World trade in Grains and Oilseeds: Milestones for 2010

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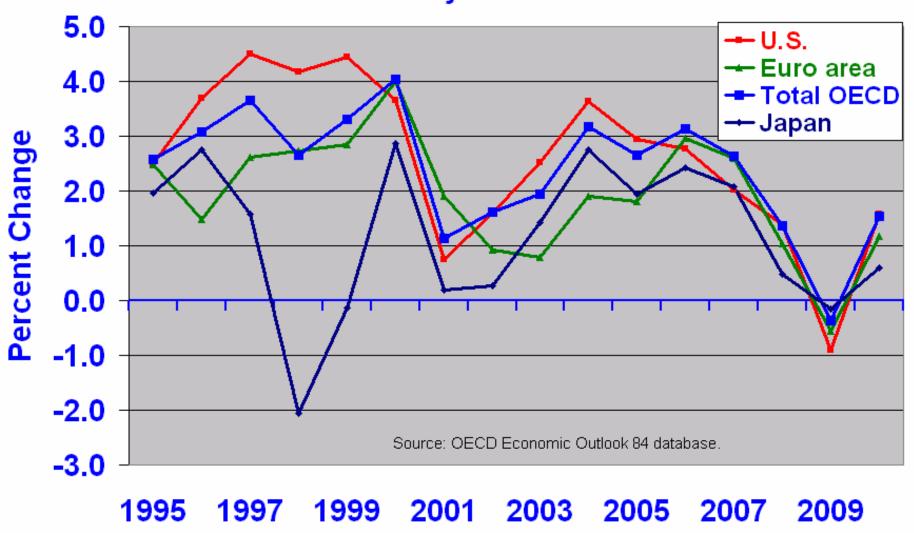
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Topics to Be Discussed

- Global Economic Prospects
- U.S. Ethanol Trends & Effects on Feed Supply
- Key Players in World Grain & Feed Trade
- Emerging Developments in China's Grain
- The Future: Potential Areas for Supply-Expansion
 - -South America
 - -Former Soviet Republics

World Economy: Key to Export Demand & Feed Prices Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) History and OECD Projections to 2010



U.S. Economic Recessions I

Starting Date	Months Duration
March 1937 II	13
Feb. 1945 I	8
Nov. 1948(IV)	11
July 1953(II)	10
Aug.1957(III)	8
April 1960(II)	10
Dec. 1969(IV)	11
Nov. 1973(IV)	16
Jan. 1980(I)	6
July 1981(III)	16
July 1990(III)	8
March 2001(I)	8
Dec. 2007 IV	?

Post-WW II Extremes: 16 months with oil shocks + tax & monetary stimulus

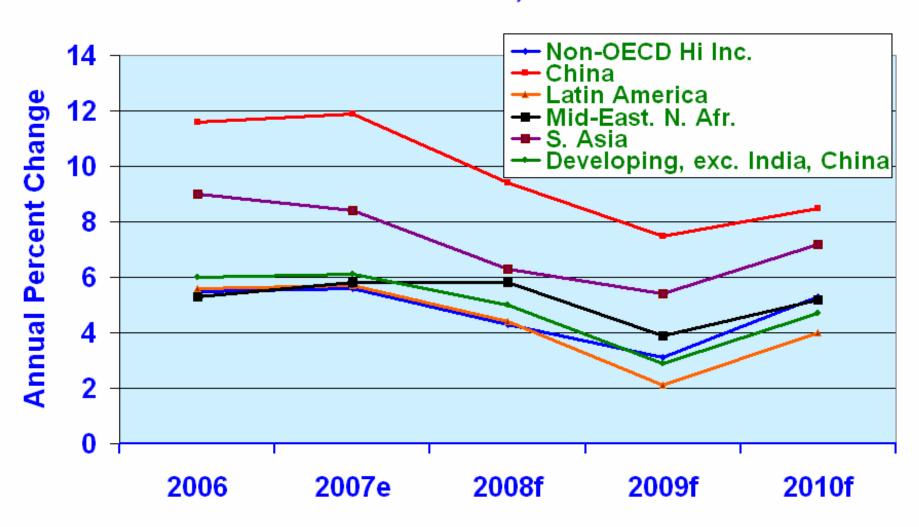
Avg. Duration, Post WWII: 10.2 Months

Extremes: 43 months, Aug. 1929 – March 1933 April 1865, 32 months Oct. 1873, 65 months Mar. 1882, 38 months

Source of data: St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank

Will World Economy Recover in 2010?

World Bank Real GDP Projections December 1, 2008



U.S. General Econ. Outlook What Kind of Recovery?

- V looking less likely
- W temporary recovery
- U -- gradual recovery
- L -- extended period of stagnation (with inflation): can't be ruled out with higher taxes & cap & trade

U.S. Money Supply MZM Money Stock (MZMNS) Source: Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis 10,000 8,000 (Billions of Dollars) 6,000 4,000 2,000 1960 1980 1950 1970 1990 2000 2010

Expect Higher Inflation in 12 to 24 months + Weaker U.S. \$

Shaded areas indicate US recessions as determined by the NBER. 2009 Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis: research.stlouisfed.org

U.S. General Econ. Outlook

3 Highly Likely Developments

- Trend toward weaker \$
- Increasing inflation, esp. in 2-3 years
- Higher interest rates
 – in 2-3 years, possibly sooner

Driving forces: huge budget deficits and "cap & trade"

World Feed Trade Outlook

- 10 to 18 months of slow world growth
 - -then inflation risk, weaker U.S. \$
 - Increased price volatility
 - slower growth in S. American Grain production
- Adequate grain supplies through late '09, then gradual export supply tightening
 Adequate protein meal supplies through late 2010, then tightening
- 5 Keys to global feed trade: (1) *U.S. biofuels*,
 (2) U.S crop yields, (3) China,(4) FSU, (5) South America
- Global warming: is it real?
- Will reason prevail in policies?
 - impact of GHG emissions controls on economy, grain and animal production and trade?

Approximate Maximum Price Ethanol Plants to Pay for Corn with Varying Crude Oil Prices

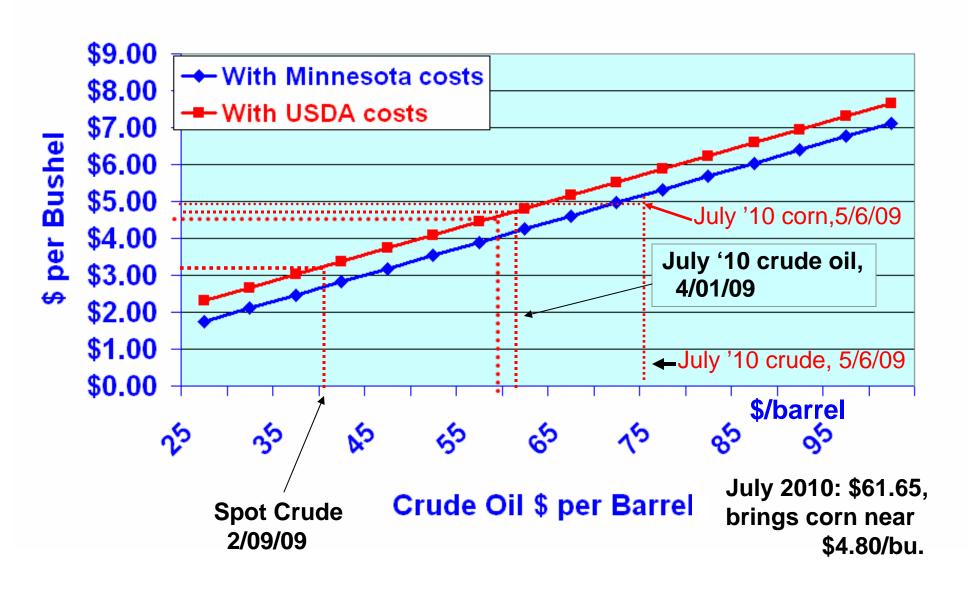
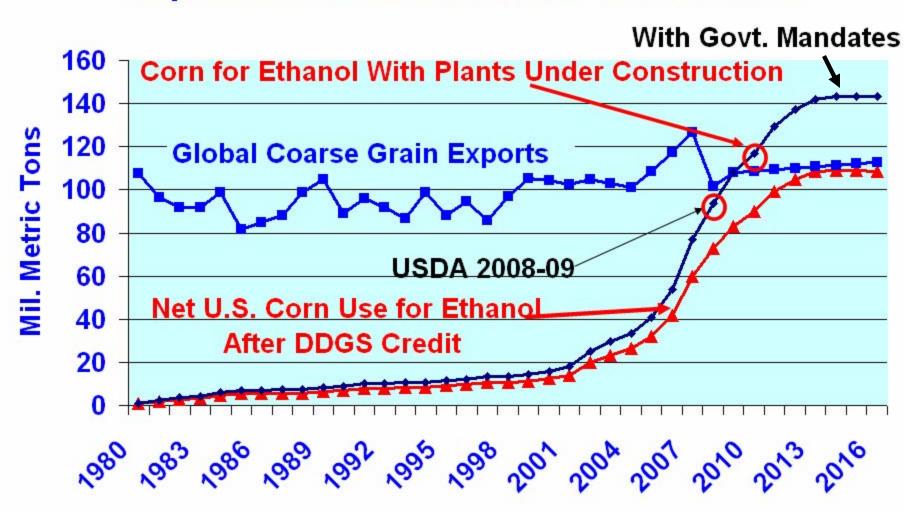
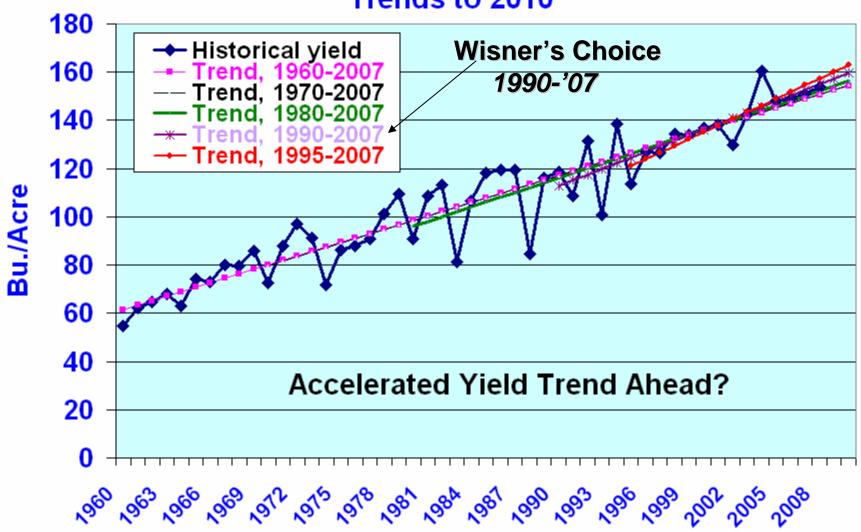


Figure 3. Mil. Tons Global Coarse Grain Exports & U.S. Corn Use for Fuel Ethanol

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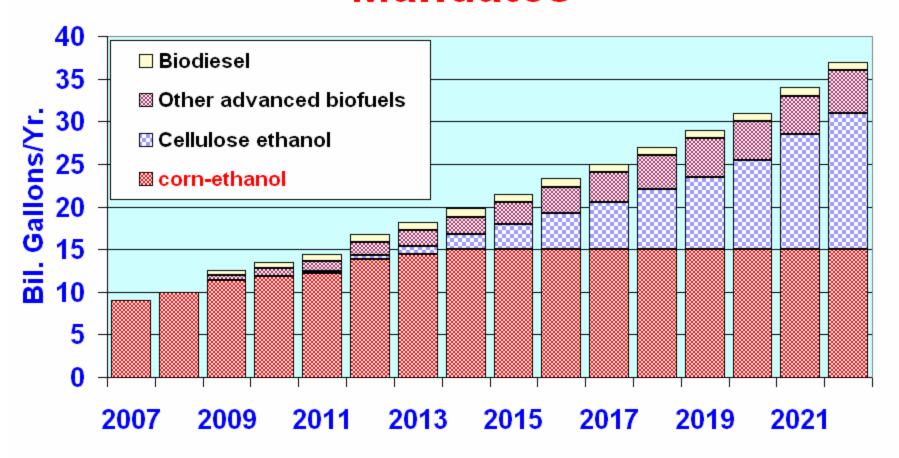
U.S. Corn Yield & Alternative Long-Term Trends to 2010



Current U.S. Ethanol Situation

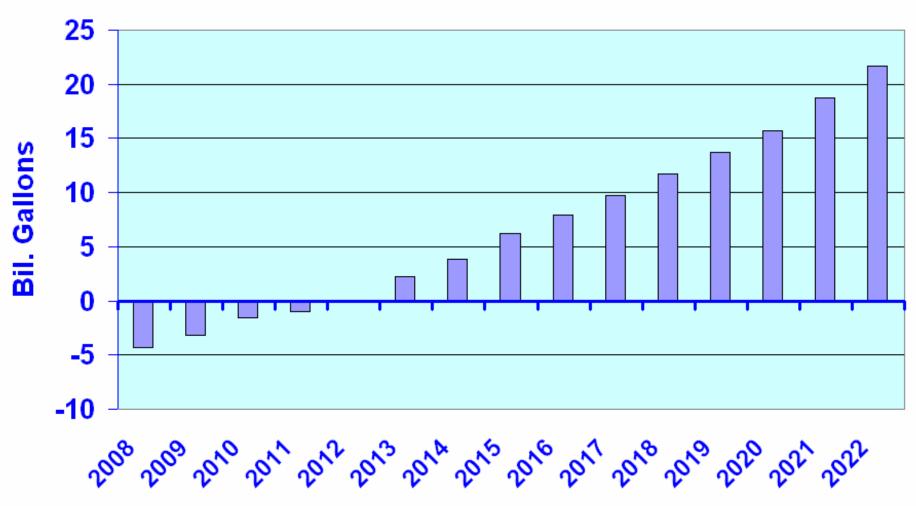
- 2nd. Largest firm in bankruptcy
- 5-8 more in bankruptcy
- 24-28 formerly operating plants idled
- Several completed or nearly complete plants delay opening
- Returns: near break-even
- Severe loss in asset values
- Govt. Mandates support corn processing demand near current level -- "blending wall" issue
- Idle operating capacity: 13.5-15.0 mil. tons corn
- Idle plants =14%-18% of capacity

GHG Emissions Also a Big Issue H 2007 U.S. Energy Act Biofuels Mandates



One gallon = 3.87 liters

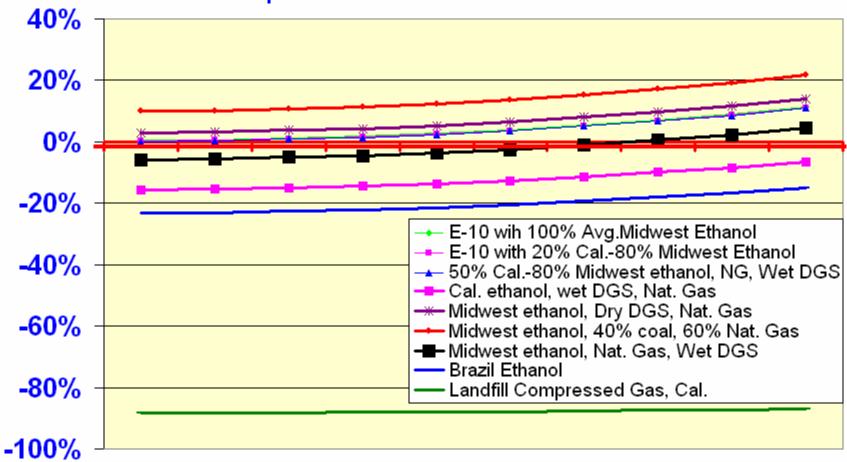
The Blending Wall: Ethanol Mandates in Billion Gallons Beyond the E-10 Market



Current U.S. Ethanol Markets: E-10 & E-85

Biofuels: Problems with Greenhouse Gas Standards

Figure 1. CO₂ Emissions, Selected Biofuels as % Deviation from Proposed California Emissions Standards

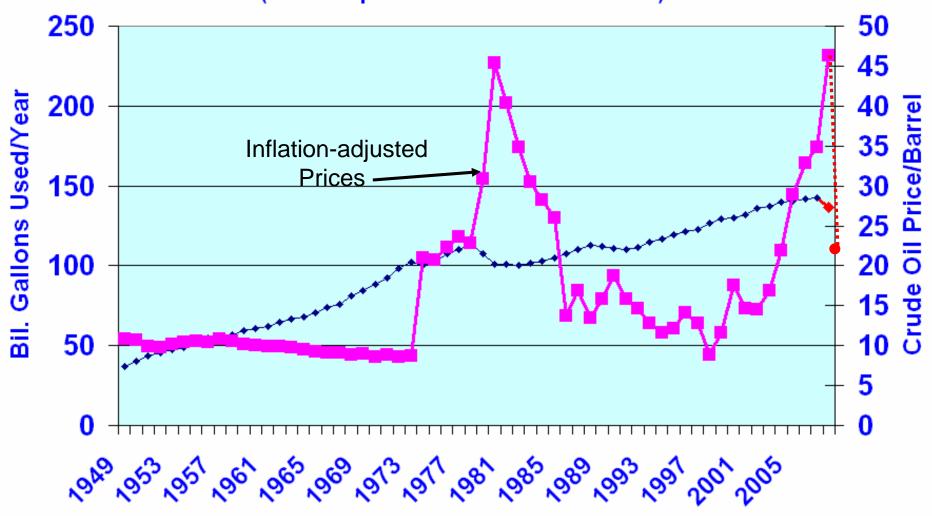


2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

How much recovery in oil price & how soon?

Figure 6. Annual U.S. Gasoline Consumption Since 1945 & Inflation-Adjusted Crude Oil Prices

(Crude oil prices are in 1982-1984 dollars)



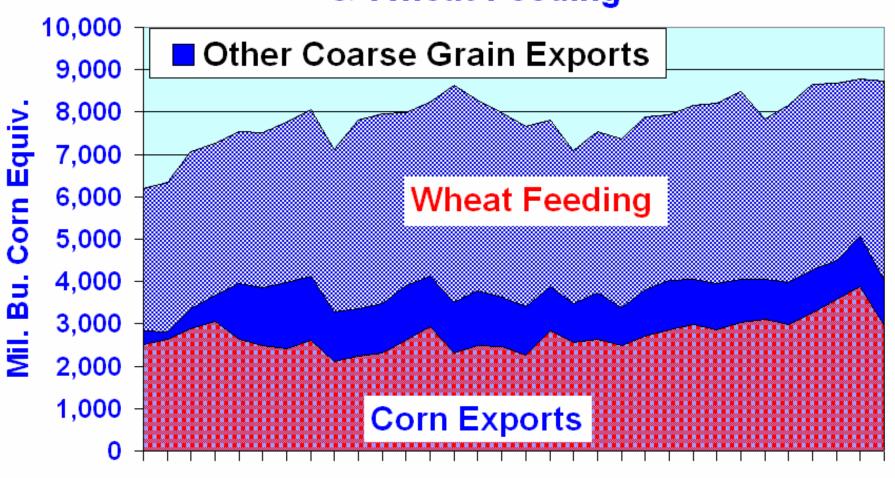


Ethanol, demand growth & food inflation shifting China from to corn exporter to importer?



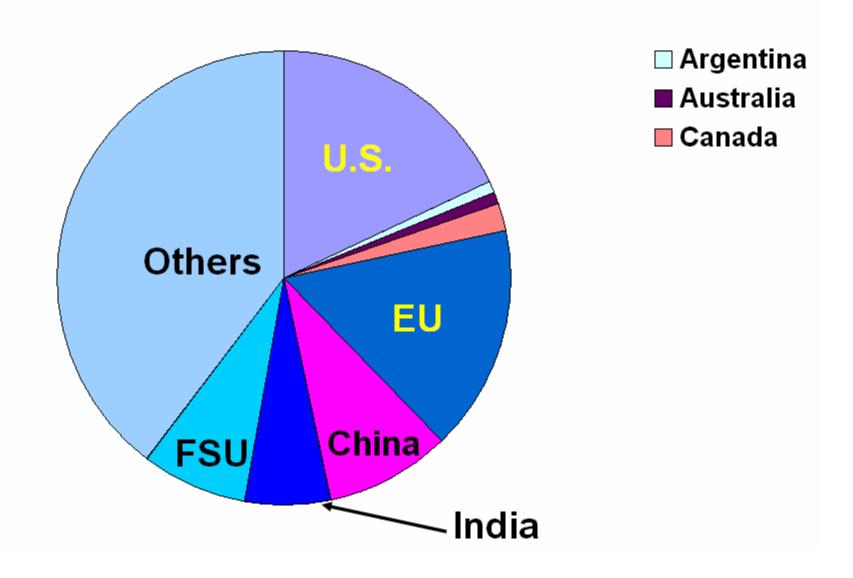
Temporary larger wheat feeding reduces coarse grain demand

Global Corn & Other Coarse Grain Exports & Wheat Feeding

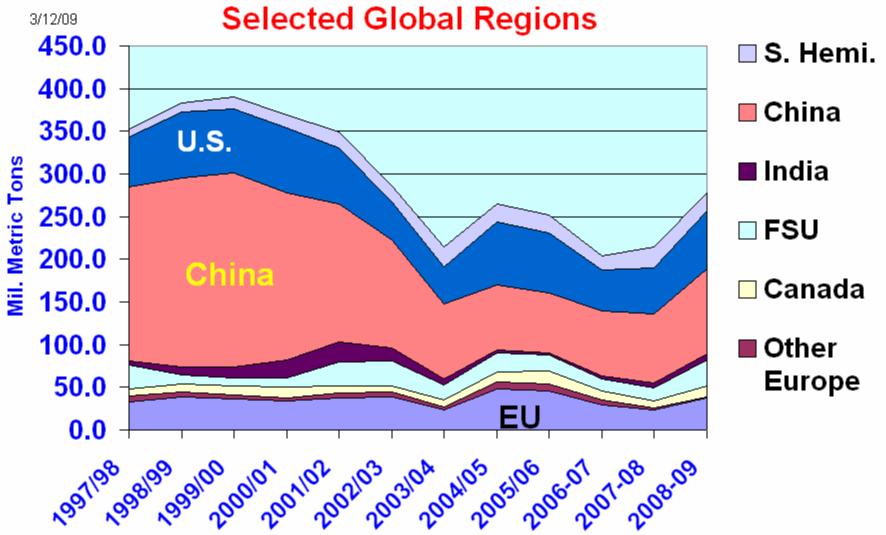


1977/78 1982/83 1987/88 1992/93 1997/98 2002/03 2007-08

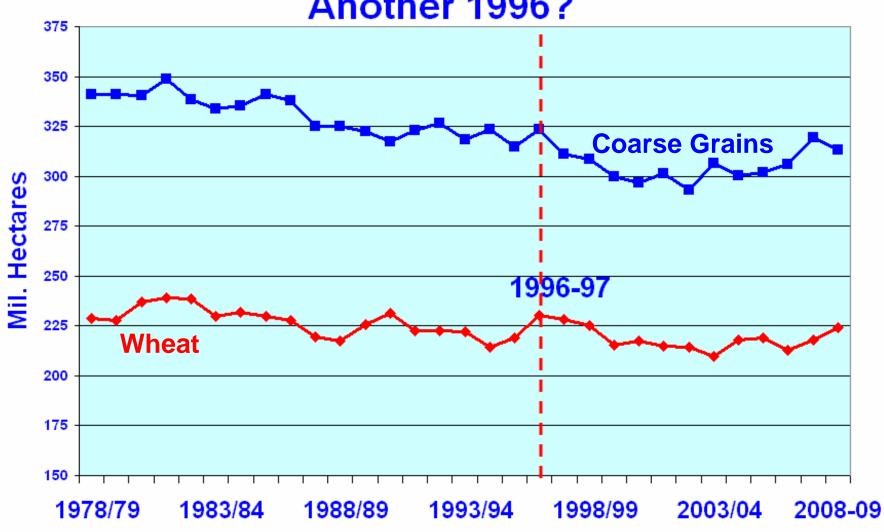
Wheat & Coarse Grain Use, 2007-08



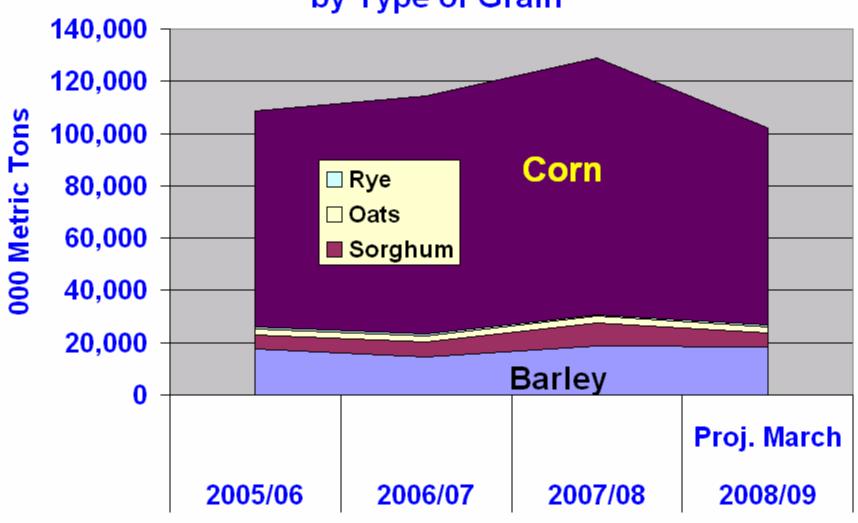
Wheat & Coarse Grain Carryover Stocks in Selected Global Regions



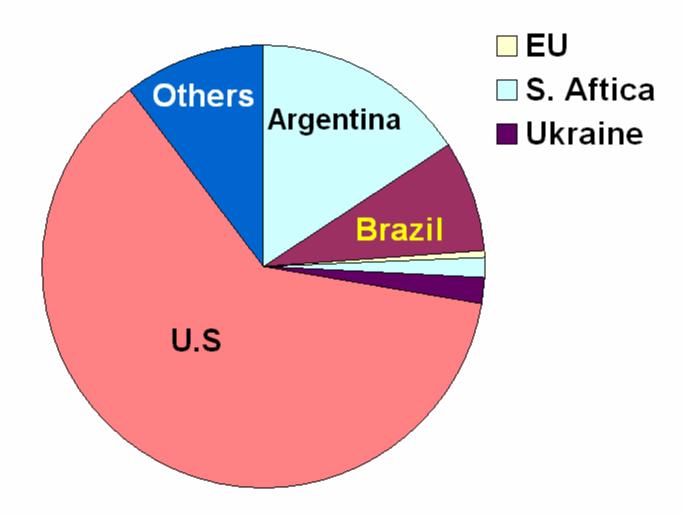
World Wheat & Coarse Grain Area: Another 1996?



World Coarse Grain Exports by Type of Grain

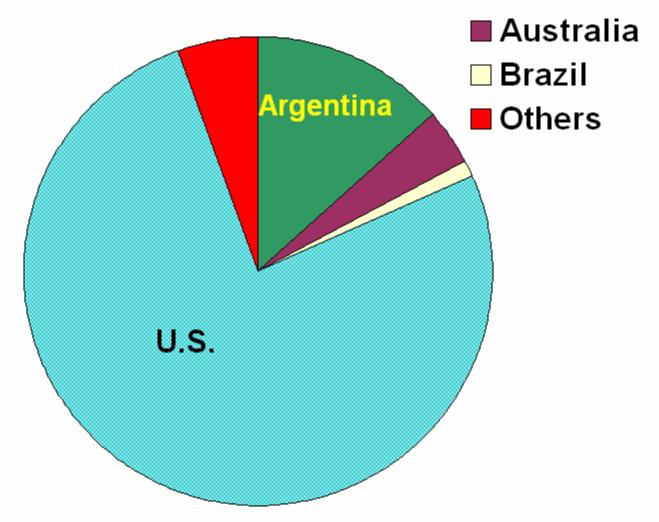


World Corn Exports by Source, 2007-08



U.S. Ethanol & Yield Trend Have Big Implications for Corn Exports

World Sorghum Exports by Source, 2007-08

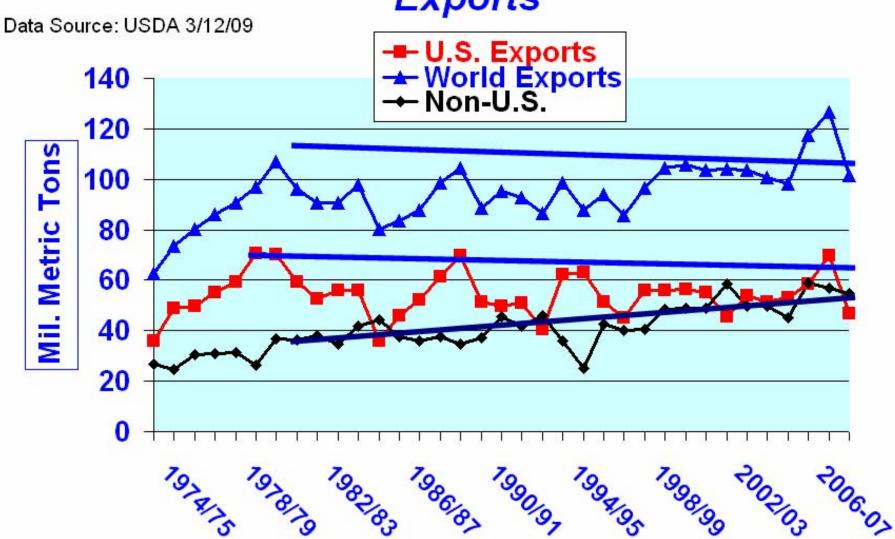


Sorghum Also is an Ethanol Feedstock

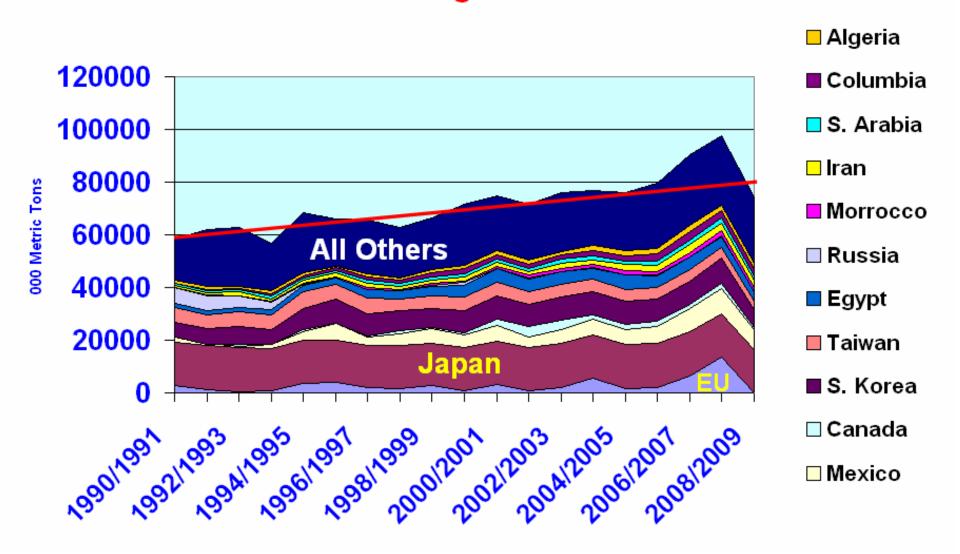
World Barley Exports by Source, 2007-08



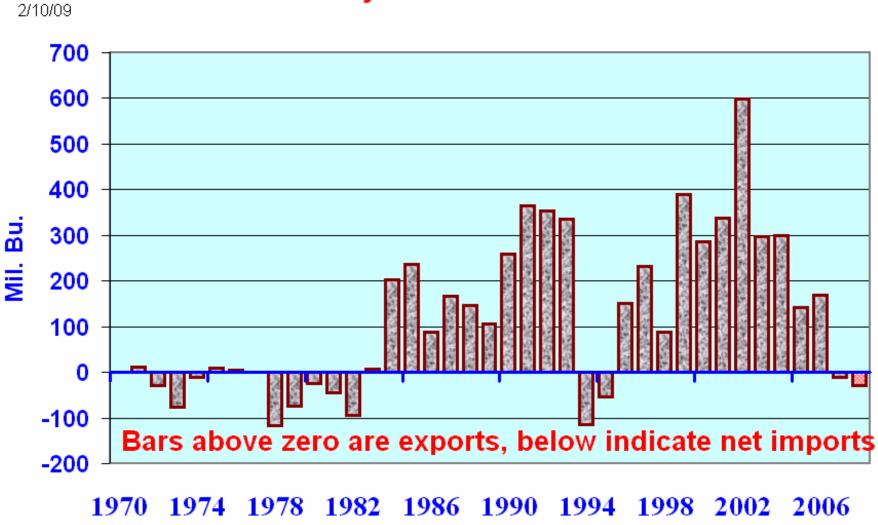
U.S., Foreign, and World Coarse Grain Exports



World Corn Imports, Selected Countries & Regions



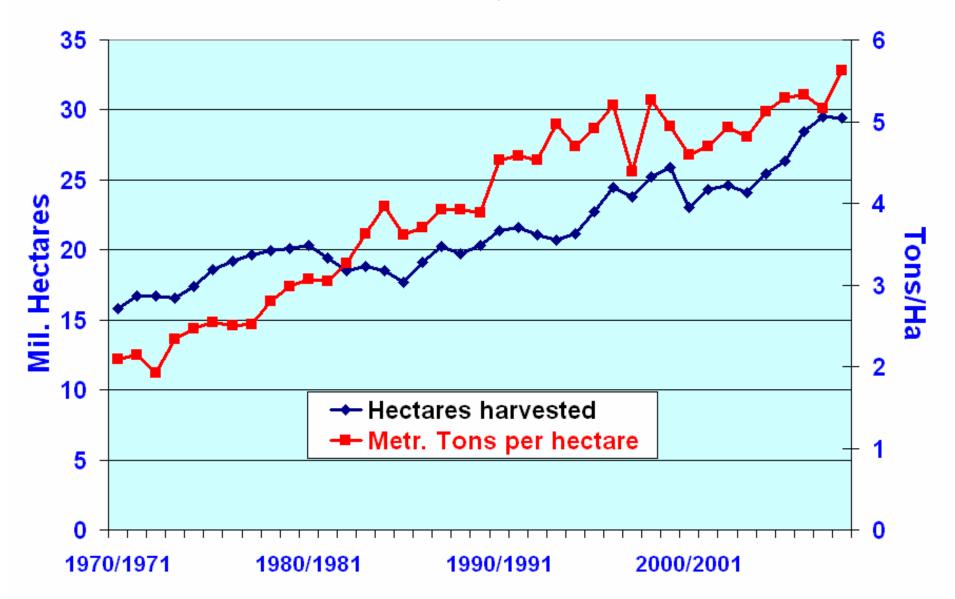
China's Net Corn Exports, Marketing Years & USDA Projection for 2008-09





Normal Yield: about 68-70% of U.S.

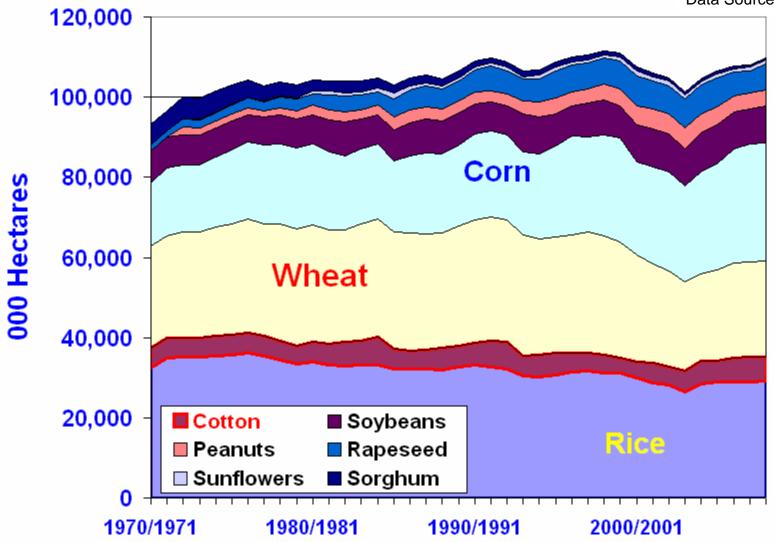
China Corn Area and Yield, Metric Tons Per Hectare



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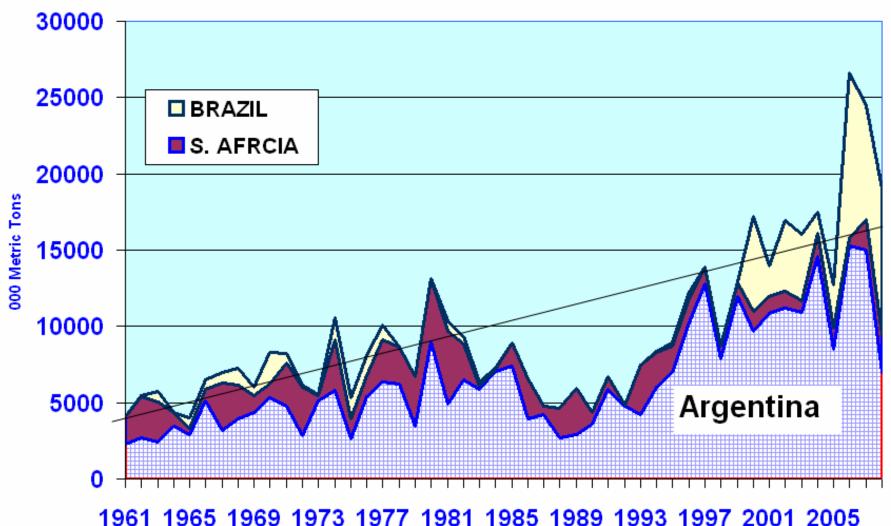
China Major Crop Area Harvested

Data Source: USDA, FAS



Southern Hemisphere Corn Exports

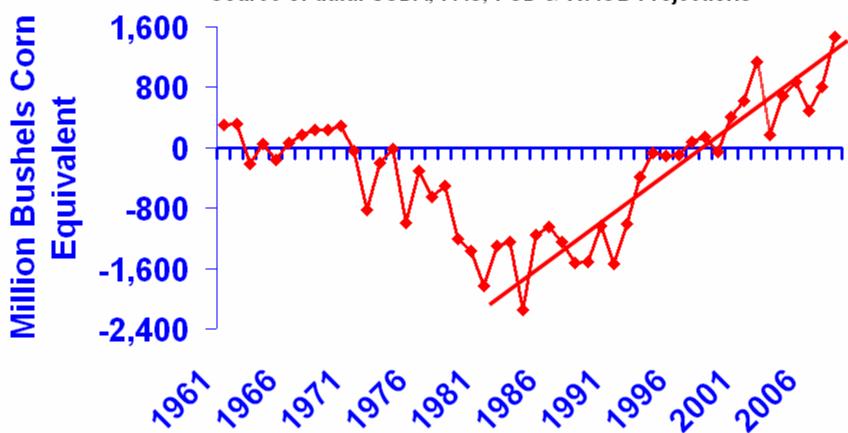
'08-09 down 5.5 mil. Metr. Tons or 217 mil. Bu.vs/'07-'08



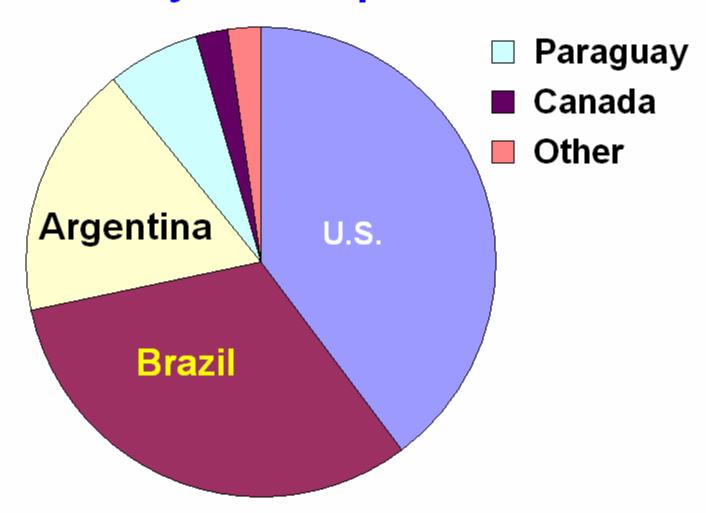
Net Grain Exports, Former Soviet Union, 1961-2008

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Source of data: USDA, FAS, PSD & WAOB Projections



World Soybean Exports-2007-08



S. America Soybean Crop 3/11/09 USDA

Mil. Ton

Chg. Vs. last yr.

•	Argentina SB	-3.2
	Argentina 3D	-3. 4

- Brazil SB -4.0
- Paraguay SB -0.8
 - Total SB change -8.0

S. America Crop Prospects 5/12/09 USDA

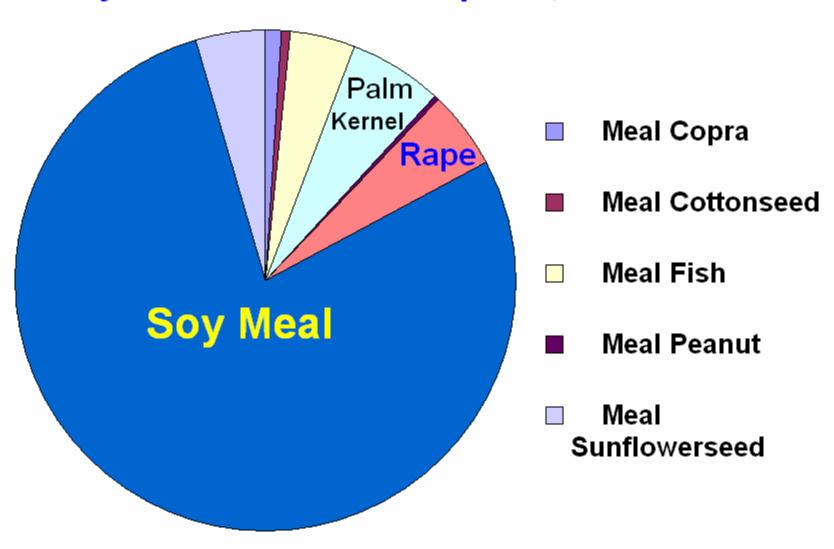
Mil. ton

Chg. Vs. last yr.

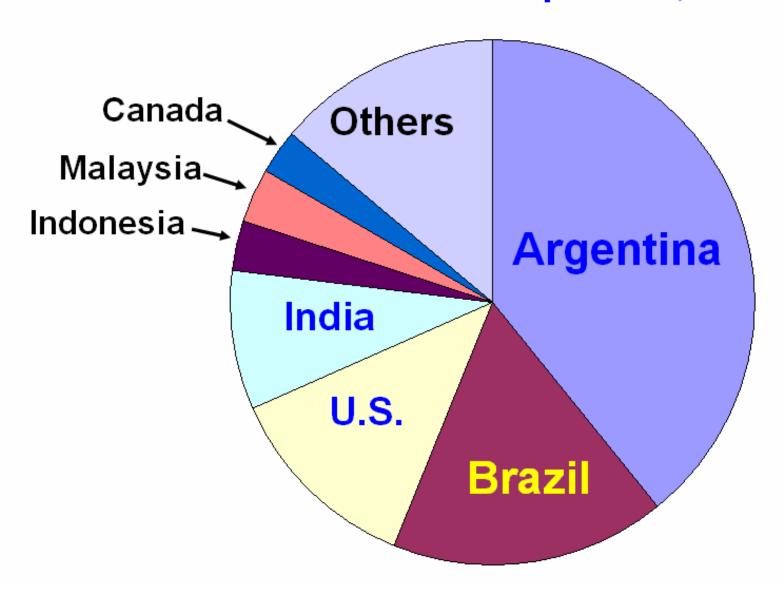
 Argentina corn 	-9.0
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- Argentina SB -12.2
- Brazil corn -8.1
- Brazil SB -4.0
- Paraguay SB -3.1
 - Total corn change-17.1
 - Total SB change -19.4

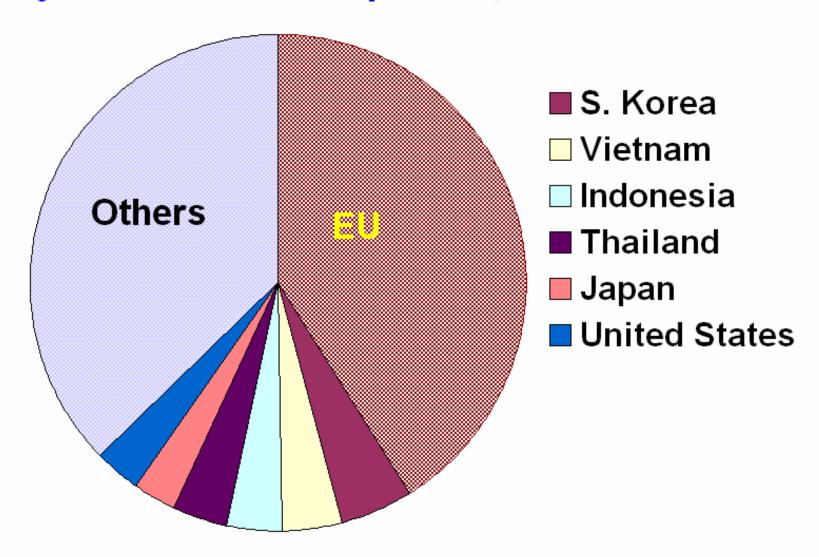
Major World Protein Exports, 2007-08



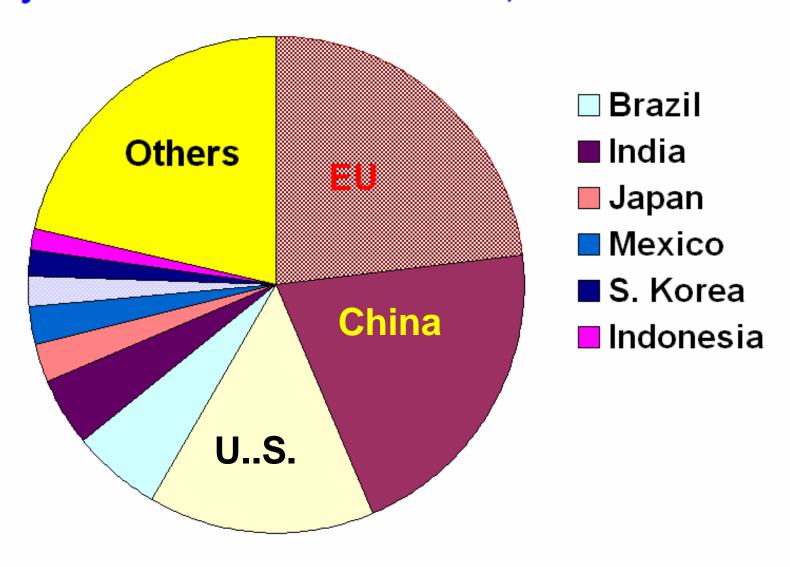
World Protein Meal Exporters, 2007-08



Major Protein Meal Importers, 2007-08



Major Protein Meal Consumers, 2007-08

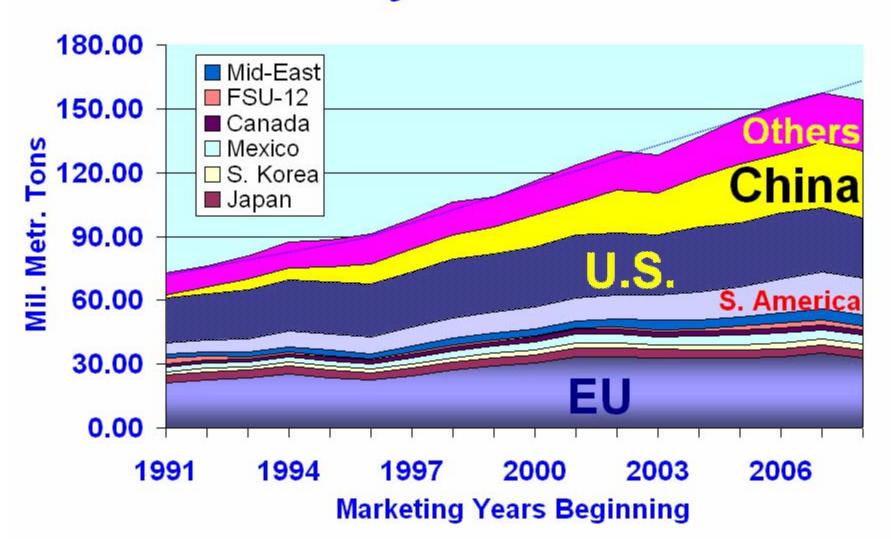


China Soybean Meal Use

Slower growth in the Future?



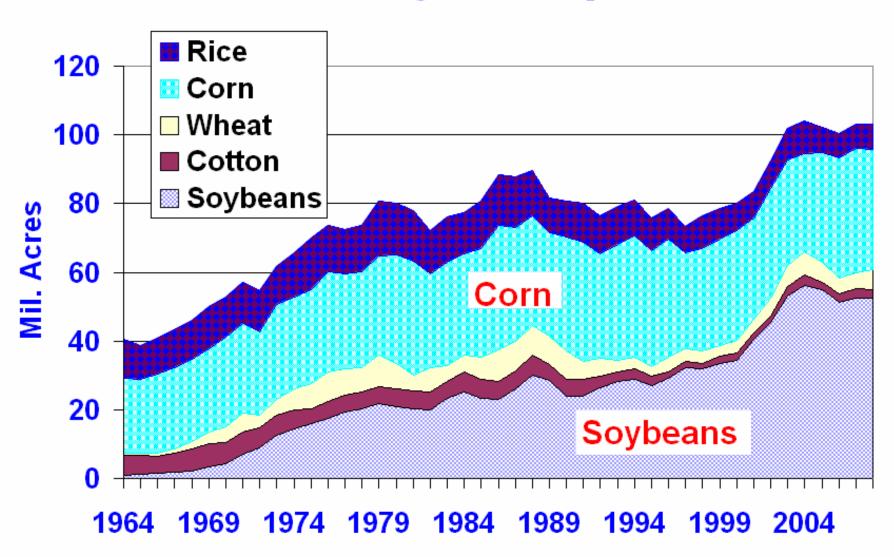
World Soybean Meal Use

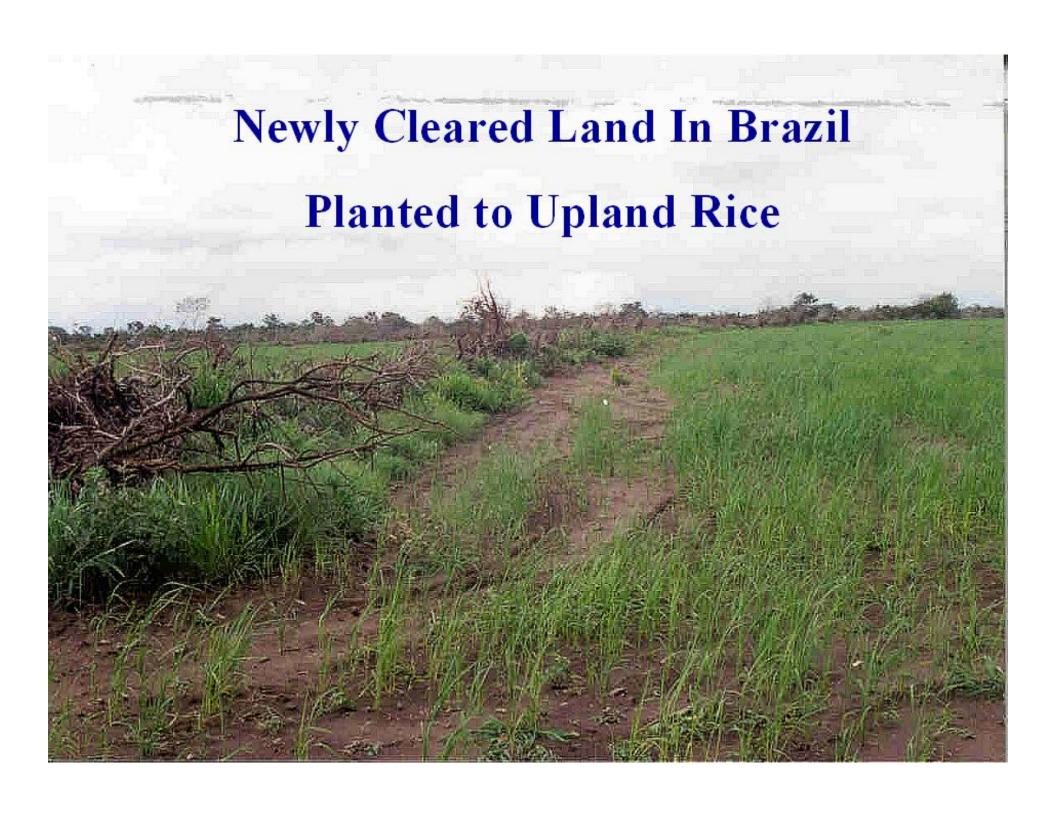


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Excluded Crops: Sugar, Coffee, Citrus & Other

Brazil Major Crop Acres







Four Key Areas to Influence Future Feed Exports

- U.S. -- Biofuels Policies & Crop Yields
 - Less restrictive GHG regulations?
- China
 - Will its SBM growth slow?
 - Will it be a corn importer?
- South America can it continue to expand?
- Former Soviet Republics political stability?

Biofuels & Feed Trade Key Issues for the Near-Future

- Antibiotic residues in DDGS

 Are they a problem?
- Will the U.S. allow intermediate ethanol fuel blends?
- Measurement of GHG emissions for biofuels
- Ethanol mandates for Australia, other countries
- Future of world economy & U.S. dollar

The Future

- Grain & oilseeds will be energy crops
- Cellulose crops will compete with other ag production
- Global supplies will tighten some, next 2 to 3 years as economy recovers
- China may be modest corn importer
- Non-U.S. feedstuff sources will gradually expand supplies
- U.S. will see significant crop yield increases, helping to supply biofuels growth
- Prices will be volatile

Thanks!

Questions?

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