in United States , 2026

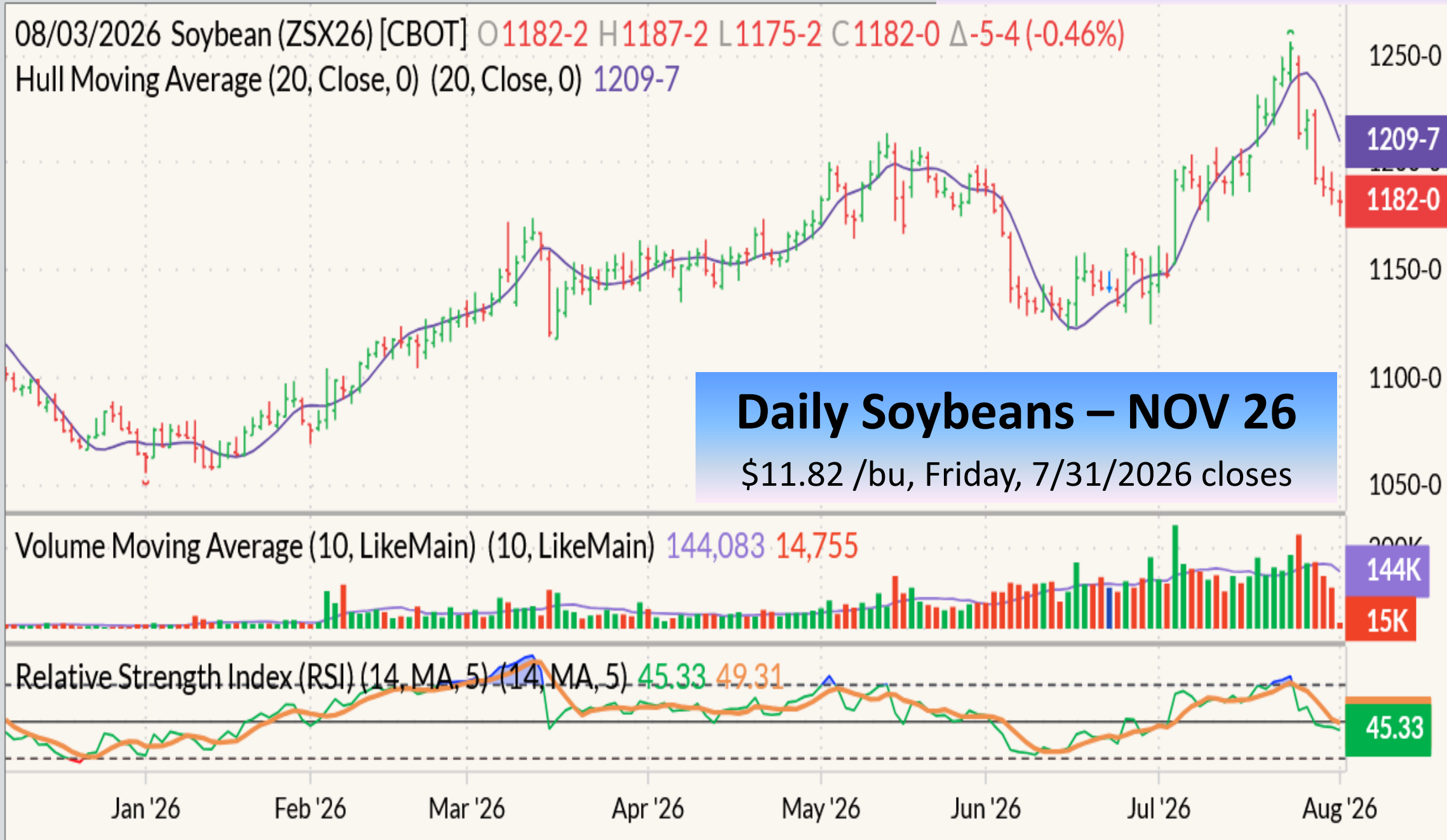
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Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Crop Progress Report

08/03/2026 Soybean (ZSX26) [CBOT] O1182-2 H1187-2 L1175-2 C1182-0 Δ-5-4 (-0.46%)

Hull Moving Average (20, Close, 0) (20, Close, 0) 1209-7



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

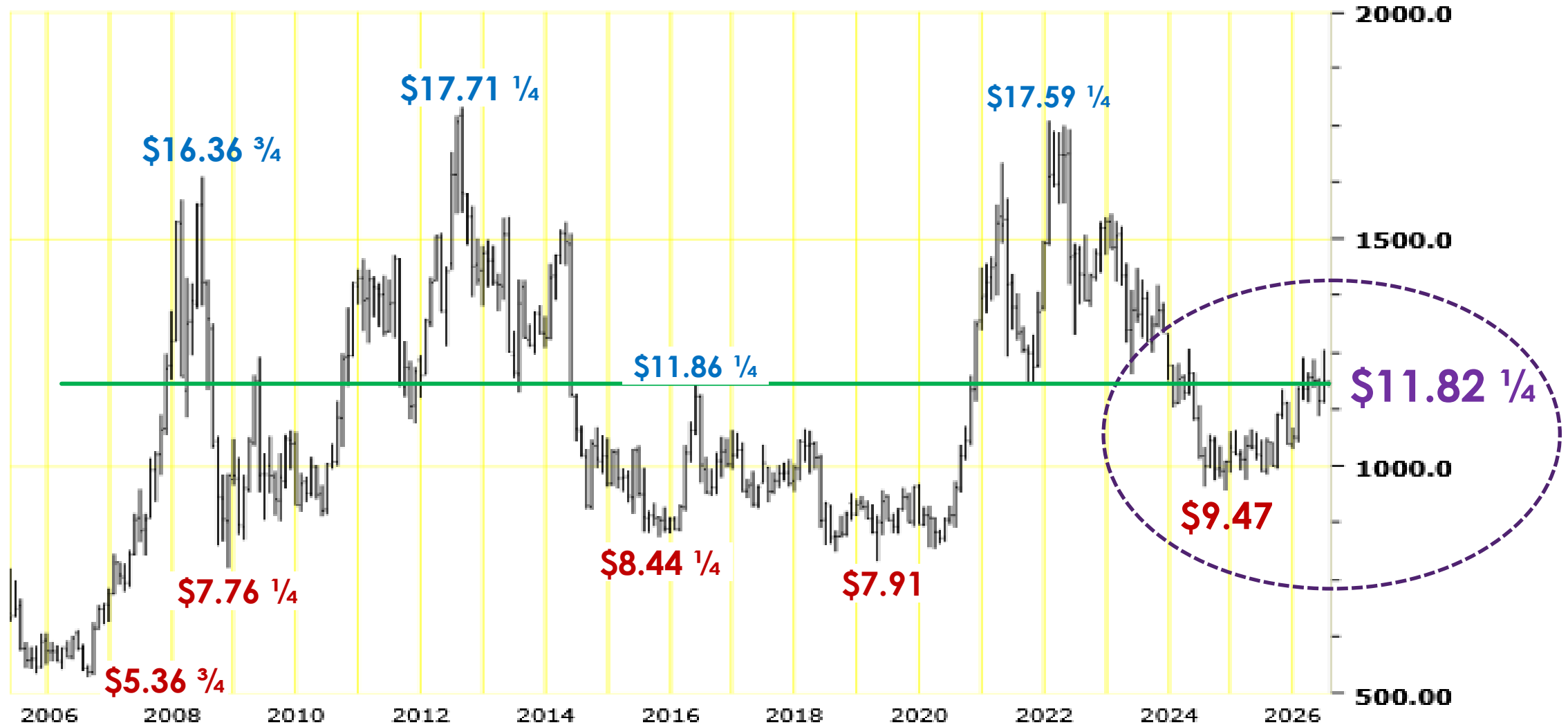
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ZS - Soybeans (Globex) - Monthly Chart

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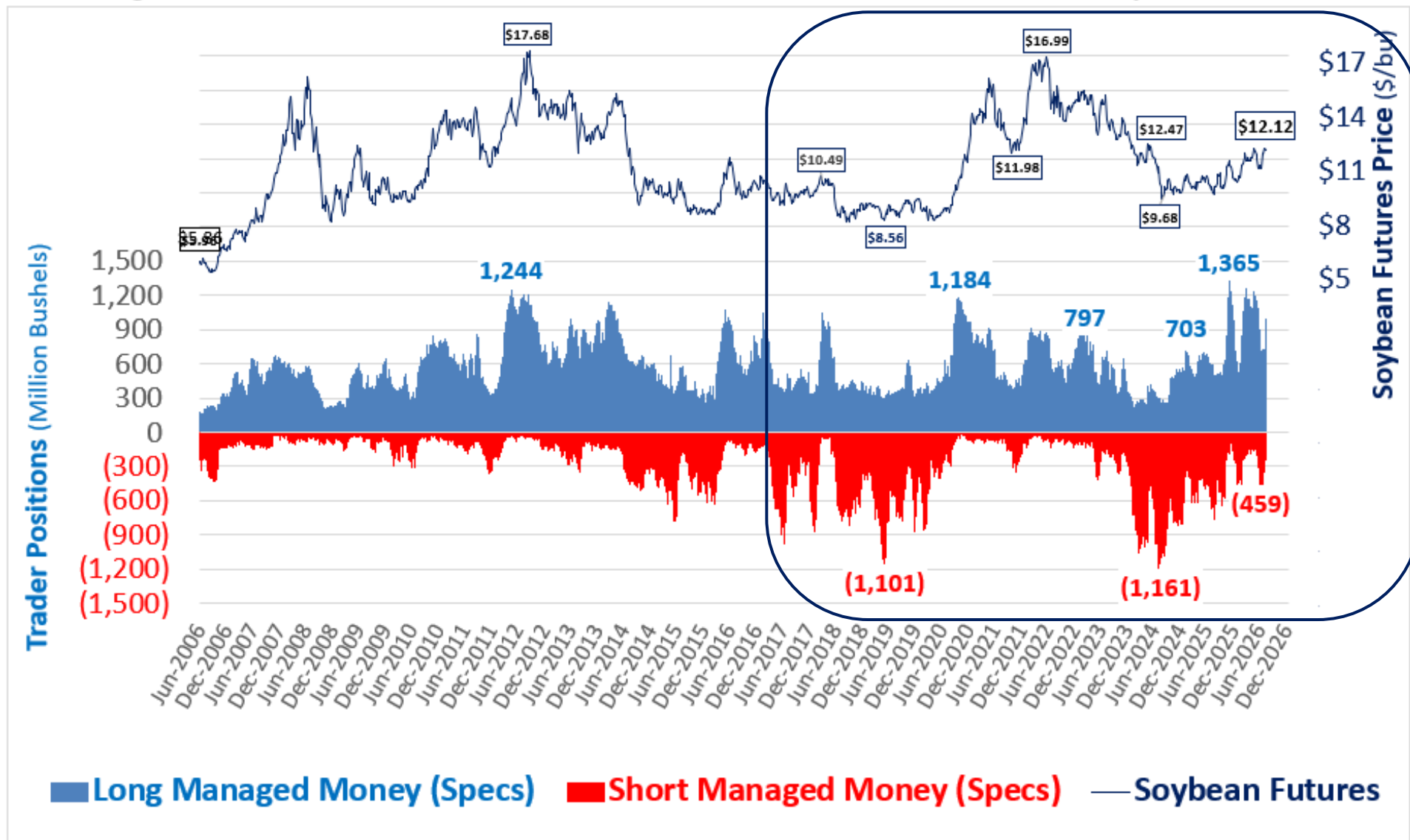
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Soybean Futures - *Managed Money Traders* Specs

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Long & Short Positions, June 2006 thru 7/28/2026 CFTC Data + 7/28/2026 AUG²⁰²⁶ Soybean Futures

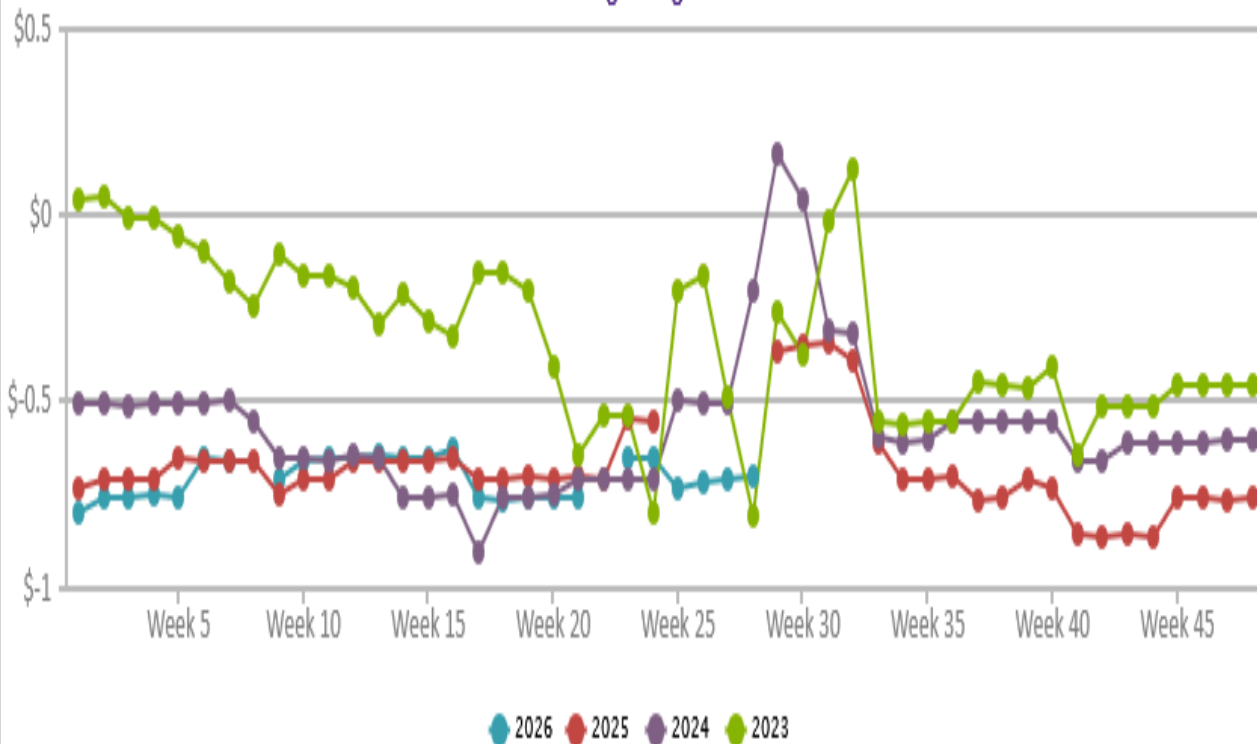


Kansas Cash & Futures Prices

Date						
Monday, August 3, 2026 a.m.						
Grain Futures Contracts		Closing \$				
SEPT 2026 Soybean ^{Lead Futures}		\$11.6300				
NOV 2026 Soybean ^{"New Crop" MY 2026/27 "Lead-Harvest" Futures}		\$11.8000				
Monday, August 3, 2026 a.m.	Cash Grain & Harvest Contract Prices @ Kansas Grain Elevators					
	<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
Soybean Spot Cash\$: Spring ²⁰²⁶	\$10.60	\$10.72	\$11.31	\$11.07	\$12.01	\$11.11
2026 Cash Market Basis - August 2026	(\$1.03)	(\$0.91)	(\$0.32)	(\$0.56)	\$0.38	(\$0.52)
Soybean Harvest FC\$: Fall ²⁰²⁶	\$11.24	\$10.89	\$11.31	\$11.27	\$11.37	\$11.11
2026 Harvest Cash Market Basis - Nov-Dec 2026	(\$0.56)	(\$0.91)	(\$0.49)	(\$0.53)	(\$0.43)	(\$0.69)
2026 "Spot Cash" Soybean vs Corn \$ Ratio	2.52	2.50	2.68	2.53	2.82	2.54
2026 "New Crop" Soybean vs Corn \$ Ratio	2.65	2.41	2.68	2.83	2.69	2.49

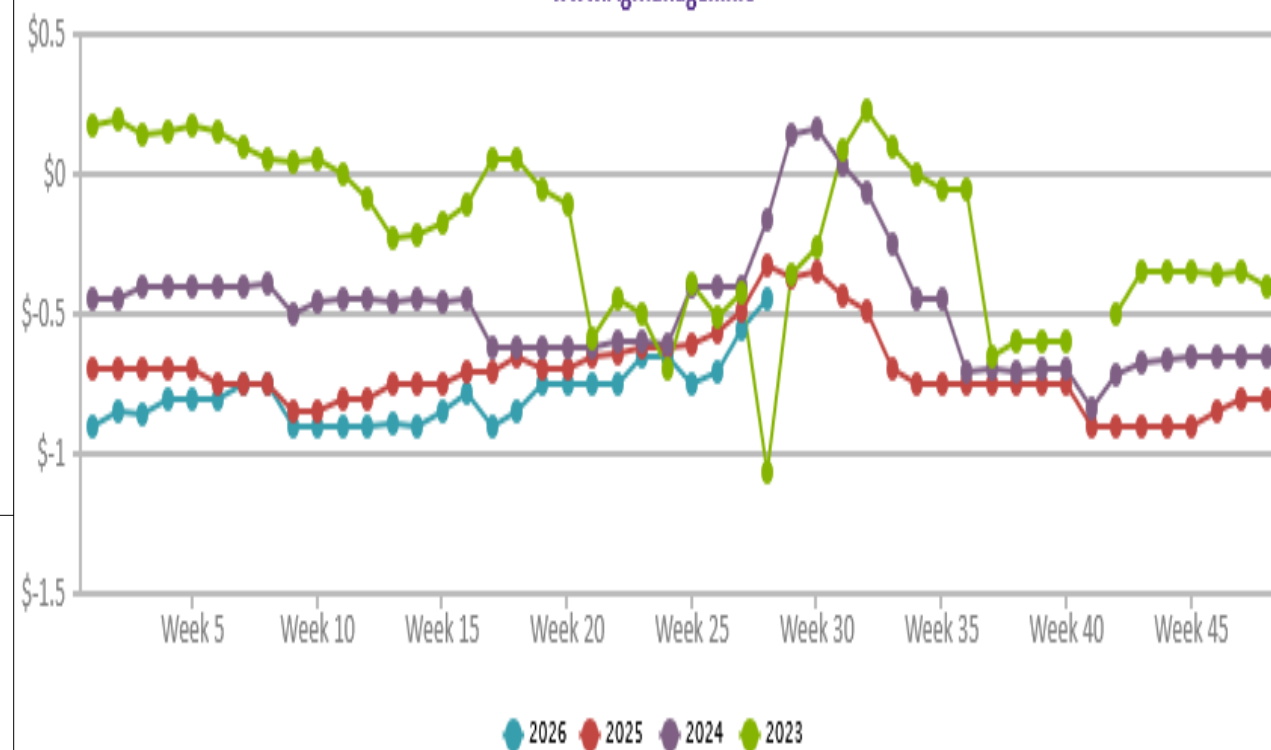
SALINA, KS: Soybeans Basis - CARGILL

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TOPEKA, KS: Soybeans Basis - OTTAWA COOP GRAIN

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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.**

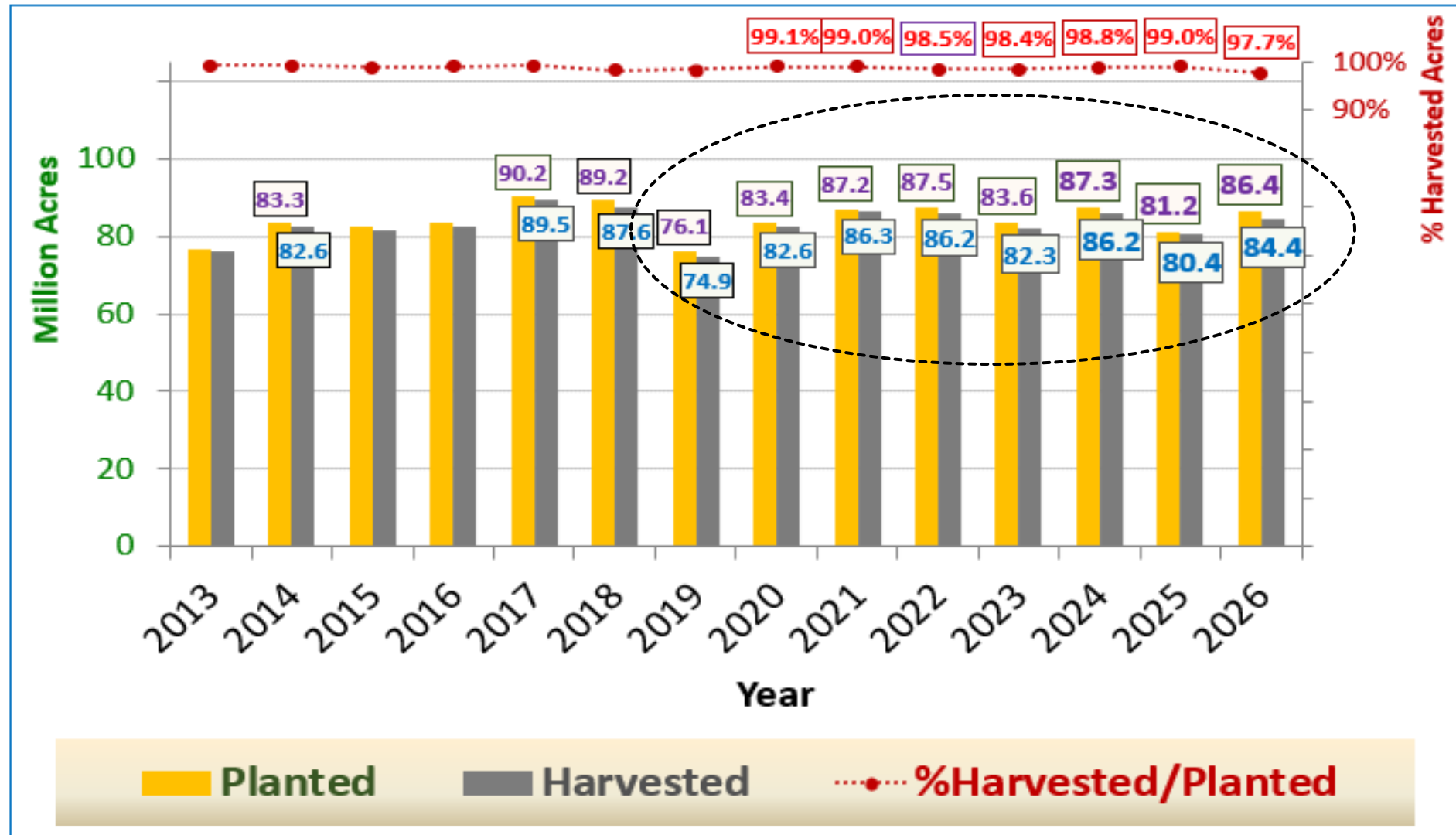
B. Ignore decision dates & make no sale **IF prices are less than **\$10.00 local cash\$ or \$10.70 NOV 2026 Soybeans.** (i.e., Est. cost of production)**

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

U.S. Soybean Acres 2013-2026

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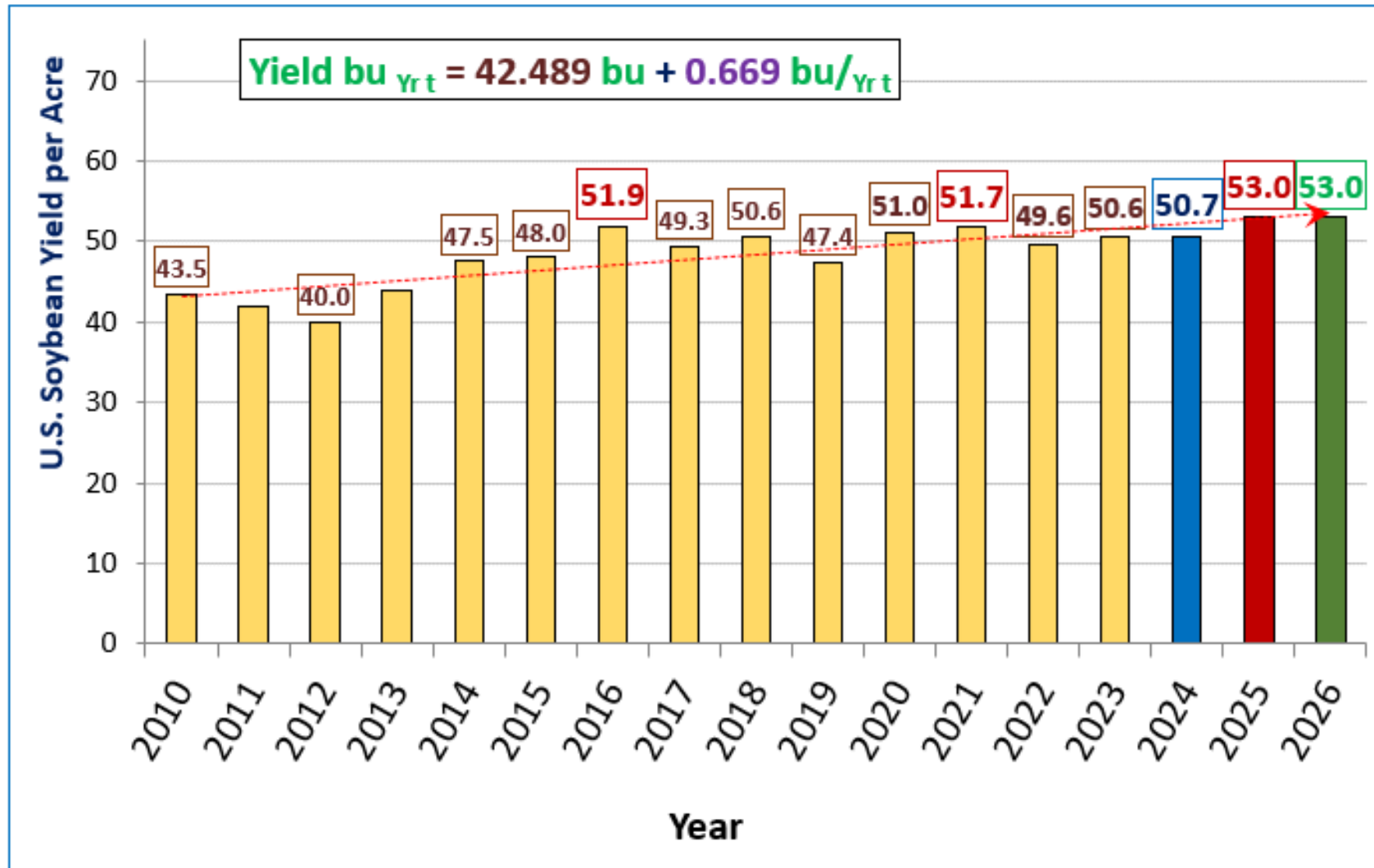
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U.S. Soybean Yields 2010-2026

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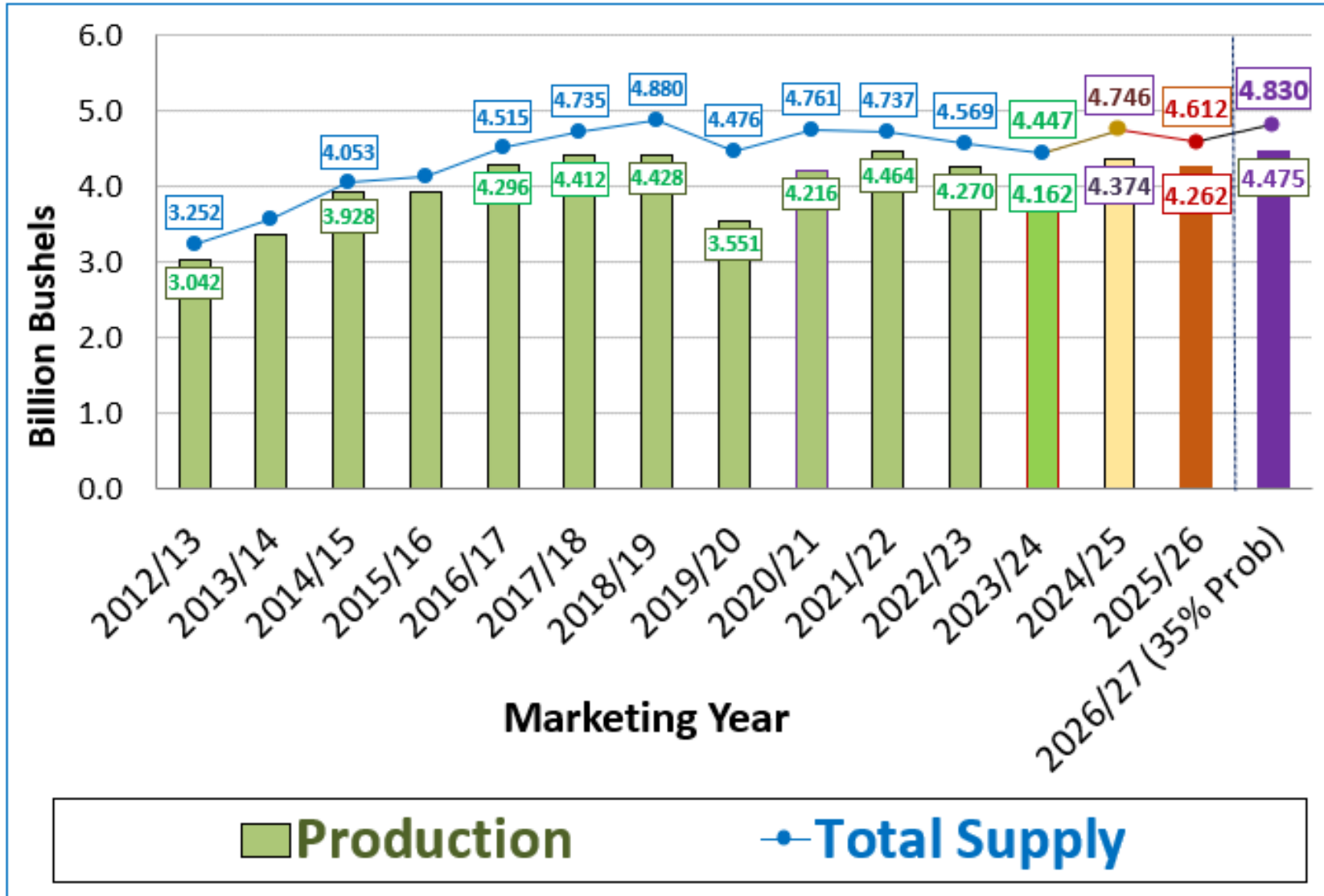
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U.S. Soybean Production & Supply

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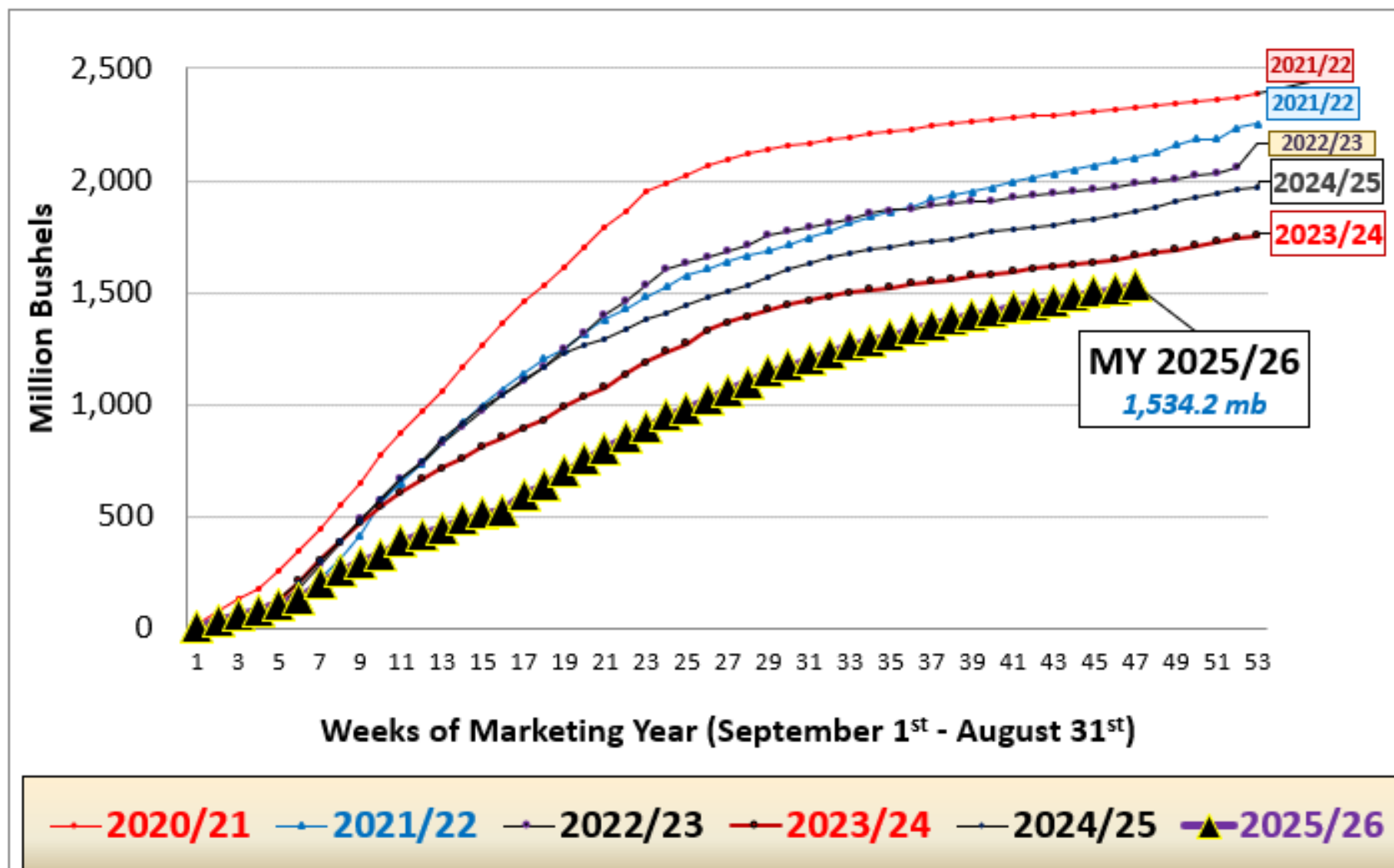
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U.S. Soybean Exports Through 7/23/2026

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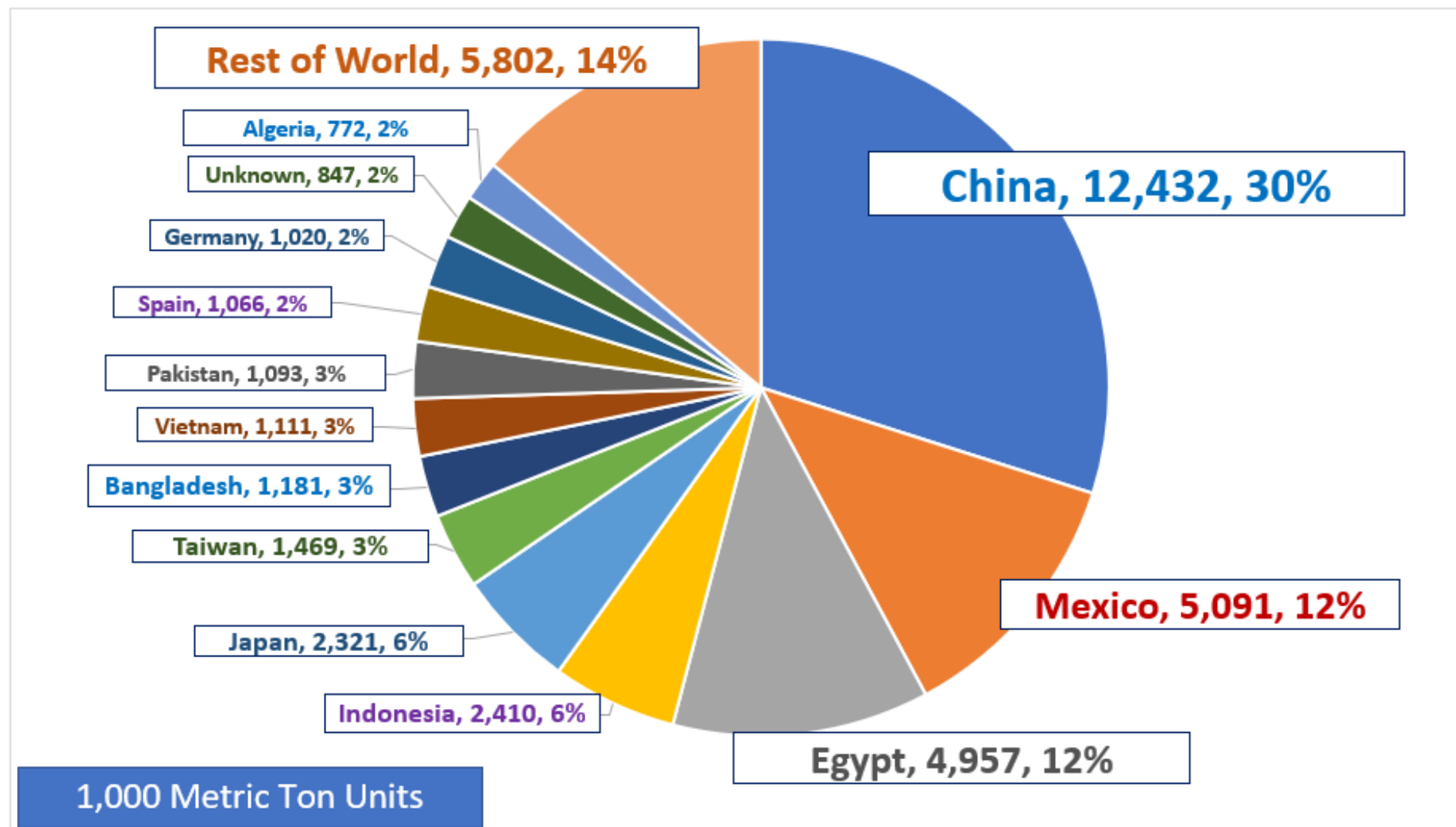
MY 2020/21 thru "Current" MY 2025/26 USDA FAS Weekly Export #s



U.S. Soybean Exports Outstanding Sales + Shipments

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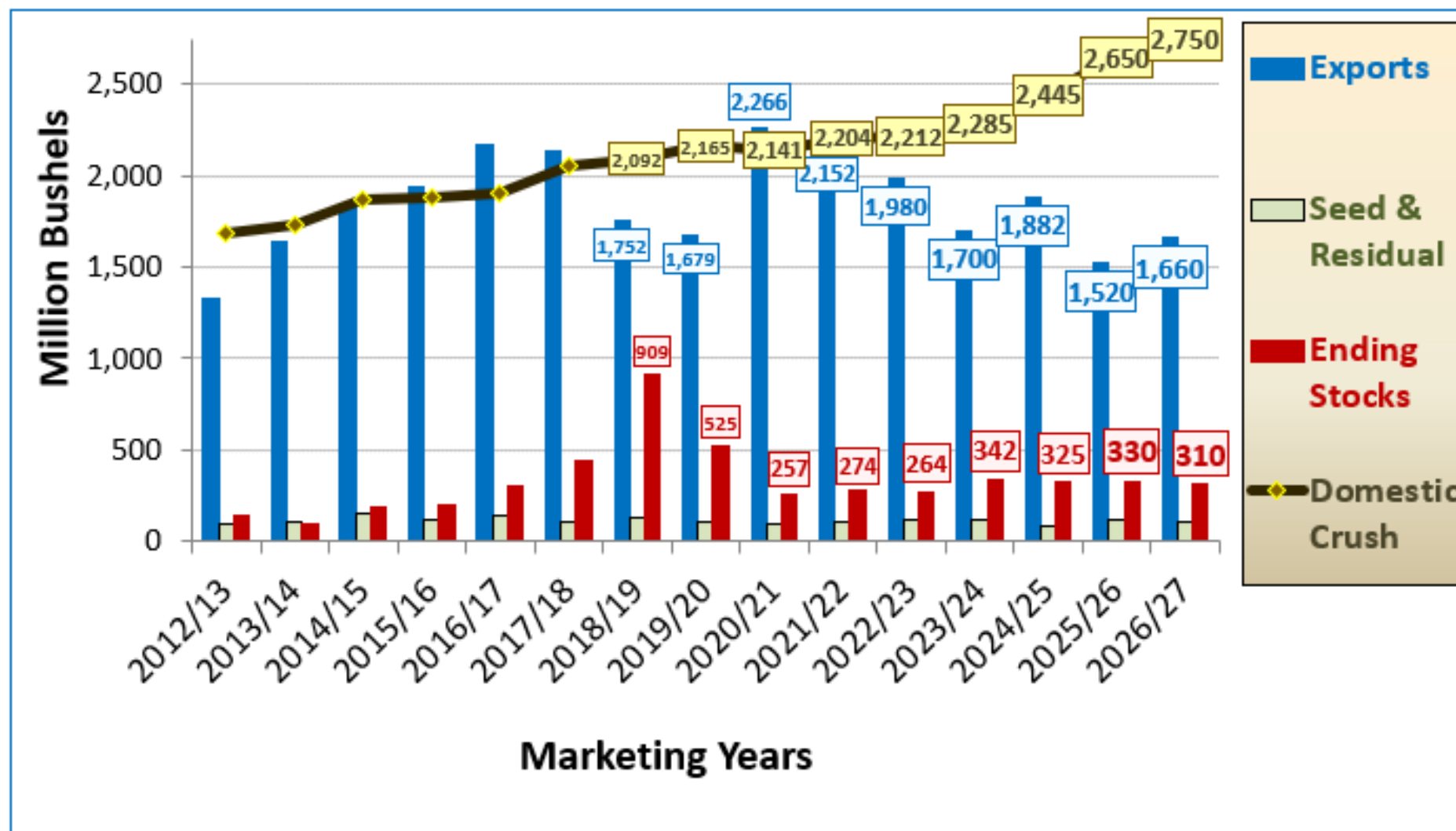
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U.S. Soybean Use & End Stocks

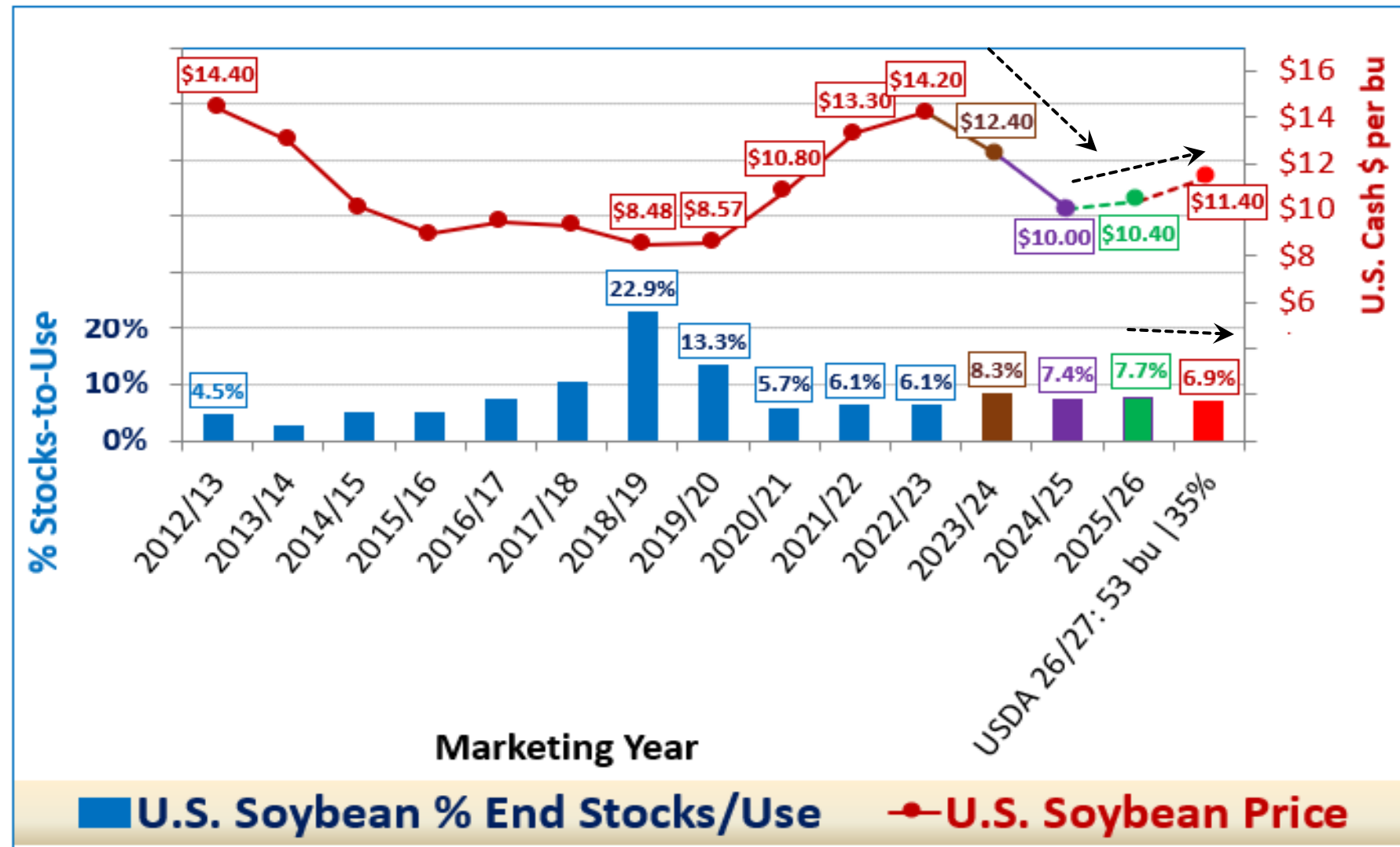
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MY 2012/13 - "New Crop" 2026/27 via the latest WASDE report 7/10/2026



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

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U.S. Soybean S-D “New Crop” 2025/26

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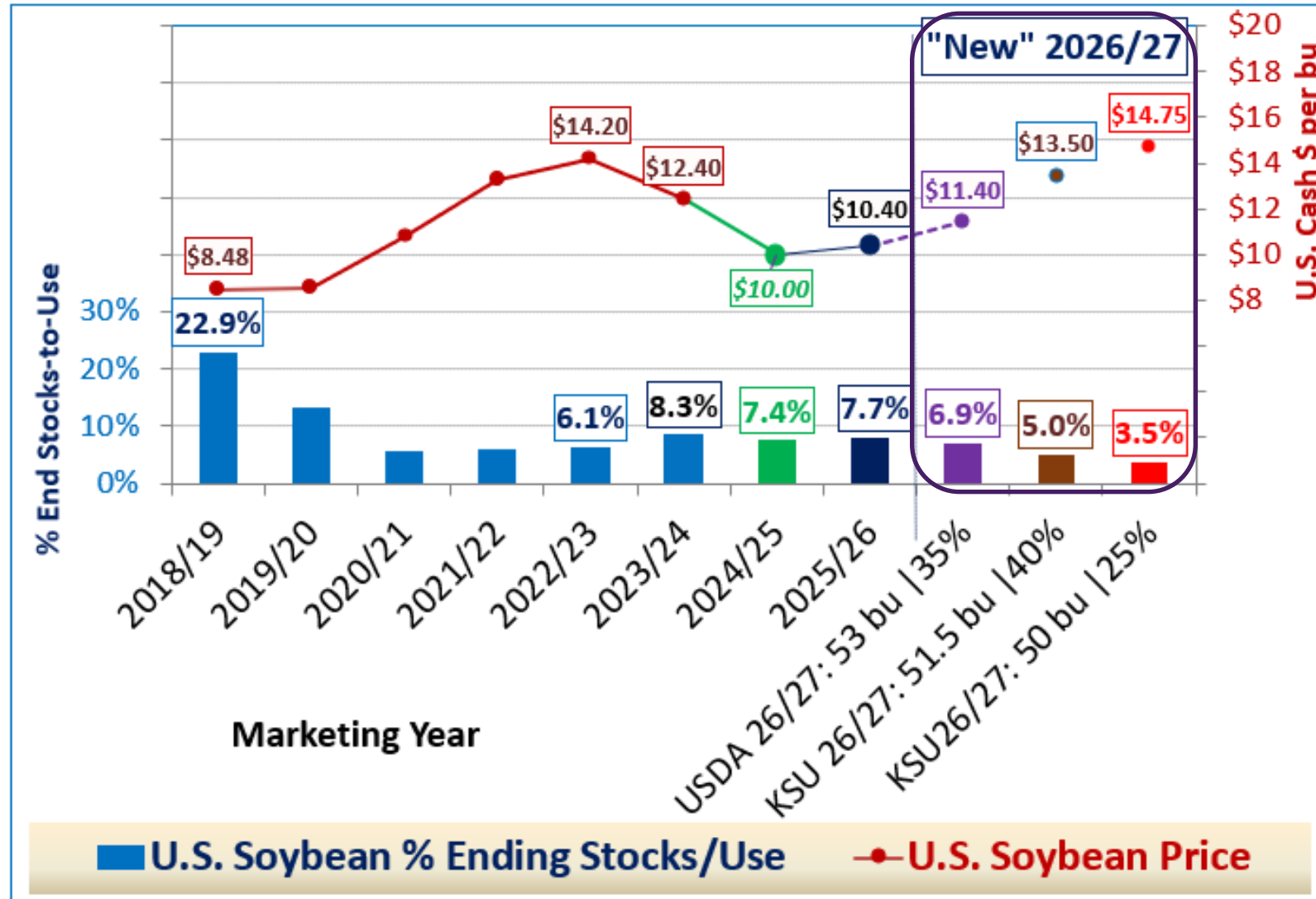
“New Crop” MY 2026/27: from the latest USDA WASDE report ^{7/10/2026}

Item	A. USDA Scenario #1 “New” MY 2026/27 USDA Ac. = 85.365 mln ac USDA Yield = 53.0 bu /ac 310 mb Stks , 6.86% S/U	B. KSU2 Scenario #2 “New” MY 2026/27 Low Yield = 51.5 bu /ac 222 mb Stks , 4.96% S/U	C. KSU3 Scenario #3 “New” MY 2026/27 Lower Yield = 50.0 bu /ac 155 mb Stks , 3.51% S/U
	35% ^{KSUest}	40% ^{KSUes}	25% ^{KSUst}
Planted Area (million acres)	85.365	85.365	85.365
Harvested Area (million acres)	83.887	83.887	83.887
Yield / harvested acre (bu /ac)	53.0	- 1.5 bu /ac 51.5	- 3.0 bu /ac 50.0
Production (million bu.)	4,475	-128 mb 4,347	-255 mb 4,220
Total Supply (million bu.)	4,830	-128 mb 4,702	-255 mb 4,575
Domestic Crushings	2,750	-25 mb 2,725	-50 mb 2,700
Exports	1,630	-15 mb 1,645	-30 mb 1,630
Total Use	4,490	-40 mb 4,480	-80 mb 4,420
Ending Stocks	310	-88 mb 222	-155 mb 155
% Ending Stocks-to-Use	6.86%	4.96%	3.51%
U.S. Avg. Farm \$ (\$/ bu)	\$11.40 ^{USDA}	\$13.50 ^{KSU}	\$14.75 ^{KSU}

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

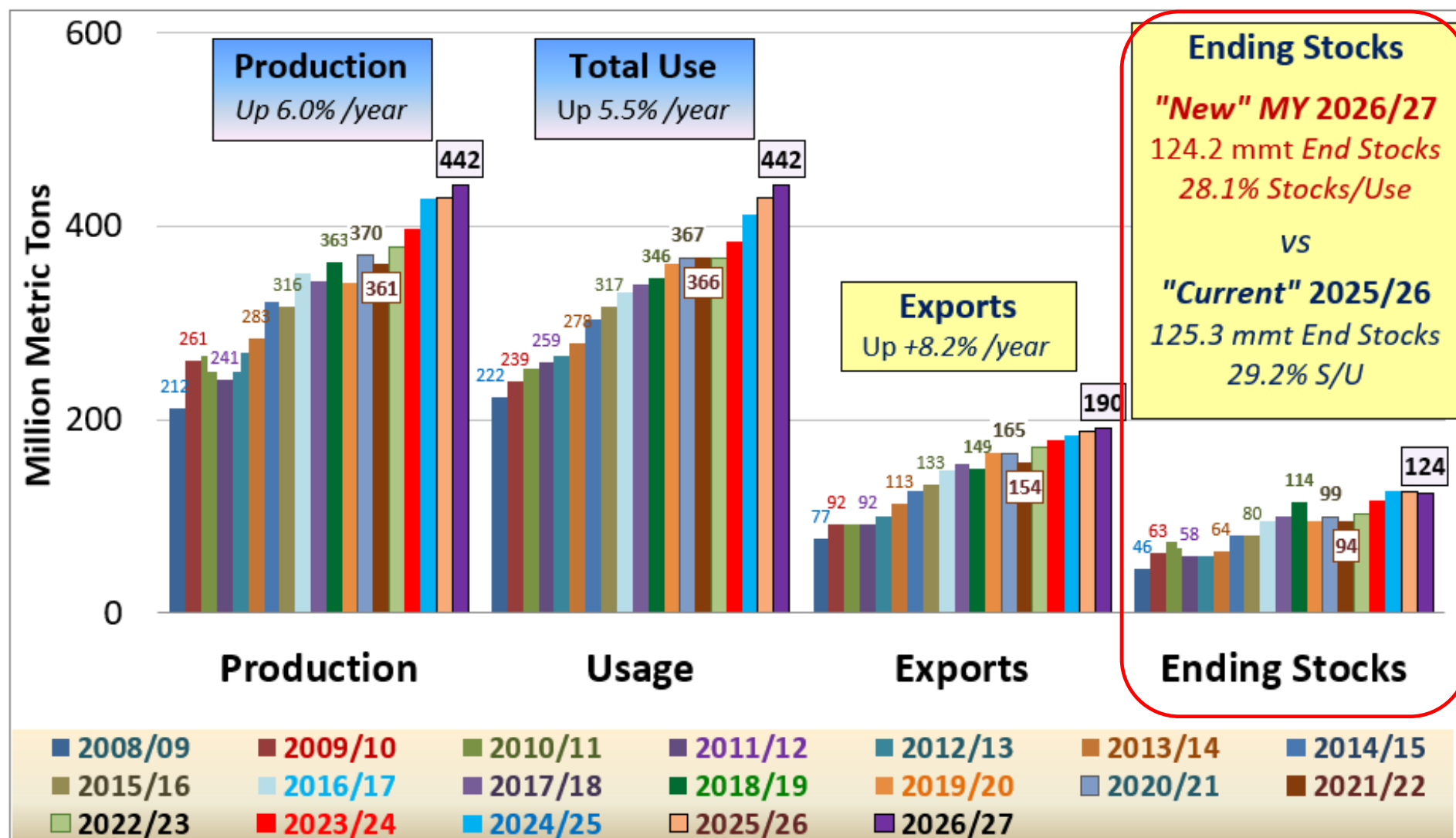
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MY 2015/16 - "New Crop" 2026/27 via latest WASDE 7/10/2026



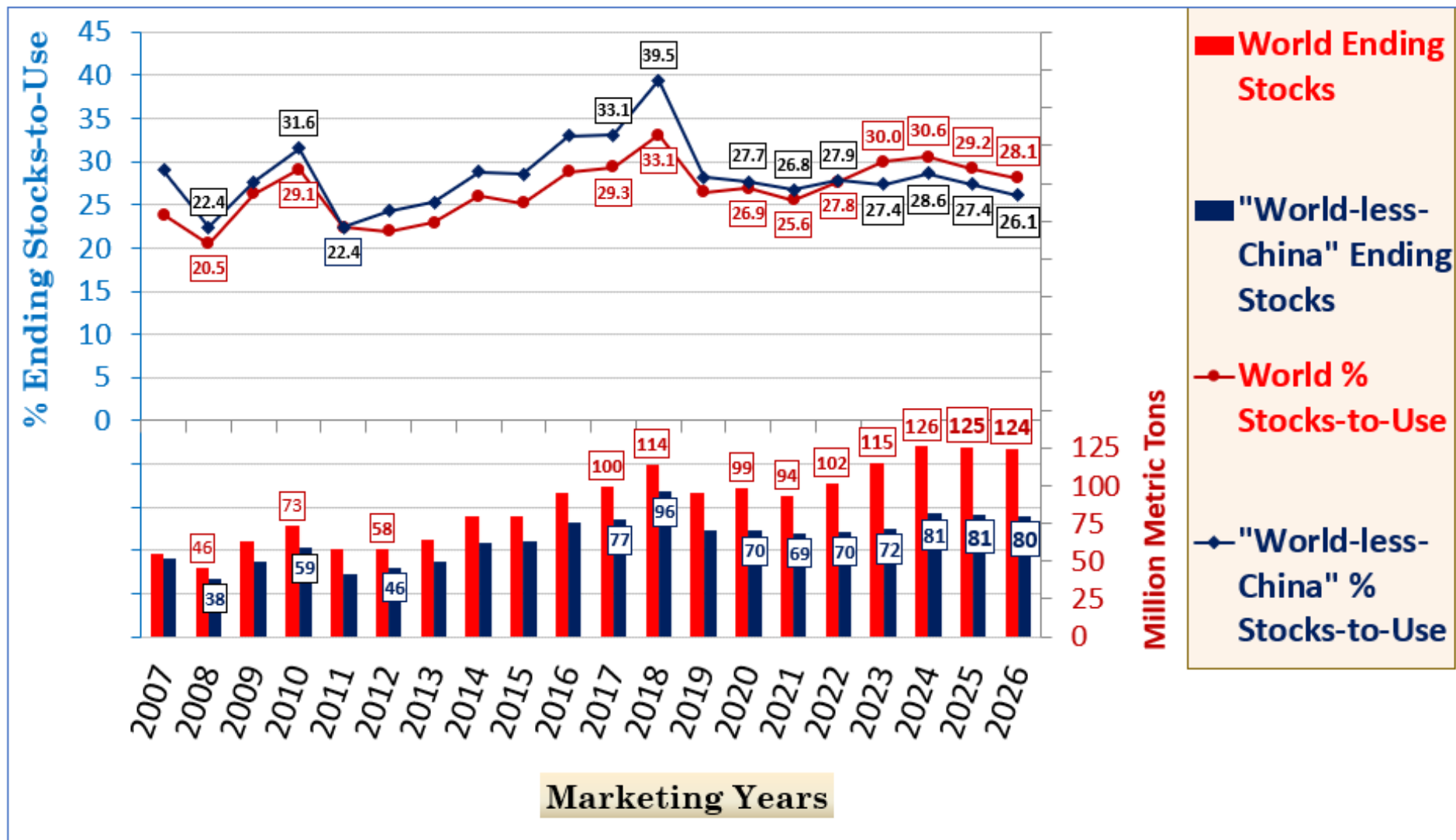
Soybeans: World S-D & Stocks

MY 2008/09 thru "New" MY 2026/27 as of the latest WASDE 7/10/2026



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

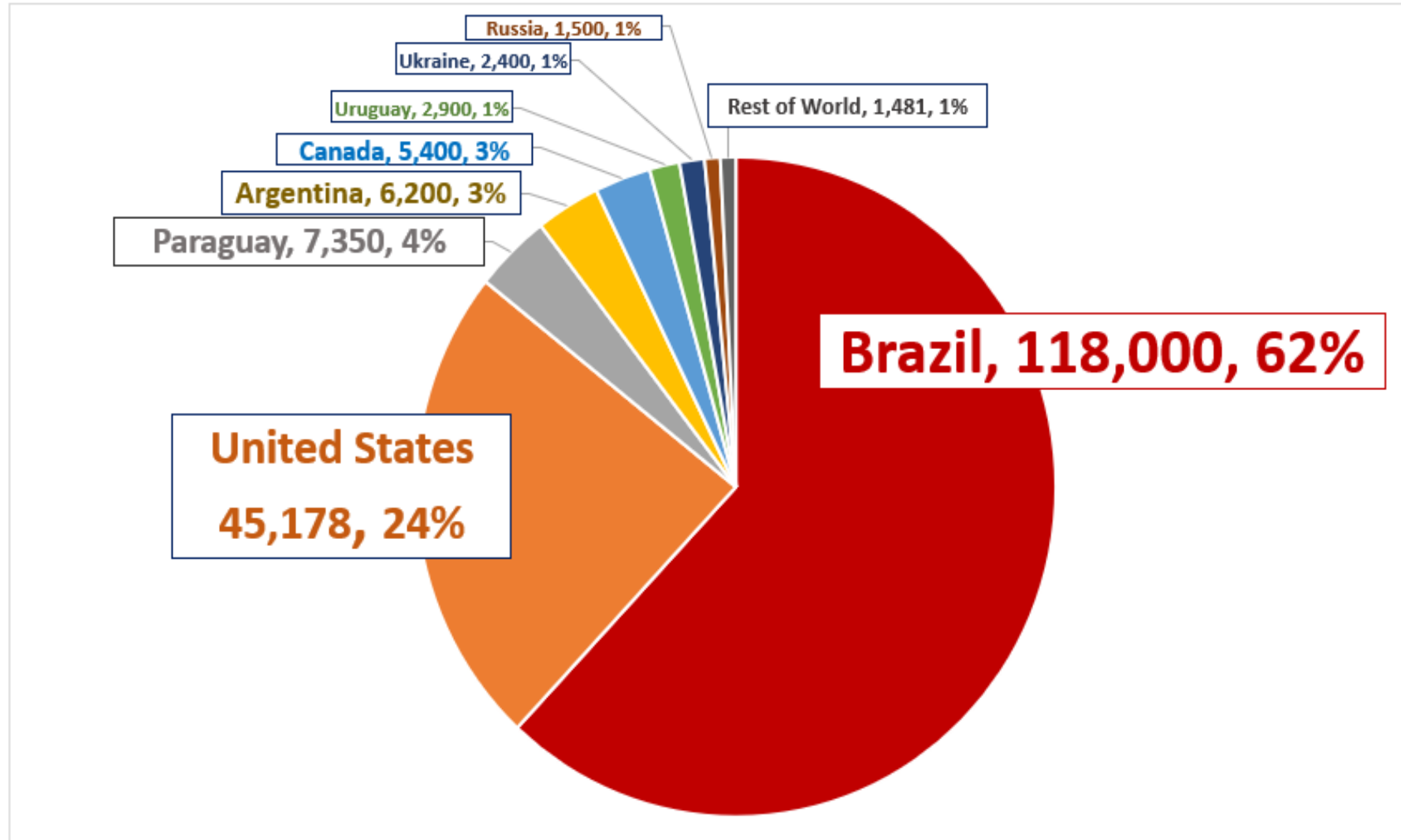
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World Soybean Exporters *"New" 2026/27*

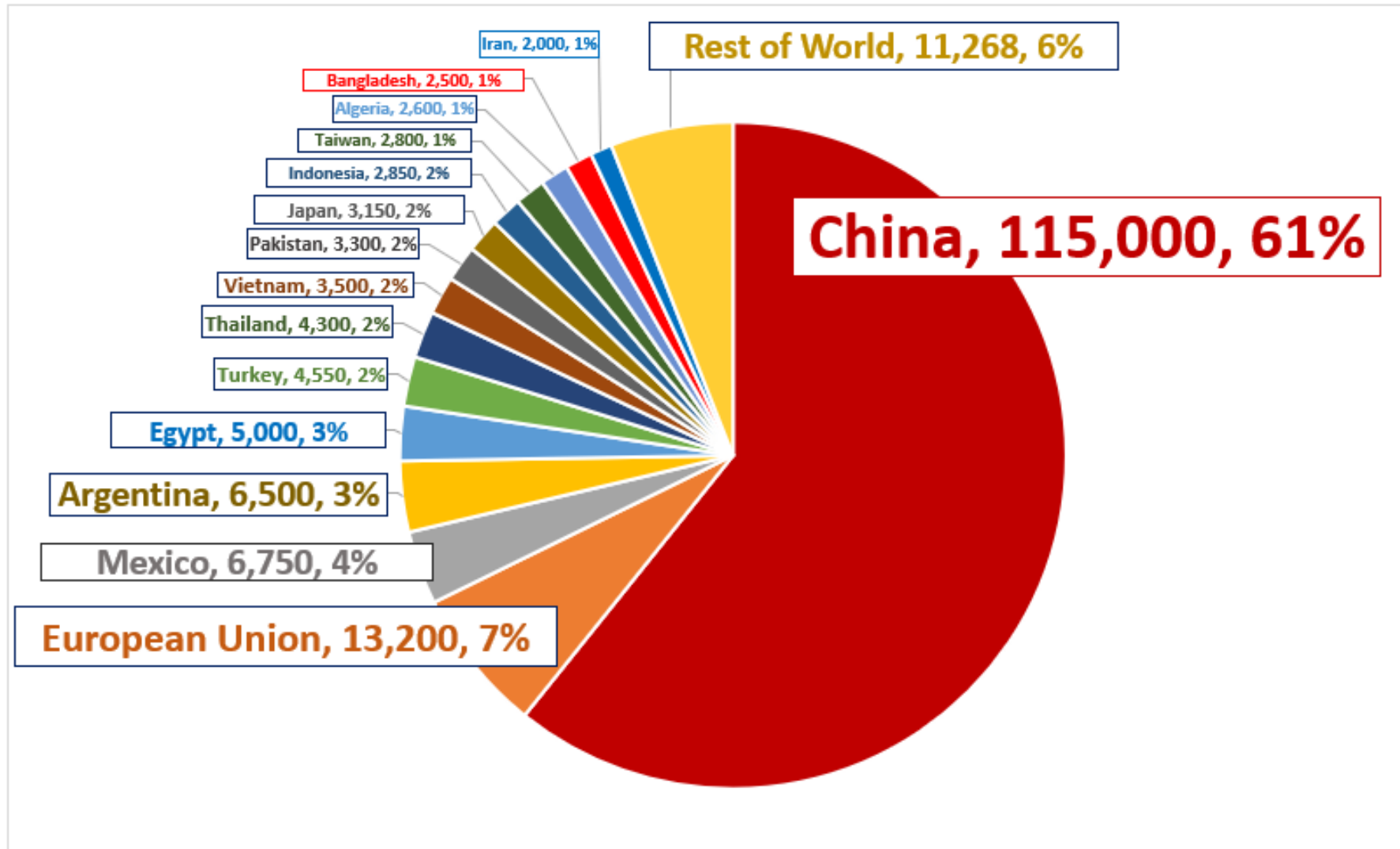
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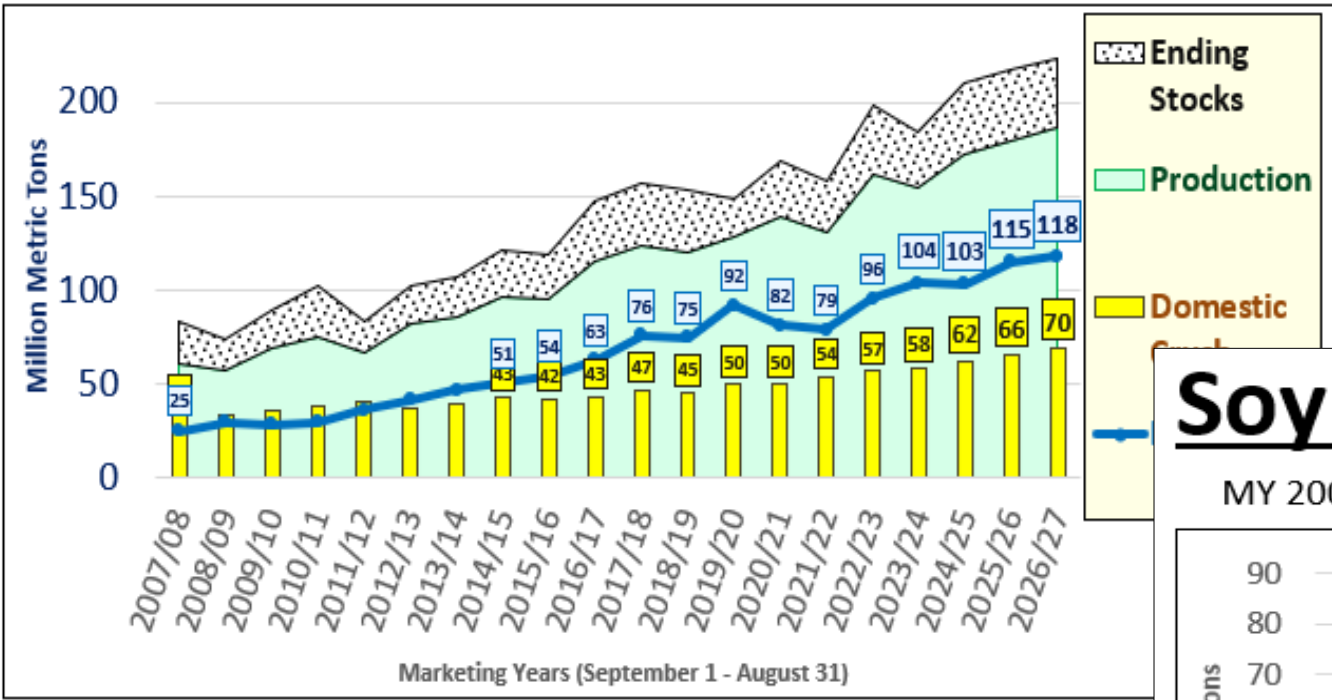
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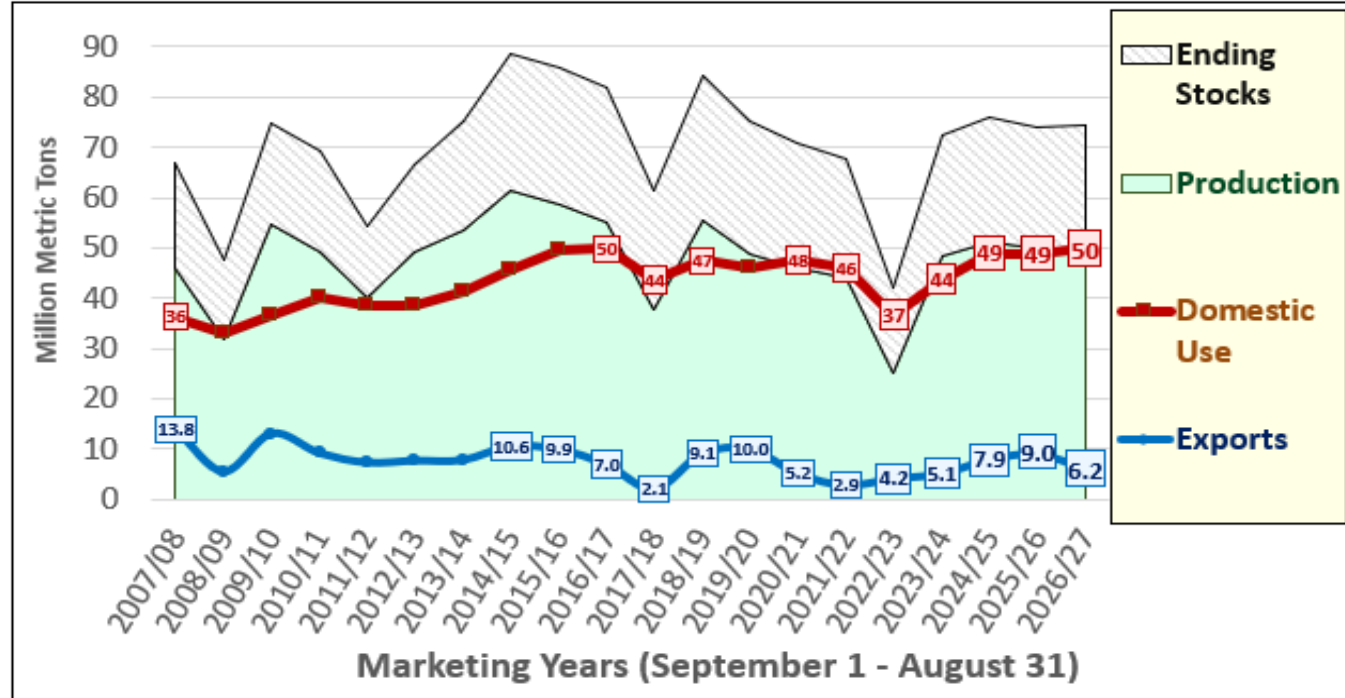
Soybeans: Brazil Supply-Demand

MY 2007/08 – “New Crop” MY 2026/27 as of the latest WASDE 7/10/2026



Soybeans: Argentina S-D

MY 2007/08 – “New Crop” MY 2026/27 as of the latest WASDE 7/10/2026



Closing Perspectives

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Geopolitical Hot Spots and Impacts of Supply Chain Issues on Commodity Markets

Foreign Exchange and Interest Rates

U.S. Dollar Index = 101.260 (45 Year, Monthly)

➤ **Other Relevant Exchange Rates as of 8th of July 2026**

	TW	LW	LY	% Y/Y
Argentina (ARS)	1,491	1,482	1,266	+18
Australia (AUD)	1.440	1.446	1.536	-6
Brazil (BRL)	5.147	5.166	5.464	-6
Canada (CAD)	1.421	1.420	1.365	+4
China	6.796	6.785	7.174	-5
Euro (EUR)	0.875	0.876	0.852	+3
Indonesia (IDR)	17,985	17,875	16,225	+11
Kazakhstan	472.280	479.020	519.030	-9
Mexico	17.443	17.449	18.670	-7
Russia (RUB)	76.996	78.696	78.696	-2
South Africa	16.221	16.394	17.738	-9
Ukraine (UAH)	44.535	44.560	41.800	+7

Source: International Grains Council



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Geo Political Risks – Western Hemisphere

- **Monroe Doctrine**
- **USMCA**
 - **Mexico** –
 - **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



The “Old Norms” do not apply...

The “**old norms**” of global agriculture, energy, and commodity trade — which were based in **Free trade**, **Cost-Efficiency**, and “**Just-In-Time**” **Supply Chains**, have and are rapidly shifting.

Today, **Food** and **Energy** are frequently treated as **geopolitical strategic currency** rather than just a **commercial commodity**.

Major transformations in the international agricultural commodity trade include:

- **Financial Stability in Foreign Exchange**
- **Vulnerable Maritime Chokepoints**
- **National Sovereignty Over Trade**
- **Rise of Protectionism**
 - **Alternative Commodities Uses – Food vs Energy**
 - **The Energy-Agriculture Nexus**



Geopolitical Hot Spots and Impacts of Supply Chain Issues on Commodity Markets

Why do "Comparative Advantage" and "Globalized Trade" Economic Systems Fail...?

The breakdown and failure of **comparative advantage** and **globalized trade** models can be attributed to five structural flaws that occur when theoretical economics collides with geopolitical and social realities.

1. **Structural Blindness to Geopolitical Risk:** The fundamental flaw of comparative advantage is that it treats the world as a giant, friction-free spreadsheet where efficiency is the only metric that matters.
2. **The Domestic "Winners and Losers" Divergence:** Classical theory argues that trade benefits *the country as a whole* by lowering consumer prices. However, it fails to account for how those gains are distributed internally.
3. **The "Race to the Bottom" on Regulation:** Comparative advantage rewards the country that can produce a good at the lowest cost. In the modern world, the lowest cost is often achieved by ignoring regulatory, environmental and human exploitation.
4. **Infinite Mobility of Capital vs. Immobility of Labor:** David Ricardo's original model assumed that while goods move across borders, factories and capital stay put. Globalization broke this assumption entirely.
5. **Fragility Caused by Hyper-Optimization:** Globalized trade forces companies to pursue "Just-in-Time" supply chains to minimize storage costs and maximize margins. This eliminates all redundancy from the system.

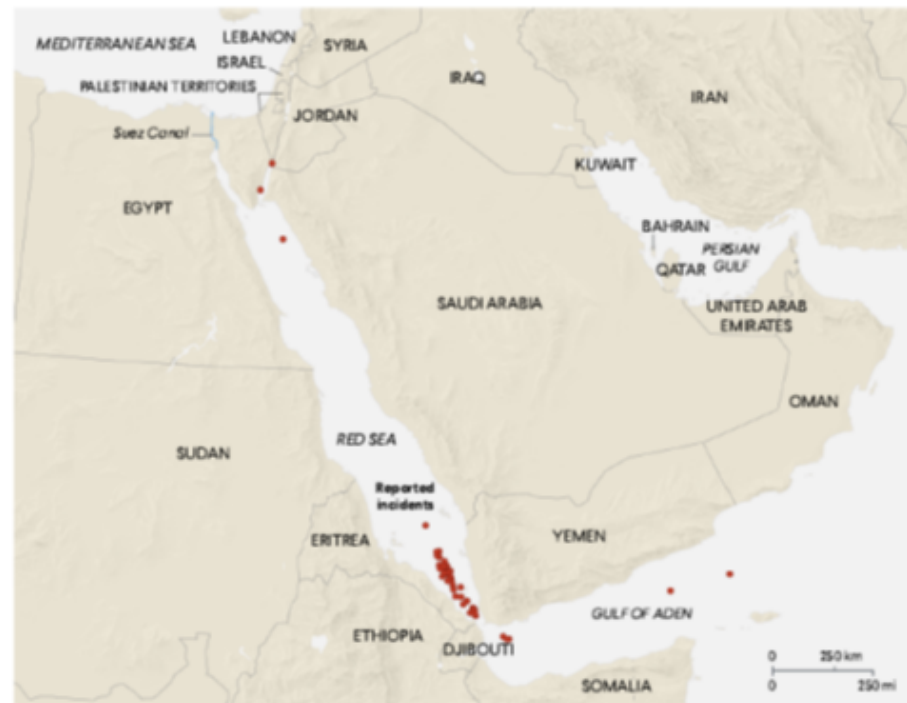


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Transportation – Conflict in Yemen and the Red Sea

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.



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Source: Global Conflict Tracker – <https://www.cfr.org/global-conflict-tracker/conflict/war-yemen>



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Transportation – Ocean Freight Baltic Dry Bulk Index

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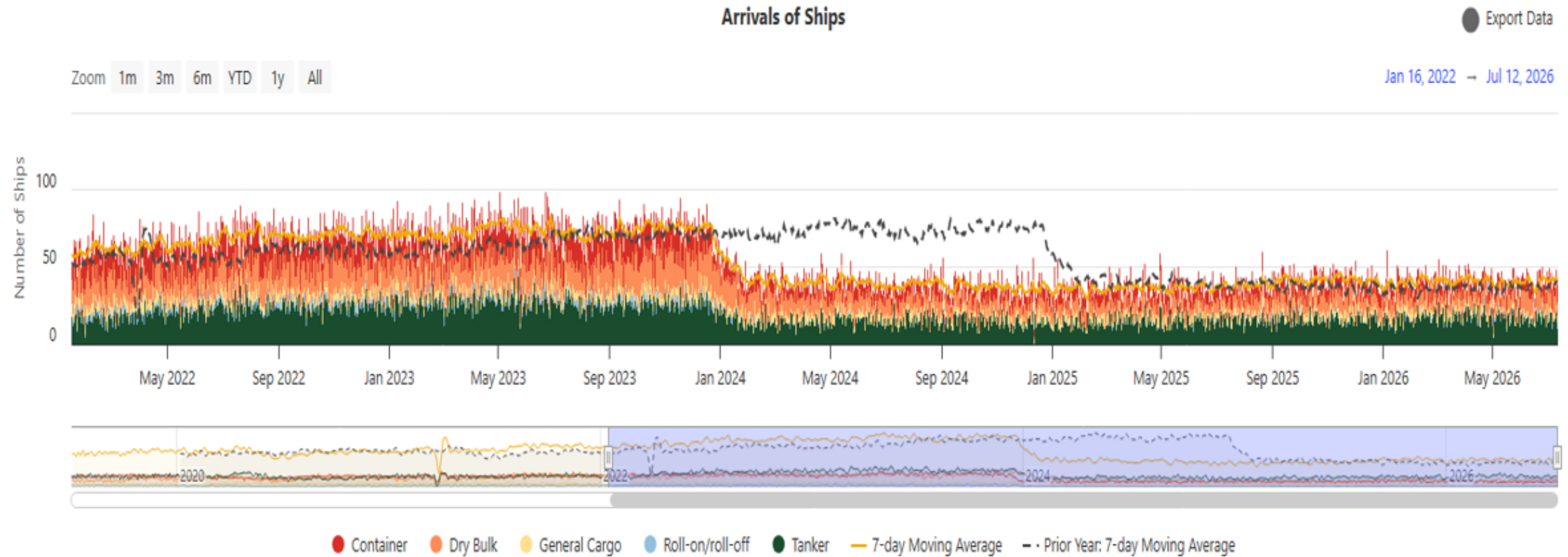


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Current Market Overview, Outlook & Issues

Suez Canal: Daily Transit Numbers



Sources: UN Global Platform; PortWatch.





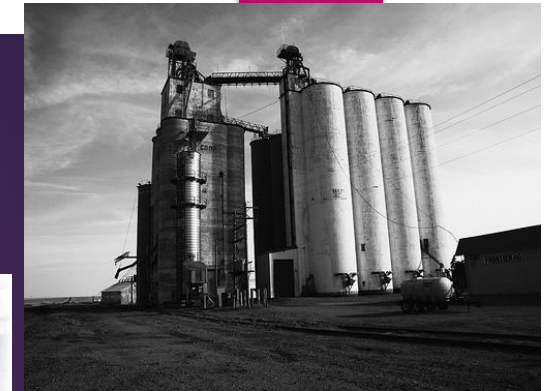
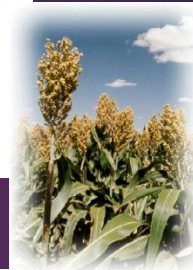
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