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Sorghum Experience
Beaver Creek Colorado

U.S. Sorghum
Market Overview



Today's Discussion Topics,

- Overview
- Production
- Logistics
- Exports
- Crop Quality
- Sorghum PS&D
- Sorghum World View
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- Corn World View
- Why Sorghum
- Branding
- Information Sources
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- Q and A

Sorghum Overview,

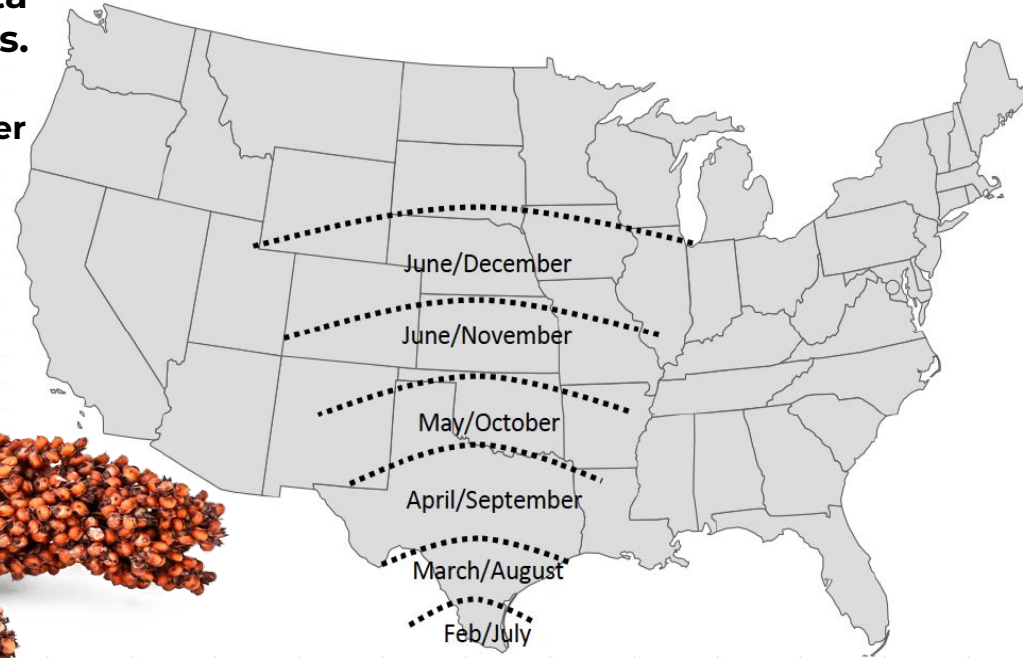
Sorghum in the U.S.,

Sorghum is traditionally grown throughout the Sorghum Belt, which runs from South Dakota to Southern Texas, primarily on dryland acres.

- The United States is the **world's largest producer** of grain sorghum.
- The top five sorghum producing states include: **Kansas, Texas**, Colorado, Oklahoma and South Dakota



U.S. Sorghum Planting and Harvest Schedule



The Resource Conserving Crop®,

The Sorghum Checkoff trademarked “The Resource Conserving Crop®” and is a high residue crop that conserves soil moisture and reduces water needs.

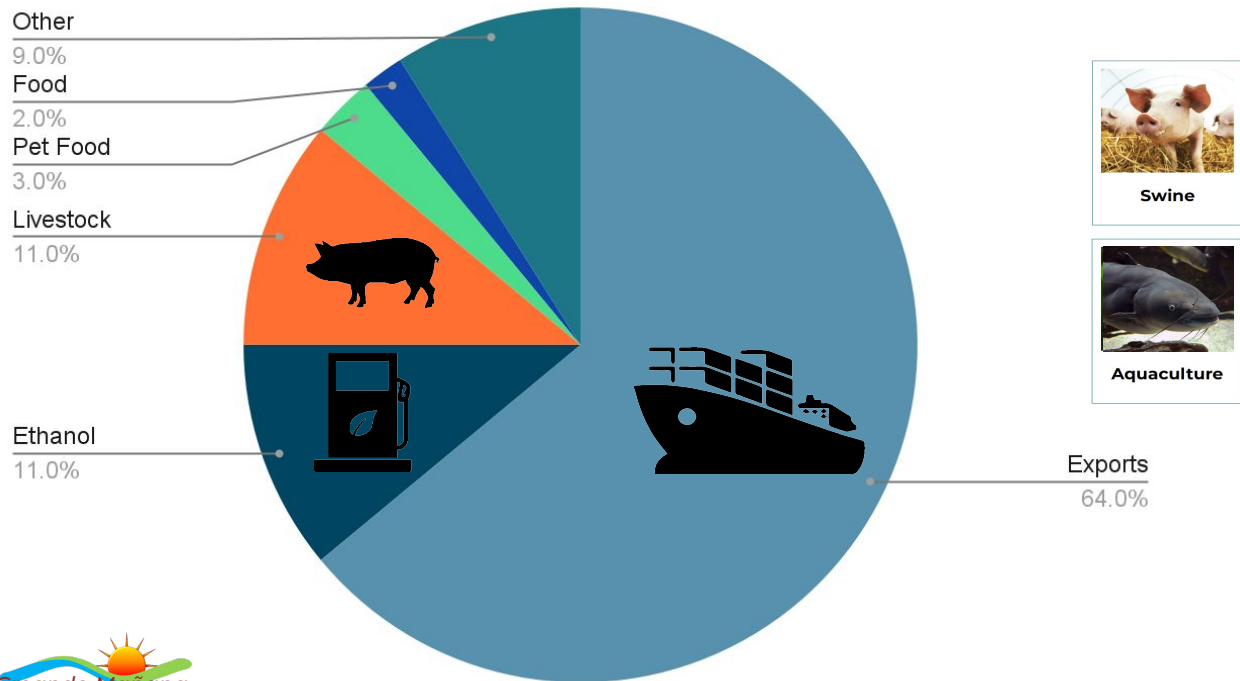
Environmental benefits include:

- **Saving Water:** Climate resilient, water-efficient, and requires 30% less water than other grains.
- Nationally, 91% of sorghum acres are fed by rain alone.
- **Building Soil Health:** Sorghum helps regenerate soil with increased organic matter, enabling it to retain more important soil nutrients and moisture.
- **Restoring Our Environment:** Sorghum removes harmful carbon from the atmosphere and stores it safely in the soil, cleaning our air and helping to fight climate change.
- **Supporting Robust Ecosystems:** Sorghum helps wildlife populations thrive as a preferred food choice for quail, pheasants and many other species of birds and deer.



U.S Sorghum Markets,

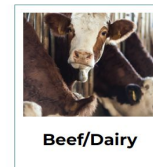
Exports by far remain the primary consumer of U.S. sorghum. Exports are predominantly used in the livestock industry as an equal replacement for corn.



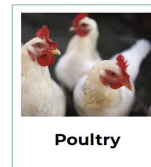
Swine



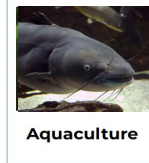
Pet Food



Beef/Dairy



Poultry



Aquaculture



Renewables



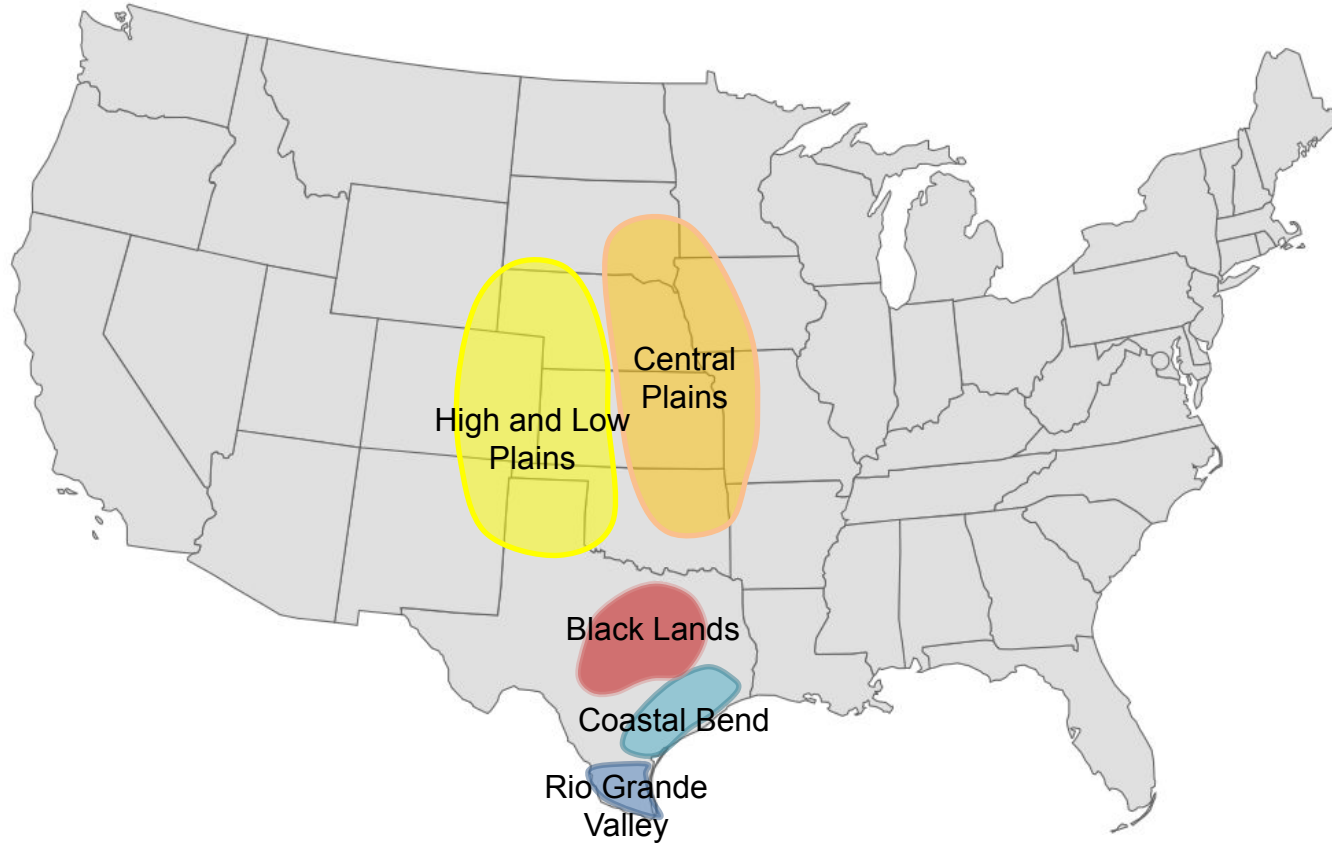
Alcohol



Consumer Food

Sorghum Production,

Sorghum Production Areas,



Rio Grande Valley Production,



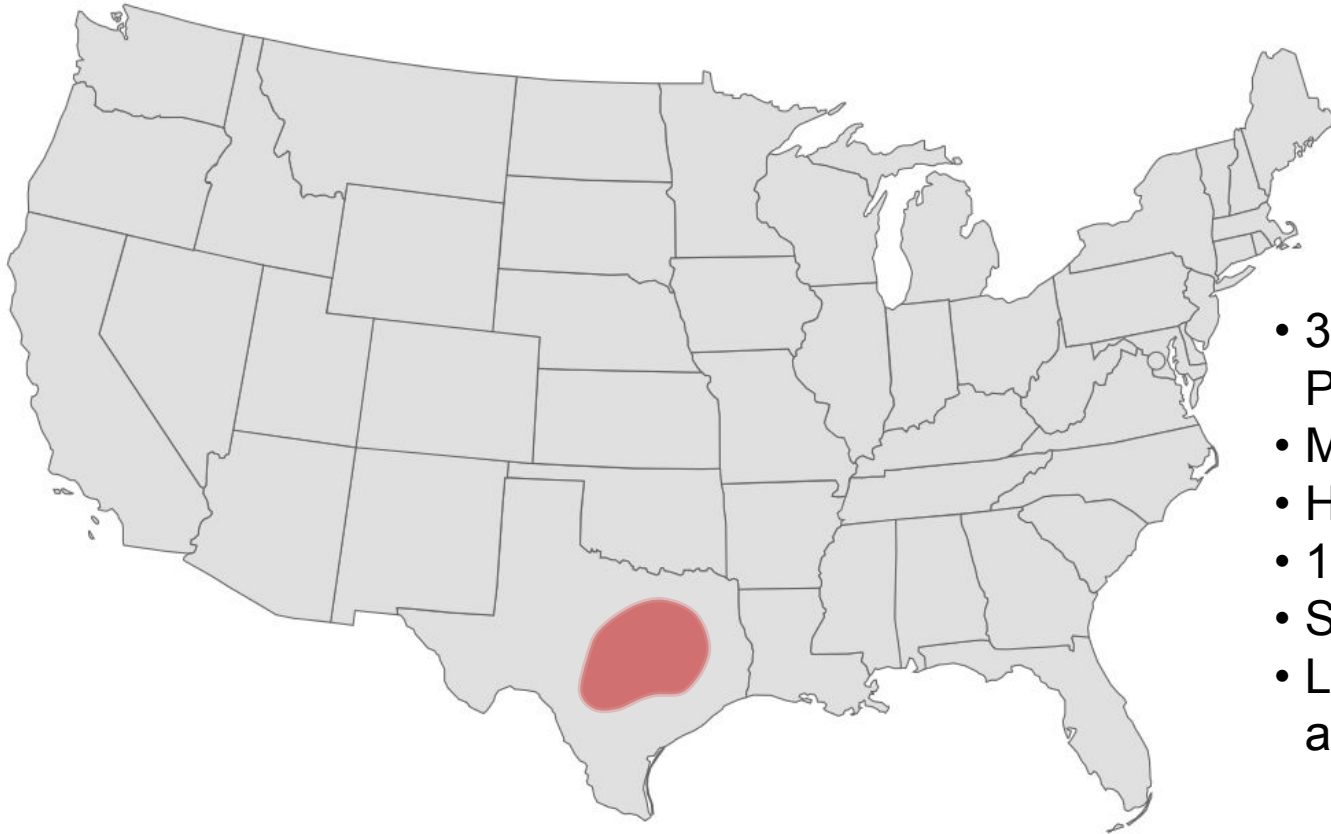
- 400,000 MT Average Production
- February planting
- Harvest July
- 100% red sorghum
- Storage short
- Field dry, harvest aid

Coastal Bend Production,



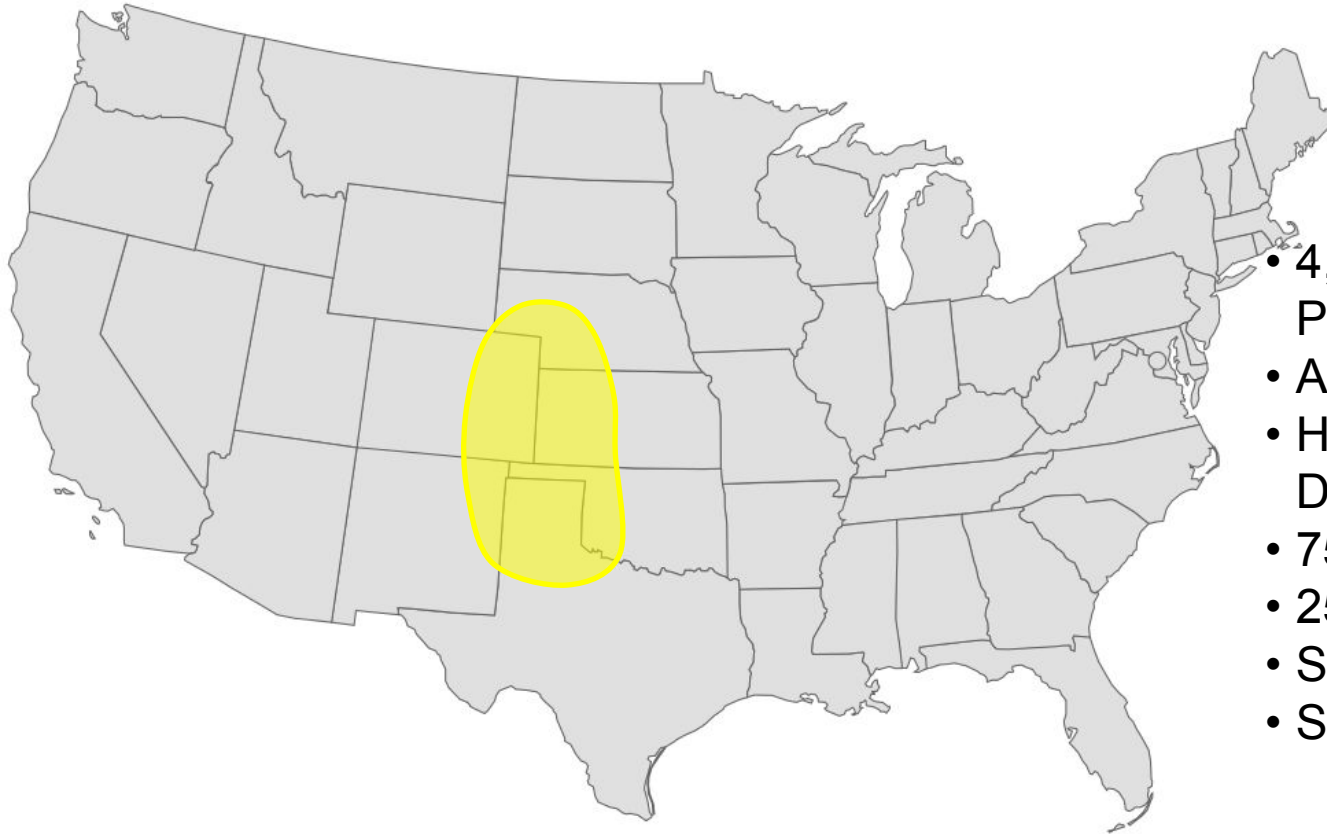
- 850,000 MT Average Production
- February planting
- Harvest July
- 100% red sorghum
- Storage short
- Field dry, harvest aid

Black Lands Production,



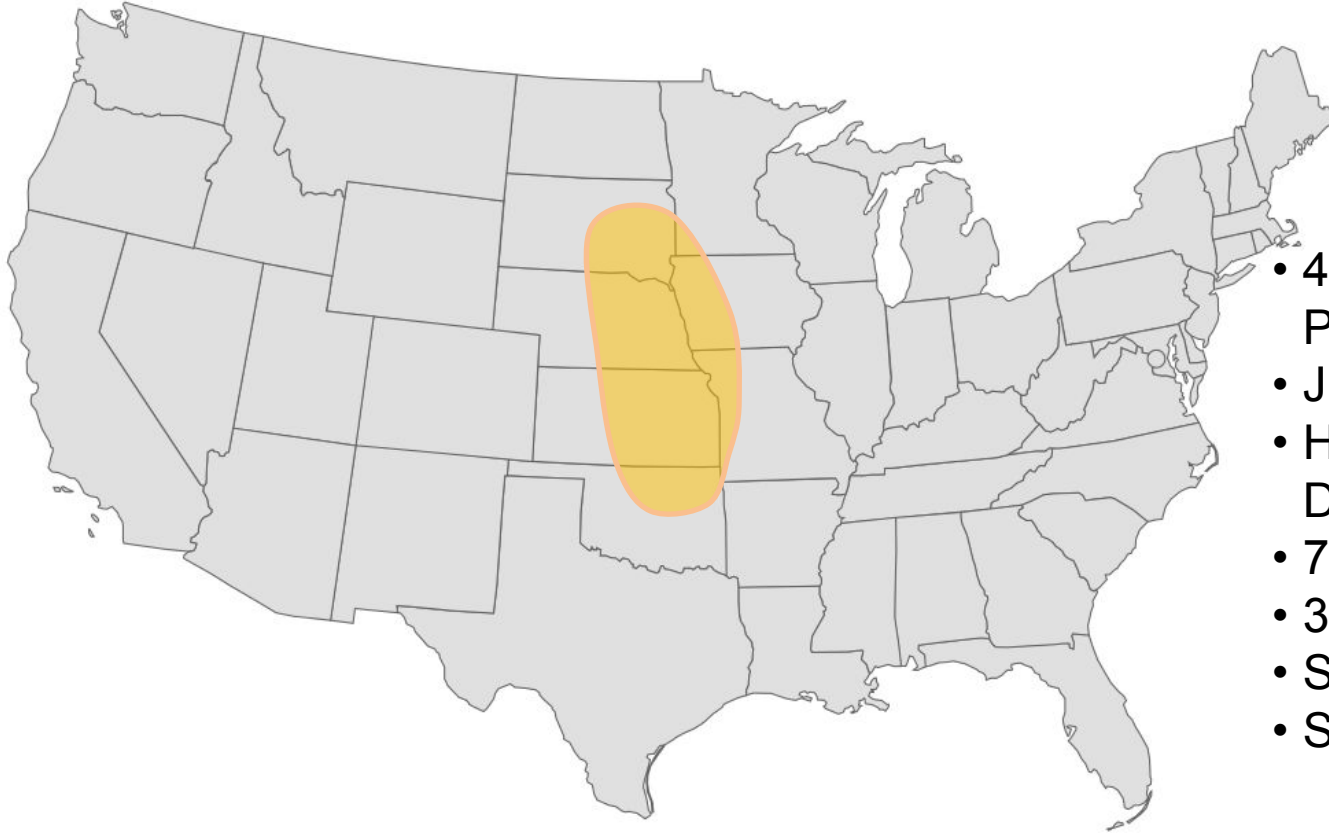
- 350,000 MT Average Production
- March planting
- Harvest July/August
- 100% red sorghum
- Storage adequate
- Limited drying, harvest aid

High and Low Plains Production,



- 4,000,000 MT Average Production
- April - July planting
- Harvest October - December
- 75% red sorghum
- 25% white sorghum
- Storage adequate
- Substantial drying

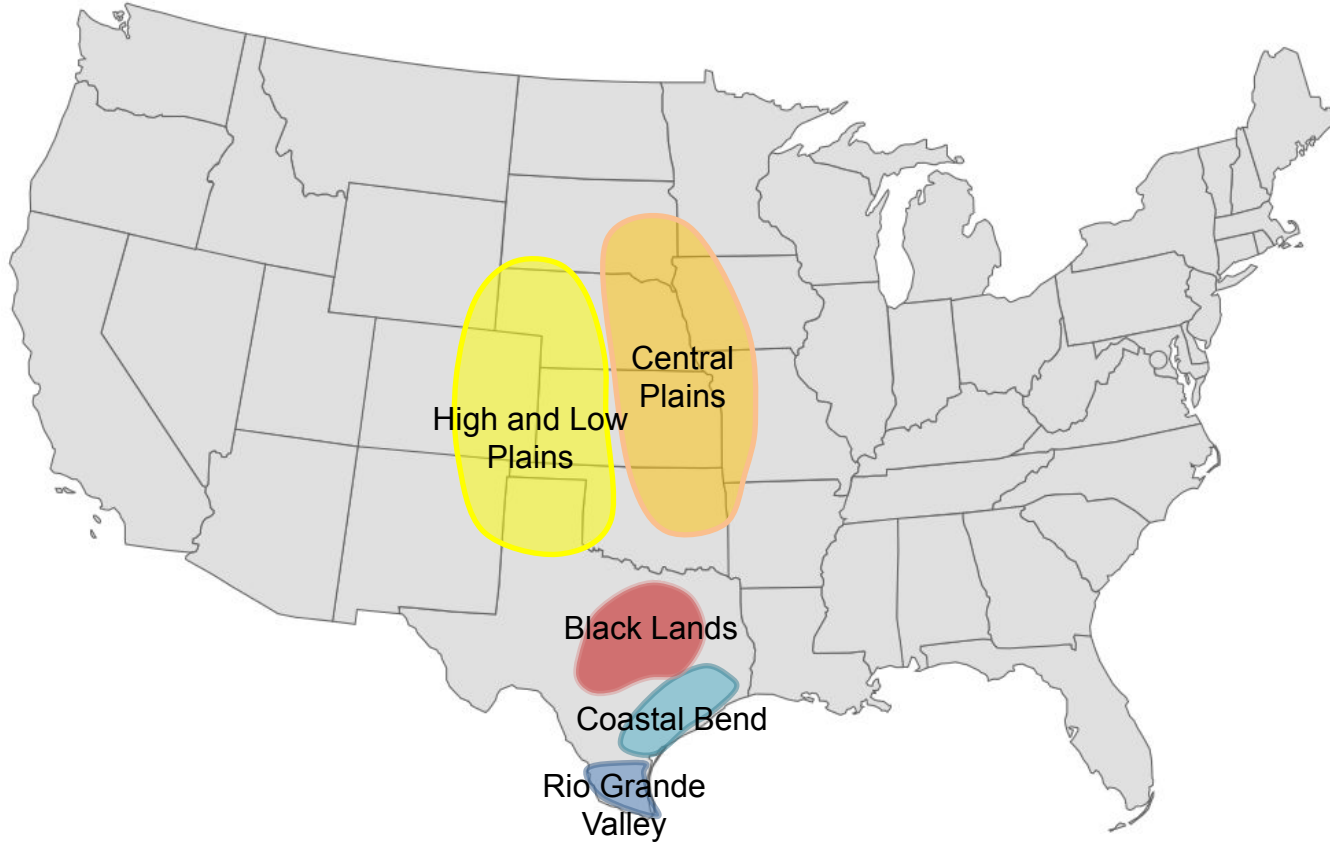
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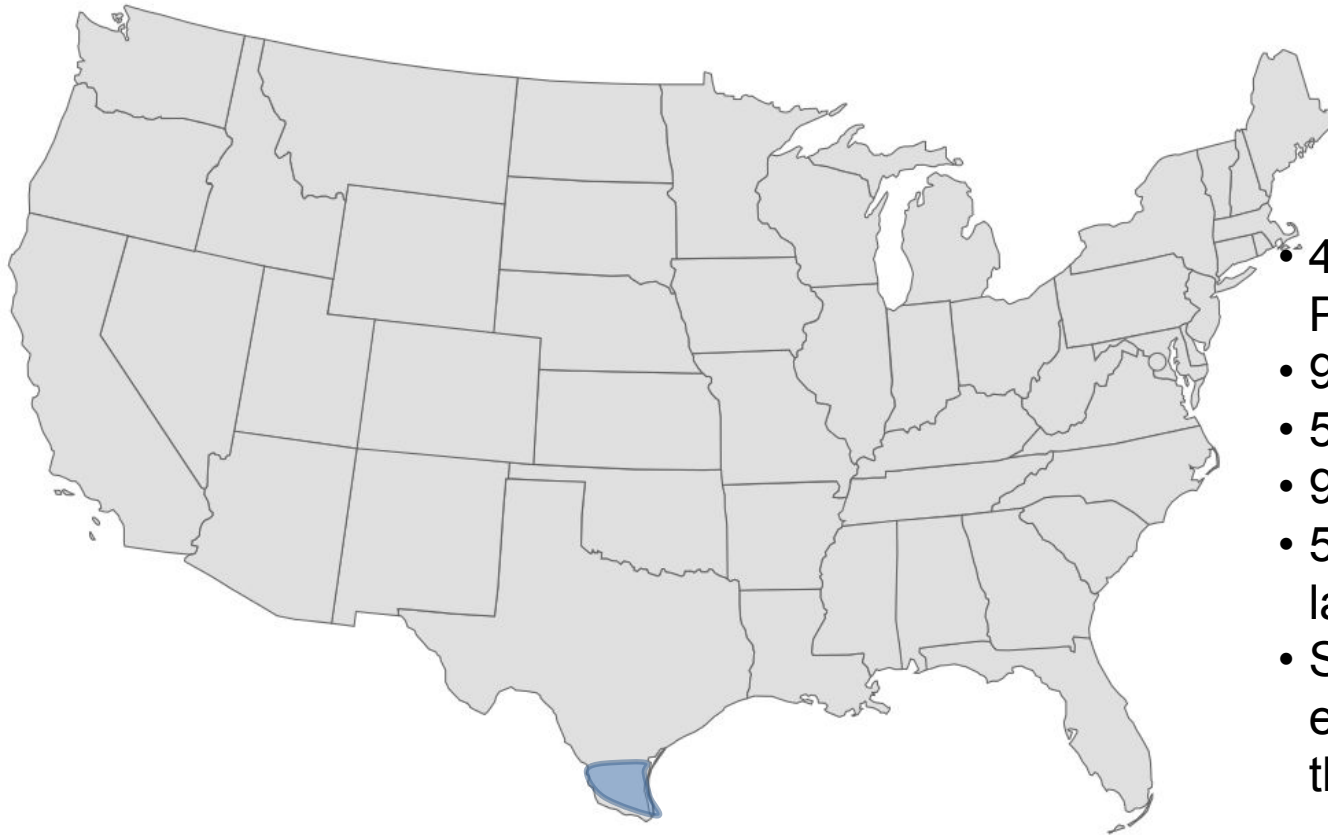
- 4,000,000 MT Average Production
- June - August planting
- Harvest November - December
- 70% red sorghum
- 30% white sorghum
- Storage adequate
- Substantial drying

Sorghum Logistics,

Sorghum Logistics by Area,

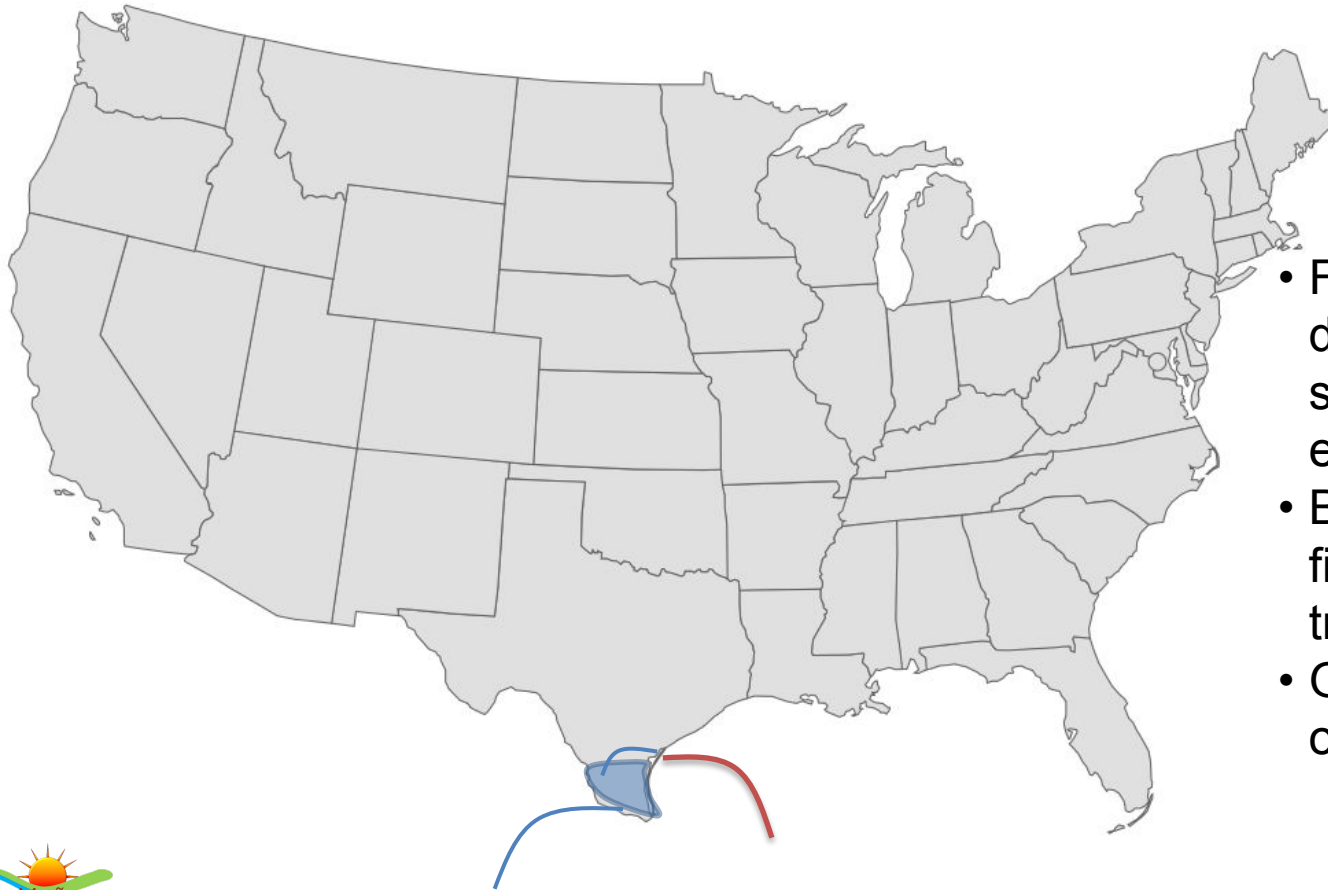


Rio Grande Valley Logistics,



- 400,000 MT Average Production
- 95% exported
- 5% local use
- 95% traded at harvest
- 5% farmer stored for later sale
- Short storage – exporting direct from the field

Rio Grande Valley Logistics,



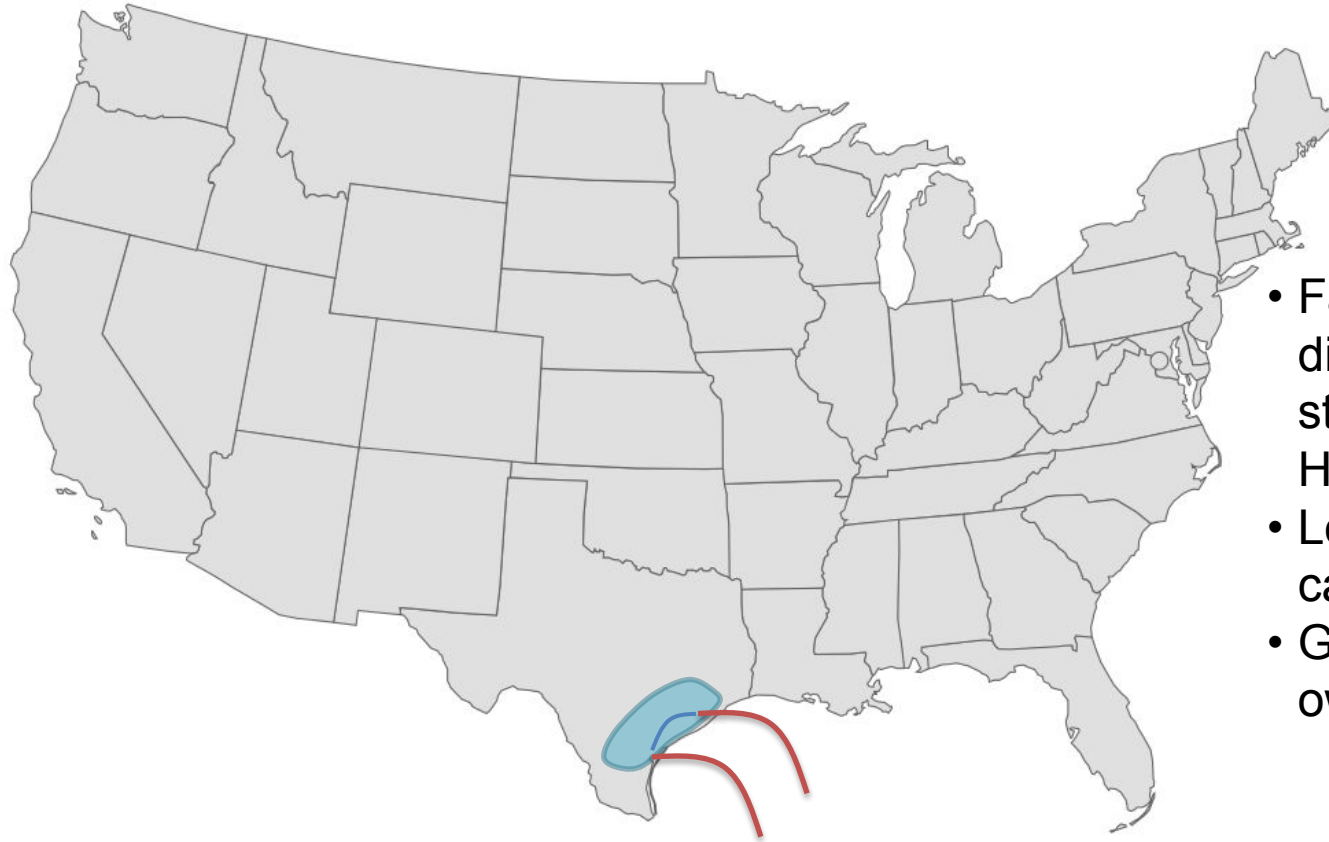
- Farmer delivers directly to owned storage, port (CC), or elevator
- Buyer pickup in the field for the Mexico truck market
- Generally one or two ownership points

Coastal Bend Logistics,



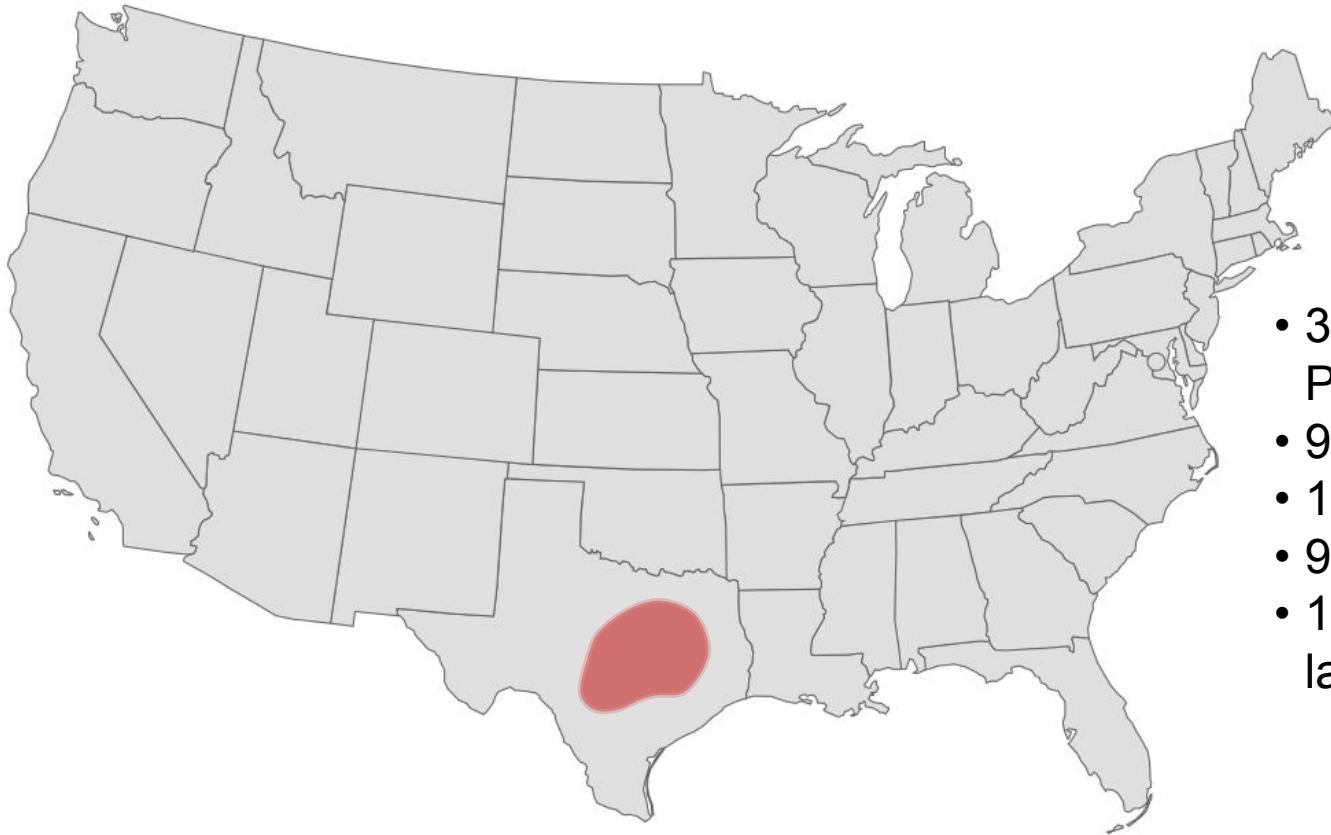
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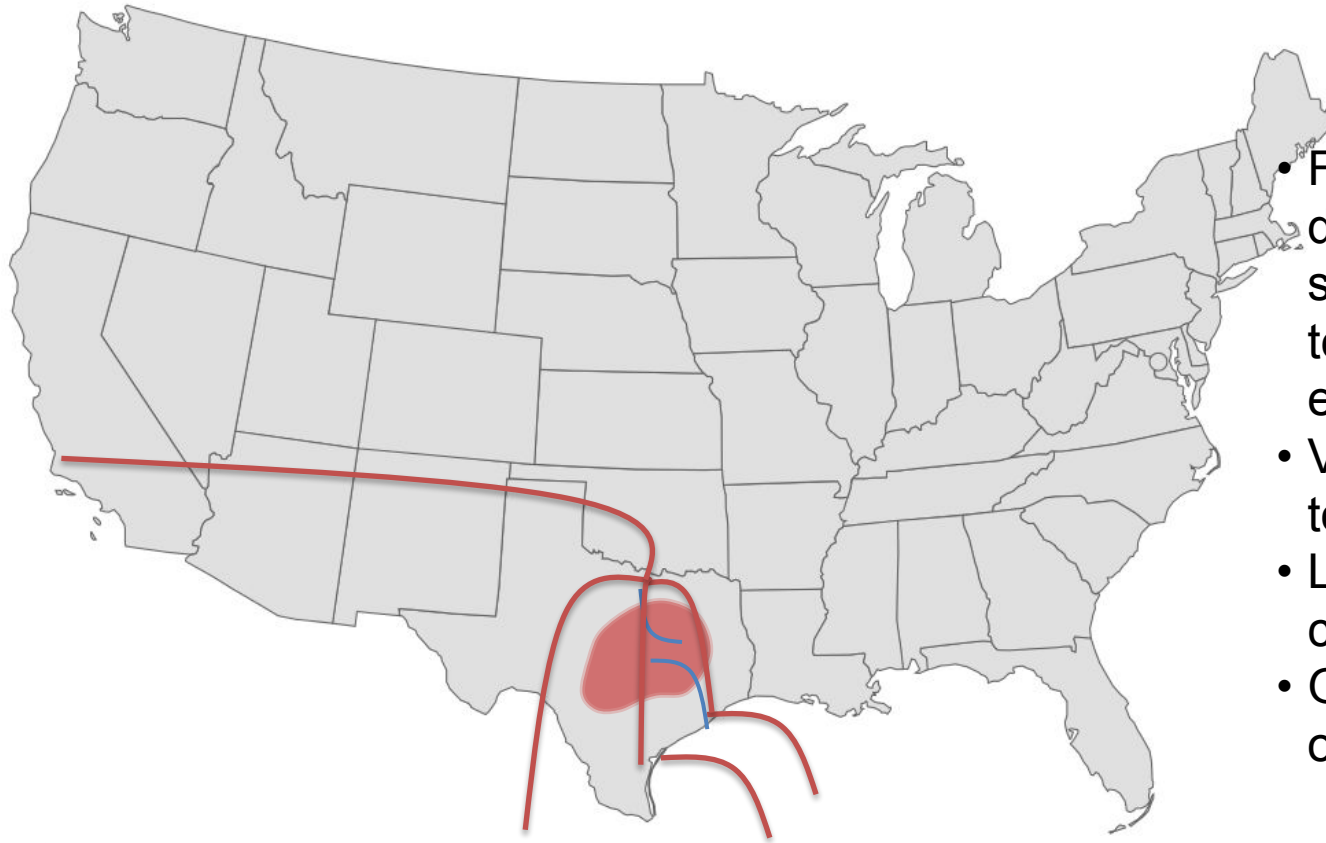
- Farmer delivers directly to owned storage, port (CC or Houston), or elevator
- Local use into beef cattle
- Generally one or two ownership points

Black Lands Logistics,



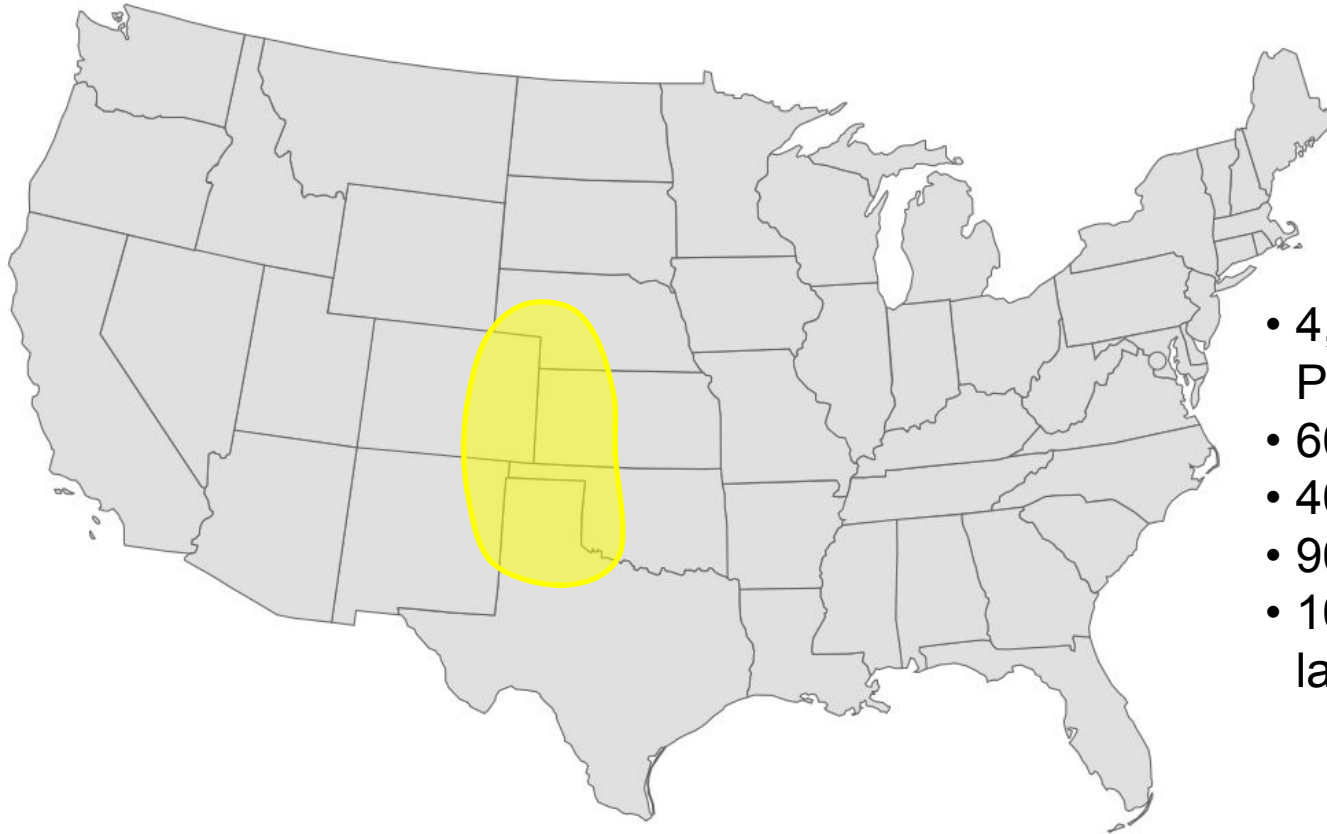
- 350,000 MT Average Production
- 90% exported
- 10% local use
- 90% traded at harvest
- 10% farmer stored for later sale

Black Lands Logistics,



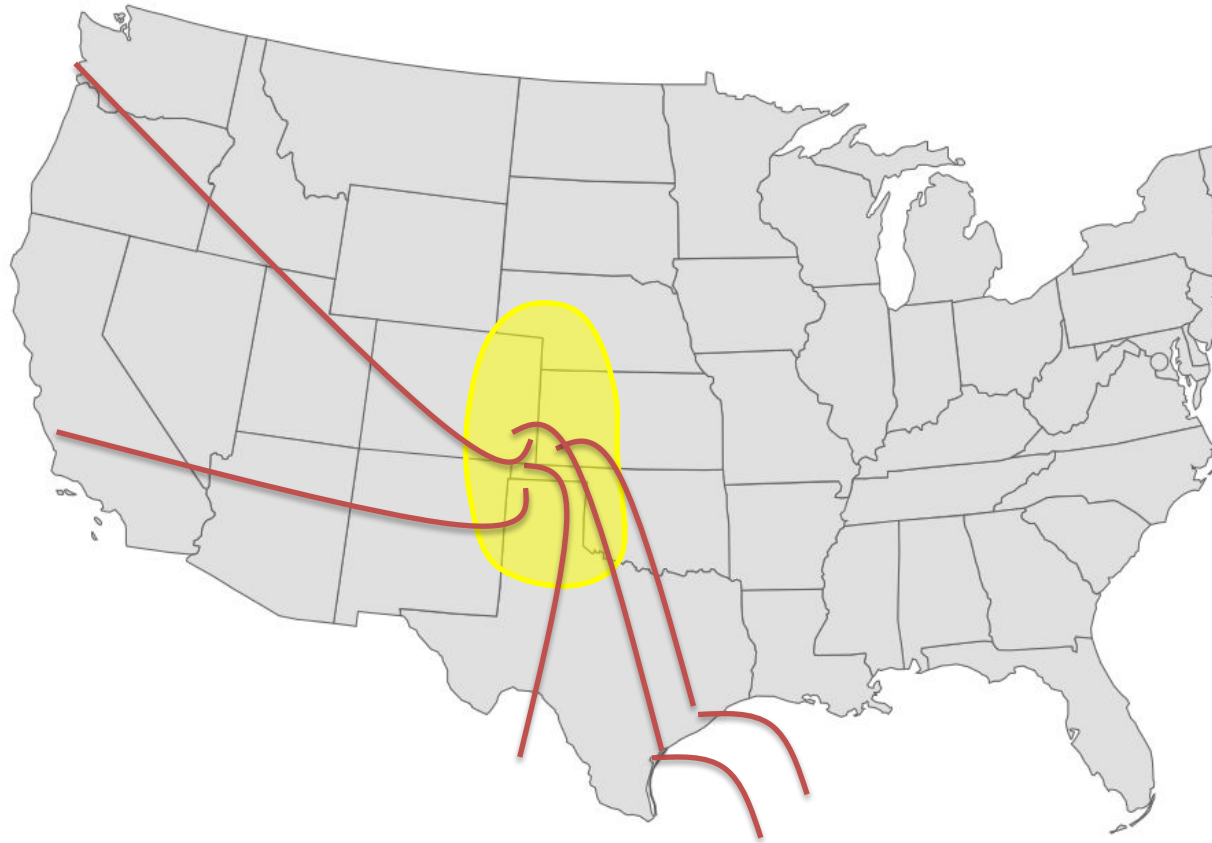
- Farmer delivers directly to owned storage, regional terminal, end-user, or elevator
- Very limited containers to West Coast
- Local use into beef cattle, poultry, pet food
- Generally one or two ownership points

High and Low Plains Logistics,



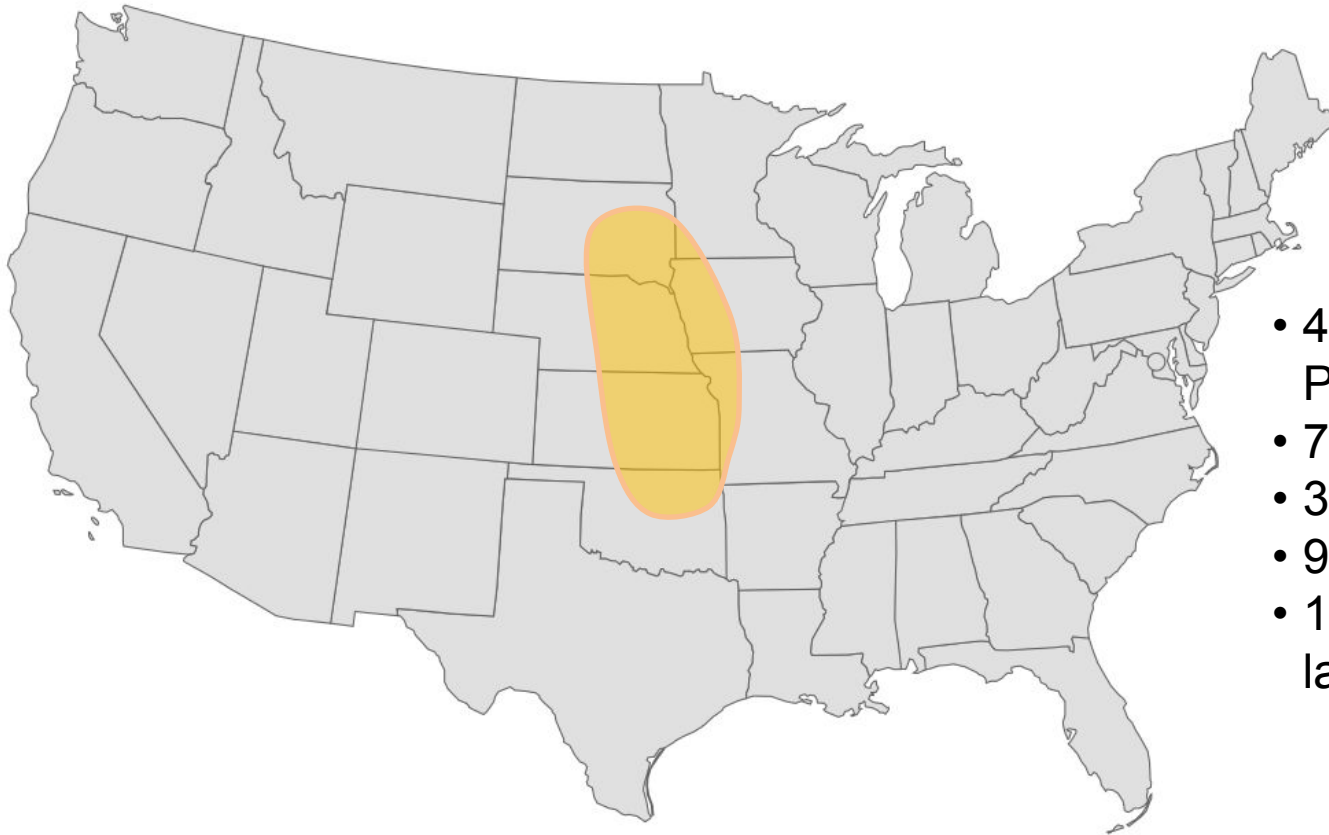
- 4,000,000 MT Average Production
- 60% exported
- 40% local use
- 90% traded at harvest
- 10% farmer stored for later sale

High and Low Plains Logistics,



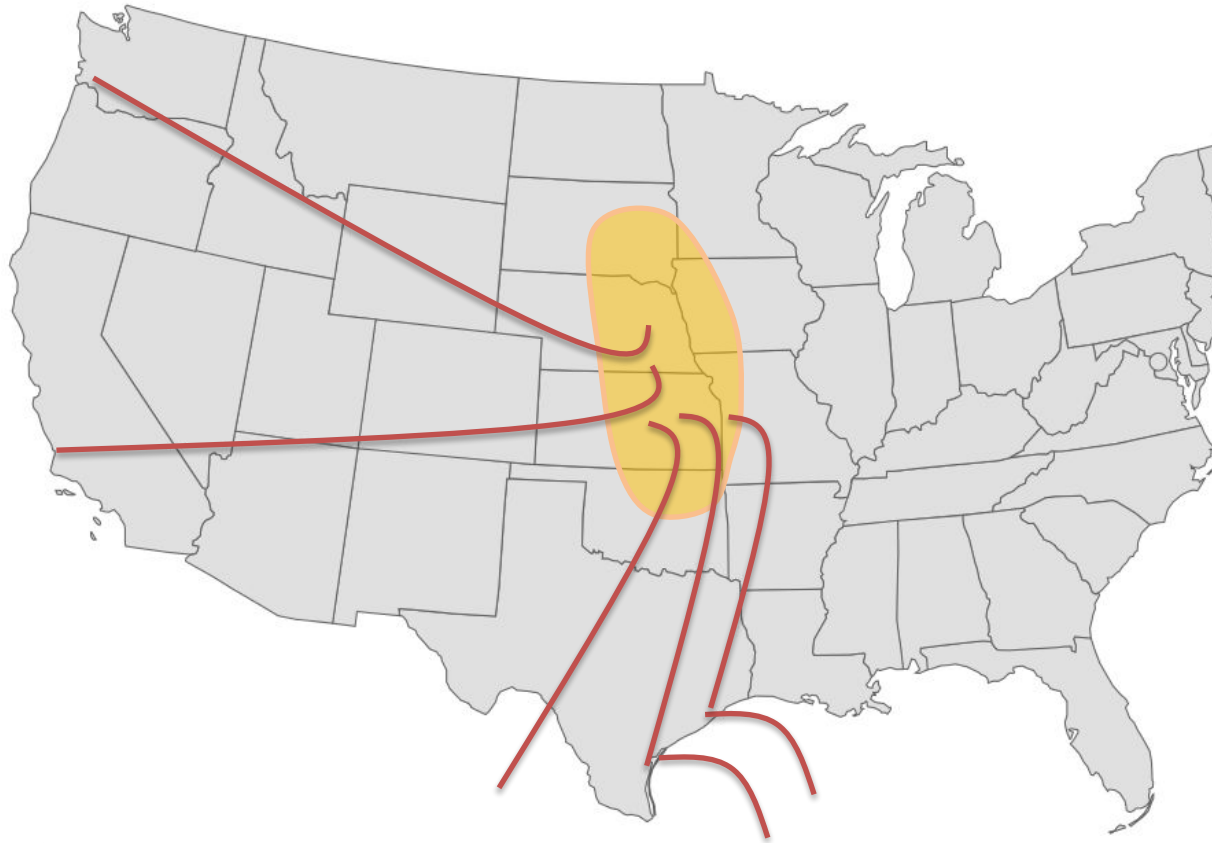
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- Very limited containers to West Coast
- Local use into beef cattle, ethanol
- Multiple changes in ownership of most grain, up to 5 or 6

Central Plains Logistics,



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Central Plains Logistics,

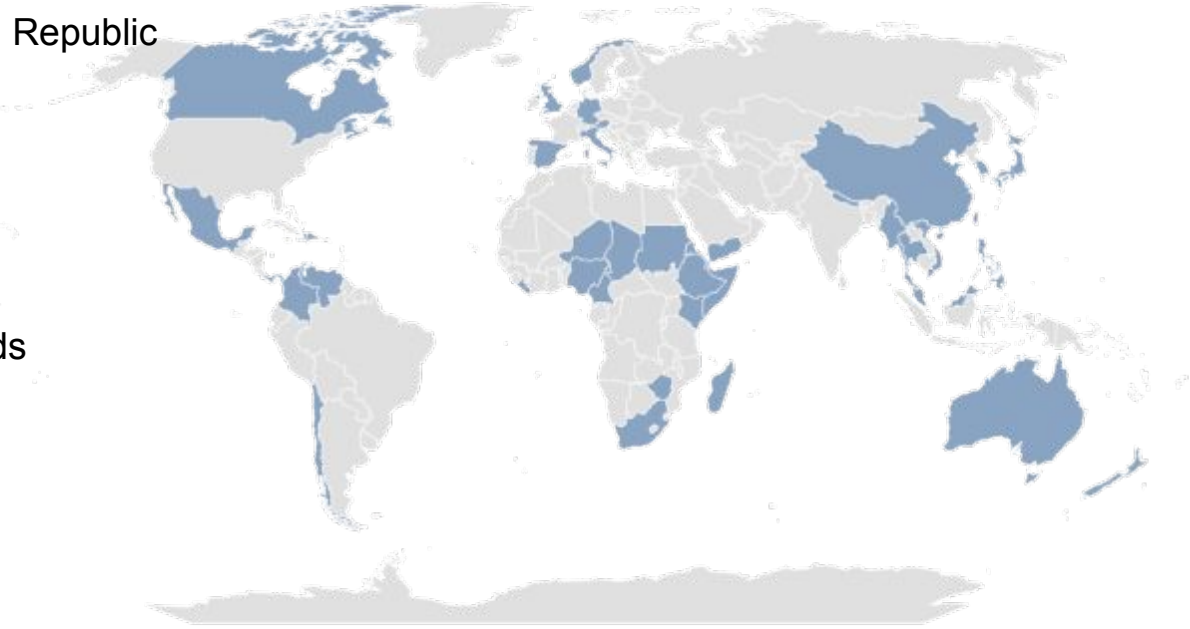


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- Containers to West Coast
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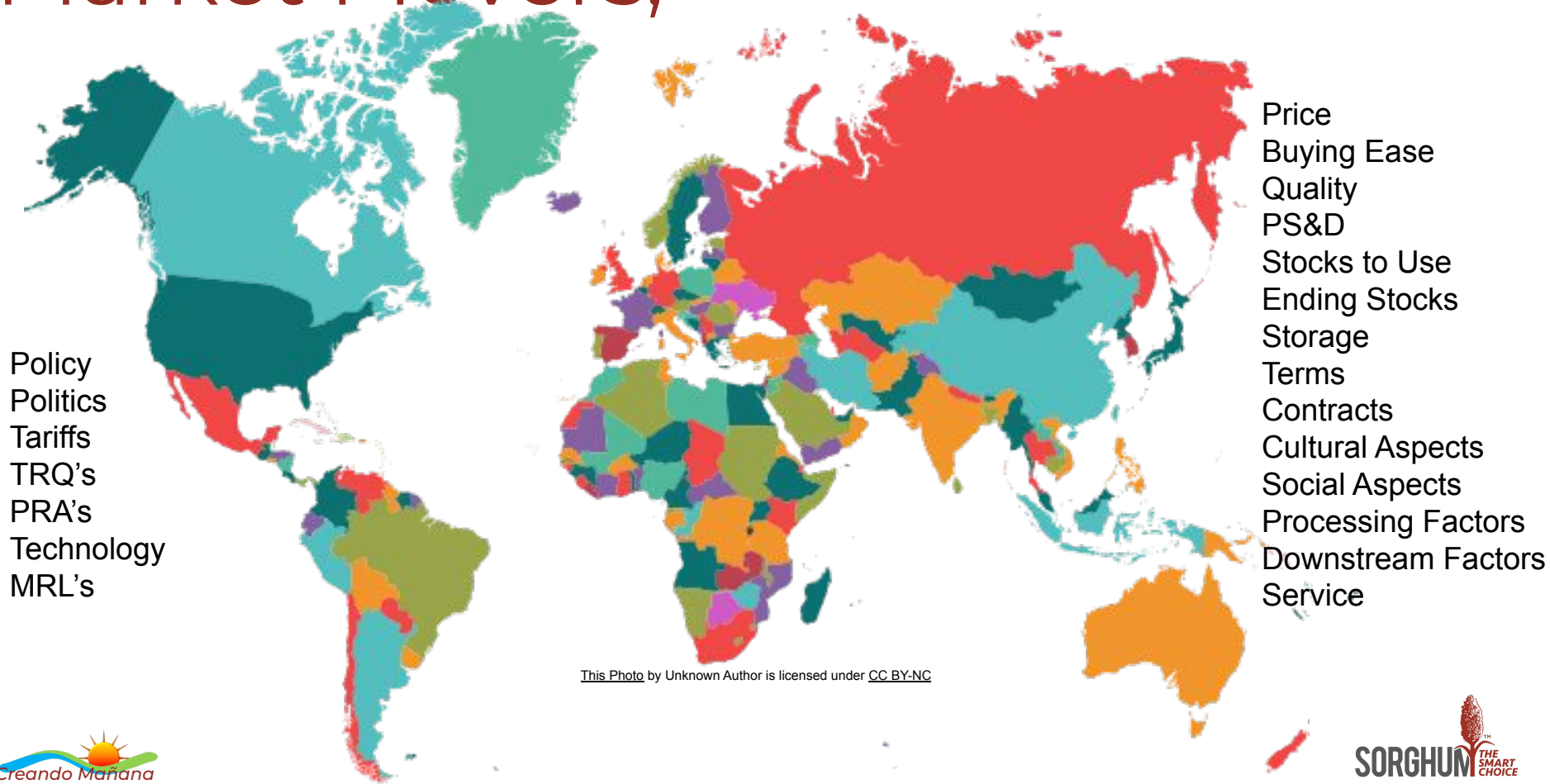
Exports,

Sorghum Import Countries Including Food AID, 2017 - Current,

China	Italy	Dominican Republic
Mexico	New Zealand	Chile
Sudan	Canada	Panama
Japan	Nigeria	Austria
Spain	Haiti	Norway
Eritrea	Chad	Venezuela
Djibouti	Nepal	Barbados
Somalia	Korea, South	Netherlands
South Africa	Philippines	Antilles
Kenya	Niger	Taiwan
Ethiopia	Malaysia	Germany
Cameroon	Thailand	Colombia
Zimbabwe	Liberia	Burma
Madagascar	Hong Kong	Vietnam
Yemen	United Kingdom	Australia



Market Movers,



China Multiple Markets,



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Vietnam Pangasius Market,

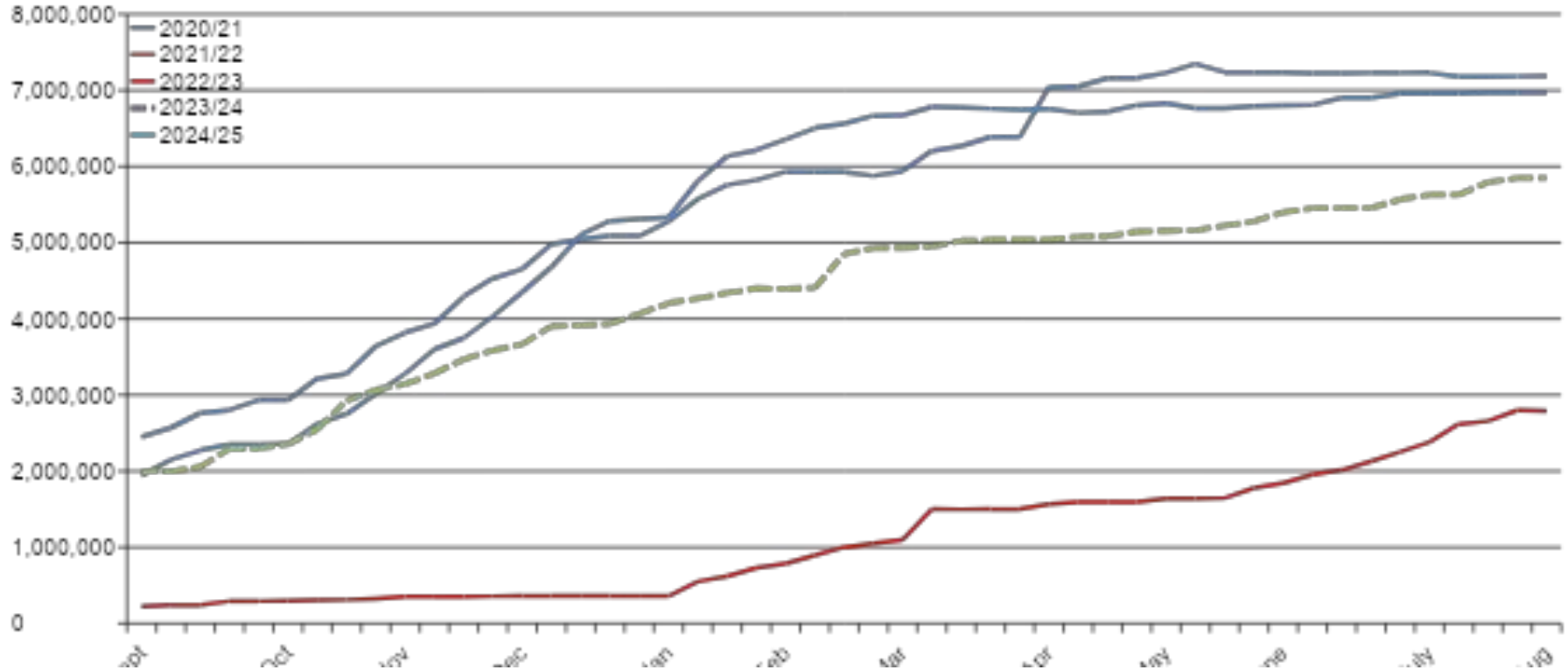


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Sorghum Export Facilities,

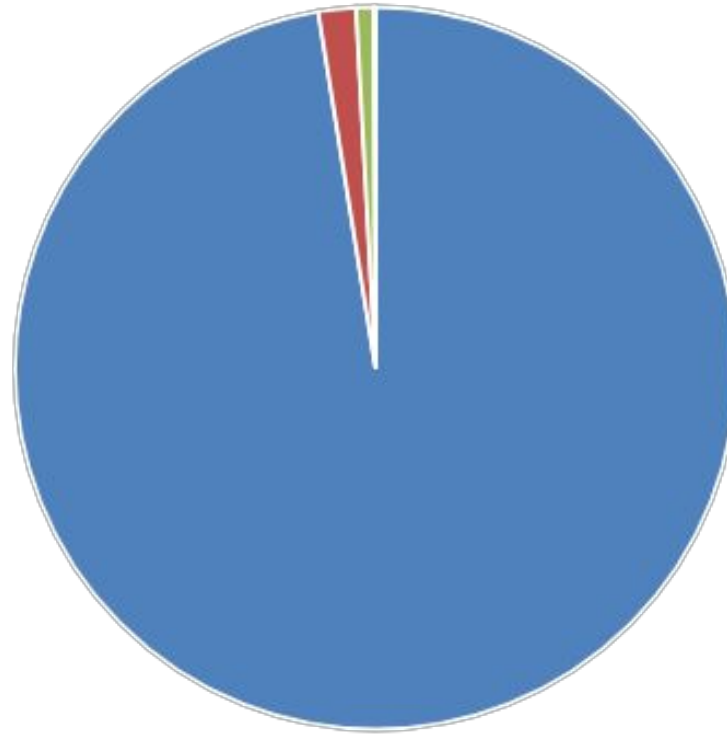


U.S. Sorghum Commitments,



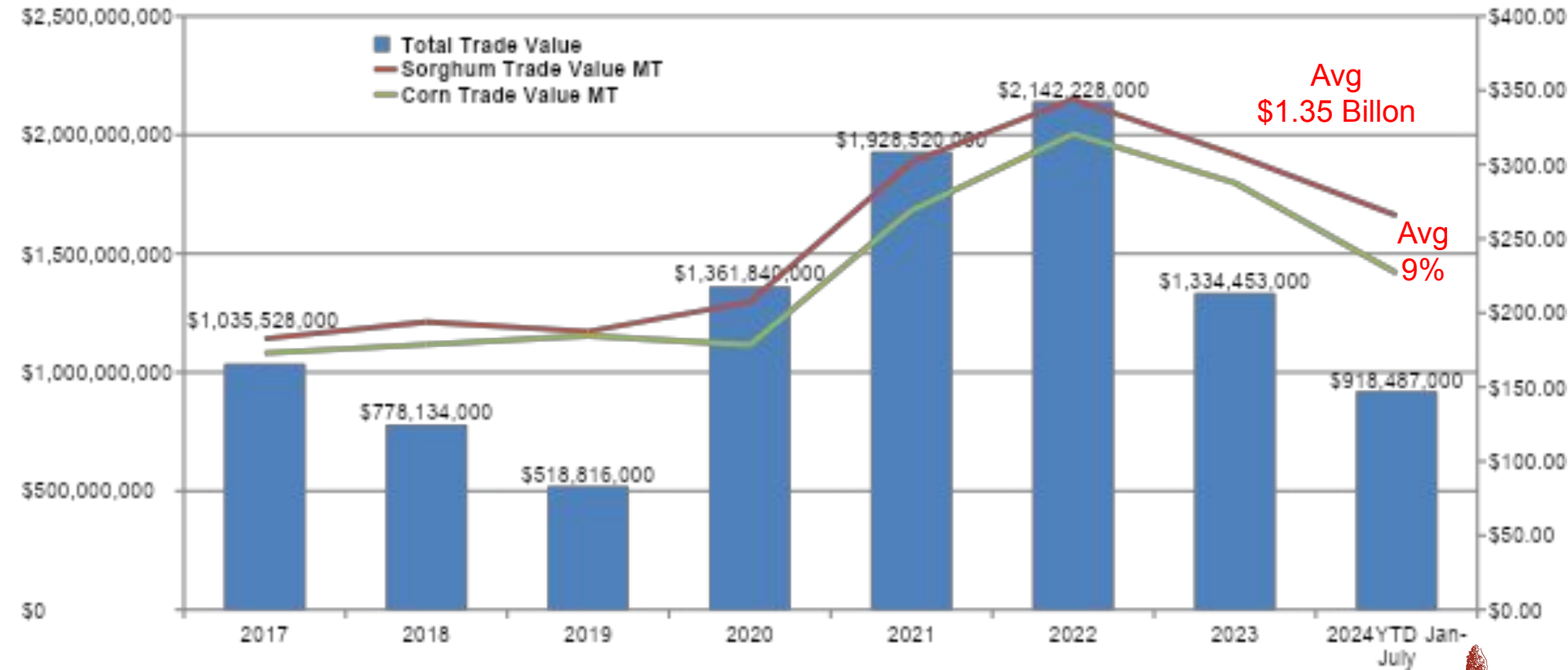
U.S. Sorghum Export Countries,

YTDMY 2023-24 - % of Total Sales

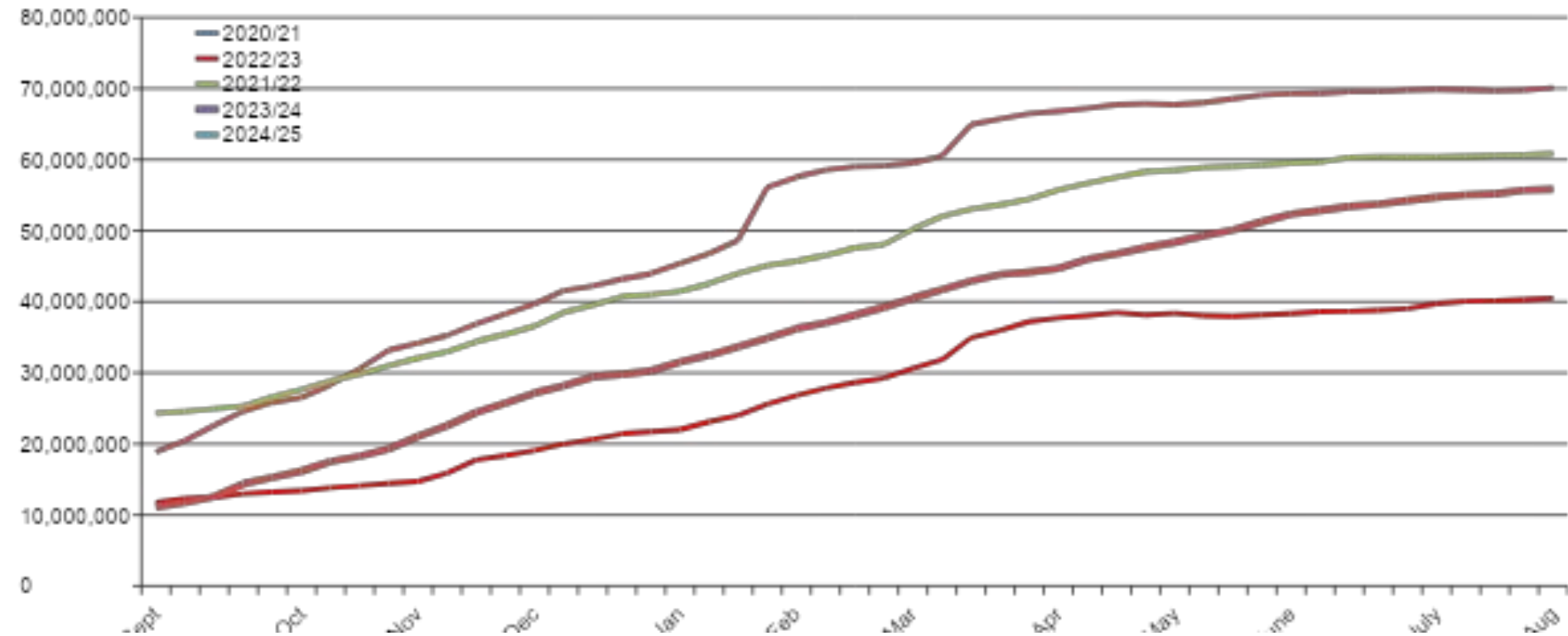


■ China ■ Eritrea ■ Japan ■ Mexico

Sorghum Export Value,

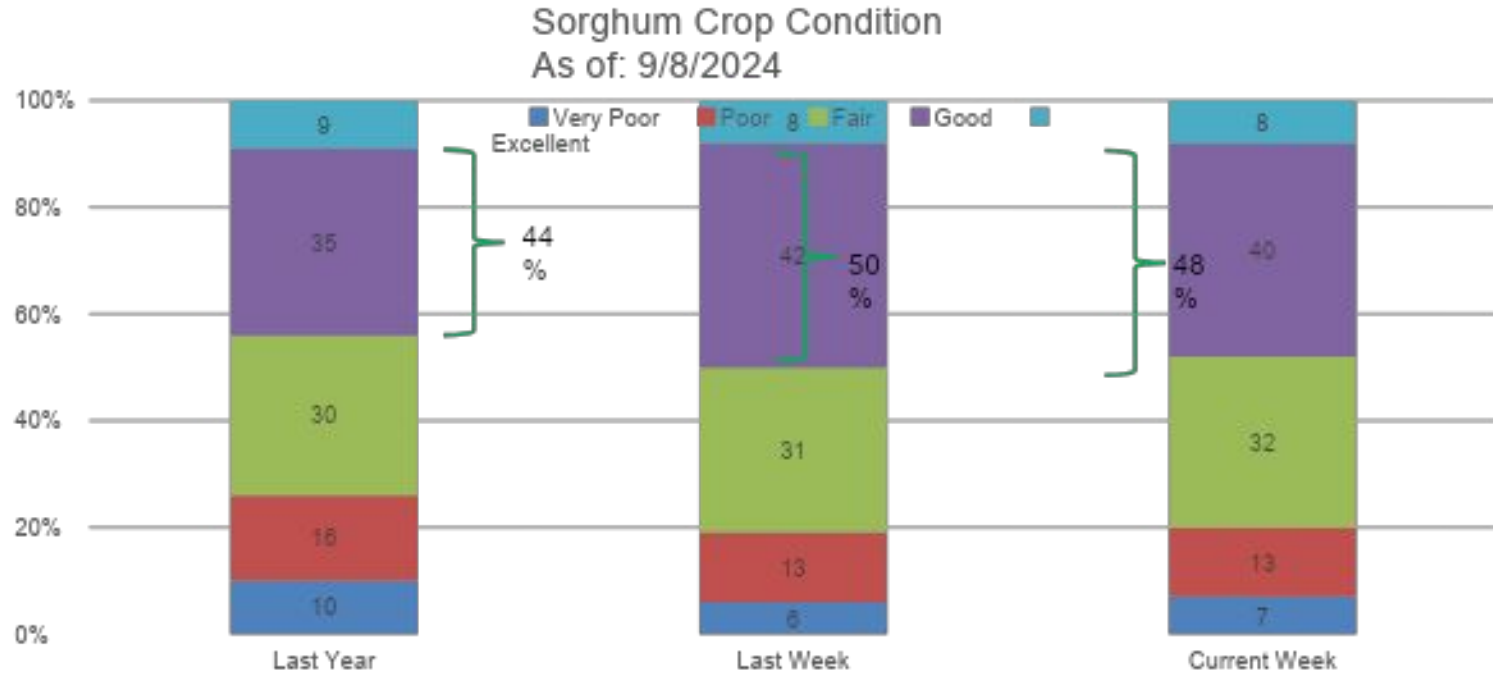


U.S. Corn Commitments,



Current Crop Quality,

U.S. Current Sorghum Quality,

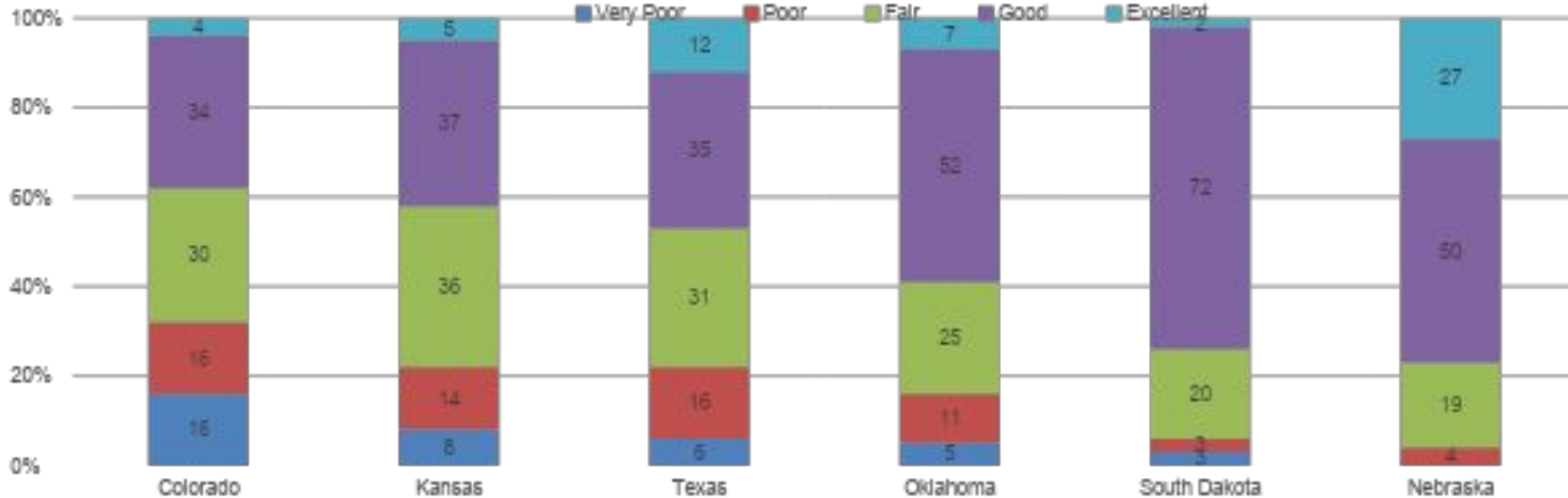


USDA Data



U.S. Current Sorghum Quality,

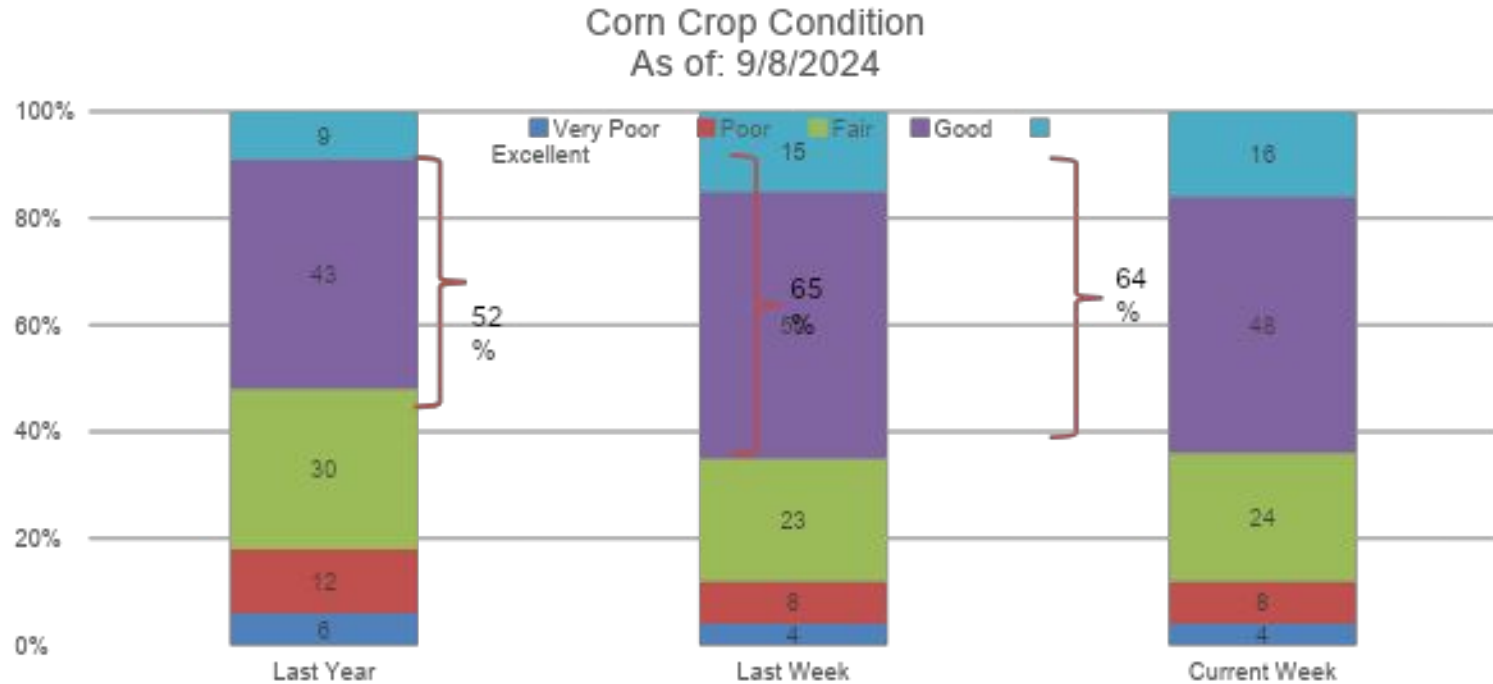
Sorghum Crop Condition
As of: 9/8/2024



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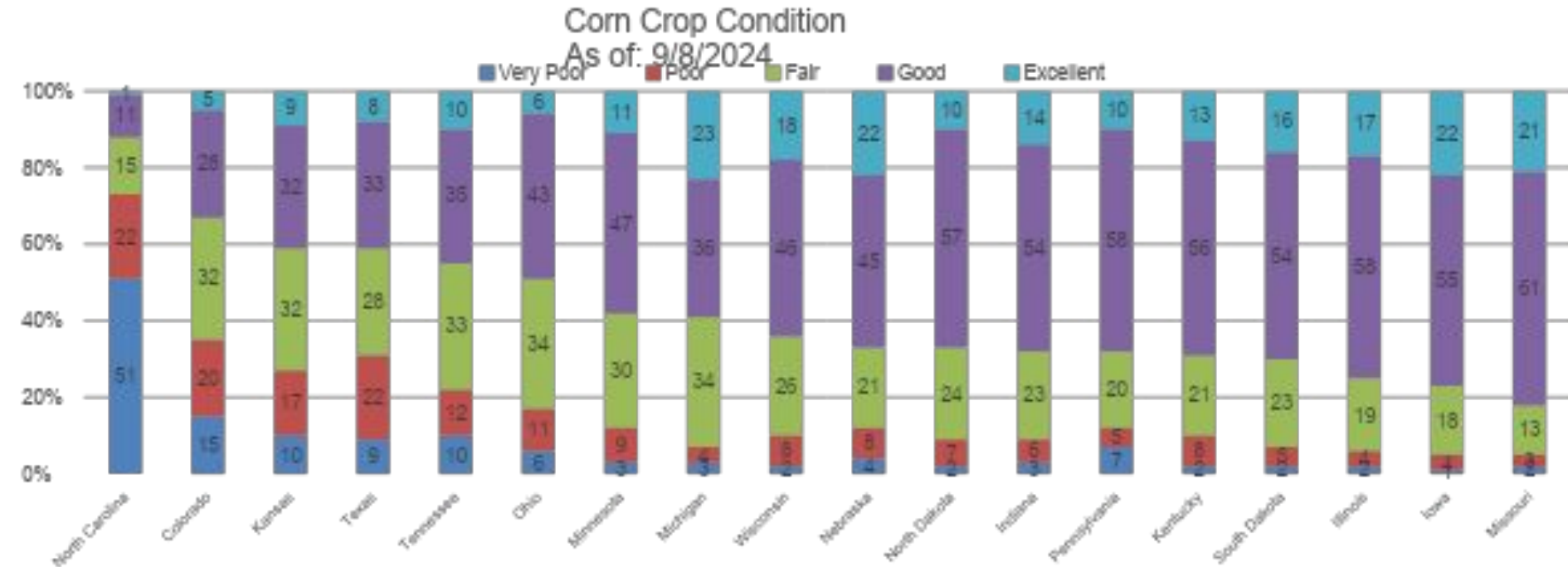
U.S. Current Corn Quality,



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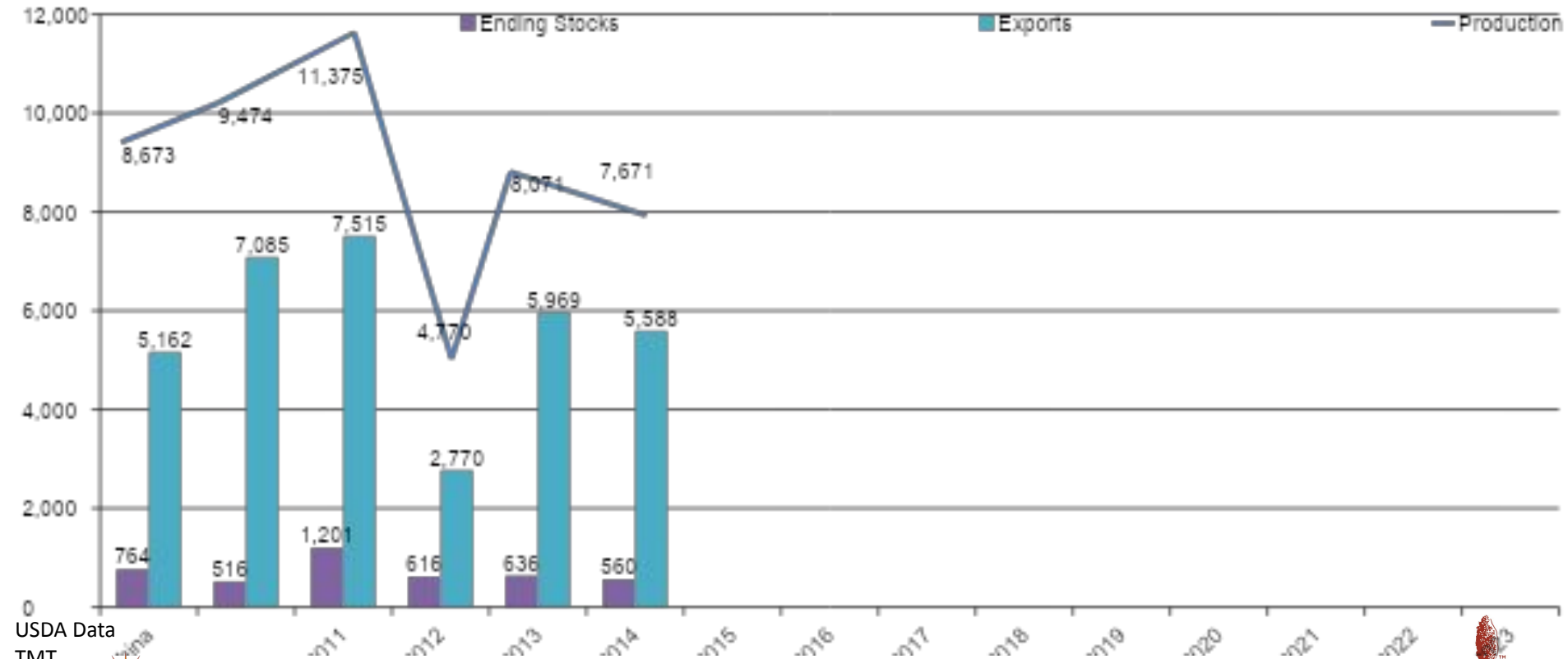
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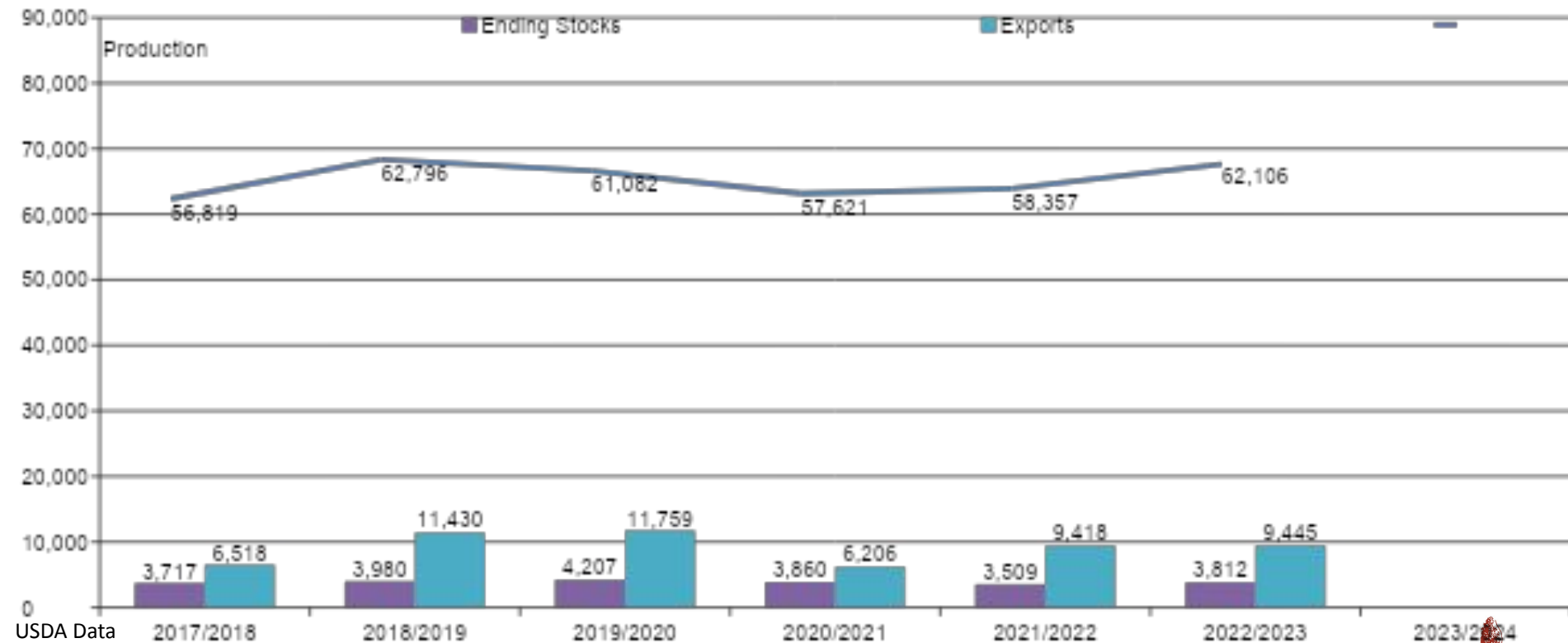
Sorghum PS&D,



United States Sorghum PS&D,



World Sorghum PS&D,



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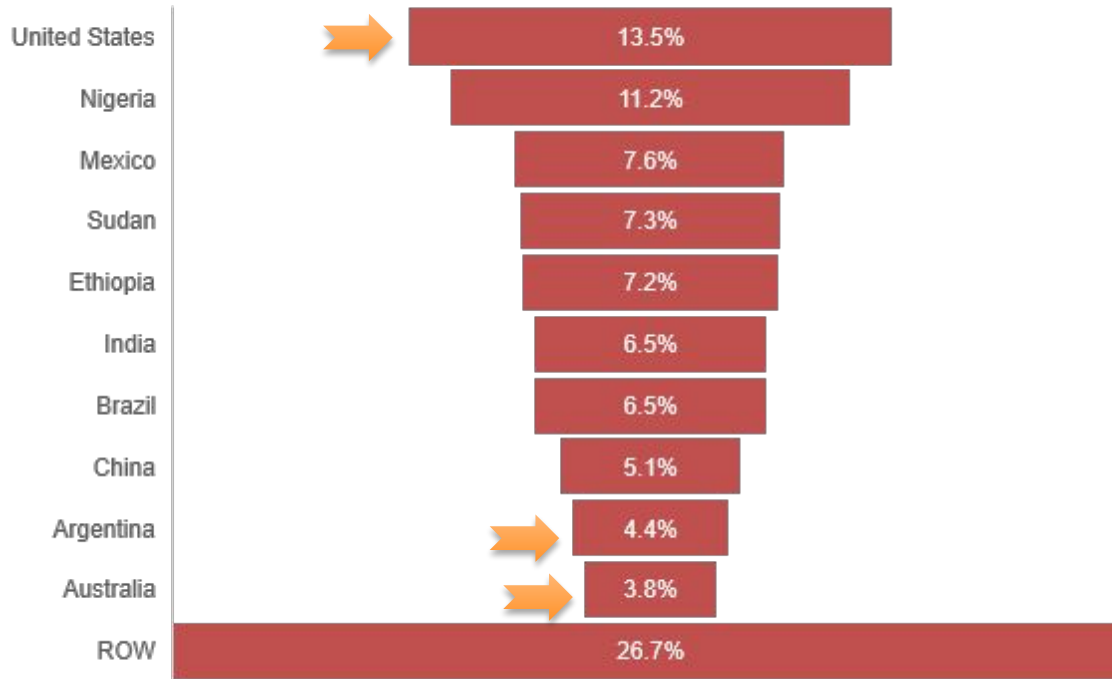
TMT



Sorghum - World View,

Sorghum Production - World View, 5 Yr

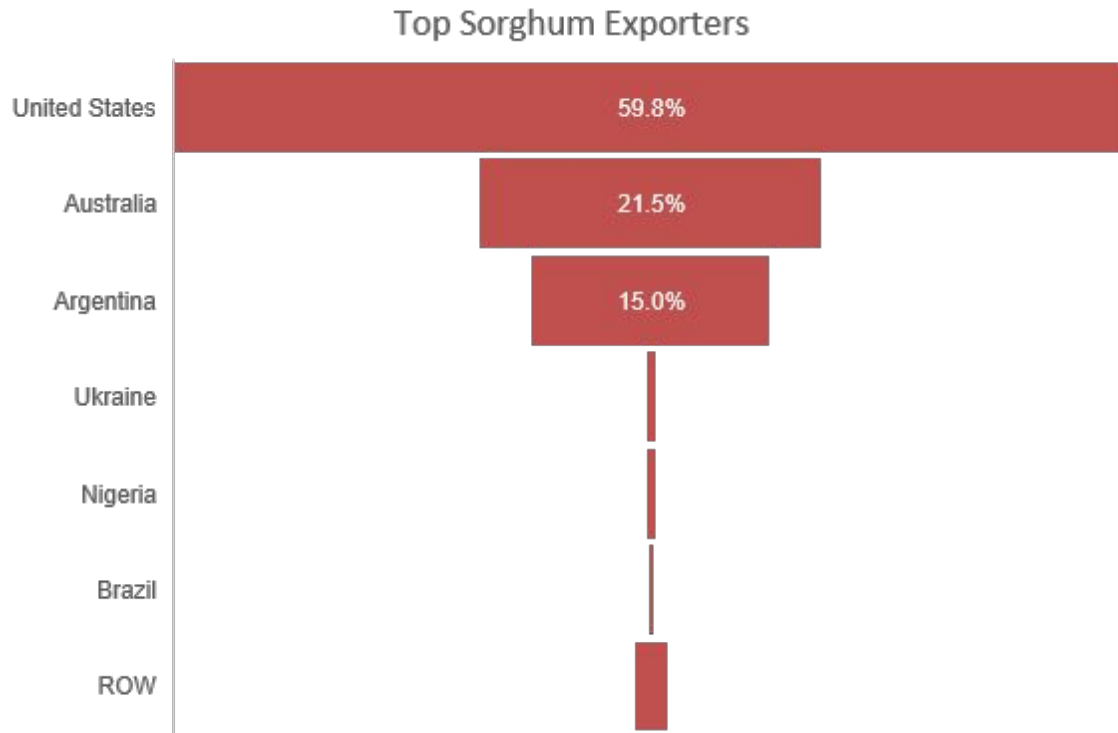
Top Sorghum Producers



5 Year Avg - 1,000 MT

World Total	60,392
United States	8,272
Nigeria	6,744
Mexico	4,572
Sudan	4,396
Ethiopia	4,352
India	4,315
Brazil	3,929
China	3,088
Argentina	2,662
Australia	2,305
ROW	15,756

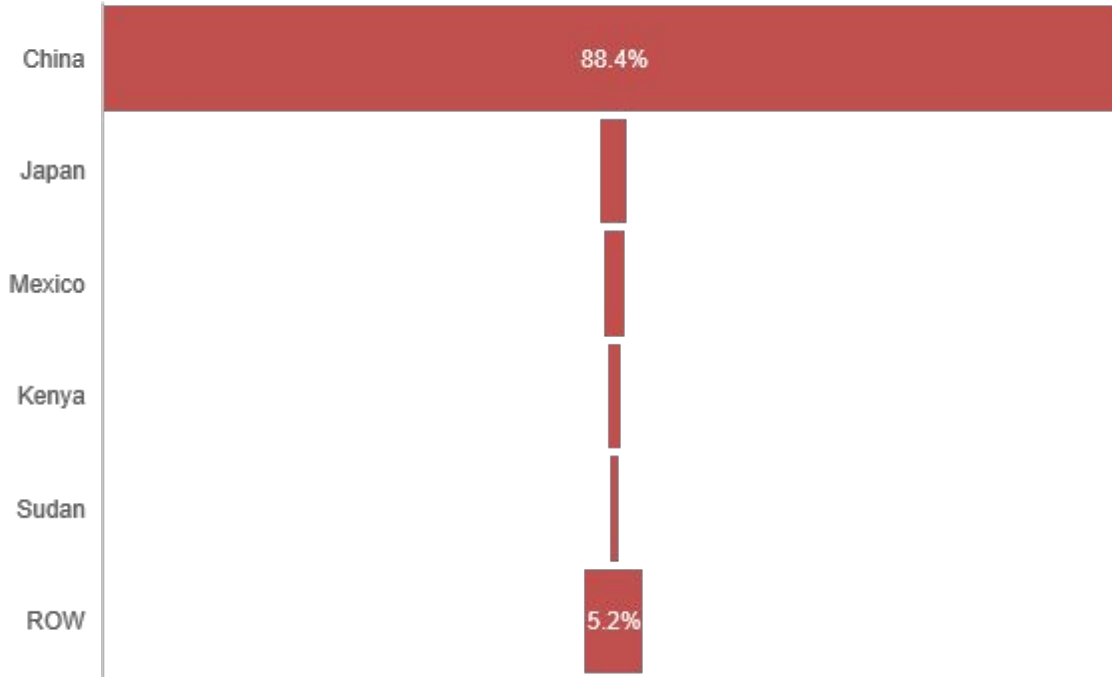
Sorghum Exporters - World View, 5 Yr



5 Year Avg - 1,000 MT	
World Total	9,652
United States	5,785
Australia	2,093
Argentina	1,418
Ukraine	57
Nigeria	50
Brazil	39
ROW	209

Sorghum Importers - World View, 5 Yr

Top Sorghum Importers

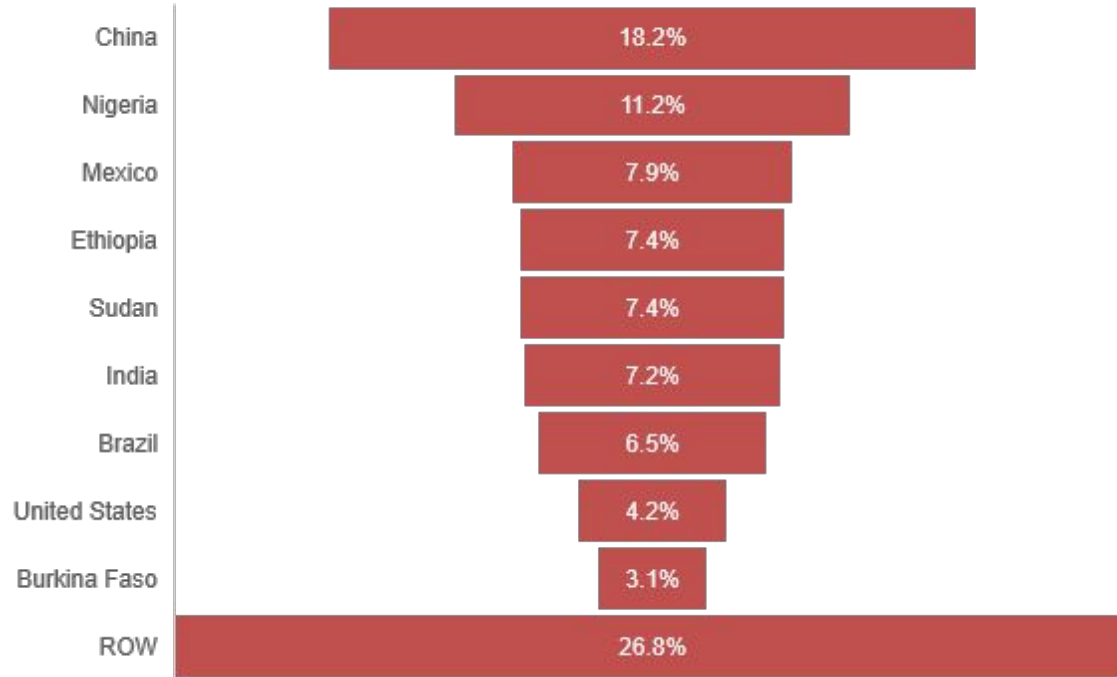


5 Year Avg - 1,000 MT

World Total	8,923
China	7,885
Japan	216
Mexico	169
Kenya	106
Sudan	82
ROW	466

Sorghum Consumers - World View, 5 Yr

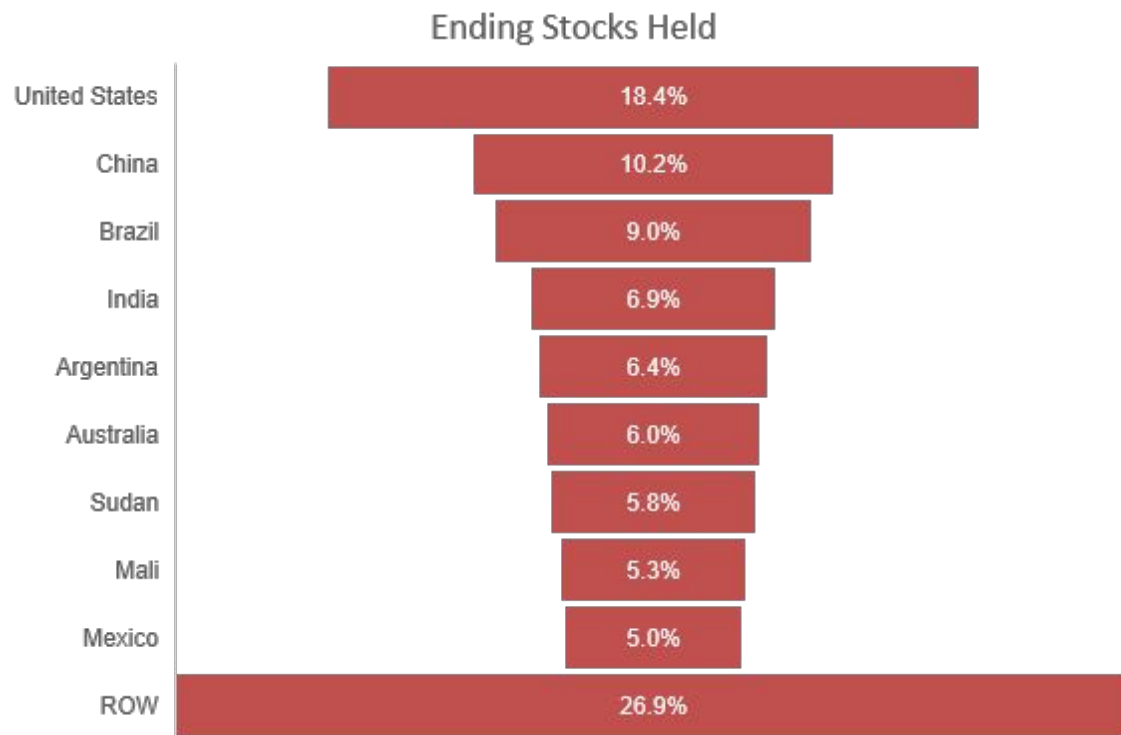
Top Sorghum Consumers



5 Year Avg - 1,000 MT

World Total	59,825
China	10,900
Nigeria	6,690
Mexico	4,760
Ethiopia	4,450
Sudan	4,440
India	4,320
Brazil	3,860
United States	2,528
Burkina Faso	1,840
ROW	16,047

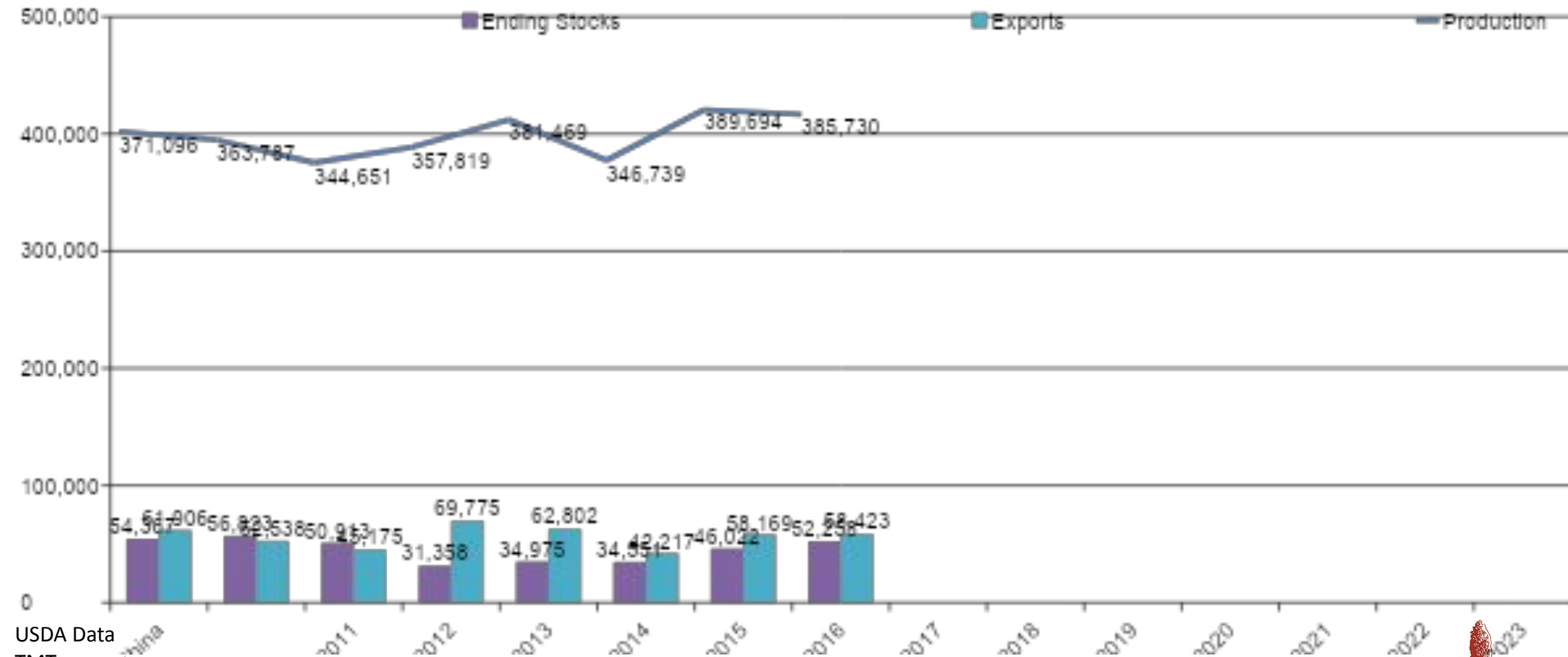
Sorghum Ending Stocks - World View



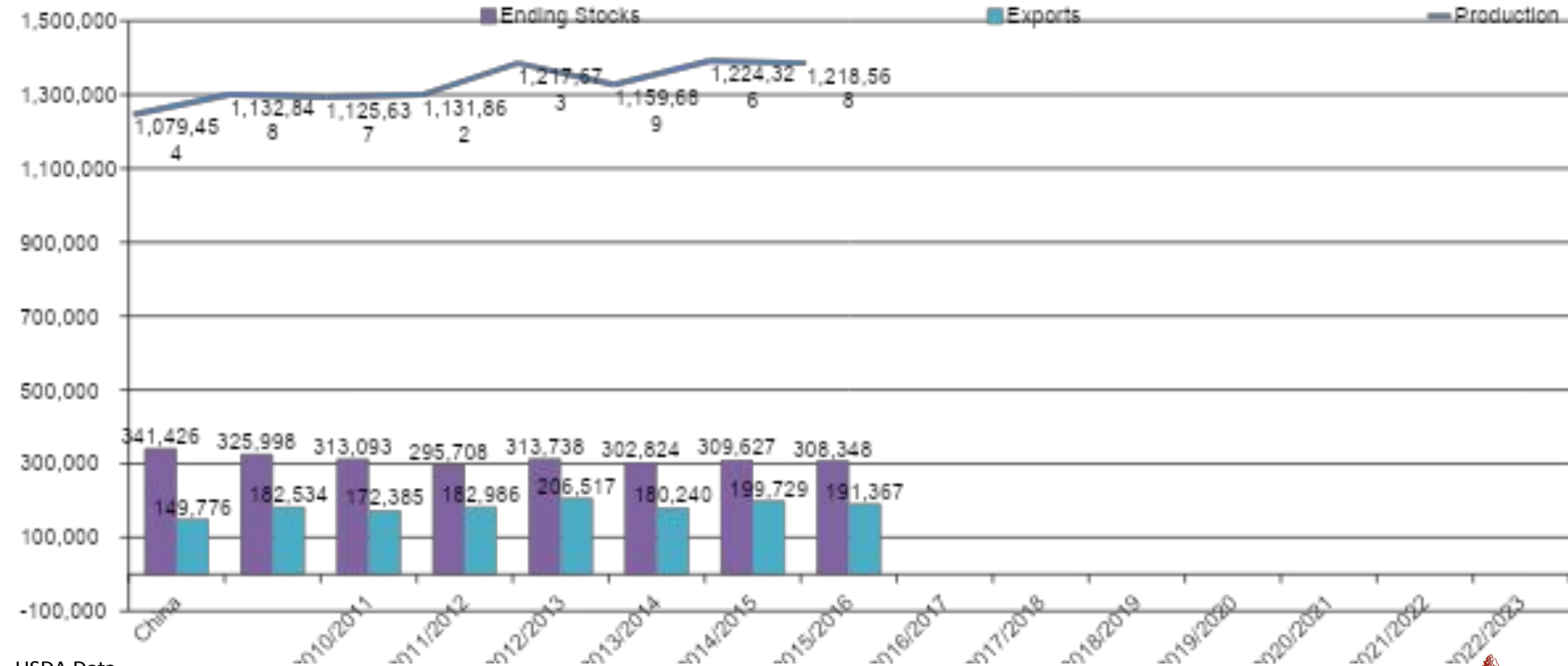
5 Year Avg - 1,000 MT	
World Total	3,890
United States	706
China	395
Brazil	352
India	270
Argentina	250
Australia	235
Sudan	225
Mali	205
Mexico	184
ROW	1,048

Corn PS&D,

United States Corn PS&D,



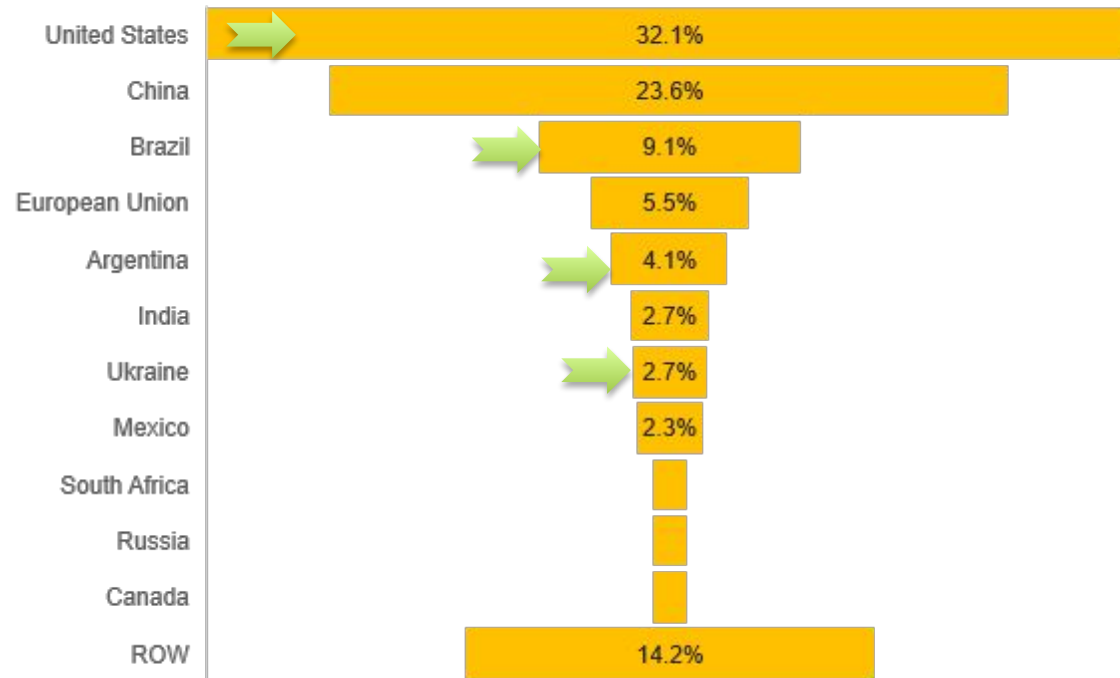
World Corn PS&D,



Corn - World View,

Corn Production – World View, 5 Yr Avg

Top Corn Producers

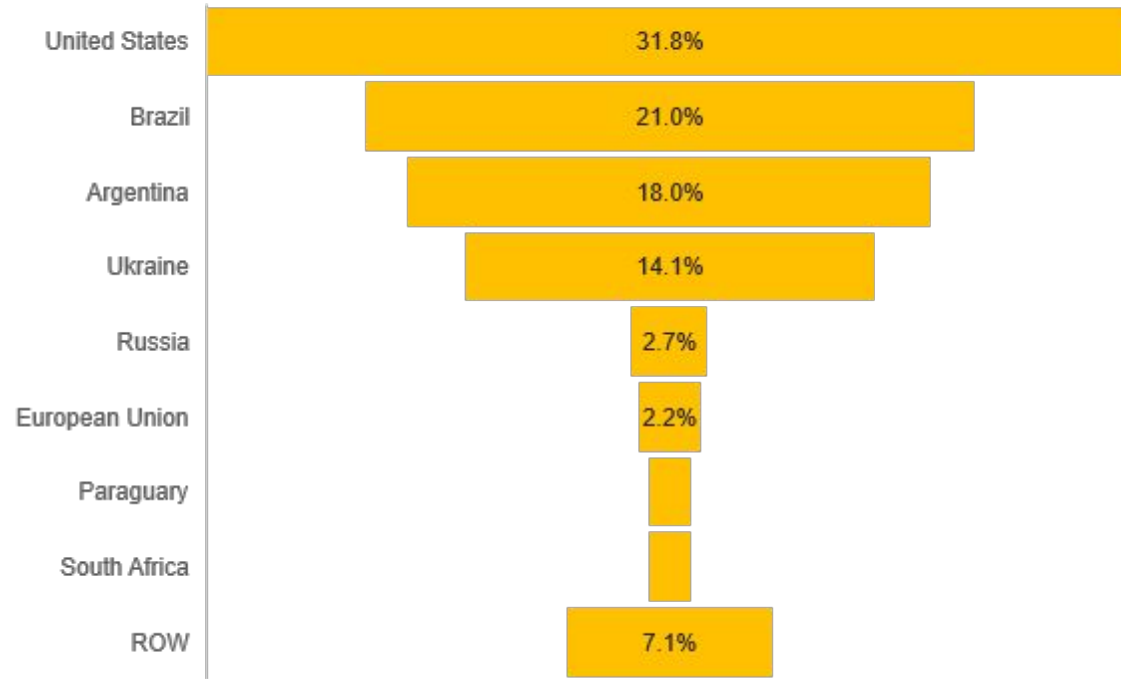


5 Year Avg - 1,000 MT

United States	367,127
China	269,689
Brazil	103,950
European Union	62,567
Argentina	46,780
India	31,216
Ukraine	30,623
Mexico	26,533
South Africa	14,743
Russia	14,239
Canada	14,229
ROW	163,086

Corn Exporters – World View, 5 Yr Avg

Top Corn Exporters

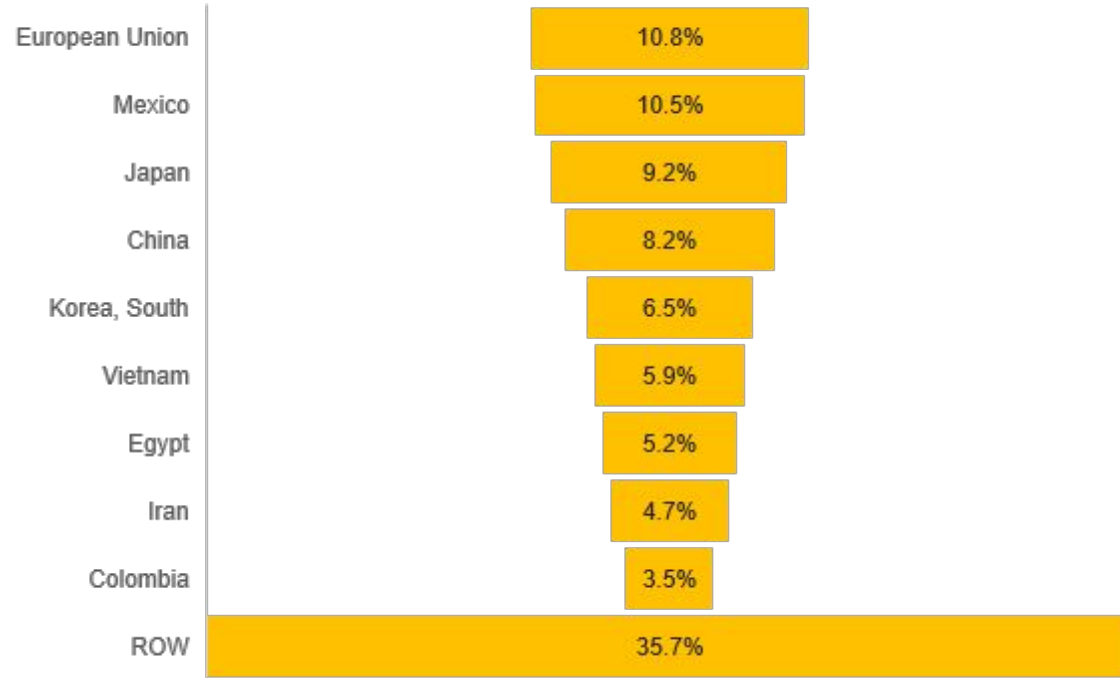


5 Year Avg - 1,000 MT

United States	55,755
Brazil	36,509
Argentina	31,548
Ukraine	24,668
Russia	4,655
European Union	3,882
Paraguay	2,622
South Africa	2,552
ROW	12,582

Corn Importers – World View, 5 Yr Avg

Top Corn Importers

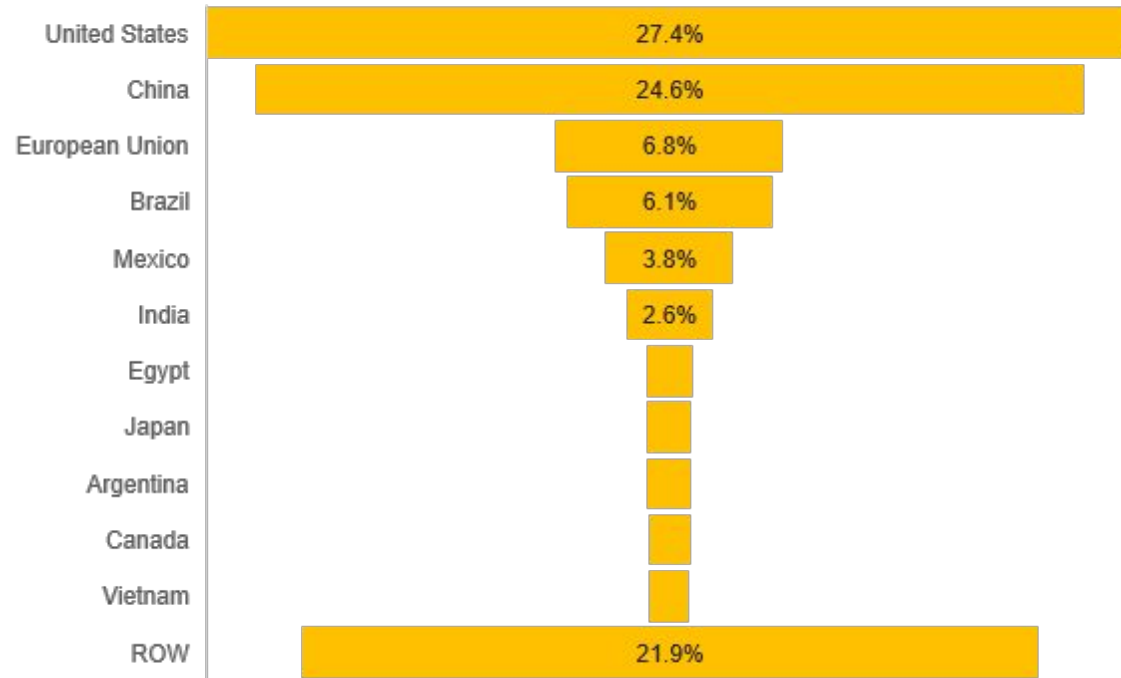


5 Year Avg - 1,000 MT

European Union	18,281
Mexico	17,736
Japan	15,486
China	13,576
Korea, South	10,950
Vietnam	9,910
Egypt	8,767
Iran	7,790
Colombia	5,819
ROW	60,317

Corn Consumers – World View, 5 Yr Avg0

Top Corn Consumers

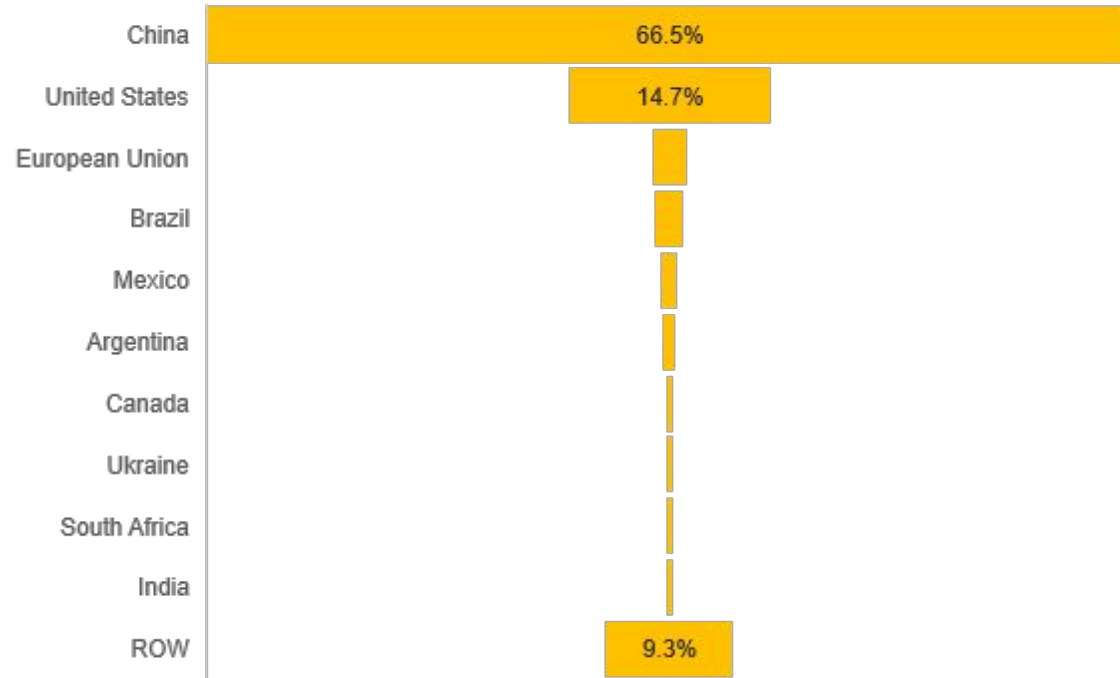


5 Year Avg - 1,000 MT

United States	311,490
China	279,400
European Union	77,240
Brazil	69,750
Mexico	43,750
India	29,975
Egypt	15,625
Japan	15,449
Argentina	15,420
Canada	14,670
Vietnam	14,140
ROW	248,925

Corn Ending Stocks – World View, 5 Yr Avg

Corn Ending Stocks Held



5 Year Avg - 1,000 MT

China	211,189
United States	46,364
European Union	7,988
Brazil	6,859
Mexico	4,154
Argentina	3,235
Canada	2,174
Ukraine	2,068
South Africa	1,959
India	1,940
ROW	29,562

USDA-FAS-PS&D



Why sorghum,

Why sorghum,

- *Current market dynamics and consumer preferences identify with a story.*
 - *Healthy*
 - *Environmentally friendly*
 - *Safe*
 - *Cost competitive*
 - *Diverse application*

Value-added development,

- Pet Food
- Aquaculture
- Food products
- Spirits
- Attributes
- Sustainability platform
- Environmental platform
- Certificate methodology

Sorghum & Livestock,

Why sorghum?

- *In swine,*
 - 98-99 percent the energy content of corn.
 - Greater digestible phosphorus requiring less supplemental inorganic phosphorus.
 - More saturated fatty acids and less polyunsaturated fatty acids.
 - More of the essential amino acids threonine, tryptophan, and valine allow for greater quantities of supplemental amino acids (lysine and methionine).



Sorghum & Livestock,

Why sorghum?

- *In broilers and layers,*
- Excellent source of protein and energy for broilers and egg layers.
- 95-97 percent amino acid digestibility content of corn.
- Contains reduced quantities of xanthophylls that create higher egg yolk pigmentation and skin coloration.
- Concerns about tannins are unwarranted as 99% of U.S. sorghum is tannin-free.



Sorghum & Livestock,

Why sorghum?

- *In ducks,*
 - Trails indicate meat and egg duck diets containing sorghum had no negative effects on production.
 - No concerns were noted on meat quality.
 - Sorghum does contain reduced quantities of xanthophylls that create higher pigmentation of egg yolk and skin coloration.
 - Concerns about tannins are unwarranted as 99% of U.S. sorghum is tannin free.



Sorghum & Livestock,

Why sorghum?

- *In cattle,*
 - Sorghum used in grain and DDG form.
 - Most beneficial in price-competitive scenarios.
 - Popped, and steam-flaked are typical use methods.
 - 90 to 95 percent relative value to corn.
 - Forage sorghum is heavily used due to the production advantages such as water use from irrigation.



Sorghum & Livestock,

Why sorghum?

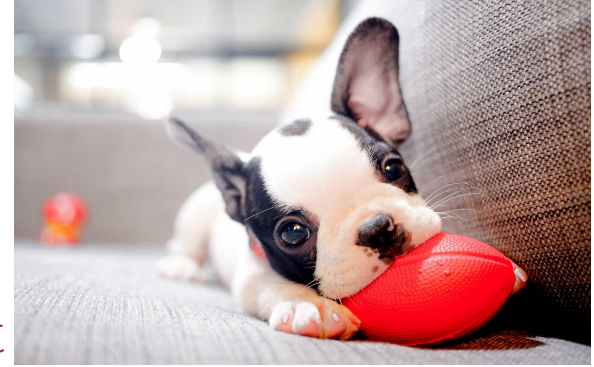
- *In aquaculture,*
 - Trails indicate aquaculture diets containing sorghum had no negative effects on production.
 - No concerns were noted on fillet quality in pangasius.
 - No concerns have been noted on feed performance.
 - Protein and amino acids values have been noted.
 - More saturated fatty acids and less polyunsaturated fatty acids.



Sorghum & Pets,

Why sorghum?

- *In companion animals,*
 - Maintains blood sugar balance.
 - Measurable dietary fiber.
 - Less fat at 3.46% compared to corn at
 - No need for special processing to achieve Good digestibility creating potential cost/energy savings.
 - Palatability studies show sorghum is favored or similar to rations formulated with other grains.



Products around the world,

- *Beer*
- *Liquor – especially baijiu*
- *Pasta*
- *Snacks*
- *Breads*
- *Flour*
- *Whole grain or processed*
- *Desserts*
- *Cereals*
- *Syrups*
- *Condiments*
- *Water and energy drinks*
- *Porridges*
- *Popped*

Branding,

- Adding future value

Branding,

- *Sorghum type – Identity preserved*
 - *Red*
 - *White*
 - *Waxy*
 - *High Protein*
 - *Specific varietal*

Branding,

- *Production – Identity preserved*
 - *Environmental attribute*
 - *Sustainable attribute*
 - *Area*
 - *Farmer*

Branding,



- *Producer Verified Program*
 - *USDA driven*
 - *End-user driven*
 - *Certified*
 - *Audit verified*
 - *Consistent*





Trending,

- *Consumer-driven, consumer-capture development*
 - *Unique*
 - *Elitist*
 - *Trend setter*
 - *Healthy*

Information Sources,

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SUGARCANE

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Grain Crushings - Consumption

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Commodities

Attributes

Countries

Market Years

All Commodities ▾

Almonds, Shelled Basis
Animal Numbers, Cattle
Animal Numbers, Swine
Apples, Fresh
Barley
Cherries (Sweet&Sour), Fresh
Coffee, Green
Corn
Cotton
Dairy, Butter
Dairy, Cheese

☐ Summarize

Area Harvested
Beginning Stocks
Production
Imports
TY Imports
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Total Supply
Exports
TY Exports
Feed Dom. Consumption
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Domestic Consumption
Ending Stocks

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World
World Total
All Countries
Countries
Afghanistan
Albania
Algeria
Angola
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Armenia
Australia
Austria






















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2024
2023
2022
2021
2020
2019
2018
2017
2016
2015
2014
2013
2012

<https://www.cmegroup.com/markets/agriculture/grains/corn/quotes.html>

OVERVIEW QUOTES SETTLEMENTS VOLUME & OI TIME & SALES SPECS MARGINS CALENDAR

FUTURES OPTIONS -

MONTH	OPTIONS	CHART	LAST	CHANGE	PRIOR SETTLE	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	VOLUME	UPDATED
 SEP 2024 ZCU4	 OPT		370'6	-4'6 (-1.26%)	375'4	374'4	376'4	370'6	101,456	13:19:59 CT 22 Aug 2024
 DEC 2024 ZCZ4	 OPT		393'2	-5'0 (-1.26%)	398'2	397'0	399'0	393'0	179,409	13:19:59 CT 22 Aug 2024
 MAR 2025 ZCH5	 OPT		410'4	-6'4 (-1.56%)	417'0	414'6	417'0	410'4	54,636	13:19:59 CT 22 Aug 2024
 MAY 2025 ZCK5	 OPT		420'4	-6'0 (-1.41%)	426'4	426'4	426'6	420'4	17,018	13:19:58 CT 22 Aug 2024
 JUL 2025 ZCN5	 OPT		427'2	-4'6 (-1.10%)	432'0	432'4	432'6	427'2	15,852	13:19:58 CT 22 Aug 2024
 SEP 2025 ZCU5	 OPT		426'4	-4'6 (-1.10%)	431'2	431'4	431'6	426'4	2,875	13:19:22 CT 22 Aug 2024
 DEC 2025 ZCZ5	 OPT		432'2	-4'6 (-1.09%)	437'0	434'6	437'2	432'0	4,319	13:19:39 22 Aug 2

Additional Sources,

Aquaculture: <https://www.sorghumcheckoff.com/industry/aquaculture/>

Livestock: <https://www.sorghumcheckoff.com/industry/livestock-feed/>

Companion Animals: <https://www.sorghumcheckoff.com/consumers/pet-food/>

Sustainability: <https://www.sorghumcheckoff.com/sustainability/>

Suppliers: <https://www.sorghumcheckoff.com/supplier-directory/>

Consumers: <https://www.sorghumcheckoff.com/consumers/>

U.S. Grains Council: <https://www.grains.org>

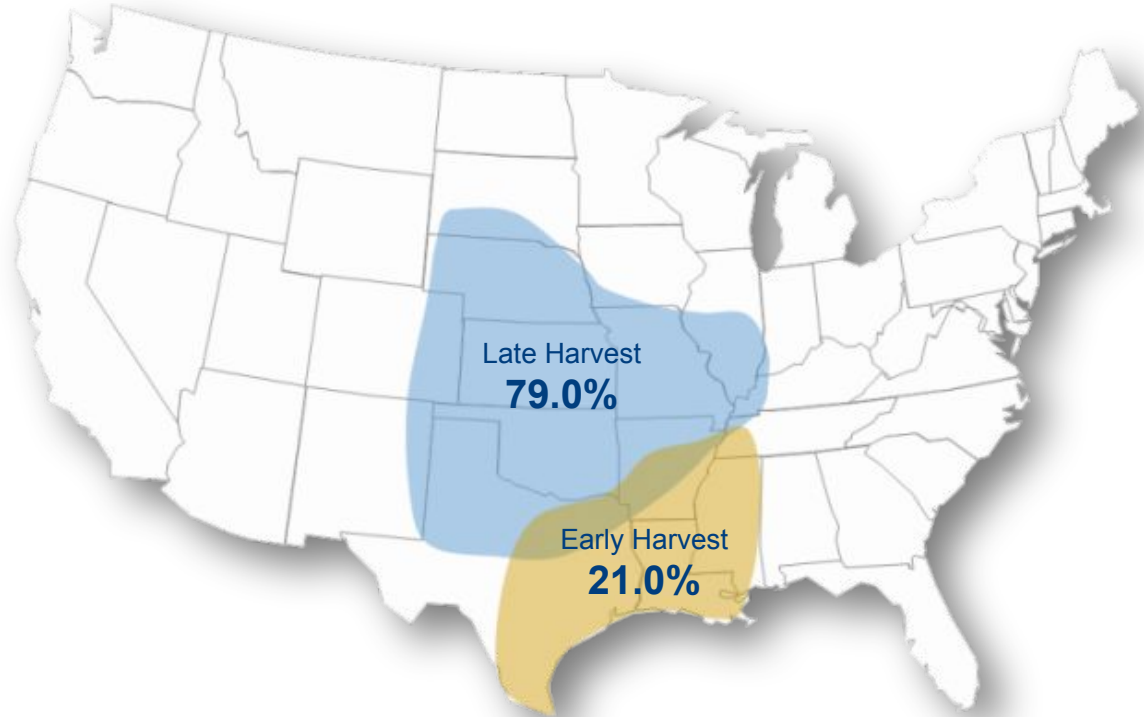
USGC Market Data: https://grains.org/market_perspectives/

USGC Sorghum Harvest Report: https://grains.org/sorghum_report/

2023/2024, Sorghum Quality Report

Sorghum Harvest Areas

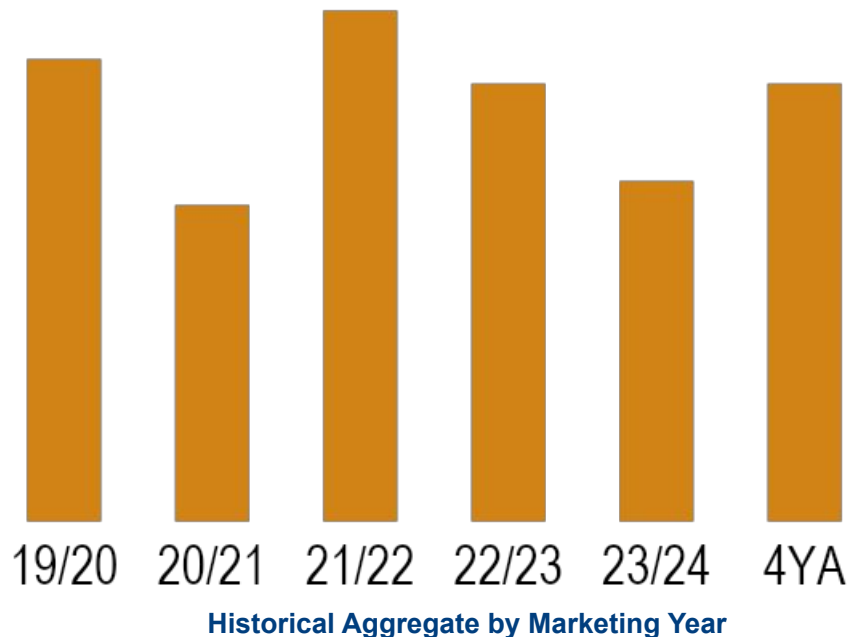
104 samples
collected from
Harvest Areas
representing nearly
100% of U.S. Sorghum
exports



Test Weight (lb/bu & kg/hl)

U.S. Aggregate: 58.4 lb/bu

- Average **lower** than the 4YA
(58.8 lb/bu or 75.7 kg/hl)
- Average **higher** than
minimum for U.S. No. 1 grade
(57.0 lb/bu or 73.4 kg/hl)



Tannins

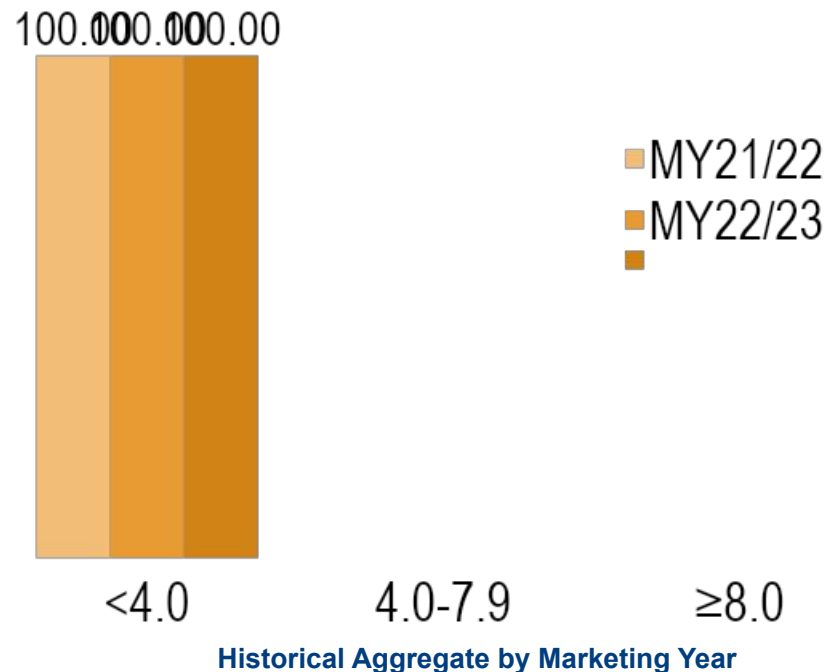


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Tannins (mg CE/g)

U.S. Aggregate: <4.0%

- Tannin levels in all samples were less than 4.0 mg CE/g, implying an absence of tannins, the **same** as in the previous three years.



Chemical Composition

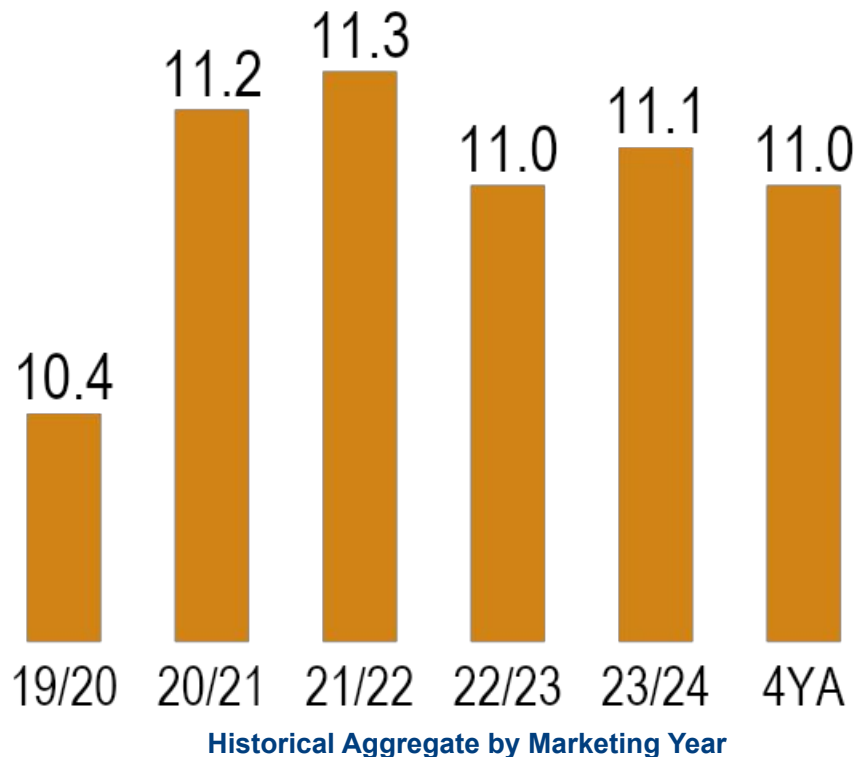


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Protein (Dry Basis %)

U.S. Aggregate: 11.1%

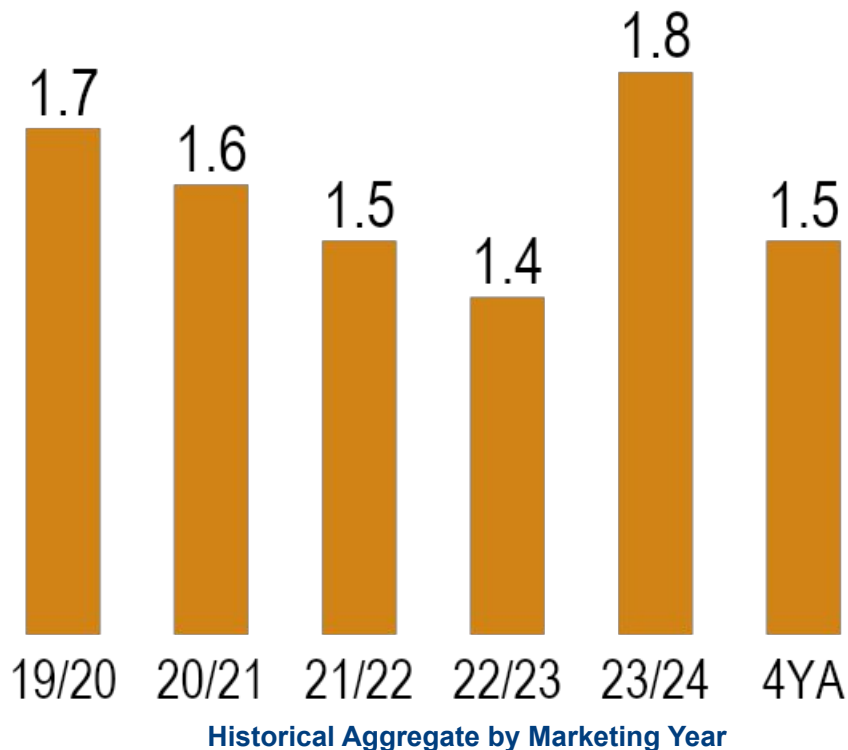
□ Average **similar** to 2022/2023 and the 4YA (both 11.0%)



Broken Kernels & Foreign Material (%)

U.S. Aggregate: 1.8%

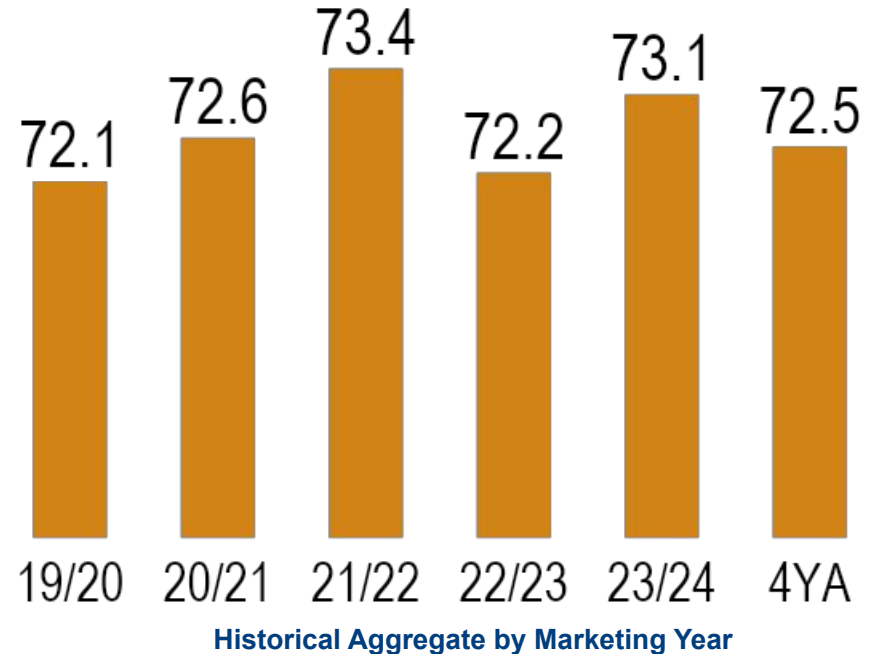
- Average **higher** than the 4YA (1.5%)
- Average **lower** than the maximum for U.S. No. 1 grade (3.0%)



Starch (Dry Basis %)

U.S. Aggregate: 73.1%

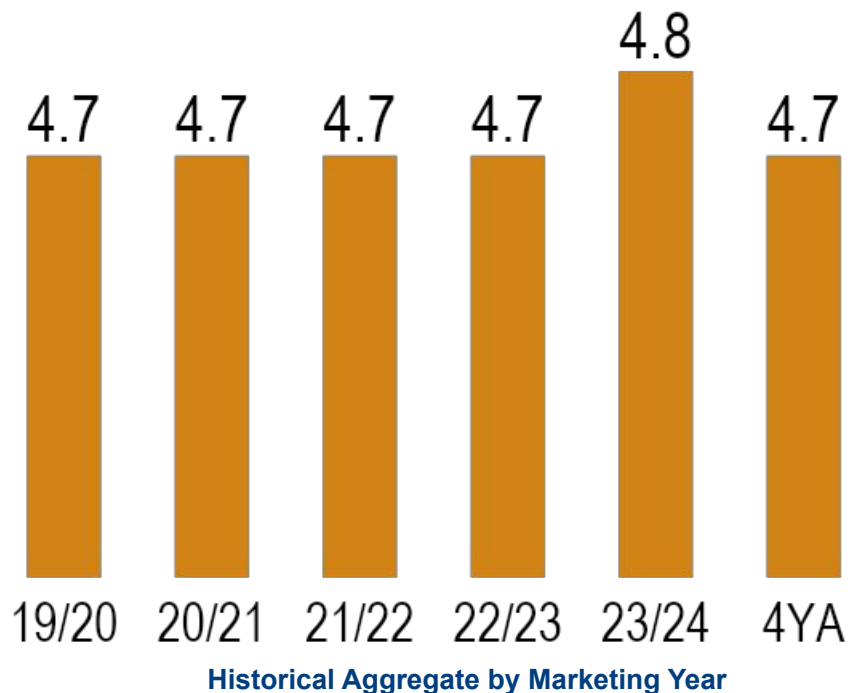
□ Average **higher** than 2022/2023 (72.2%) and the 4YA (72.5%)



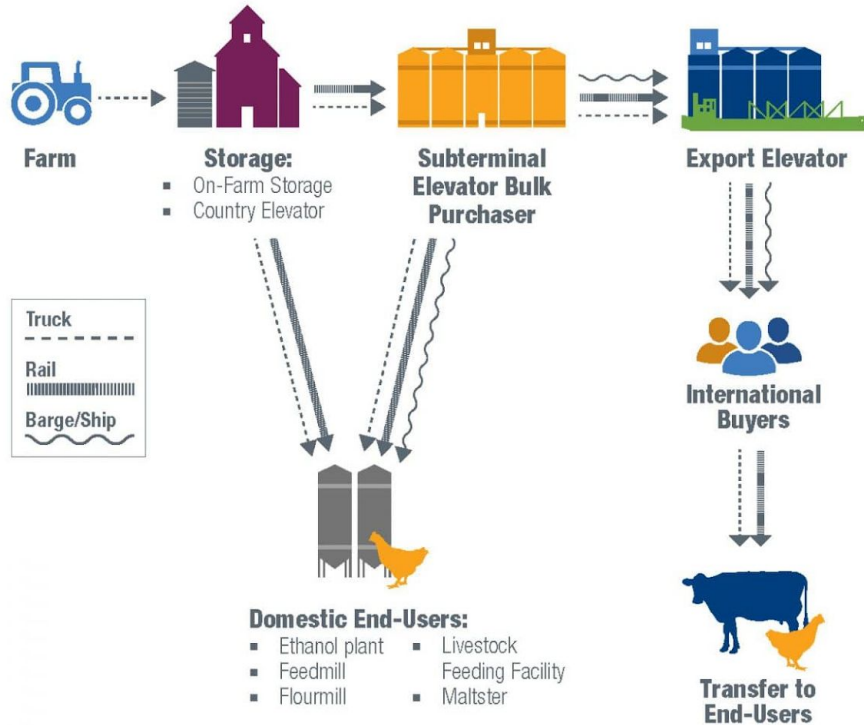
Oil (Dry Basis %)

U.S. Aggregate: 4.8%

□ Average **higher** than each of the previous four years



HOW DOES U.S. GRAIN MOVE?



THE UNITED STATES HAS:

164,000 miles (263,932 km) of highways, part of a 4-million mile public road network.

12,000 miles (19,312 km) of navigable waterways.

140,000 miles (225,308 km) of freight railways.

Grain movement to final domestic users:



Grain movement to international buyers:



Sources: U.S. Department of Transportation, Waterways Council, Inc., Association of American Railroads, and the Transportation of U.S. Grains A Modal Share Analysis [ams.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/TransportationofUSGrainsModalShare1978_2016.pdf](https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media/TransportationofUSGrainsModalShare1978_2016.pdf)

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