



Peanut
Situation and Outlook

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- Peanut Supply
- Peanut Use
- Cost Estimates

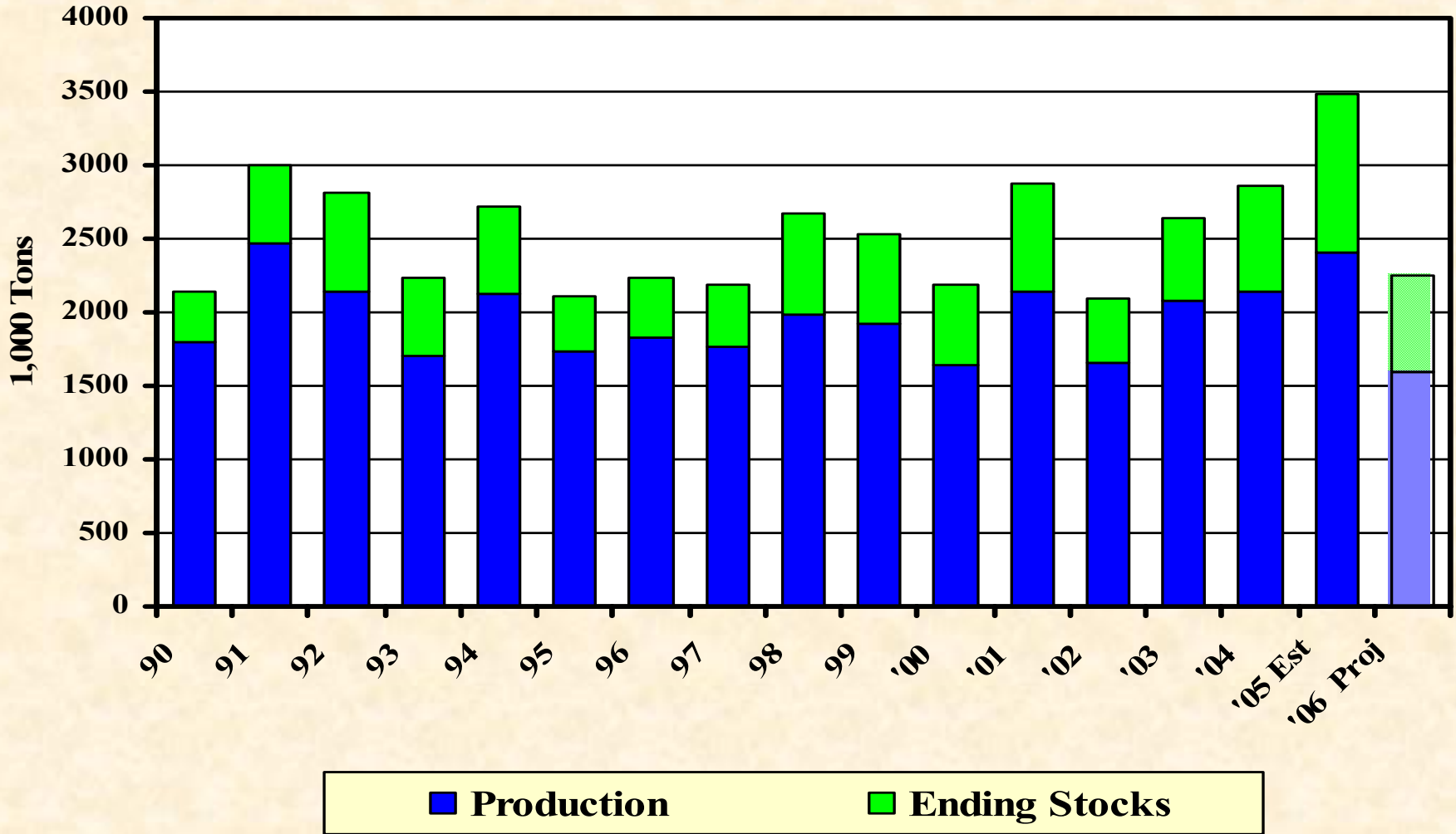


Current Situation

- Shelled prices declined since end of 2004 leading to lower farmer prices (\$365-355/ton) and limited contracts for farmers in 2006.
- Historically strong growth in food use until last year.
 - 2003/04 up 9.6%
 - 2004/05 up 5.8%
 - 2005/06 -.001% change
- Per capita consumption is up to 6.7 lbs in 2004, highest level since 1989.
- 106,000 tons of 2004 loan peanuts forfeited to CCC. Mostly purchased out from CCC to fill 2005 crop orders.
- 23,000 tons of loan peanuts forfeited to CCC on Sept 11, 2006 for 2005 crop.
- Surplus could be cut 40-50%.



Total US Peanut Supply



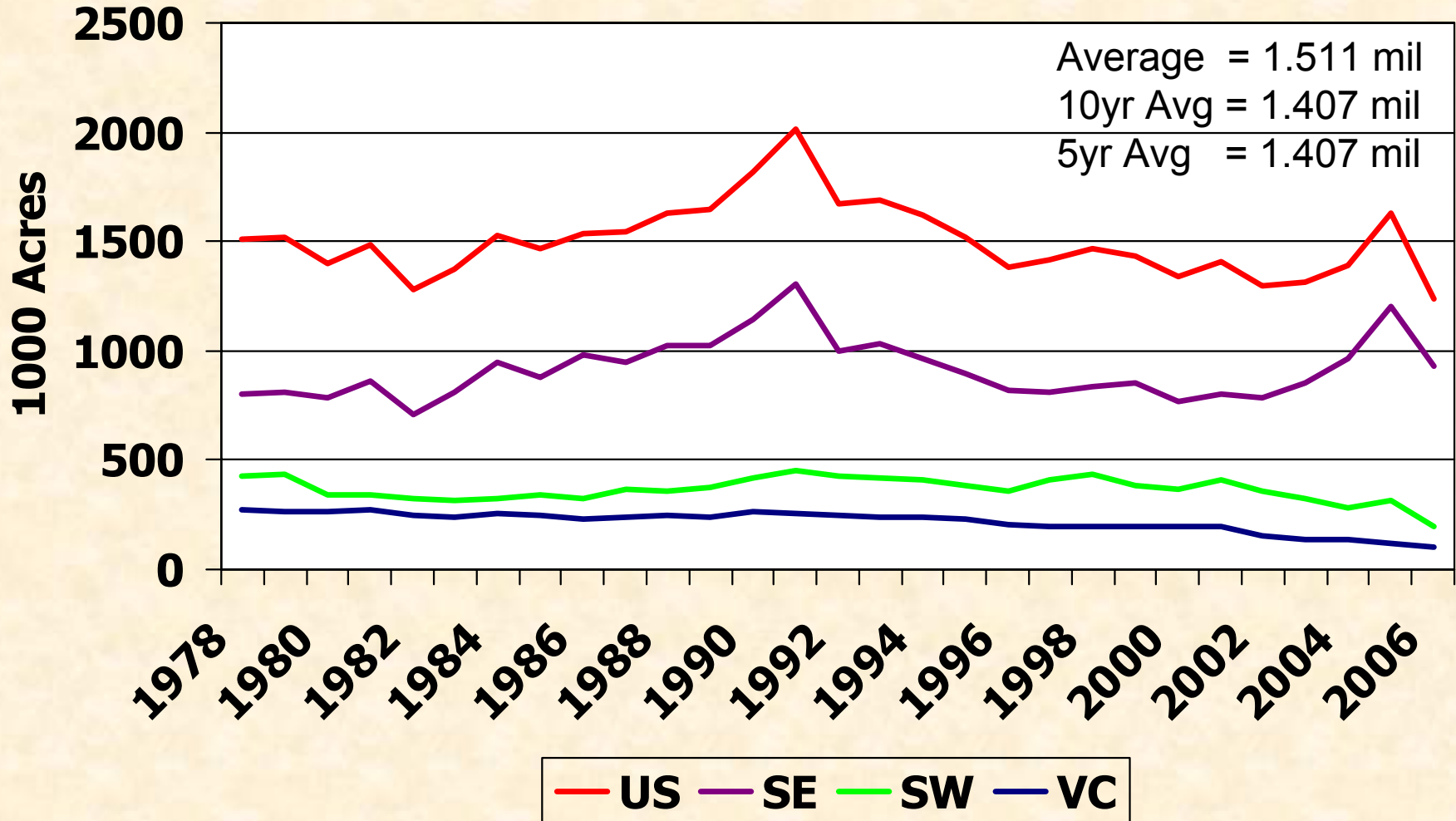


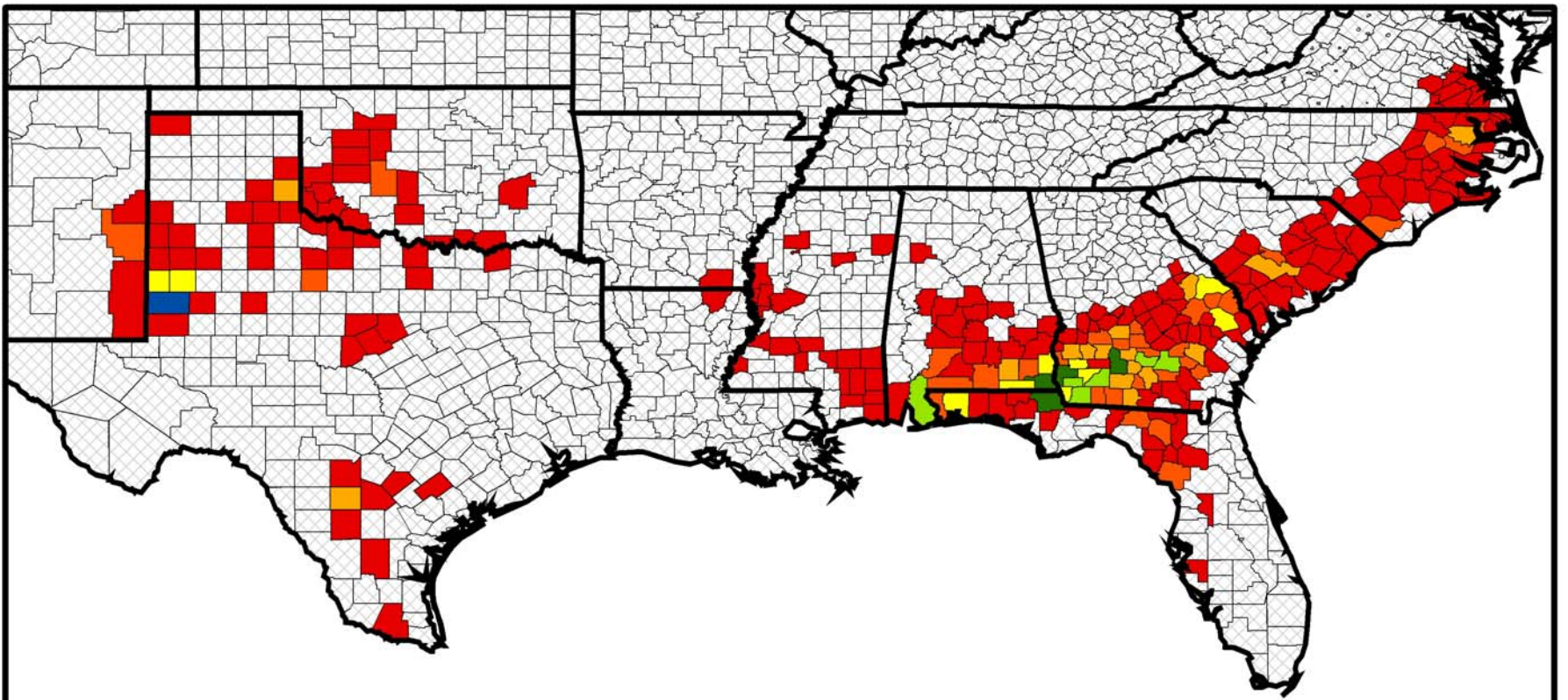
2006 U.S. Peanut Crop

	Planted Acres	Harvested Acres	Yield (lbs/acre)	Production (tons)	
AL	160,000	158,000	1900	150,100	
FL	130,000	120,000	2300	138,000	
GA	580,000	575,000	2500	718,750	45%
MS	16,000	15,000	3000	22,500	
SC	60,000	56,000	3100	86,800	
SE	946,000	924,000	2410	1,116,150	70%
NM	16,000	16,000	3500⁺	28,000	
OK	23,000	22,000	2800⁻	30,800	
TX	155,000	150,000	3500	262,500	
SW	194,000	188,000	3430	321,300	20%
NC	85,000	85,000	3300	140,250	
VA	17,000	16,000	2950⁻	23,600	
VC	102,000	101,000	3270	163,850	10%
US	1,242,000	1,213,000	2645	1,601,300	

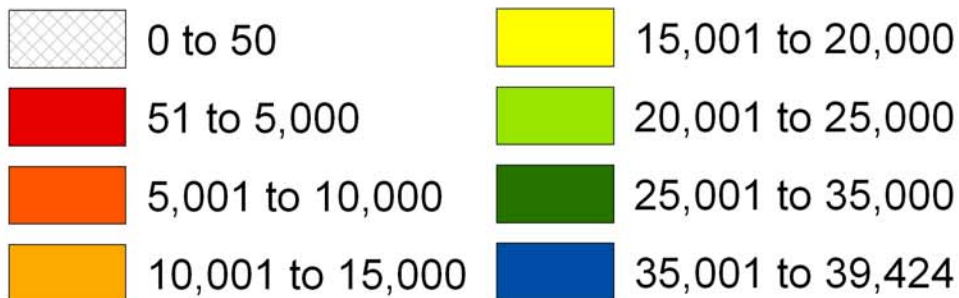


US Harvested Acres (1978 - 2006)

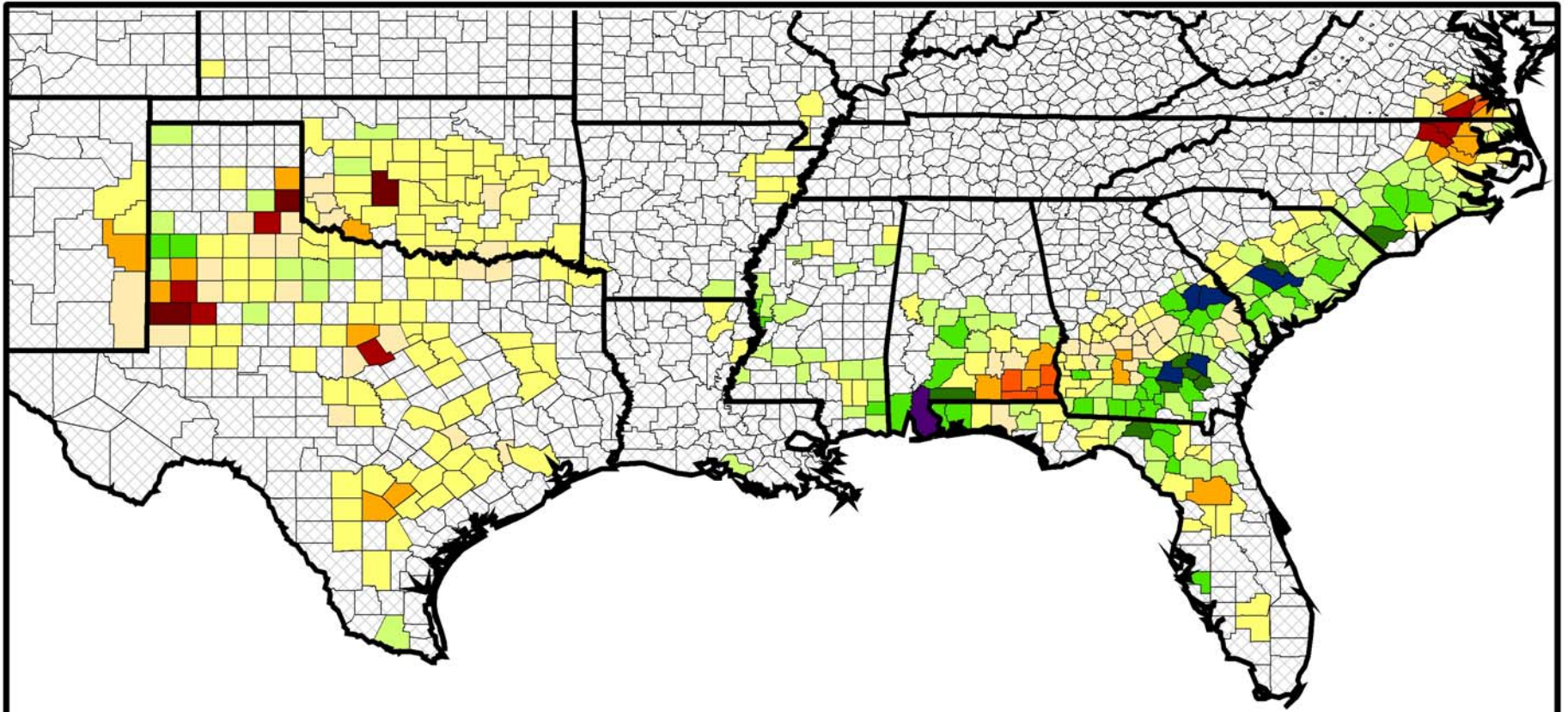




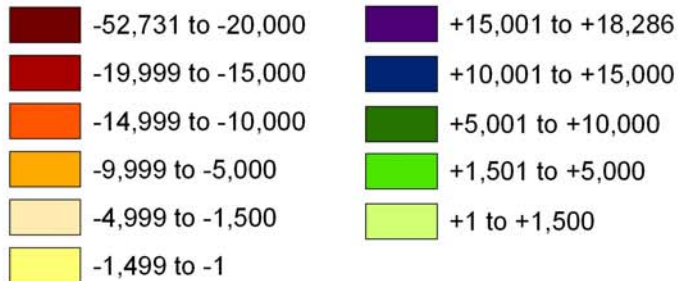
2006 Preliminary FSA Planted Peanut Acreage



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**Change in Planted Peanut Acreage
2006 vs Average of 1998-2001
Source: Preliminary FSA/USDA**



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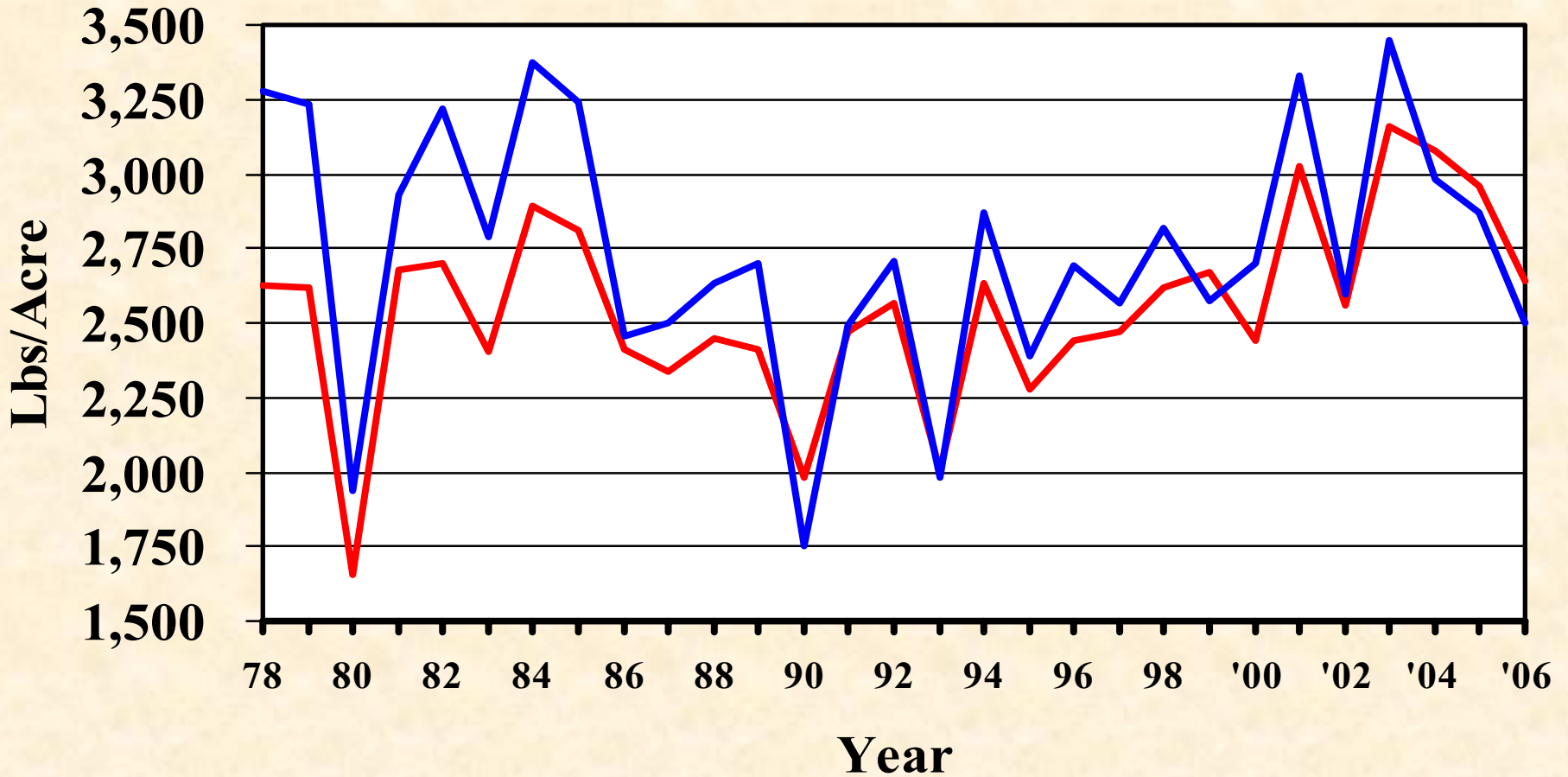


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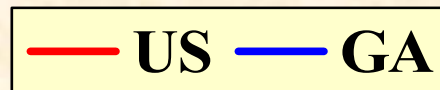
	<u>1995</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2006</u>
AL	213	200	160
FL	89	90	130
GA	595	515	580
MS	-	-	15
NC	144	123	85
OK	100	80	23
SC	11.5	11	60
TX	275	425	155
VA	90	75	17



US & GA Peanut Yield (1978 - 2006)

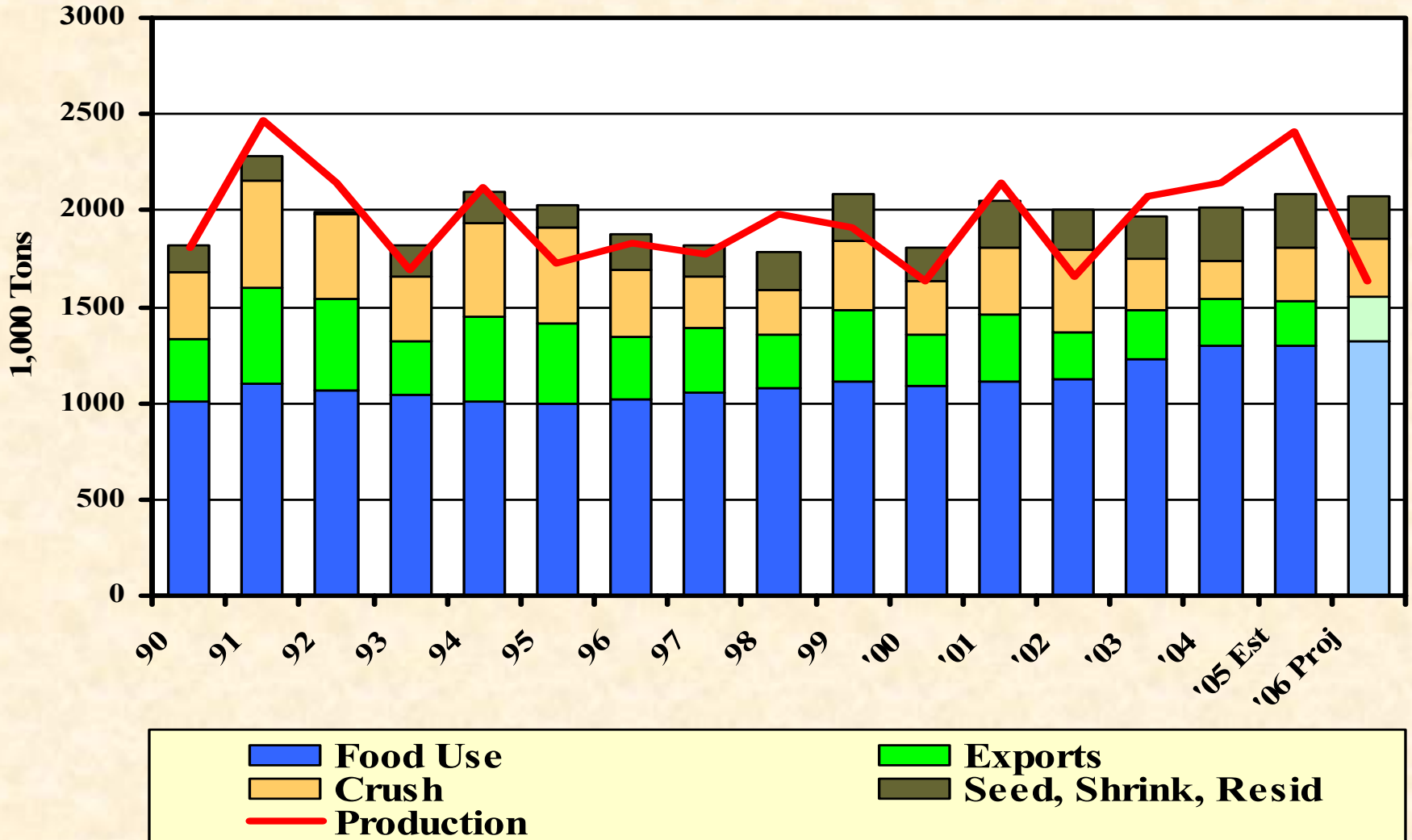


US 78-05 Average = 2,546 lbs/a
US 10 Yr Avg = 2,778 lbs/a
US 5 Yr Avg = 2,959 lbs/a





Peanut Disappearance by Use





Peanut US Balance Sheet

million pounds (Sept 13, 2006)

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	% of Last Yr
Beg Stocks	1,121	1,415	2,167	52
Production	4,288	4,821	3,203*	-32
Imports	37	35	35	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	5,447	6,271	5,405	-13
Domestic Food Use	2,600	2,597	2,658	1.4
Crush	393	547	597	11
Seed & Residual	548	508	437	13.6
Exports	491	468	475	1.5
TOTAL DISAPPEARANCE	4,032	4,117	4,156	1
Ending Stocks	1,415	2,154	1,256	-40

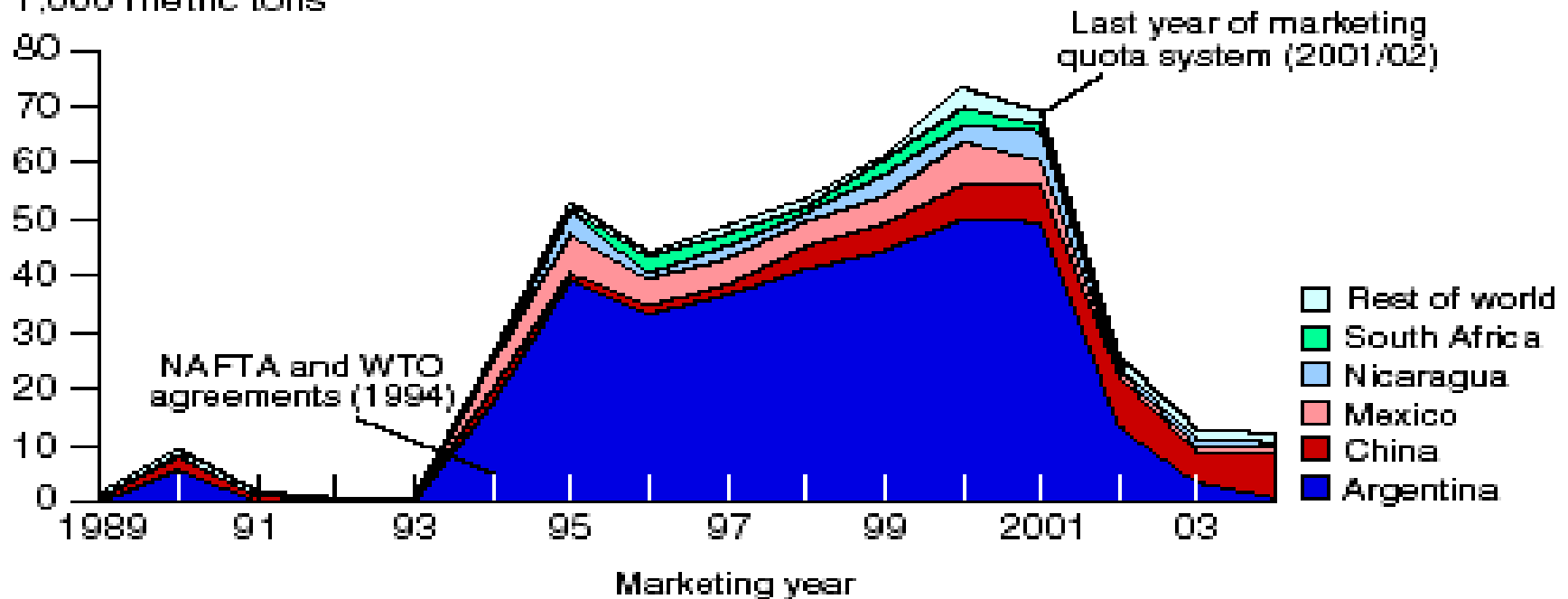
*Sept Crop Production Report



Figure 4

U.S. imports by source: Before the 2002 Farm Act, peanut imports had cut into the U.S. market

1,000 metric tons



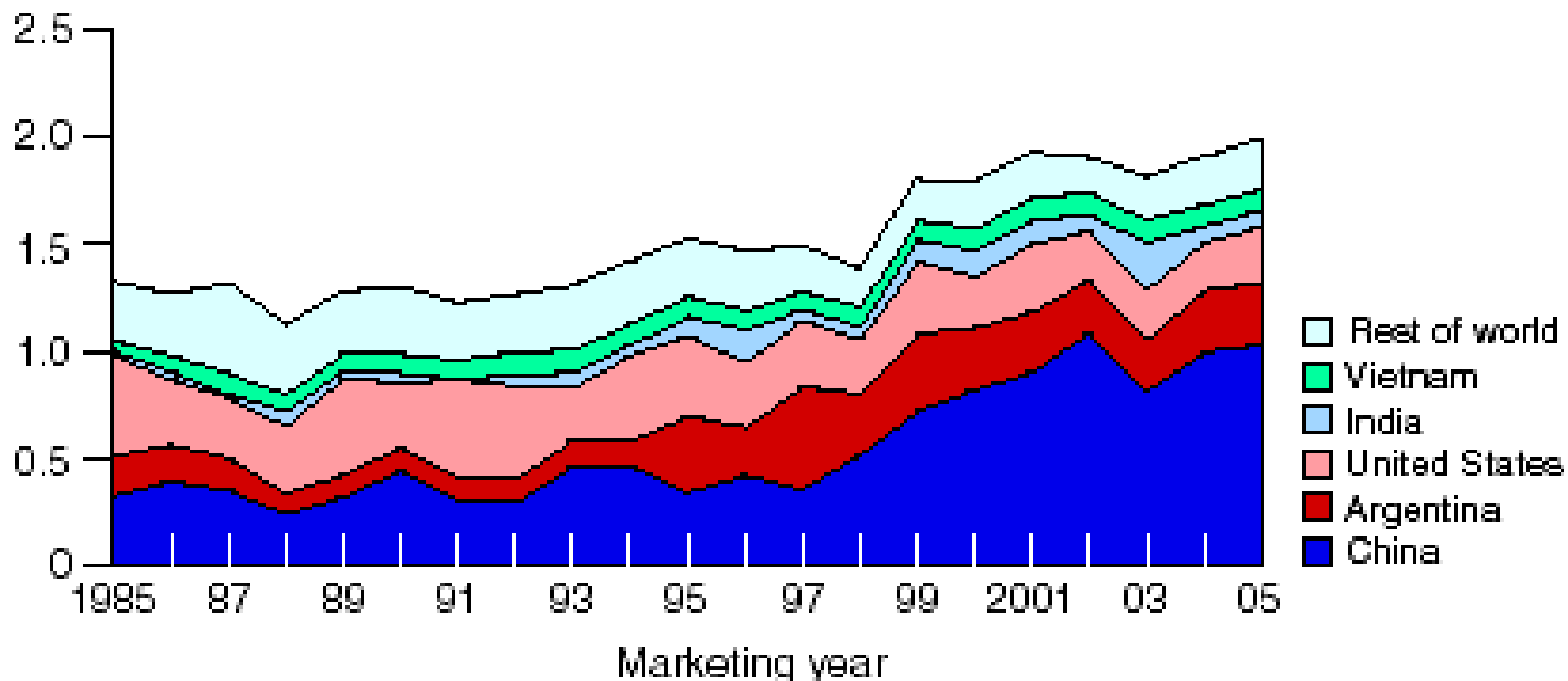
Source: USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service, "FASonline: U.S. Trade Internet System," available at <http://www.fas.usda.gov/ustrade/USTImFAS.asp?QI=/>.



Figure 11

Exports by country: China emerges as world's leading peanut exporter

Million metric tons



Source: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA, "Production, Supply and Distribution (PSD) Online."

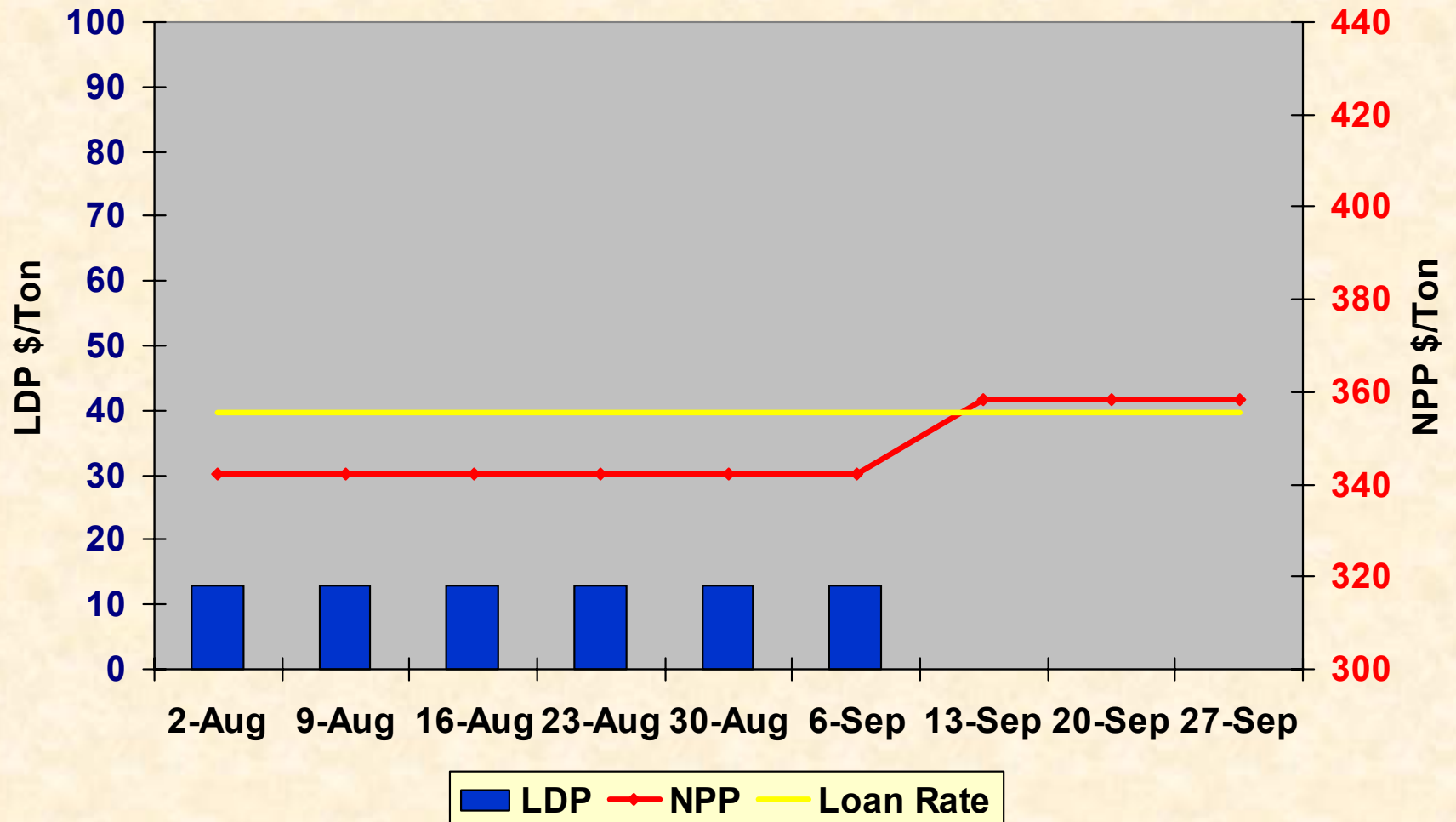


Prices

- National Posted Price is a “black box”, methodology is not revealed for fear of manipulation.
- AMS Peanut Report of weekly shelled peanut prices is being discontinued.
- NASS is moving to weekly report of peanut prices (voluntary report by shellers of total \$ amount paid per ton for peanuts). Used to determine CCP.
- “Option” contracts offered by shellers, not firm price contract but tied to repayment rate for peanuts.



National Posted Price - 2006 Crop Runner Price



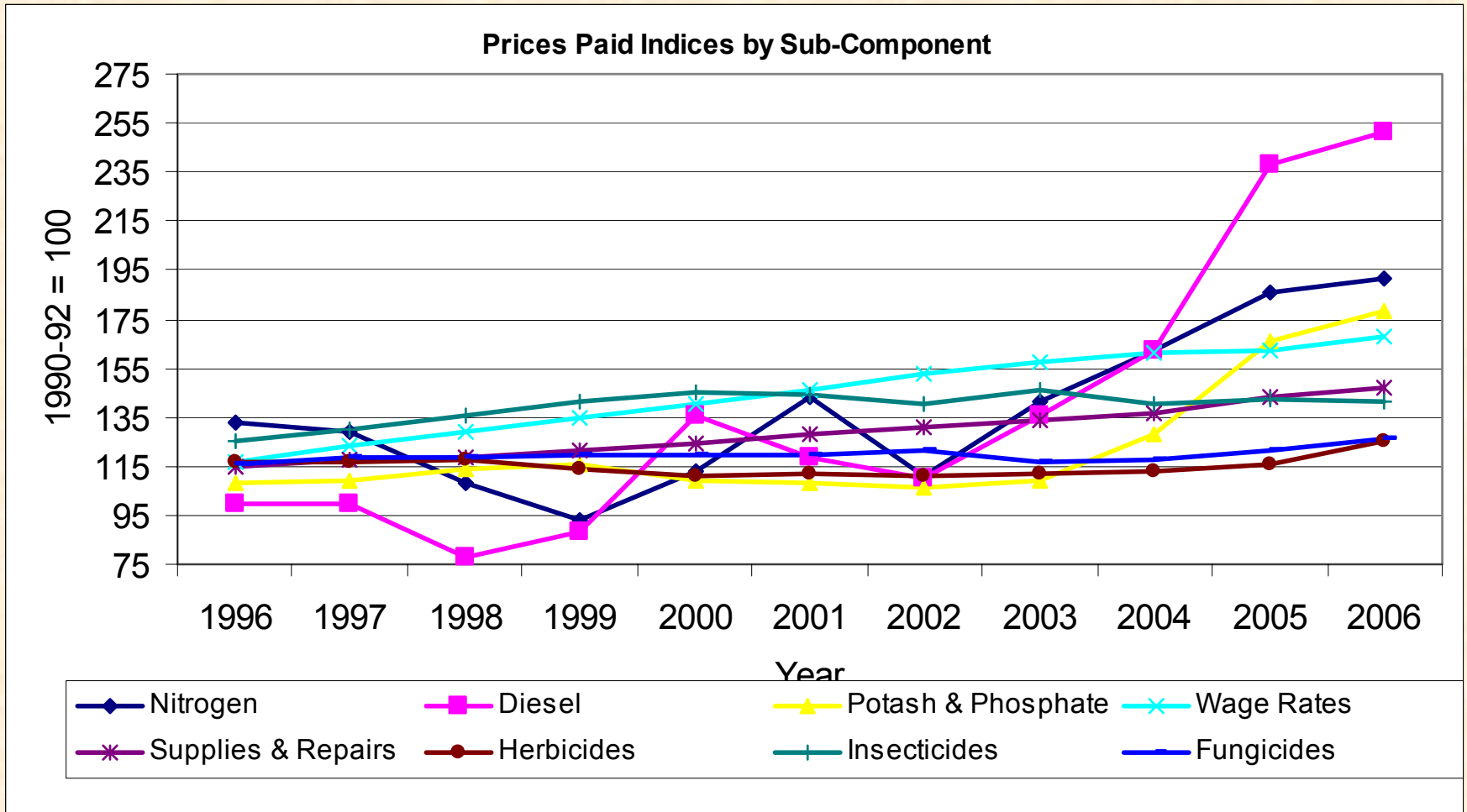


Economic Considerations for Producers

- Cost – Price Squeeze brought on by rising energy costs and surplus crop
 - Higher Fertilizer prices
 - Higher Fuel and Oil
- Fuel and energy-related prices have increased production cost 10-35% over last two years.
- Cost of technology (seed, chemicals)
- Pricing opportunities?



Energy Price Impact on the Cost of Production





2006 Cost Estimates

Based on pre-plant budgets (Spring) and educated guess of actual expenses (Fall)

Item	Dryland Peanuts		Irrigated Peanuts	
	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall
Yield (lbs.)	2500 lb	1800 lb	3700 lb	3200 lb
Var Cost	\$398/acre	\$375/acre*	\$509/acre	\$589/acre**
VC B/E	\$318/ton	\$400/ton	\$275/ton	\$368/ton
Fixed Cost	\$127/acre	\$127/acre	\$222/acre	\$222/acre
Total Cost	\$525/acre	\$502/acre	\$731/acre	\$811/acre
TC B/E	\$420/ton	\$558/ton	\$395/ton	\$507/ton

*Reduced fungicide/herbicide spray

**Additional 5 inches of water \$60 + additional insecticide \$20



Outlook

- Domestic market has slowed down but not going backwards.
- Basically consume 2 mil tons per year, around 50% of this total is carried over from 2005 crop. So have a buffer for a down year and still have enough peanuts.
- Seen some activity in shelled market of increasing prices.
- Argentina plans to increase acreage by $\sim 20\%$. Dry planting conditions.
- Cost - price squeeze experienced by producers leads to situation for 2007 where better prices will be needed to encourage peanut plantings. Cotton and corn market will have an impact on peanut acres in 2007.
- Then consider if handling and storage fees are covered by government in 2007.



Peanut Program

- Focus on Farm Bill in 2007 where grower associations have expressed wanting
 - to keep current program,
 - “fix” the National Posted Price,
 - and fund handling and storage for loan peanuts.
- Keeping a separate payment limit is also a key issue for peanuts.

Thank You

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