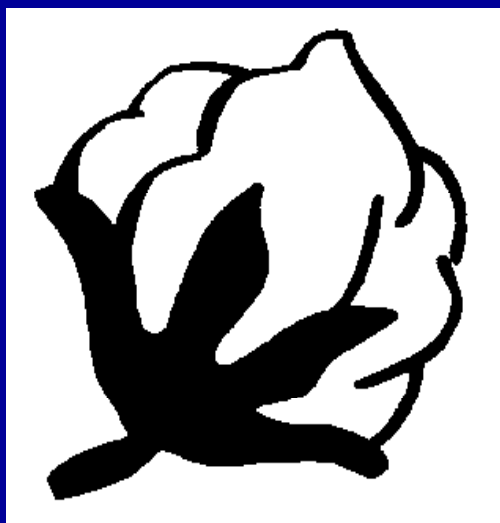


The World Cotton Market: Structure and Outlook



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Lubbock, TX
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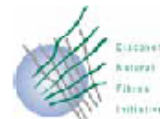


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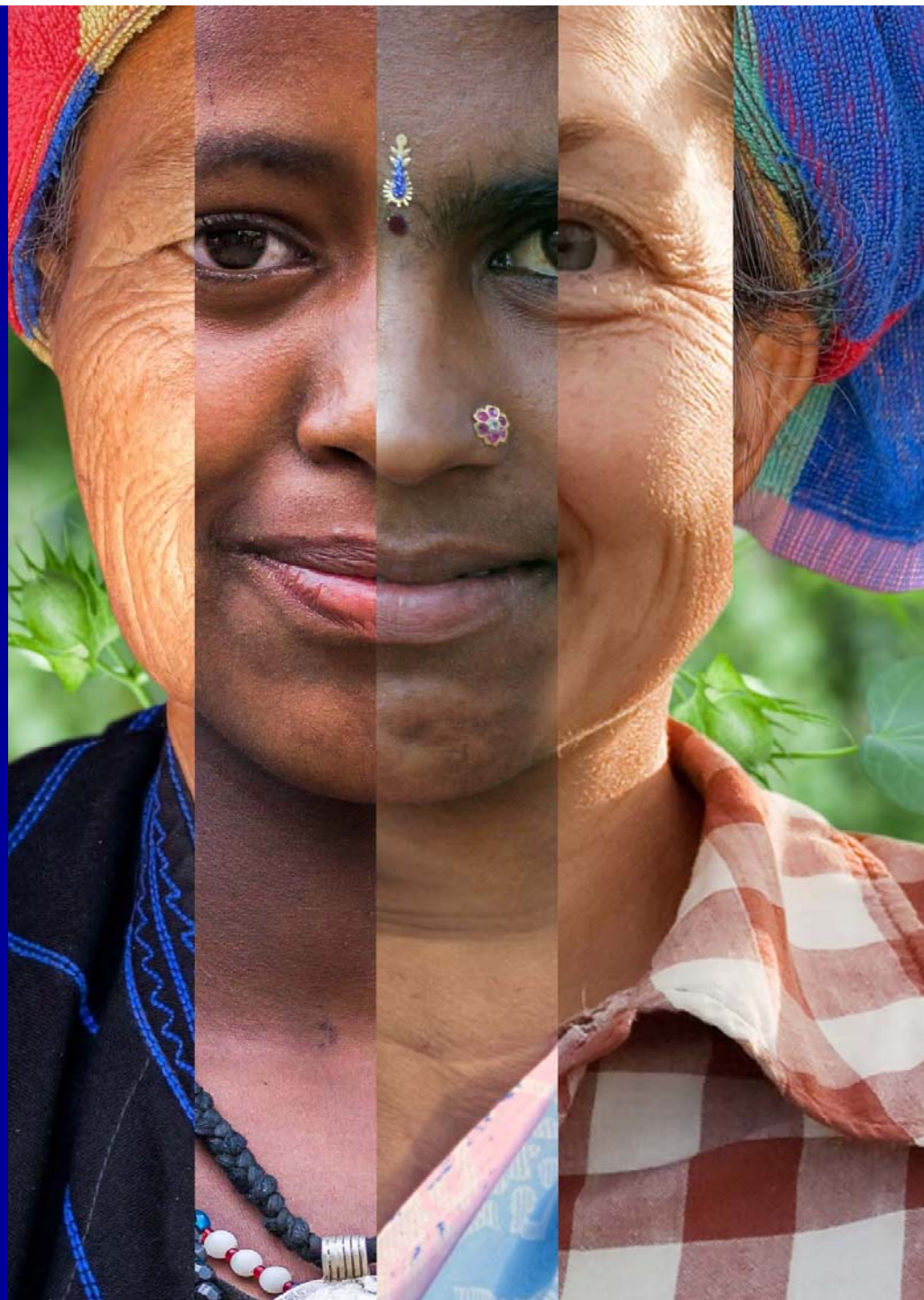
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**Toward a guidance
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Cartagena, Colombia, September 29 to October 4, 2013

The preliminary agenda includes non-traditional topics for a cotton industry meeting, such as encouraging younger entrepreneurs, giving visibility to women and the impacts of land ownership patterns on investments in irrigation, soil conservation and other infrastructure.

Building upon the successful experiment with the World Café at the Plenary Meeting in Switzerland, all participants will have an opportunity to contribute to the Statement of the Meeting via discussions during a World Café on Tuesday morning, followed by a consensus-building World Café session on Wednesday.

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Upcoming Events

[World Cotton Research Conference — 6](#)
20 Jun, 2016 Goiânia, Goiás, Brazil

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UPDATE

The data have been updated on May 1st, 2013. Order Now: [Cotton: World Statistics](#), [World Textile Demand](#), [World Cotton Trade](#), [Plenary Package](#).

Cost of Production of Raw Cotton

The Technical Information Section is updating the data on cost of production to prepare a report for the 72nd Plenary Meeting. [Purchase the new report](#).

World Cotton Supply and Distribution

(million tons)	2012/13	2013/14
Production	26.39	25.01
Consumption	23.78	24.33
Imports	09.79	09.19
Exports	09.79	09.19
Ending Stocks	17.88	18.57

Press Releases

[Effects of the Great Recession on Apparel Fibre Consumption](#)
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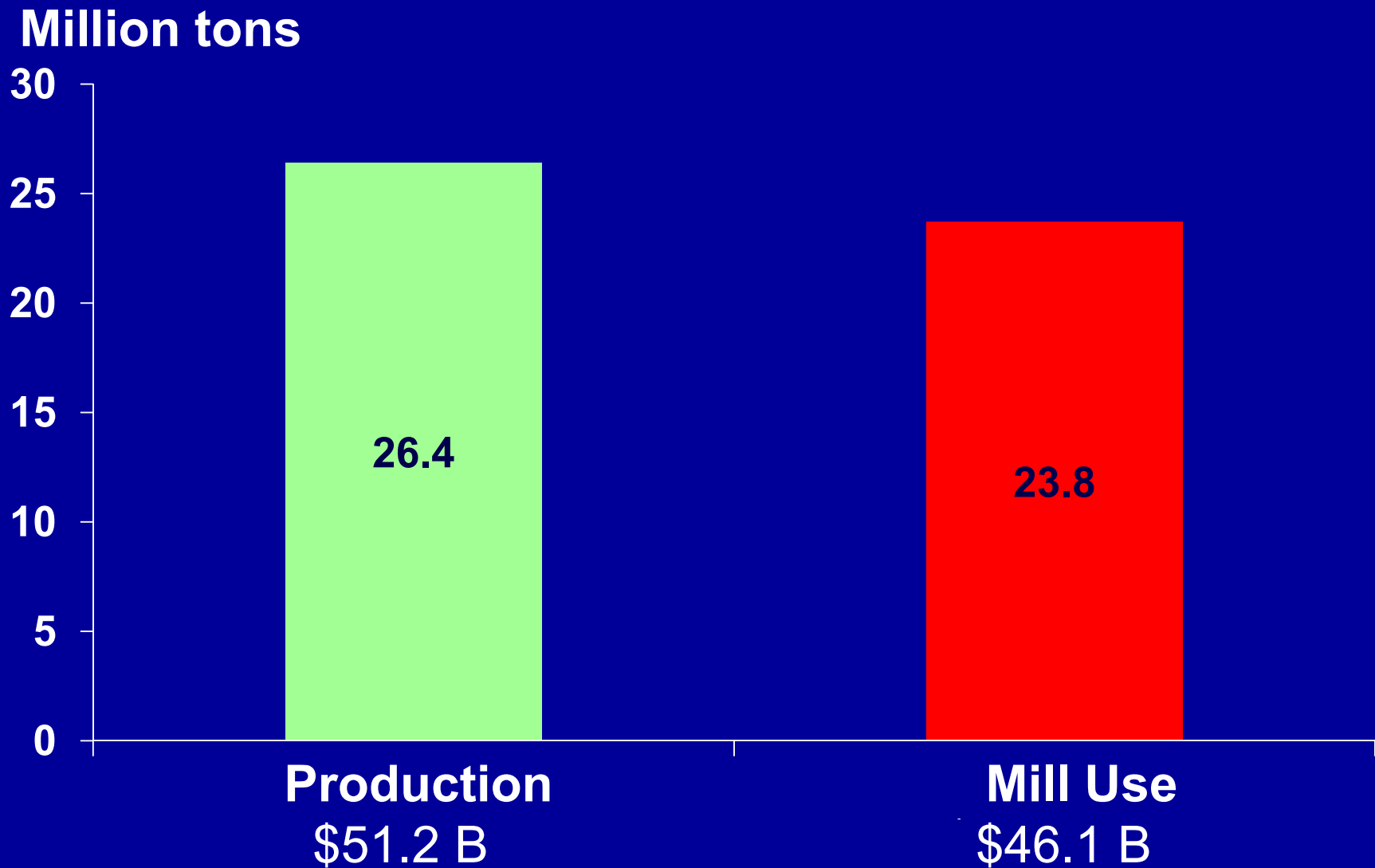
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Season 2012/13

Cotlook A Index Since Aug 2012



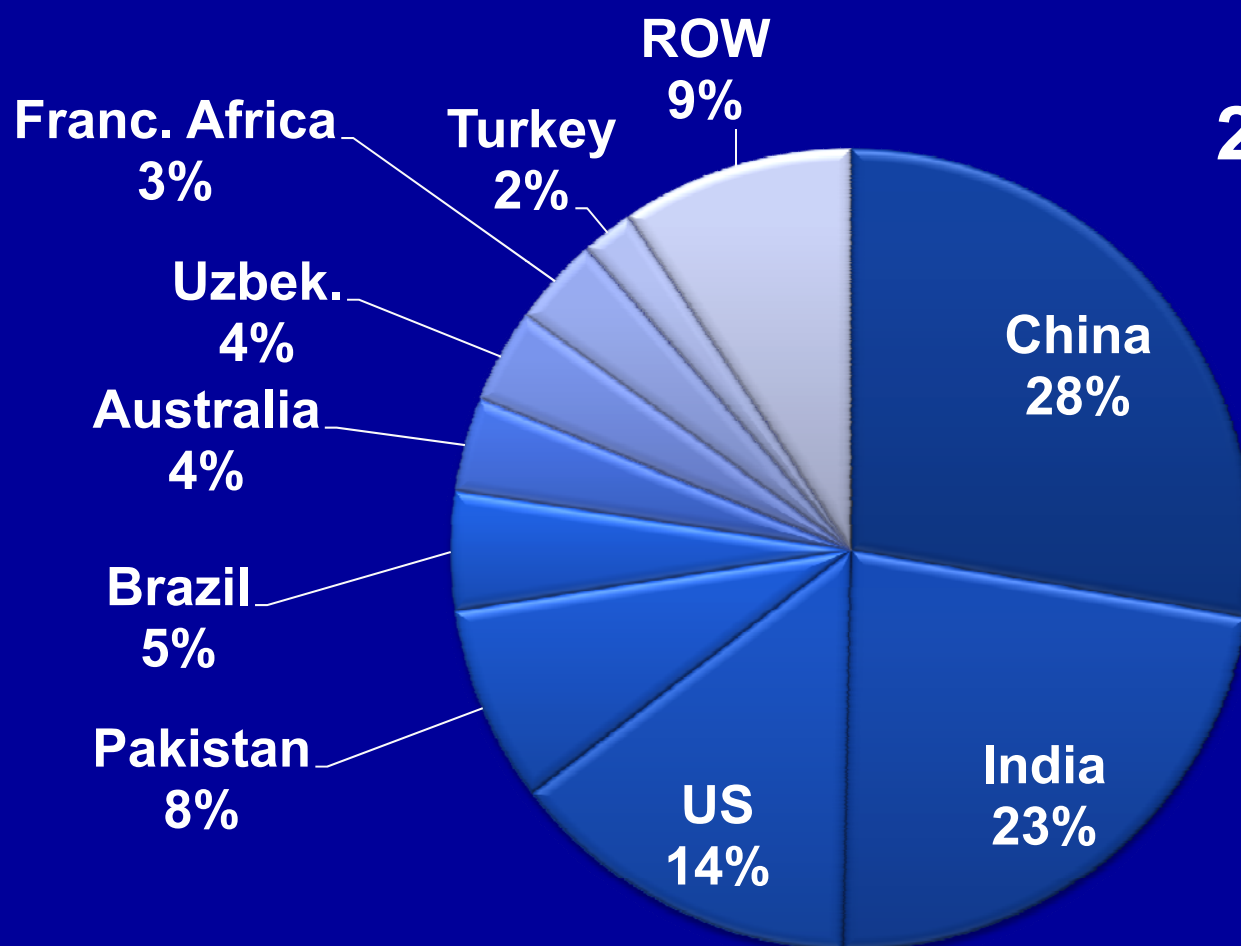
World Cotton Fundamentals 2012/13



Cotton Production by Country

2012/13

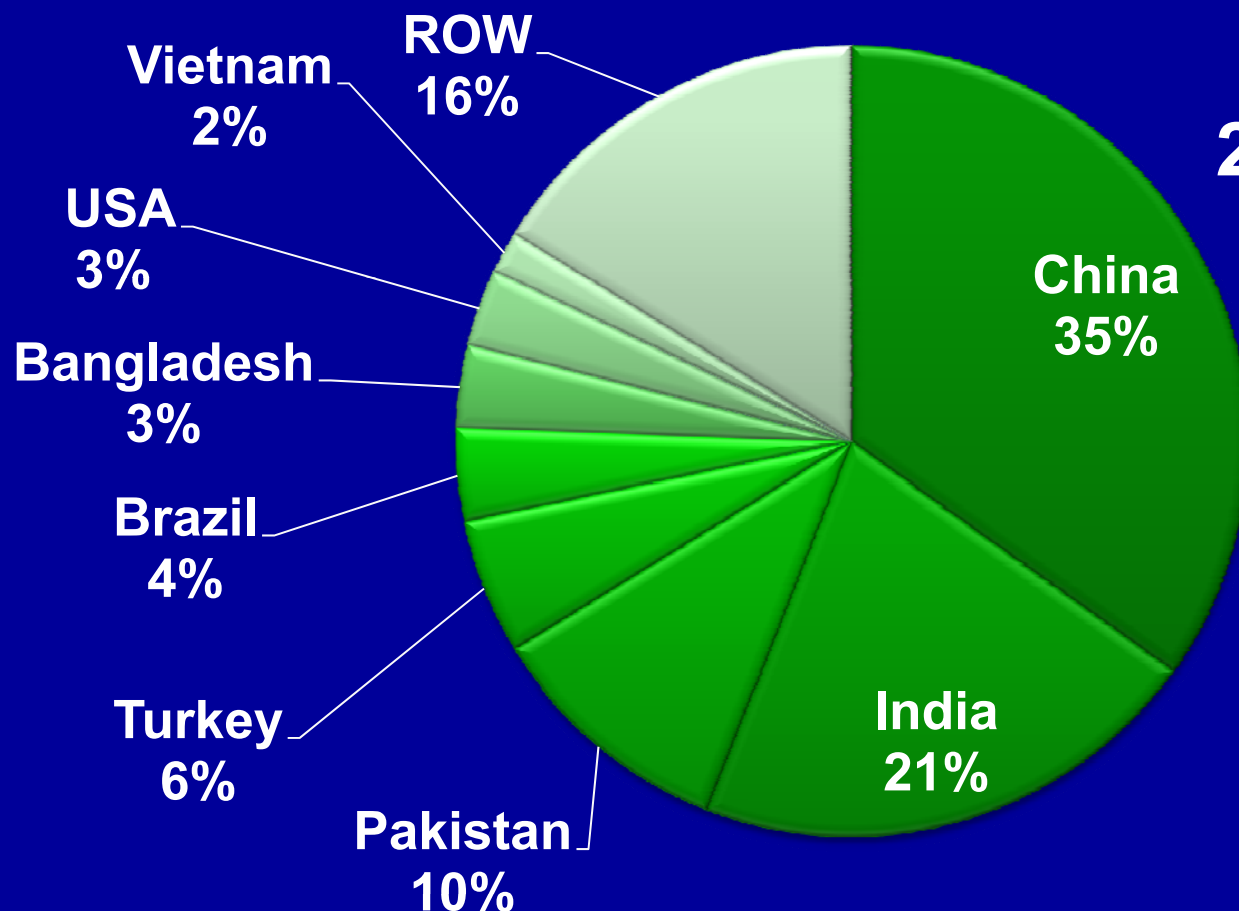
26.4 Million tons



Cotton Mill Use by Country

2012/13

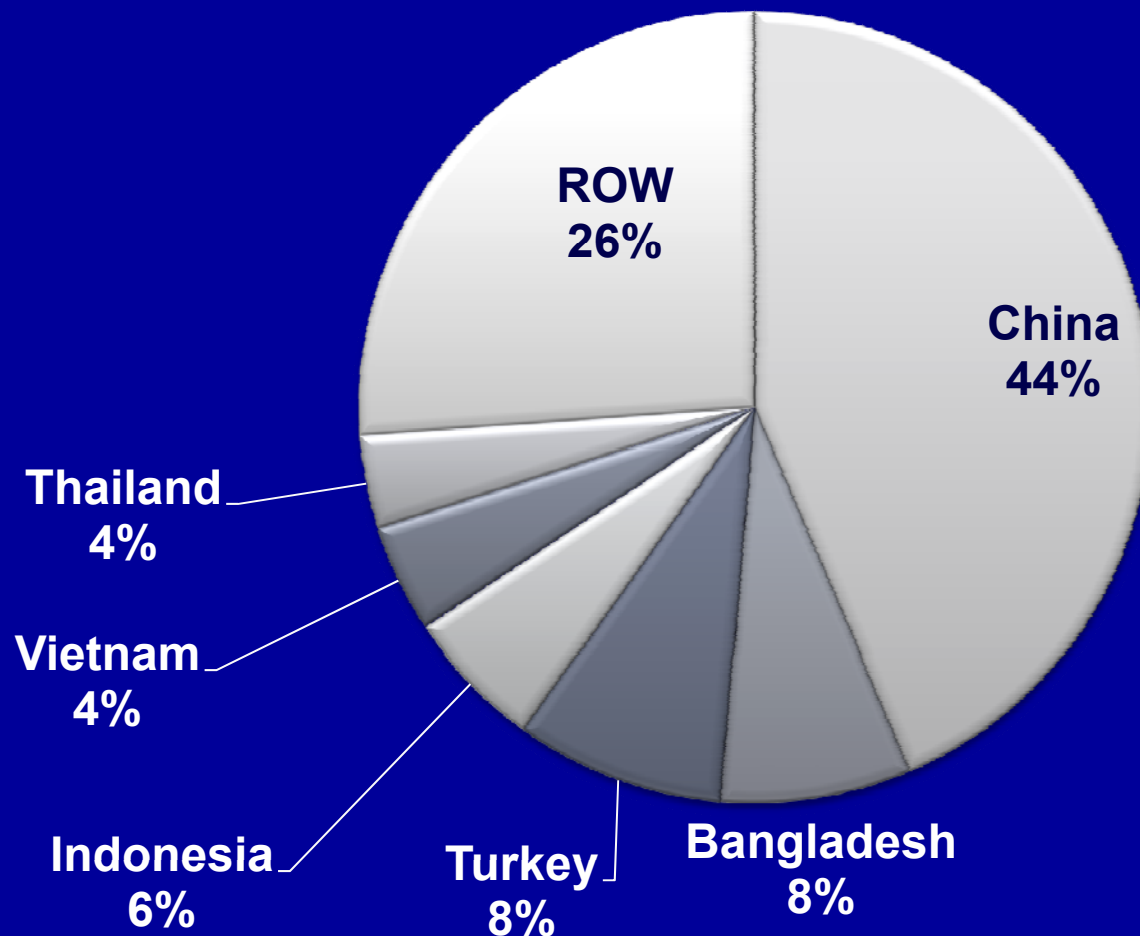
23.8 Million tons



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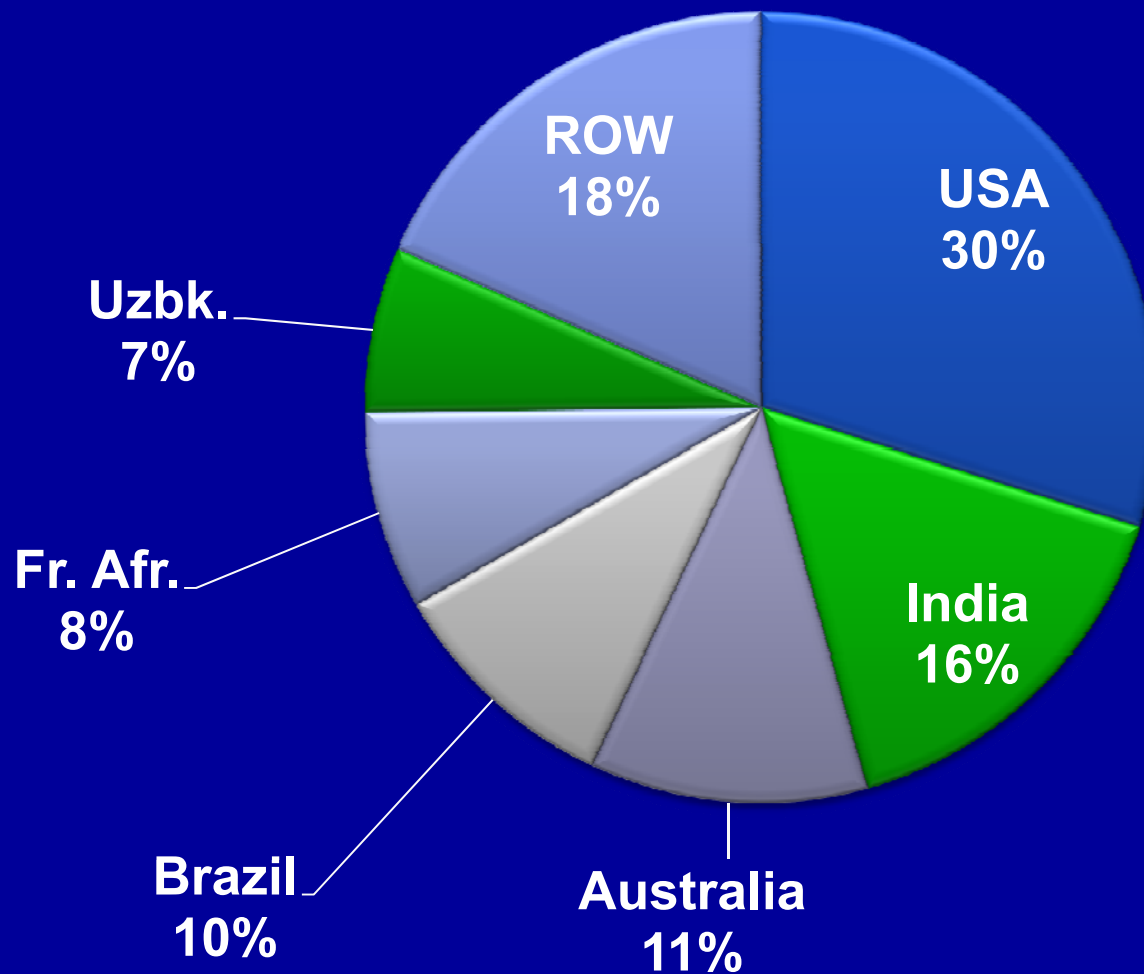
9.7 Million tons



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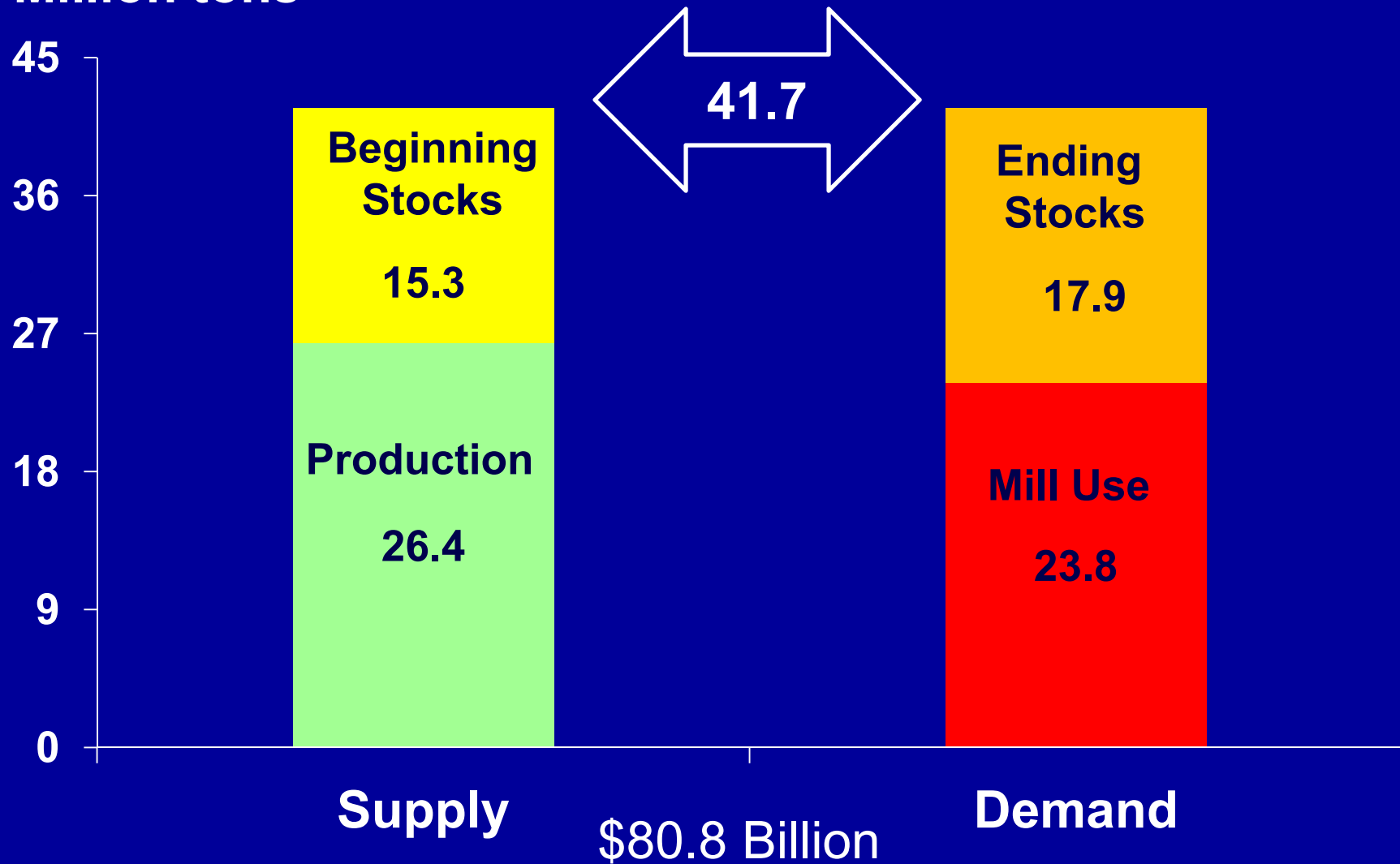
World Demand =
Mill Use + Ending Stocks

World Supply = World Demand



World Cotton Fundamentals 2012/13

Million tons



Supply = Demand

higher/lower production

=

higher/lower Ending Stocks



Supply = Demand

higher/lower mill use

=

lower/higher Ending Stocks



Country Supply =
Beginning Stocks + Production +
Imports

Country Demand =
Mill Use + Ending Stocks +
Exports

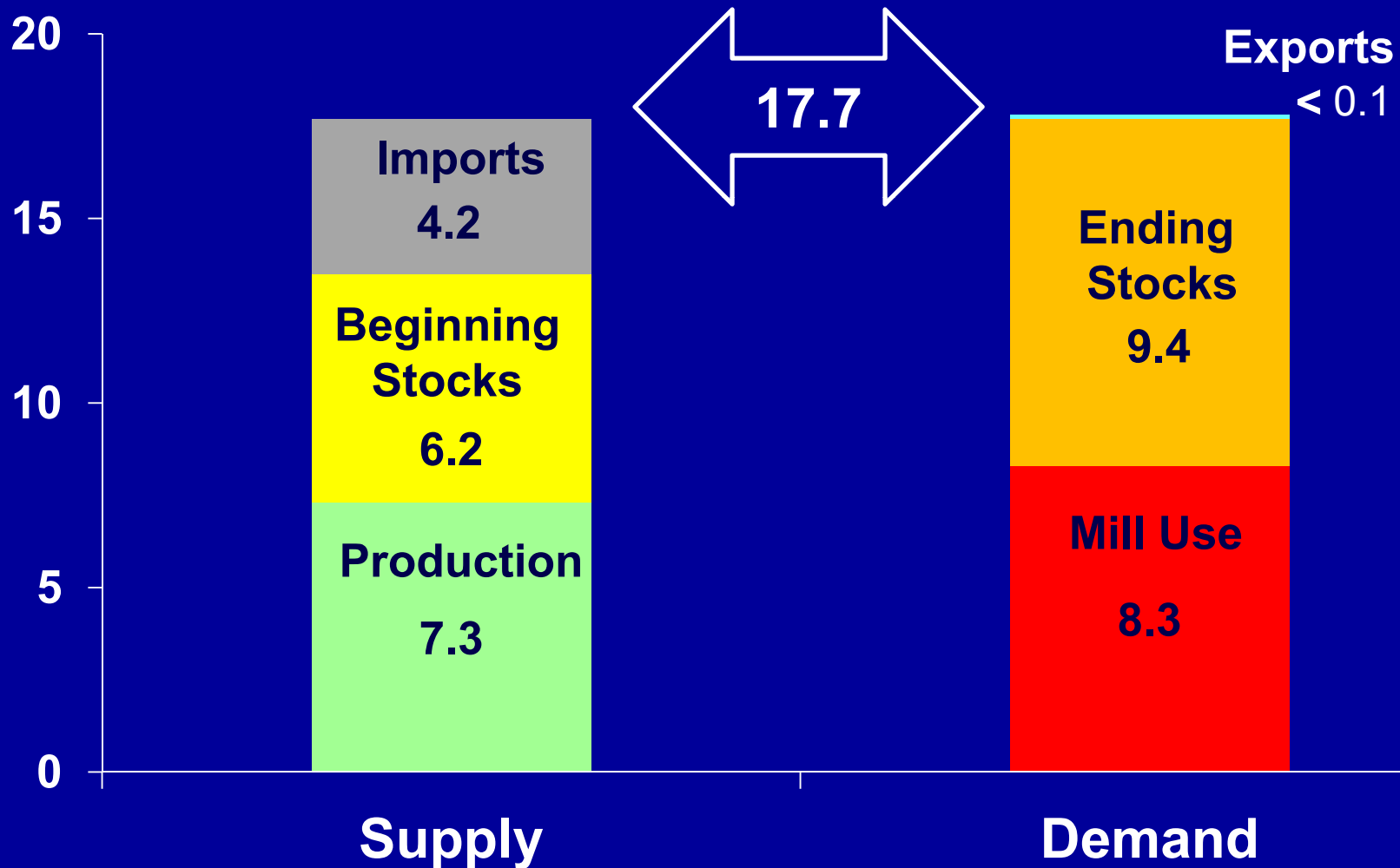
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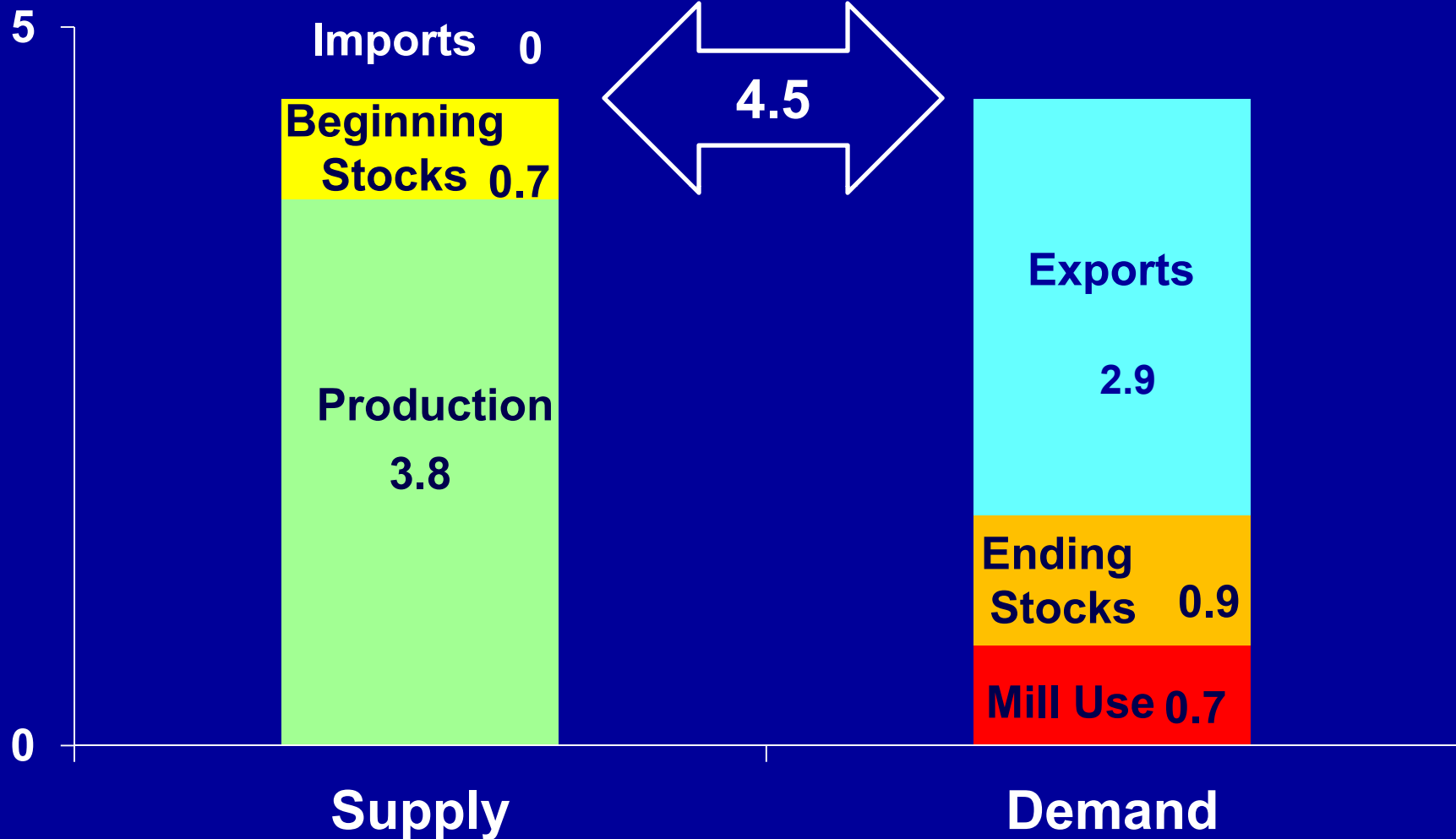
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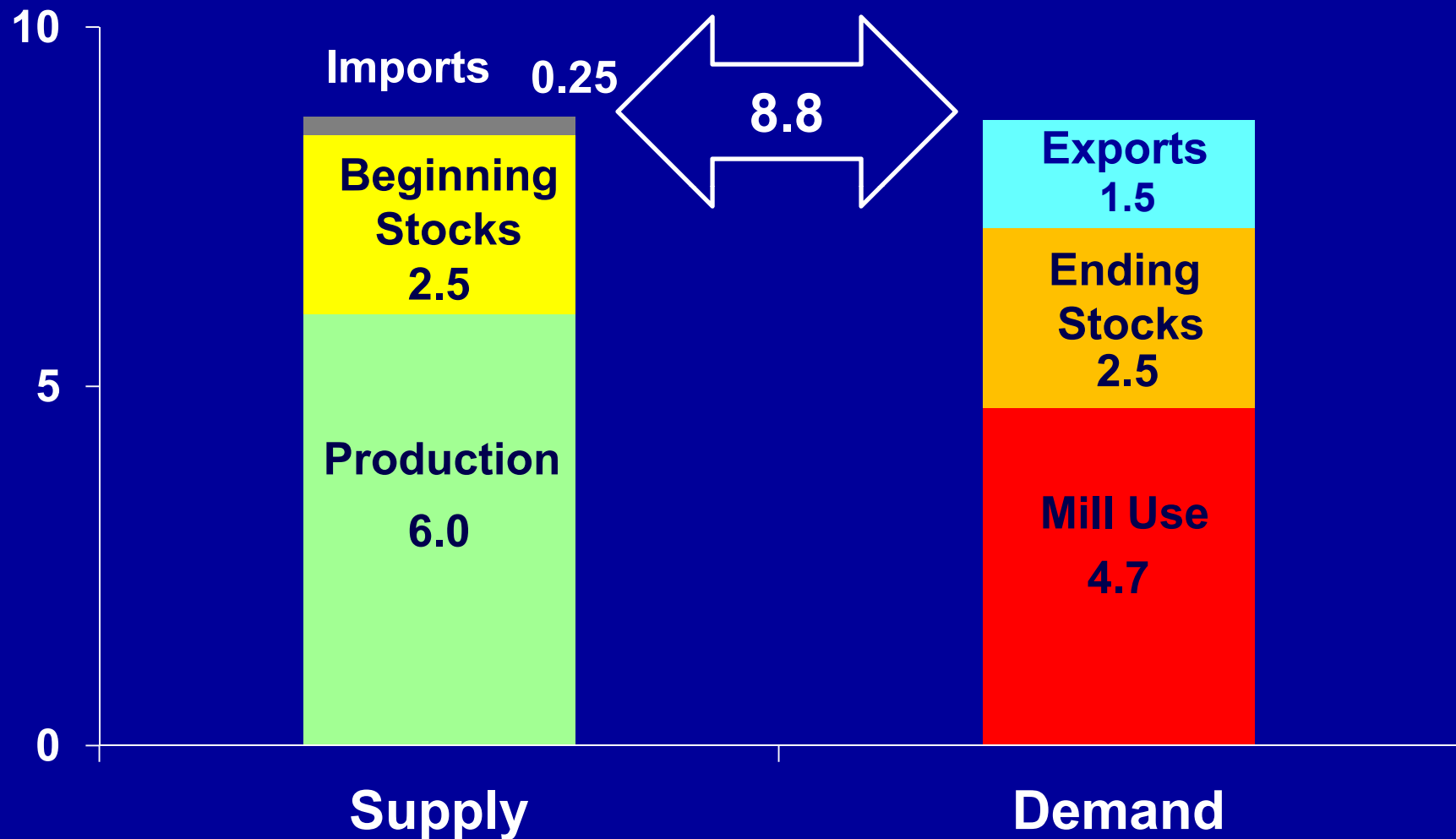
Million tons



Cotton Fundamentals 2012/13

India

Million tons



Important Concepts

- World Ending Stocks =
Beginning Stocks + Production – Mill Use
- World Stocks to Use Ratio =
Ending Stocks / Mill Use

World Ending Stocks 2012/13 = 18.2

World Stocks to Use Ratio 2012/13 = 18.2 / 23.5
= 0.78

Important Concepts

- **Country Ending Stocks** =
Beg. Stocks + Prod. + Imports – Exports – Mill Use
- **Country Stocks to Mill Use Ratio** =
Ending Stocks / Mill Use
- **Country Stocks to Use Ratio** =
Ending Stocks / (Mill Use + Exports)

INDIA:

Ending Stocks 2012/13 = 2.5

Stocks to Mill Use Ratio 12/13 = $2.5 / 4.7 = 0.53$

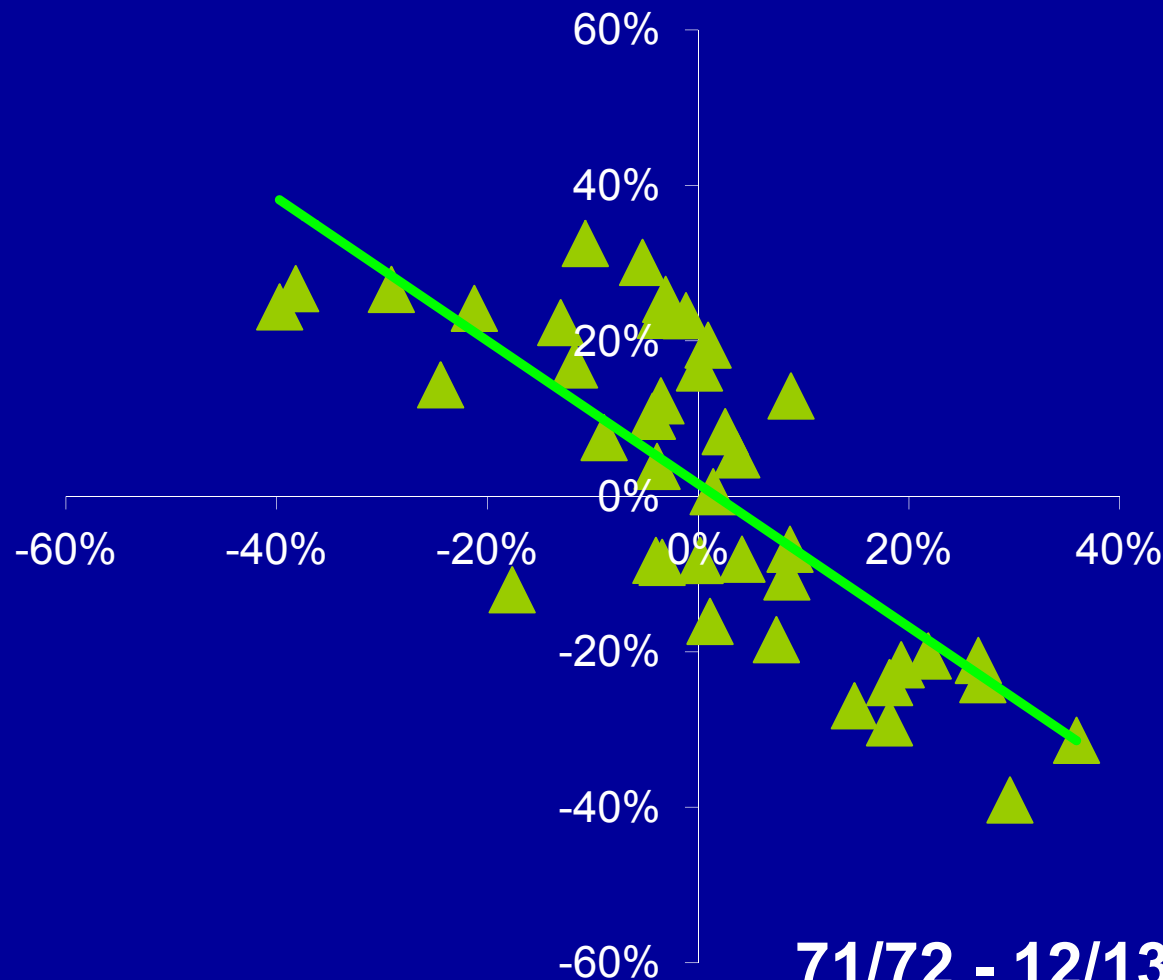
Stocks to Use Ratio 12/13 = $2.5 / (4.7 + 1.5) = 0.40$

A Index and Stock-to-Mill Use Ratio in World Less-China

% change in Cotlook A Index

$$y = -0.92x + 0.0159$$
$$R^2 = 0.6027$$

% change in SMU in
World-less-China



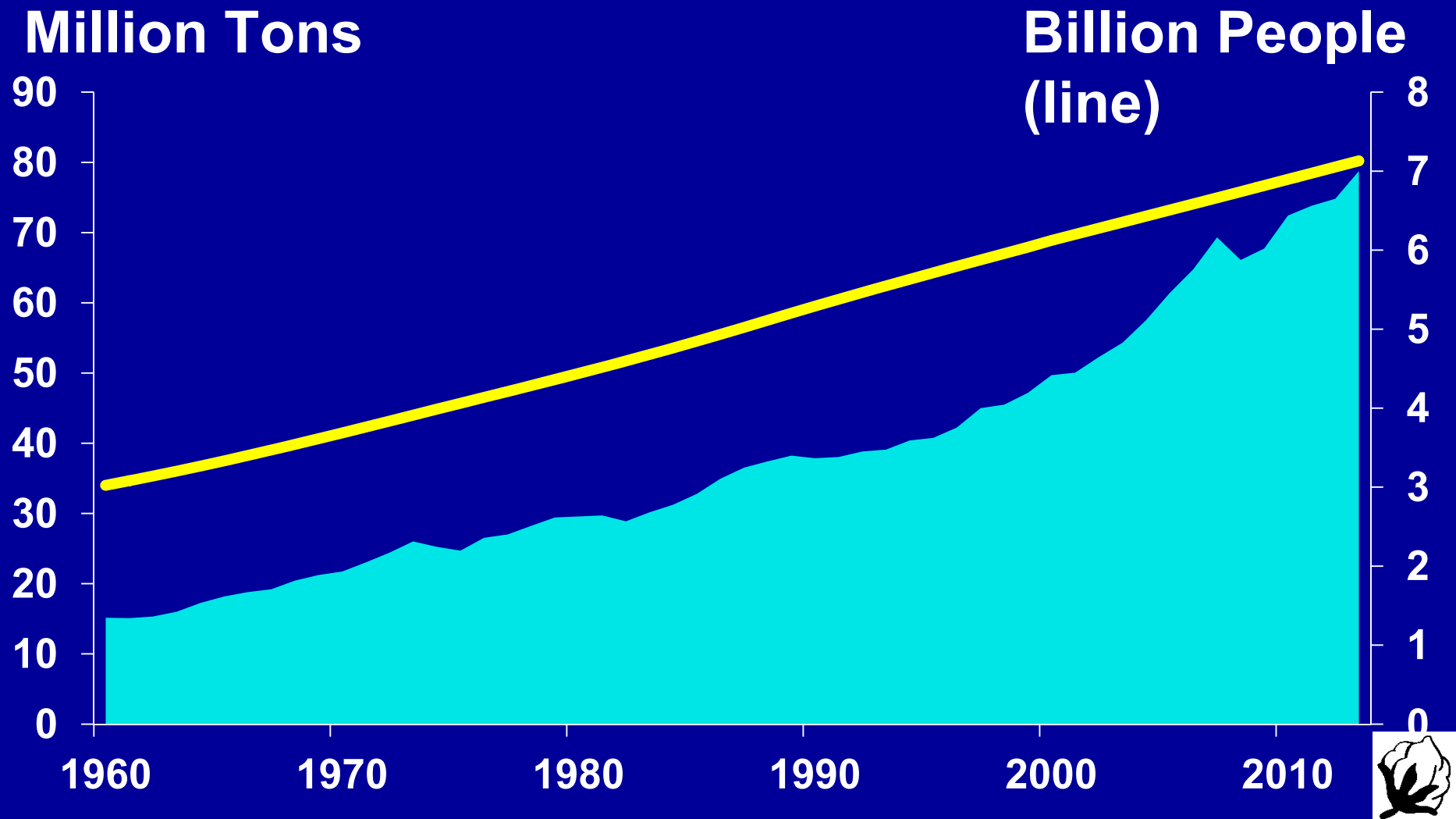
71/72 - 12/13 (exl. 73/74, 10/11)



Past Trends

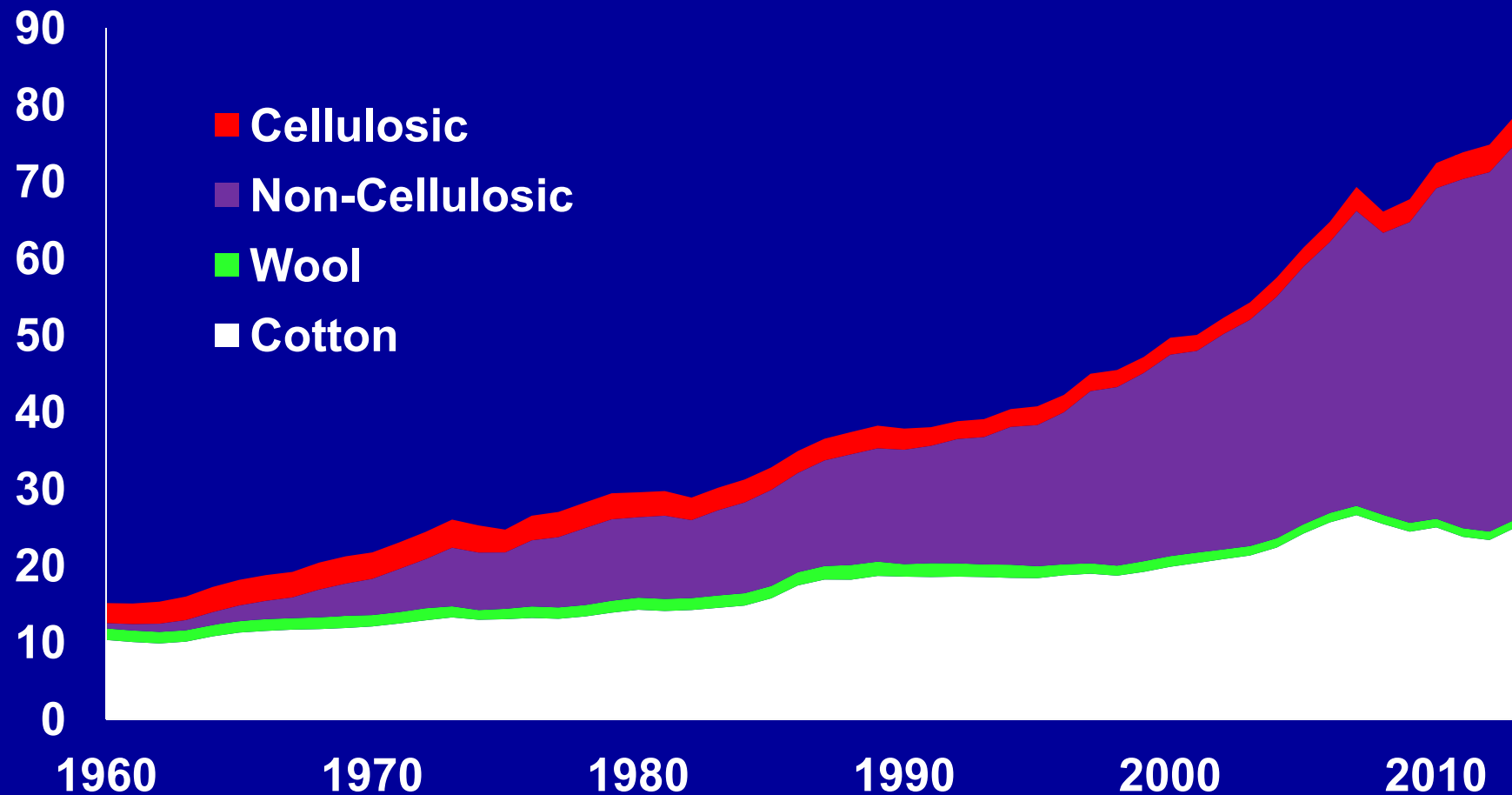
- Textile consumption at retail (end-use)
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World Consumption of Textile Fibers and Population

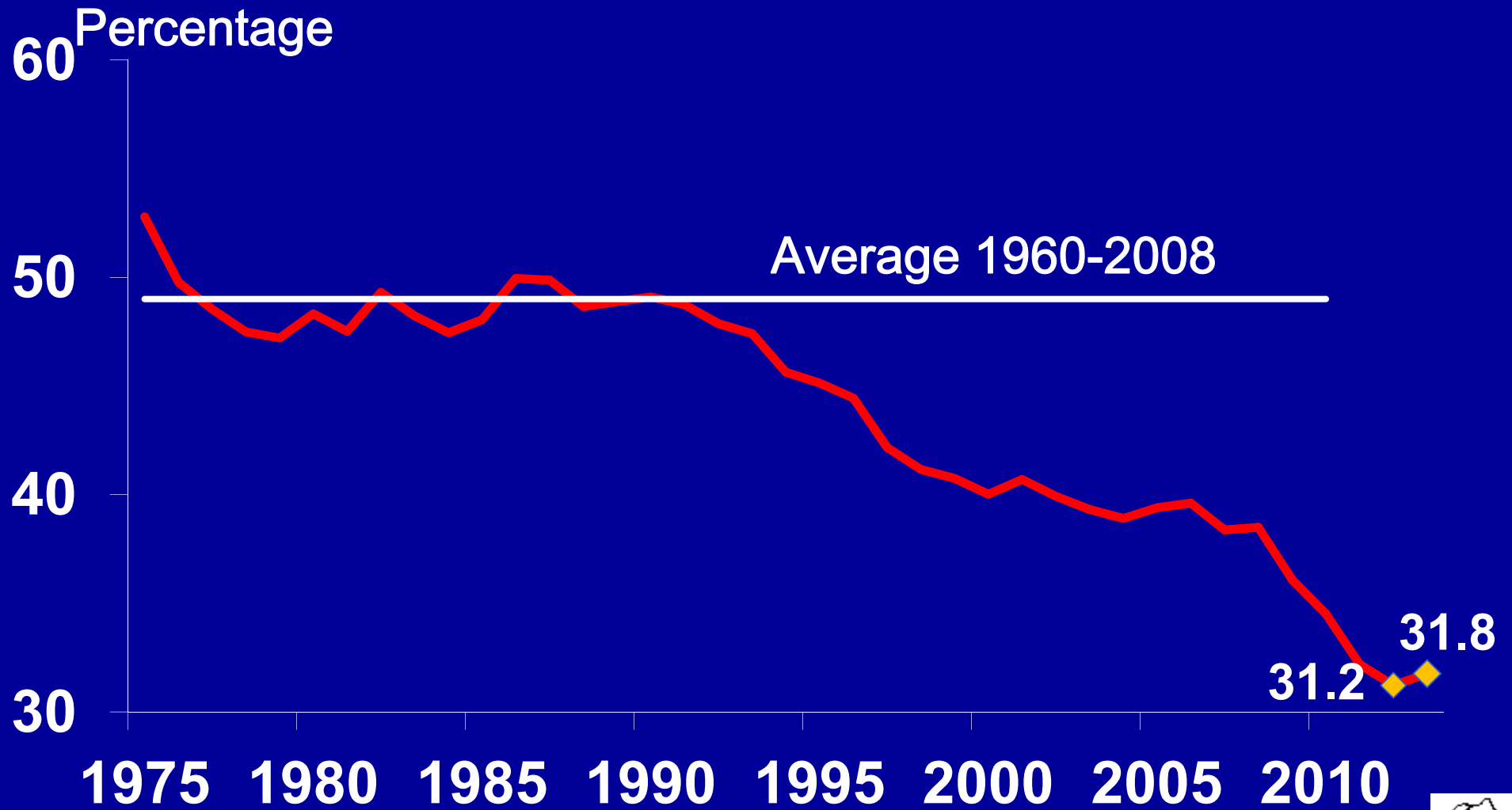


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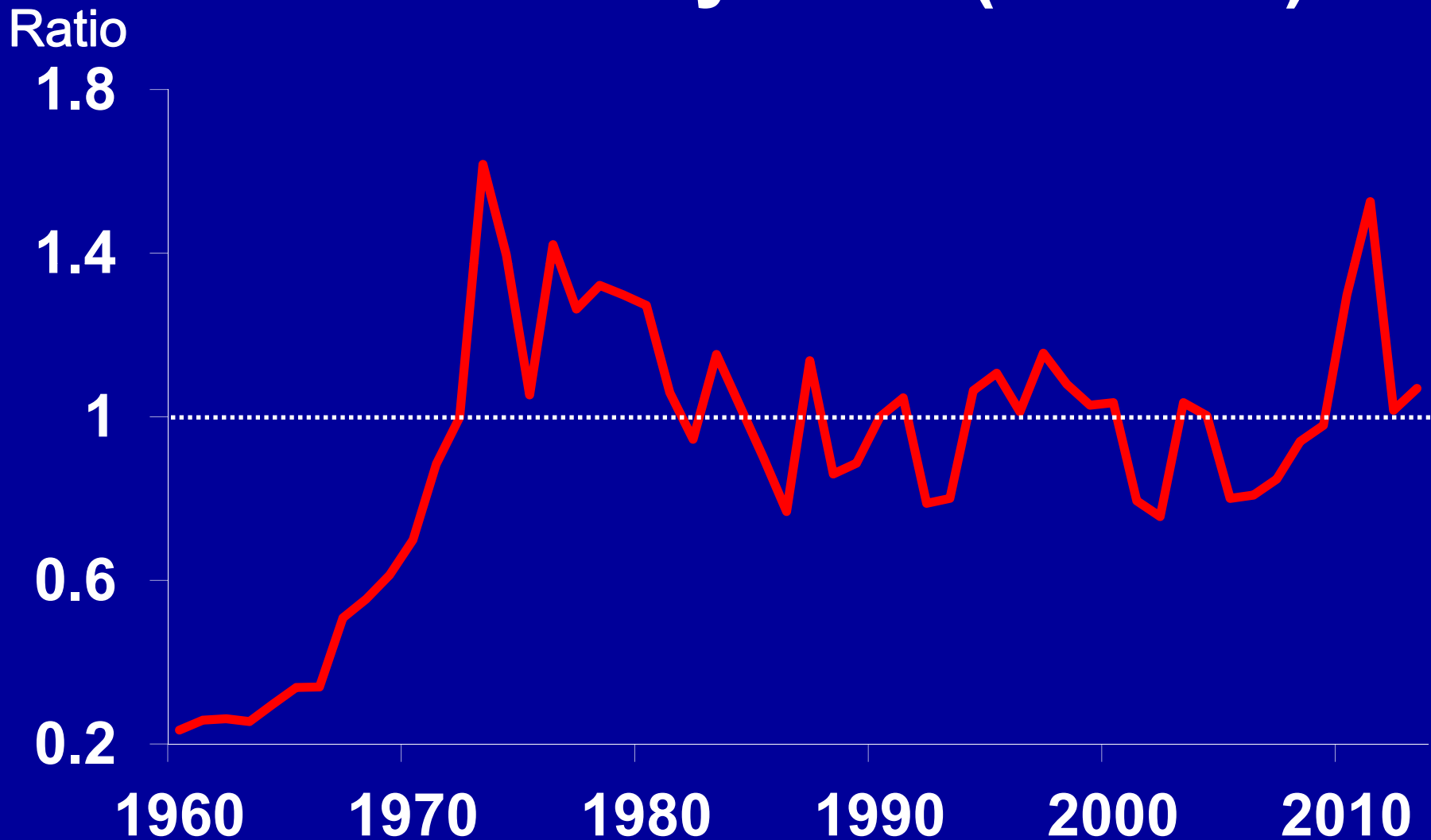
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Market Share of Cotton in World Textile Fibers Consumption

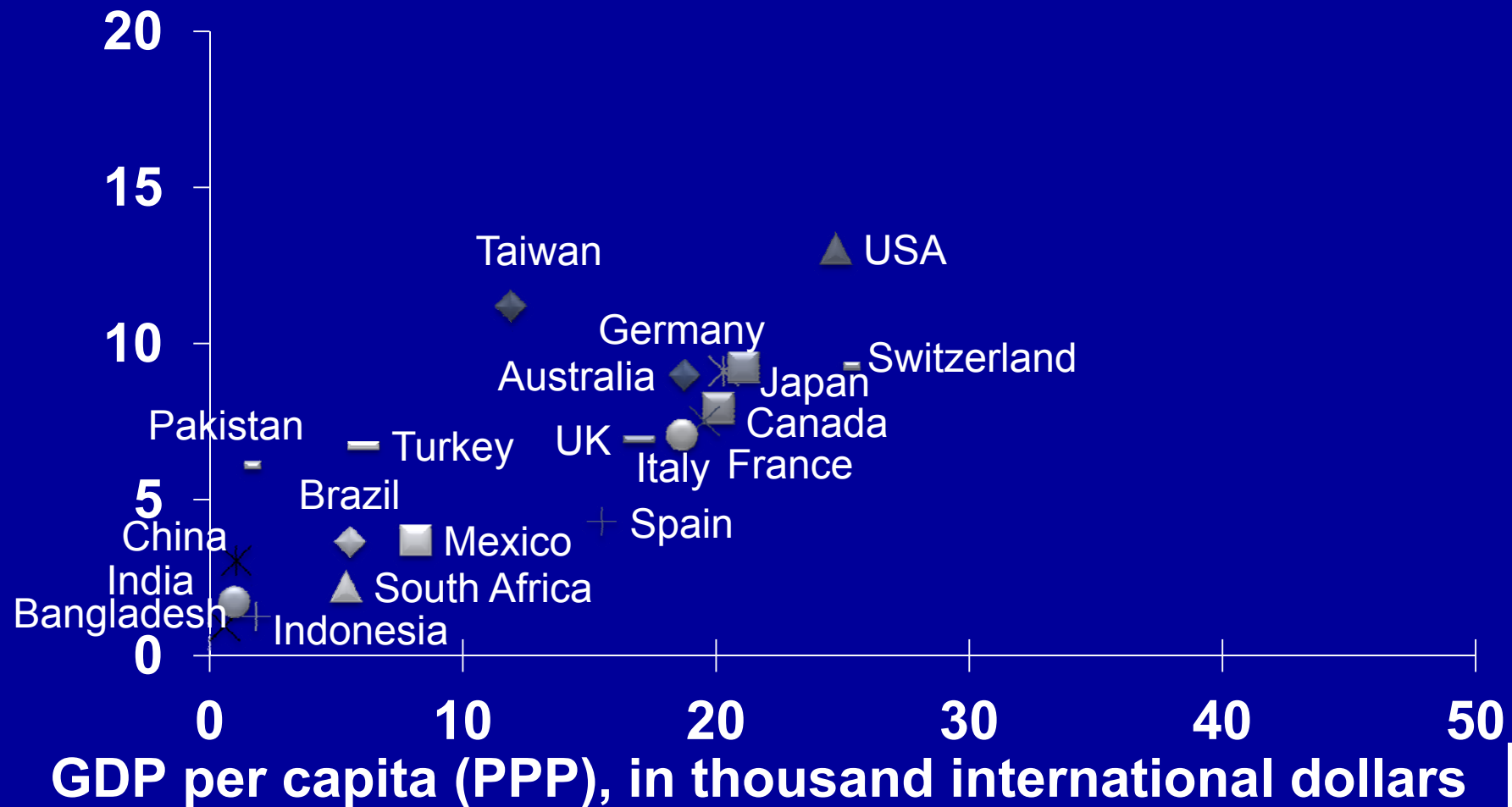


Relative Price of Cotton to Polyester (Annual)



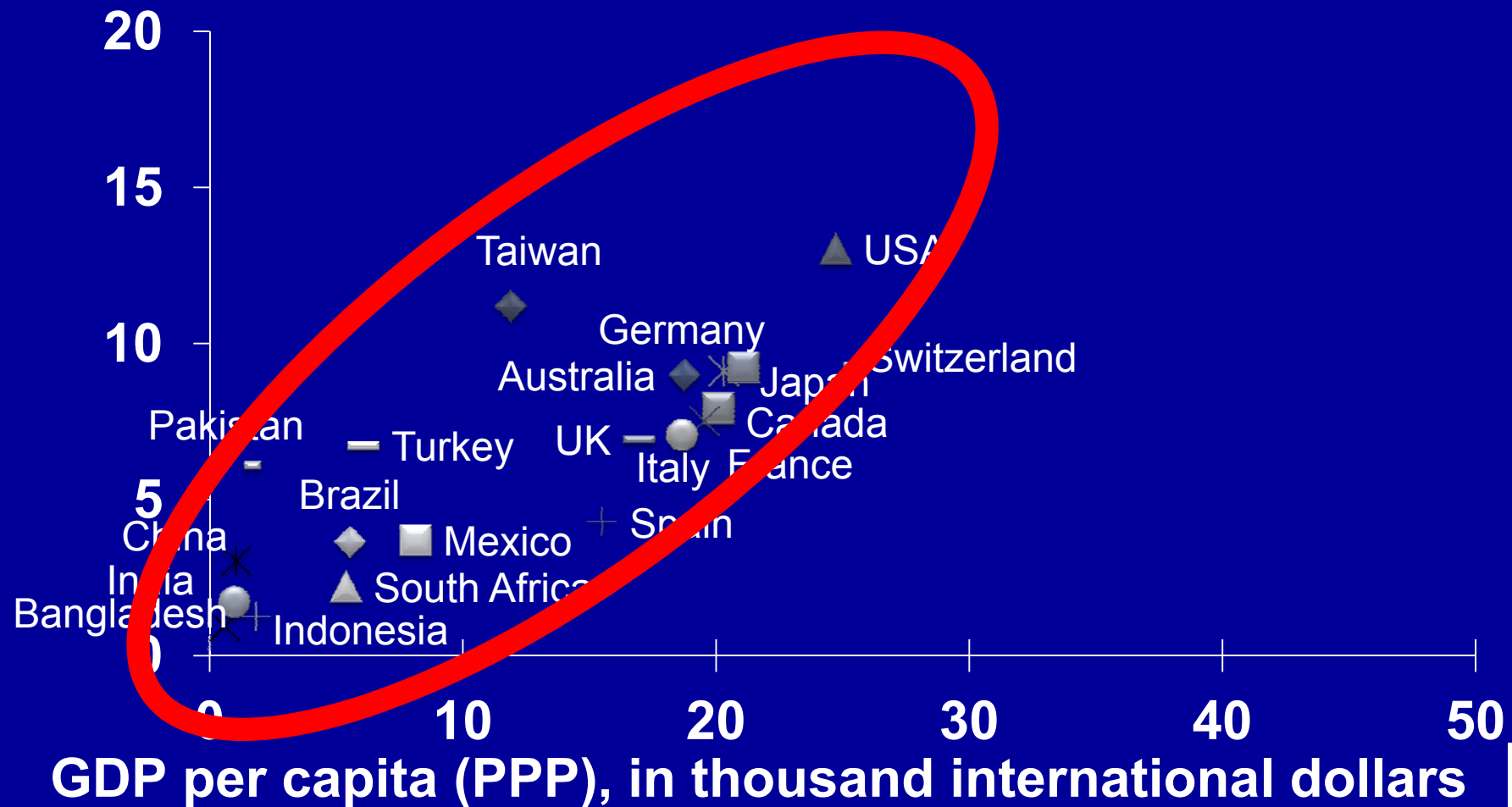
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Cotton Consumption per Capita, in kgs



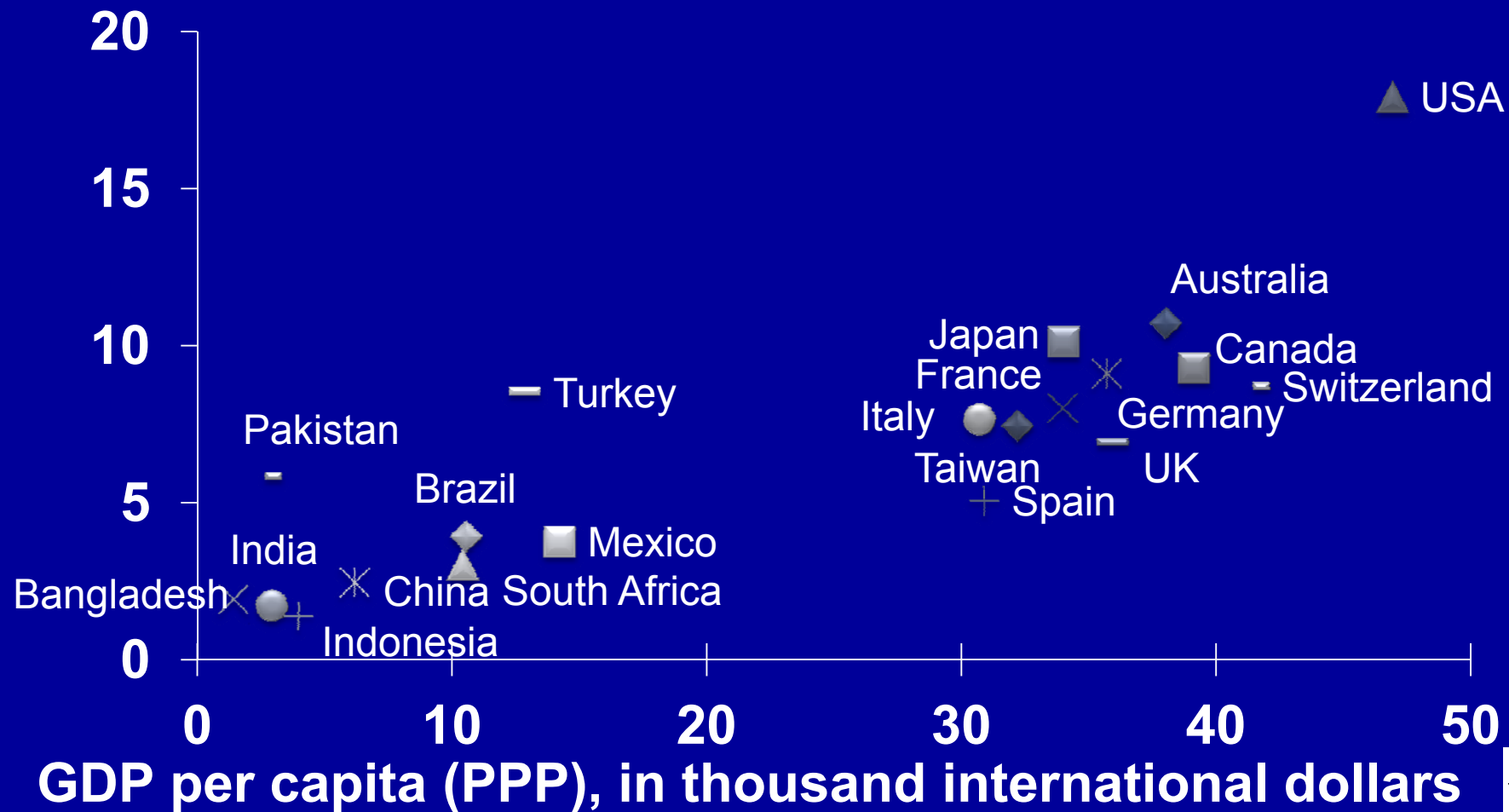
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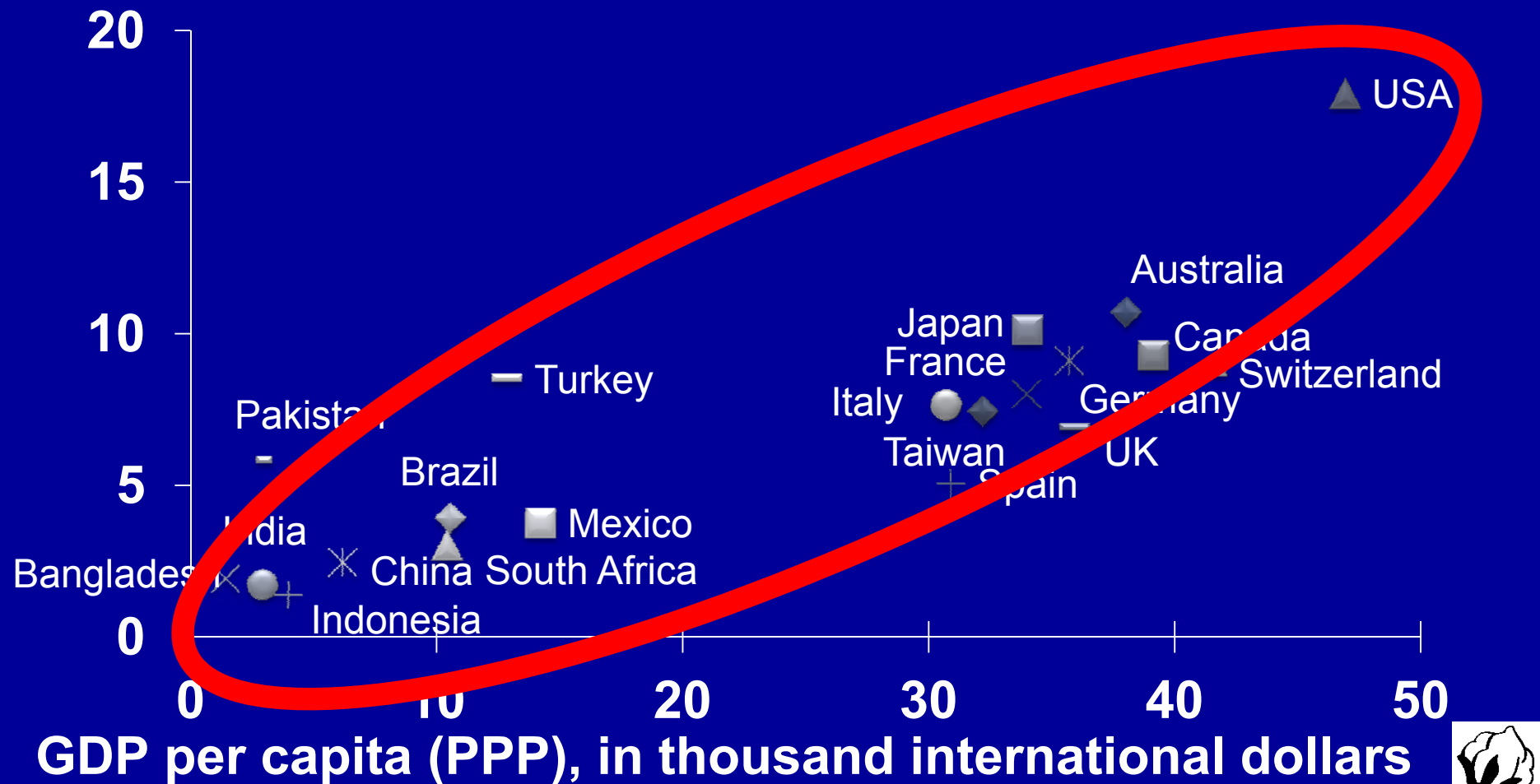
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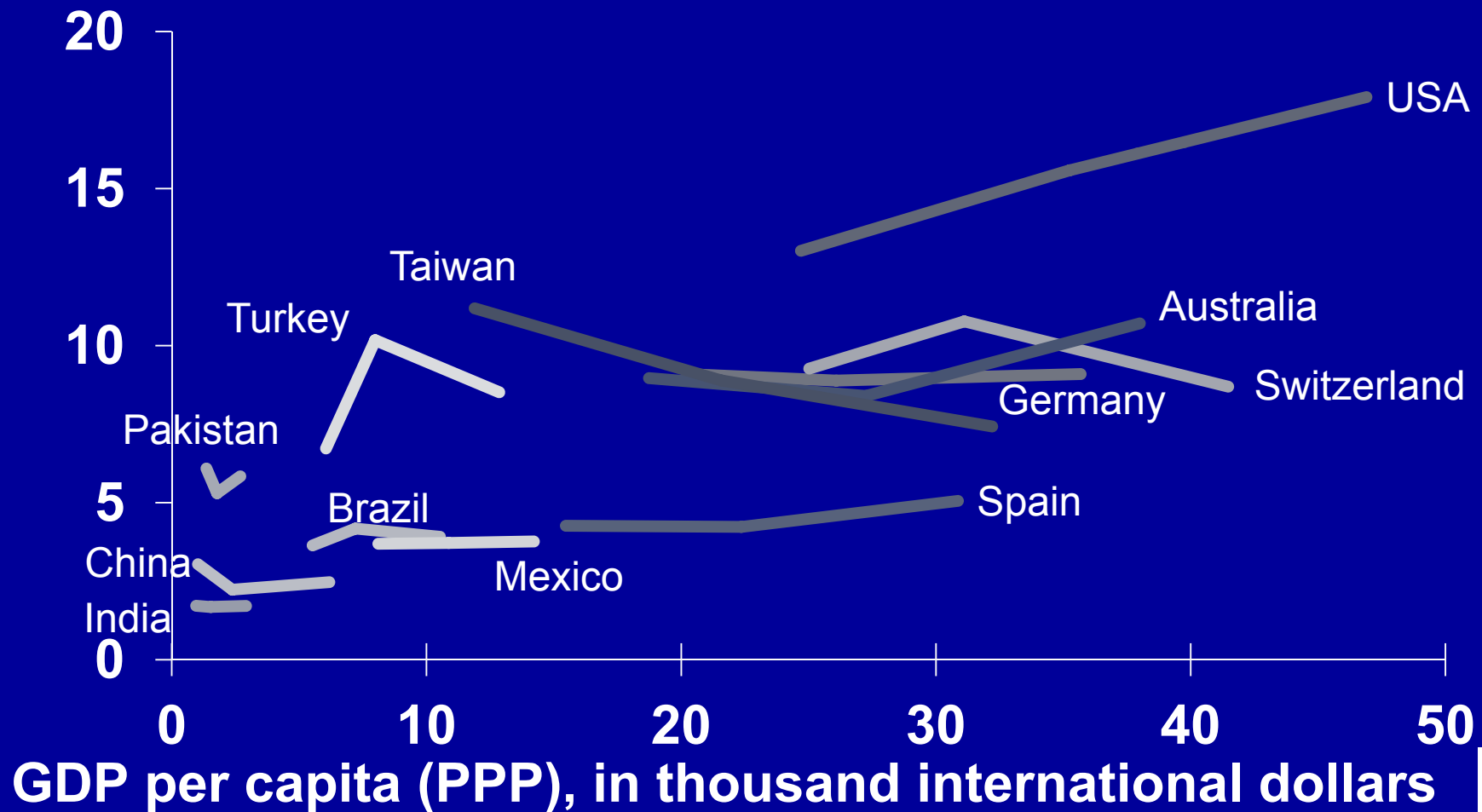
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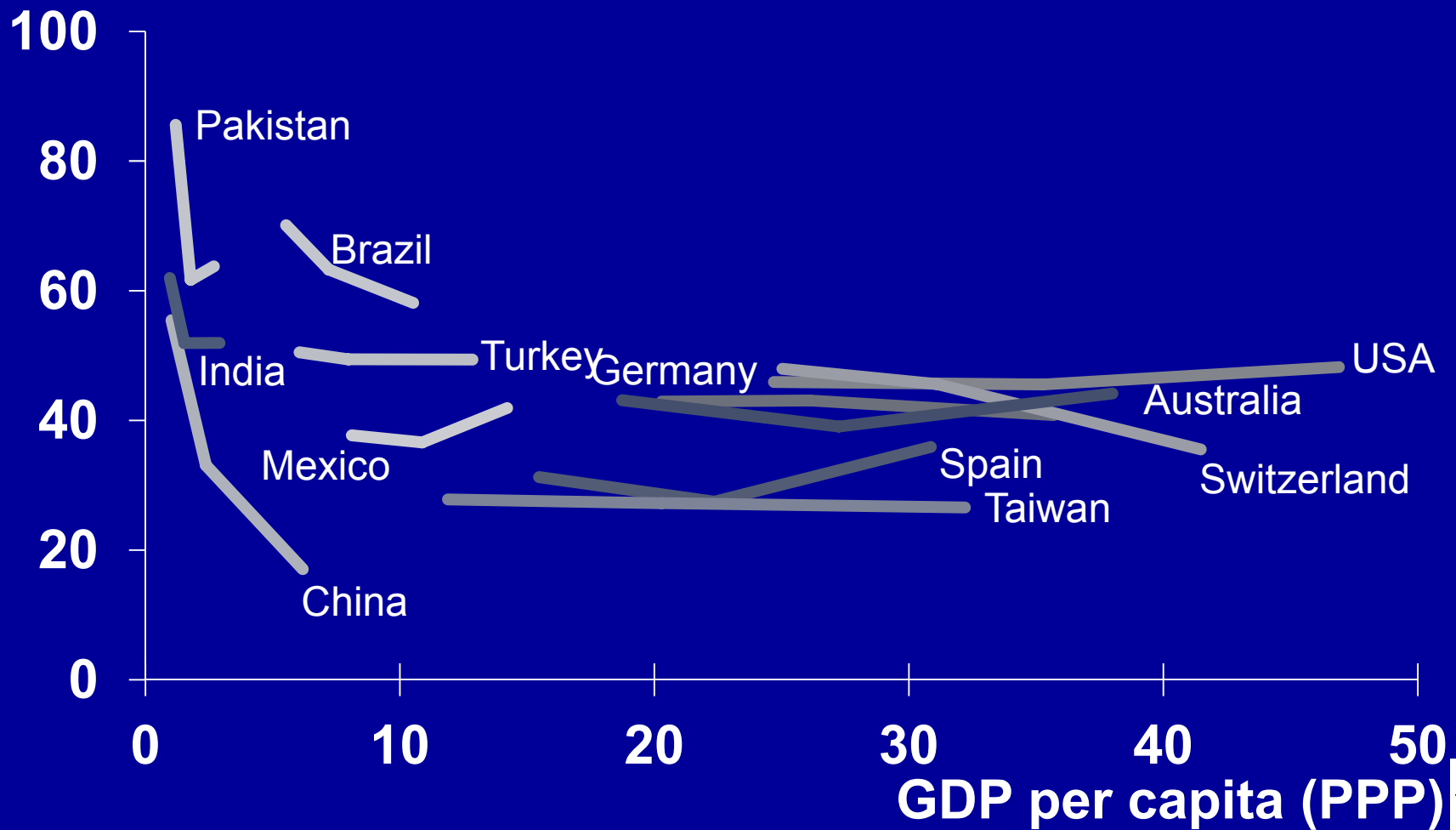
Cotton Consumption per Capita vs. GDP per Capita 1992, 2000, 2008

Cotton Consumption per Capita, in kgs



Market Share of Cotton vs. GDP per Capita 1992, 2000, 2008

Market Share of Cotton (%)



Cotton Consumption

↑ population, ↑ cotton consumption

↑ income, cotton consumption per capita ↑↓

Cotton Consumption

Low income countries:

↑ income, ↓ market share of cotton

High income countries:

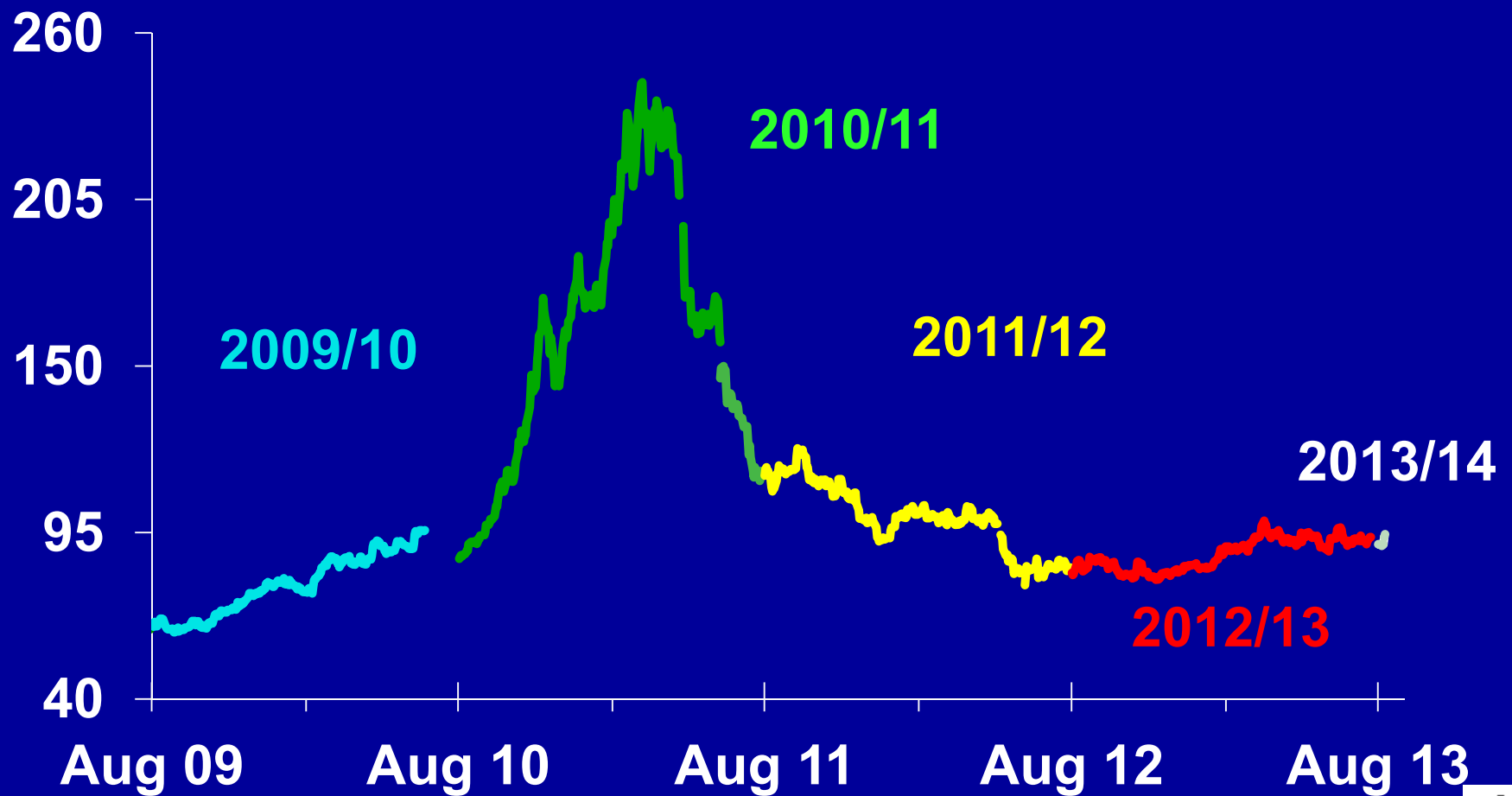
↑ income, market share of cotton stable at
around 40%

Outlook:

↑ cotton consumption
↓ market share of cotton

Cotlook A Index

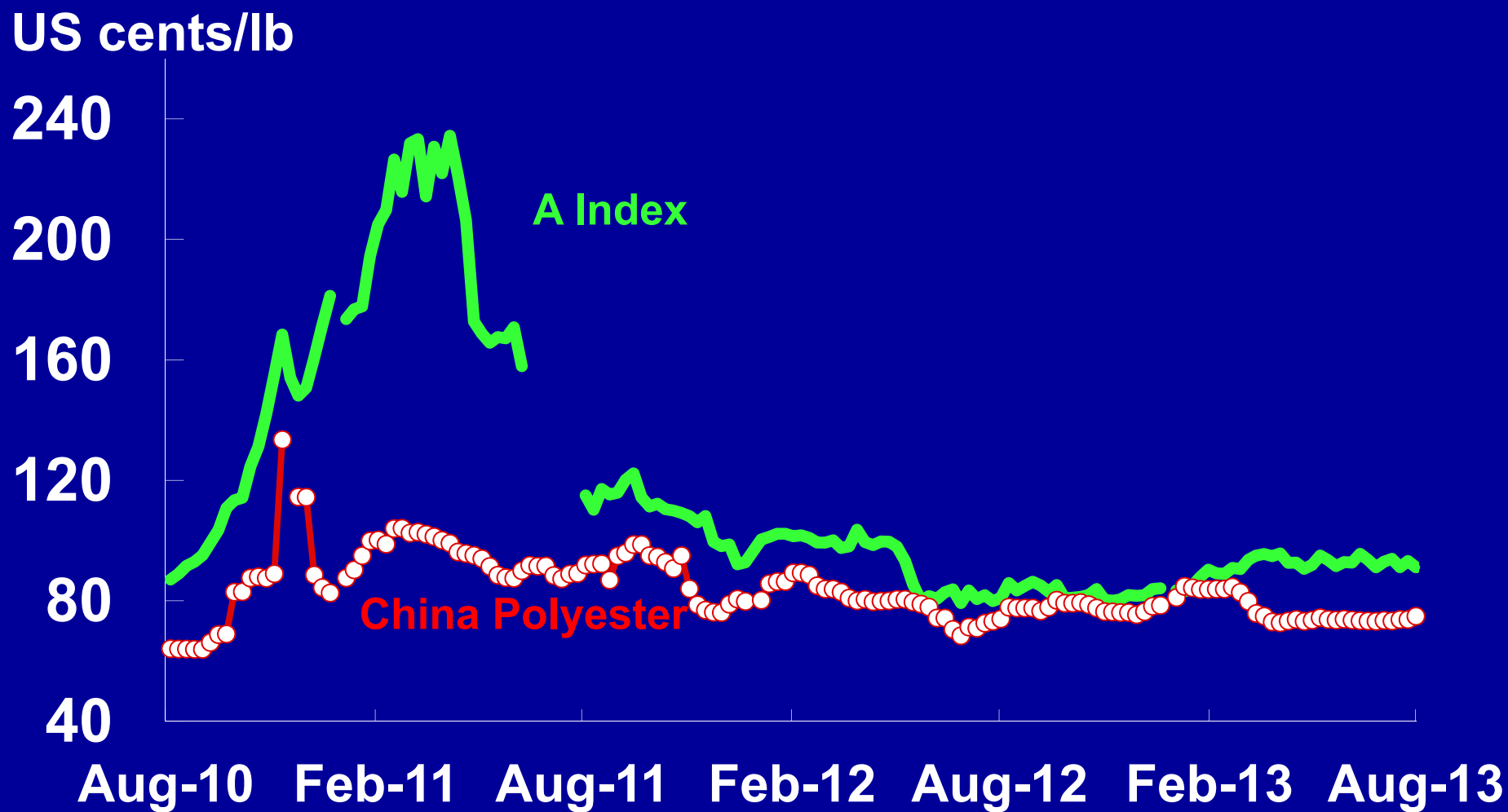
U.S. cents/lb



A Index and Nearby NY Futures Prices



Cotton and Polyester Prices*

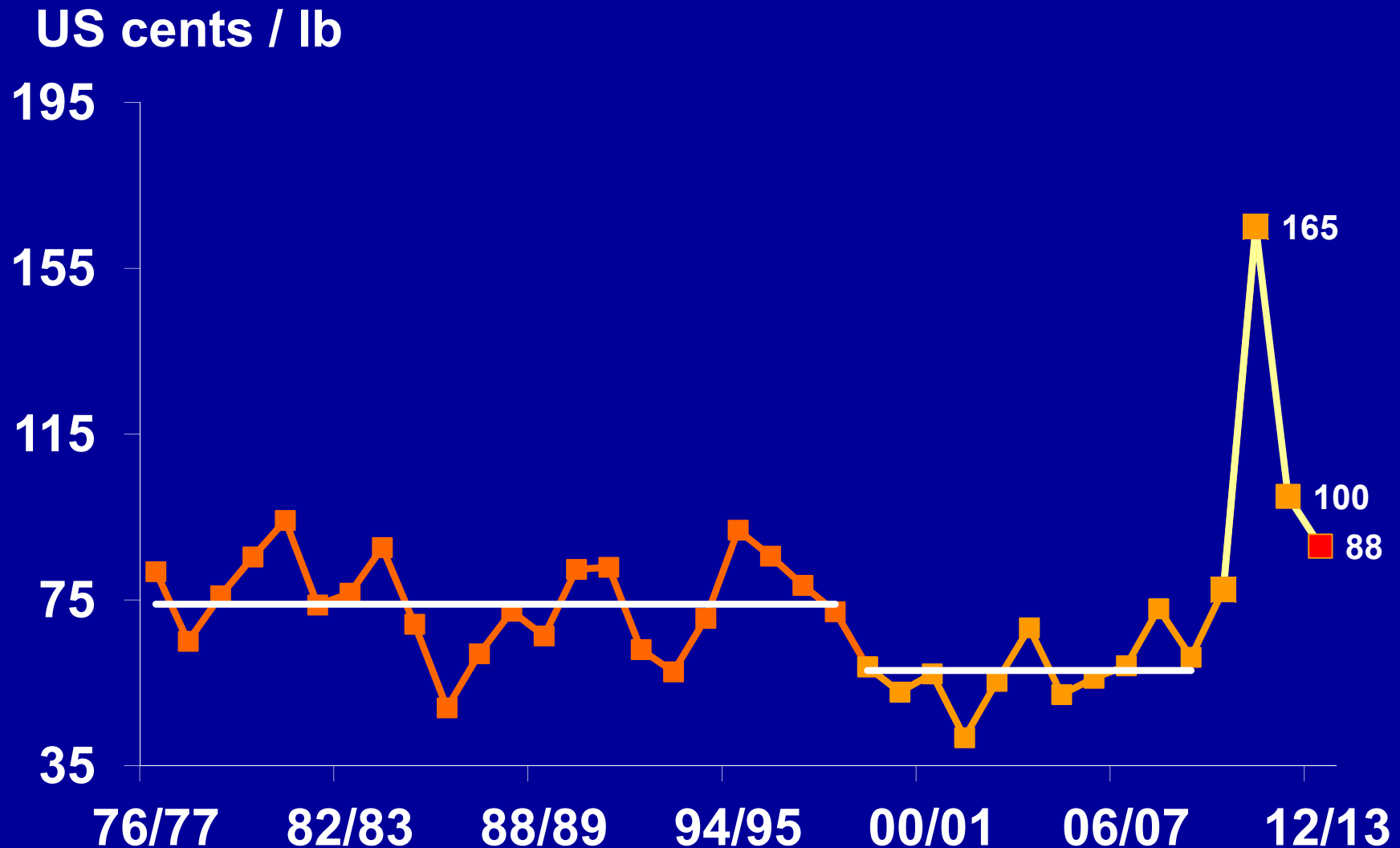


*Weekly quotes (Source: Cotton Outlook)



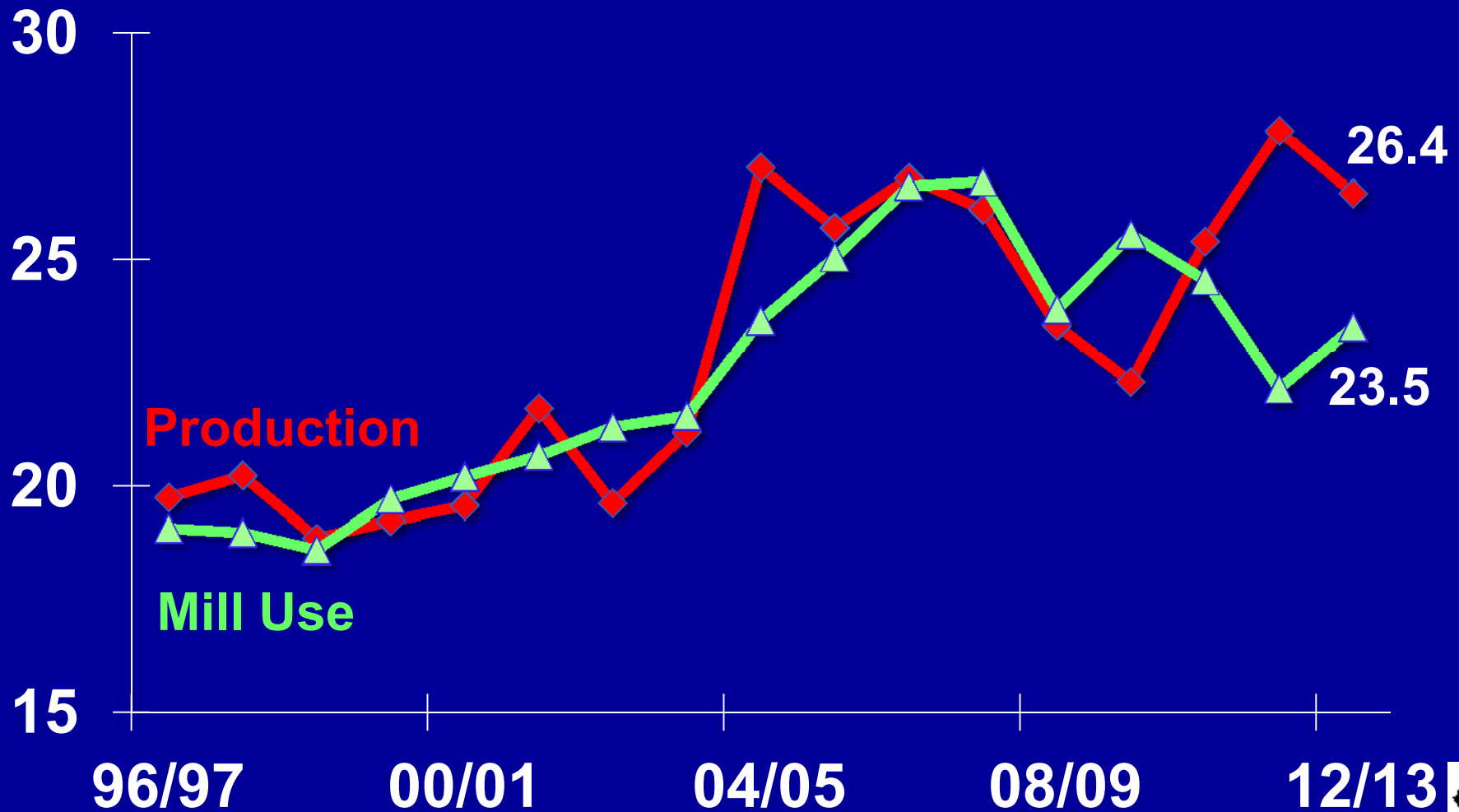
Season-Average A Index

(source: Cotlook Ltd.)



World Cotton Production & Mill Use

Million tons



World Cotton Production & Mill Use

Million tons

30

25

20

15

96/97

00/01

04/05

08/09

12/13

Production

Mill Use

2004/05 – 2006/07:
Cumulative Gap: 4.2 mill tons
A Index: -24% in 04/05
4 years to recover

2010/11-2012/13:
Cumulative Gap: 9.5 mill tons
A Index: -65% in 10/11, -12% In 12/13
Higher bound pre-2000 levels

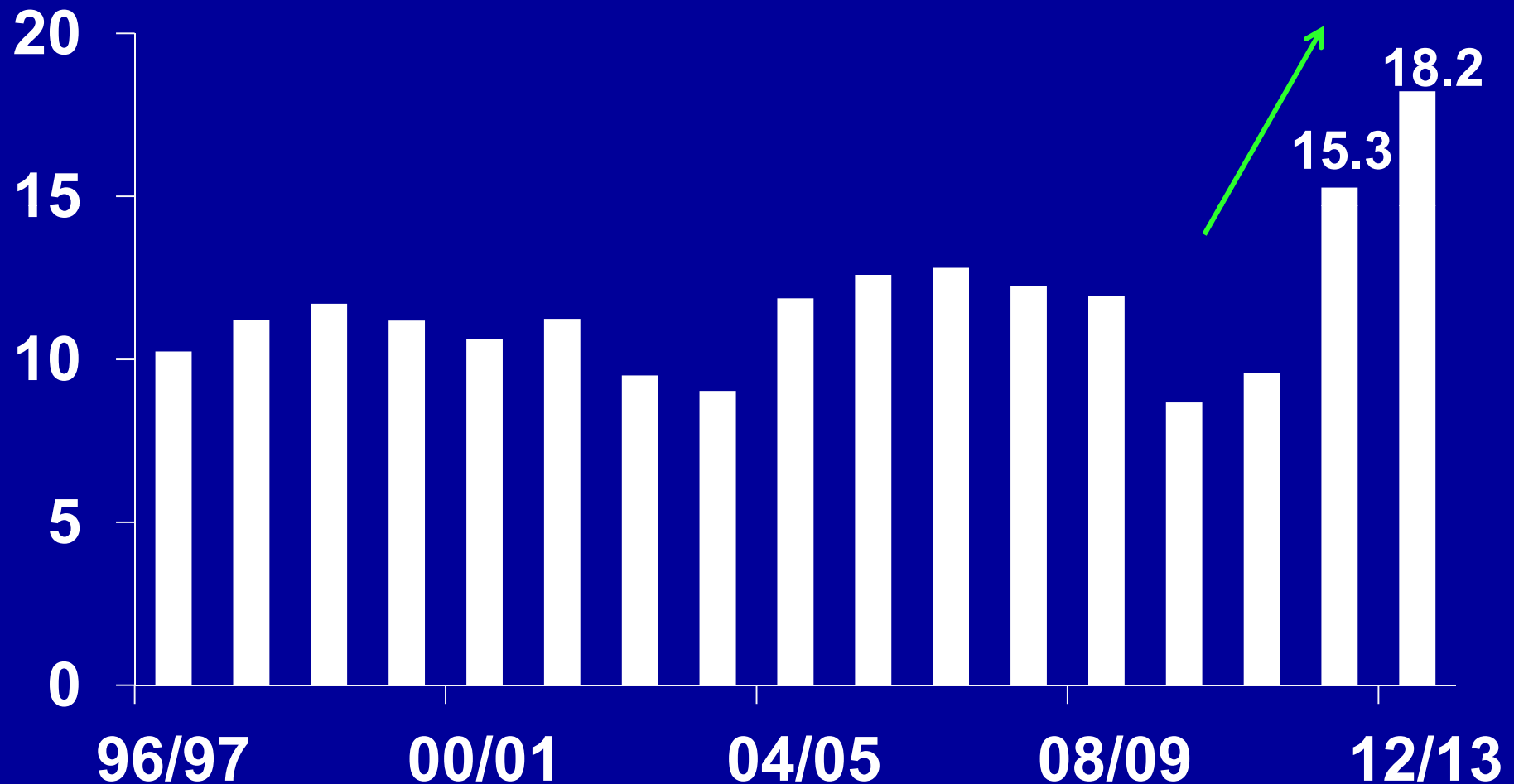
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23.5

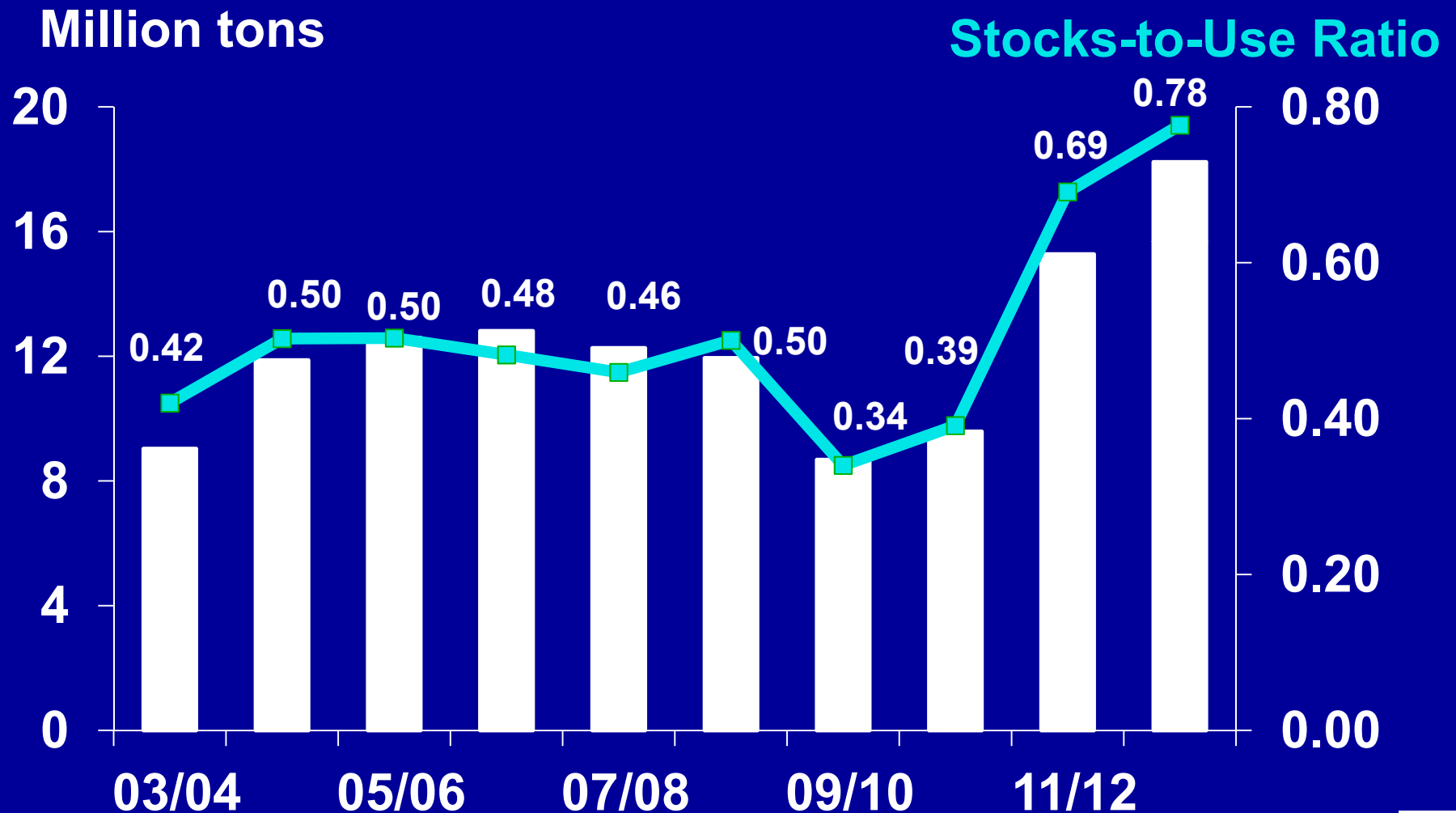


World Ending Stocks

Million tons



World Ending Stocks



Cotlook A Index

U.S. cents/lb



Why not lower?

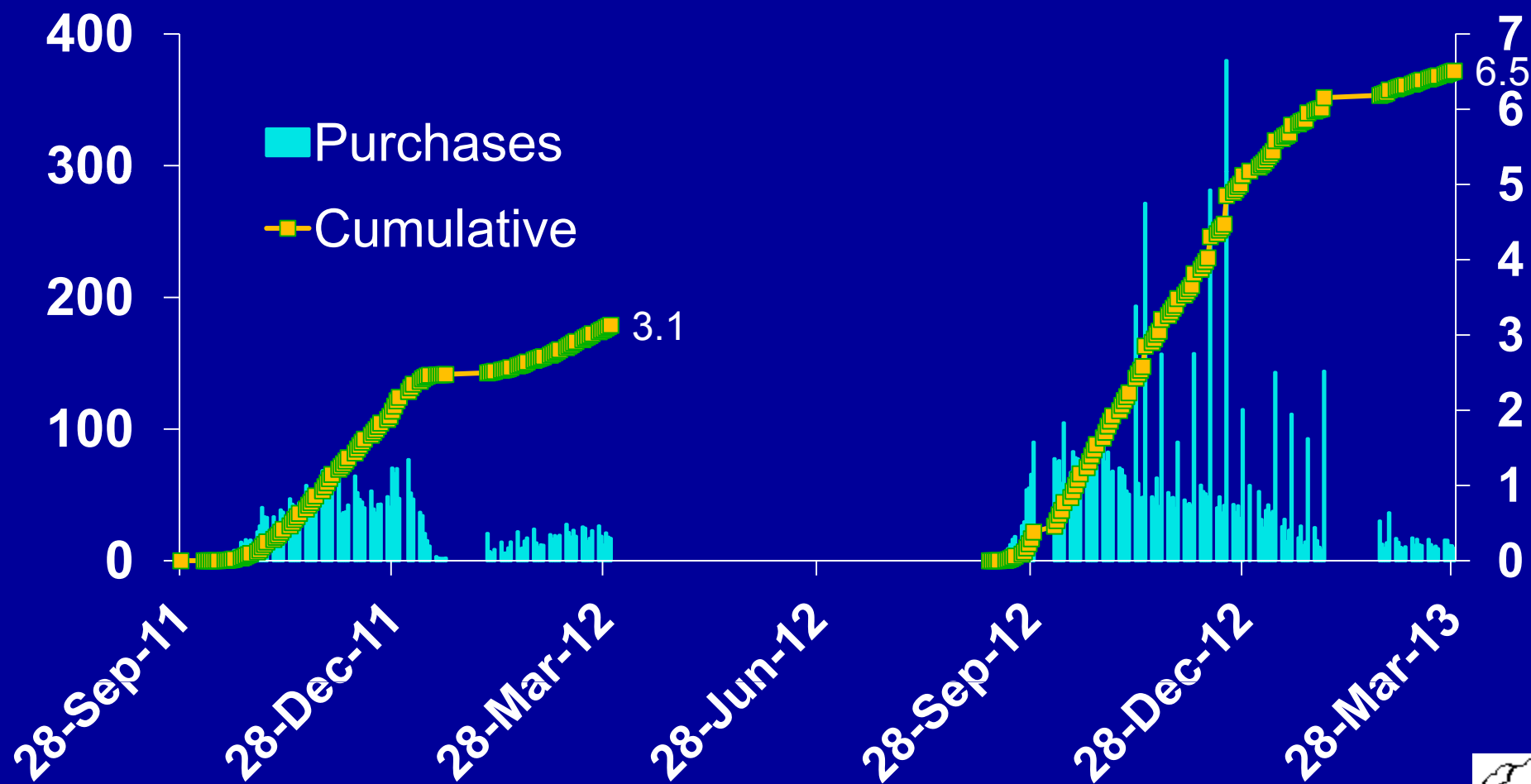


China National Cotton Reserve Corporation (CNCRC)

Purchases of Cotton by the Chinese National Reserve

Thousand tons

Million tons



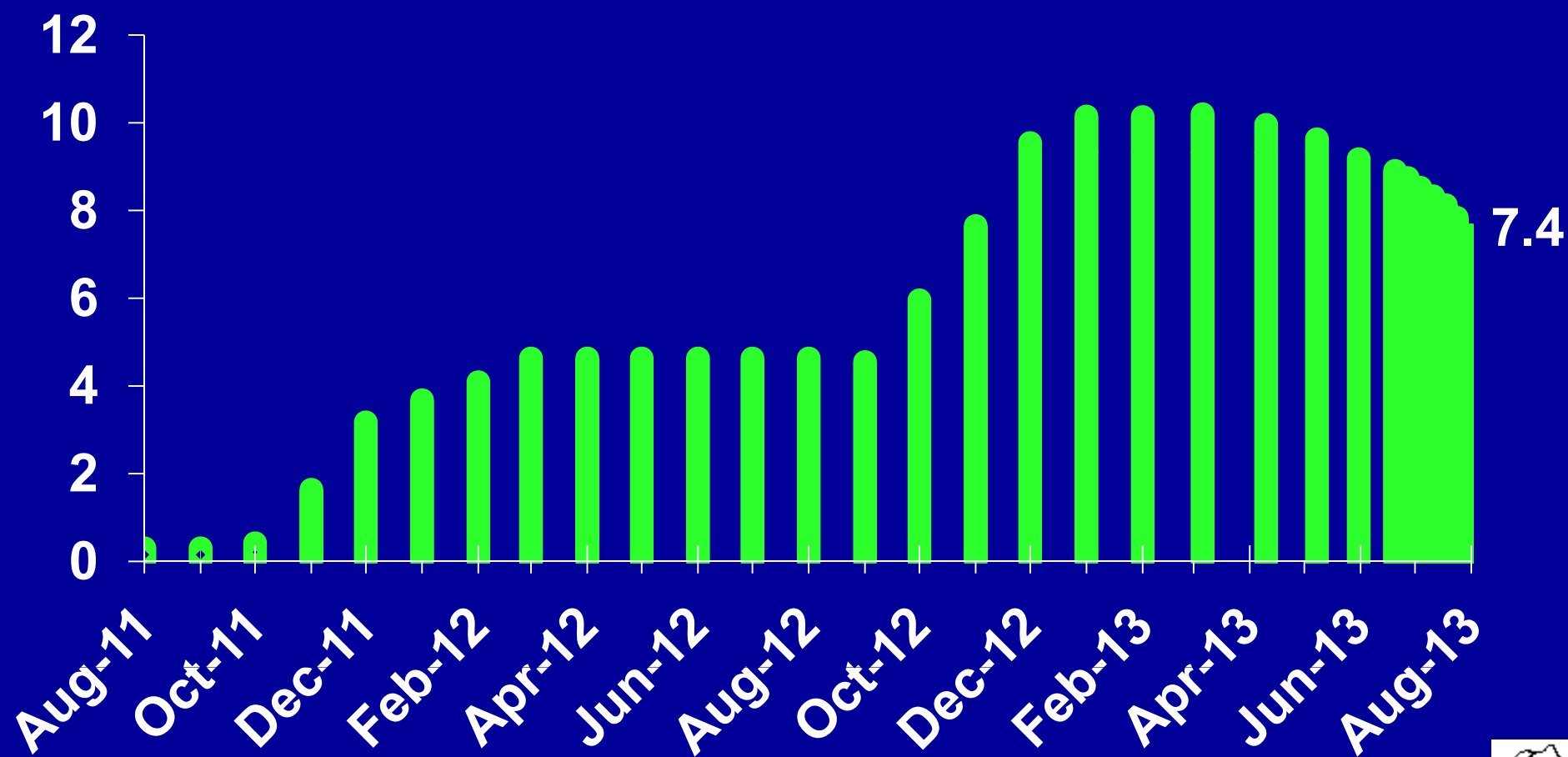
Government Interventions that sustained cotton prices

- Chinese National Reserve Corporation: 10 million tons in 2011/12 and 2012/13
- India: export ban March – May 2012. Exports August - March 2012: 1.6 million tons.

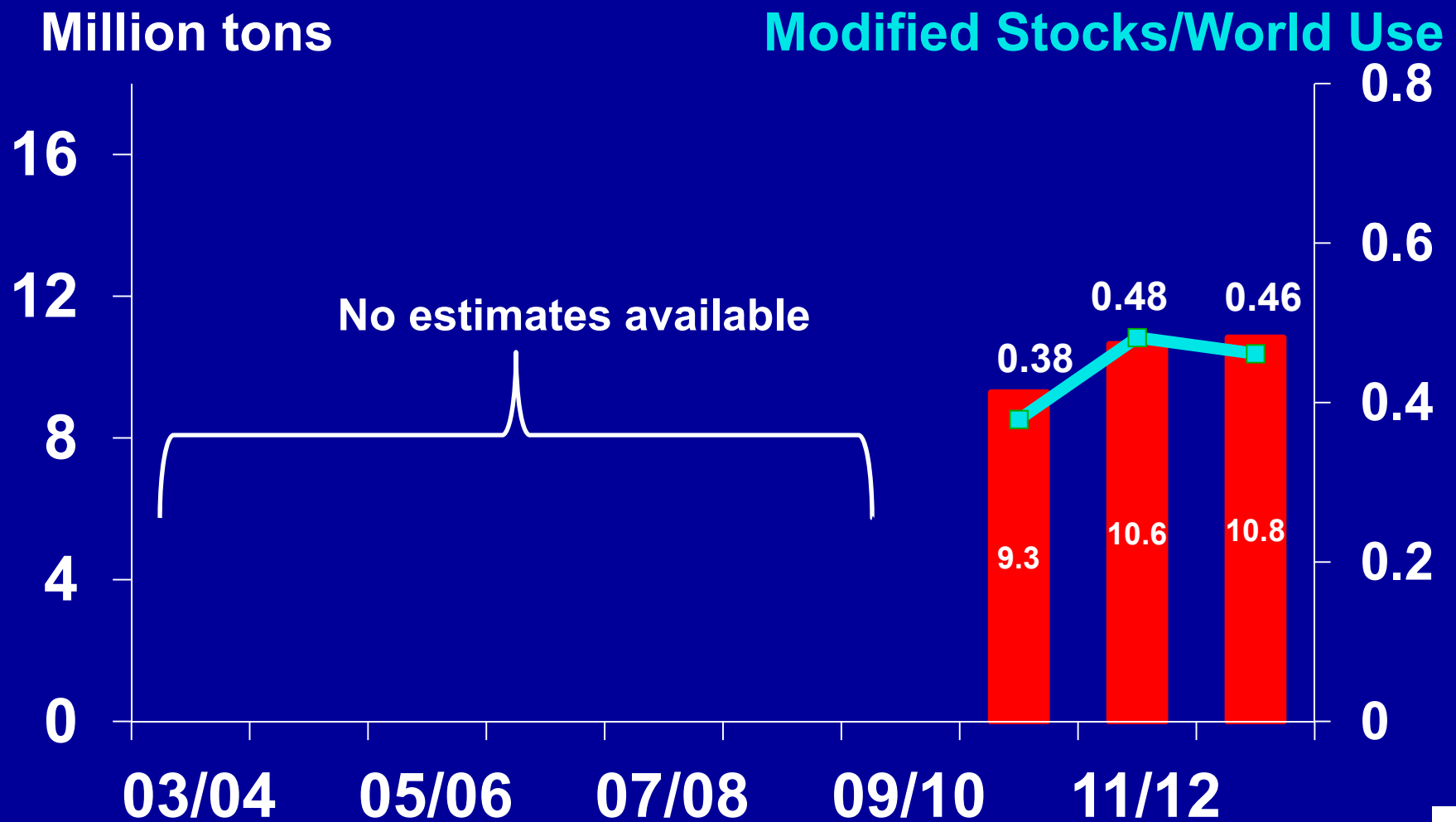


Estimated Size of China National Reserve

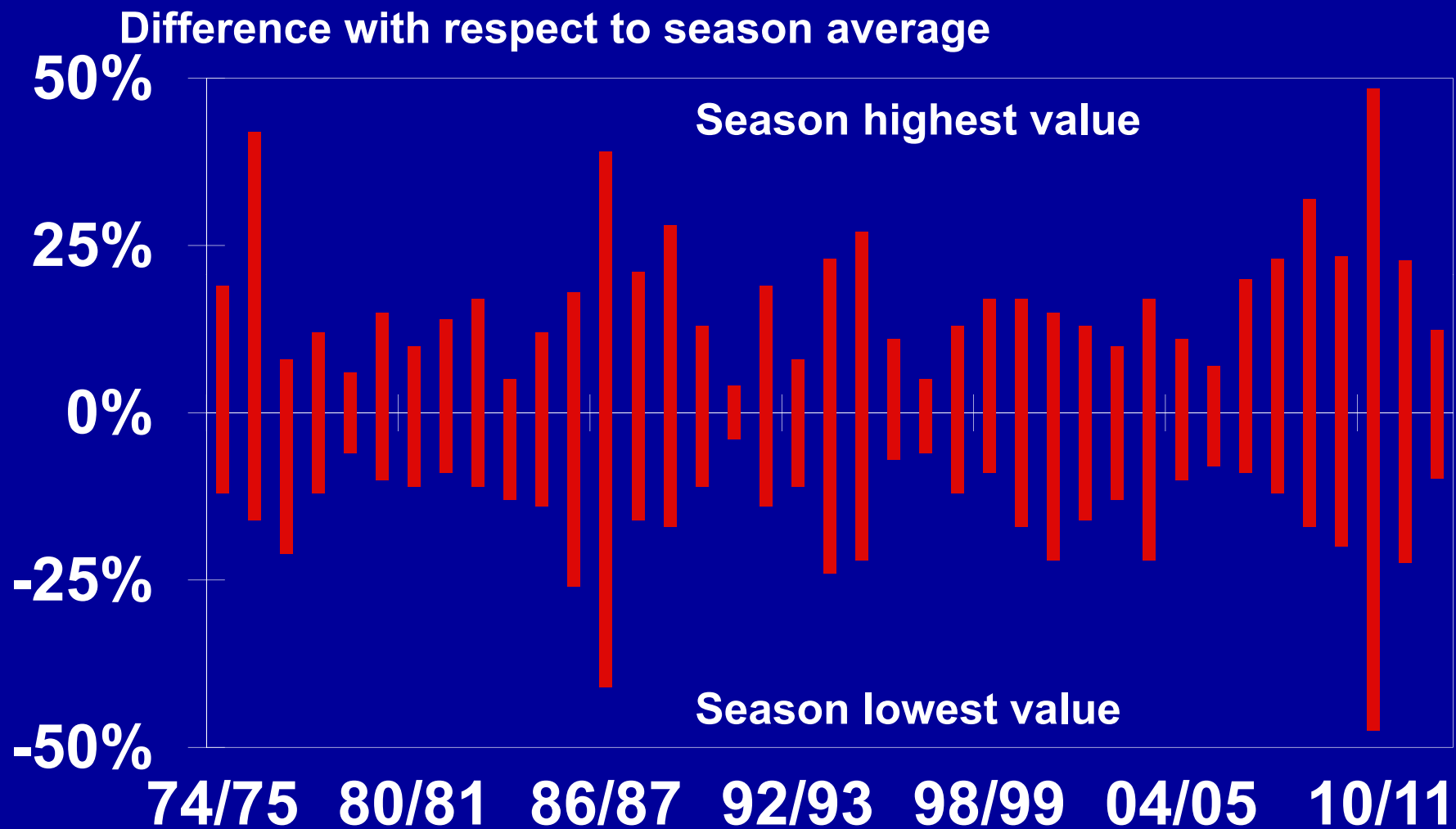
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World Ending Stocks Minus China National Reserve

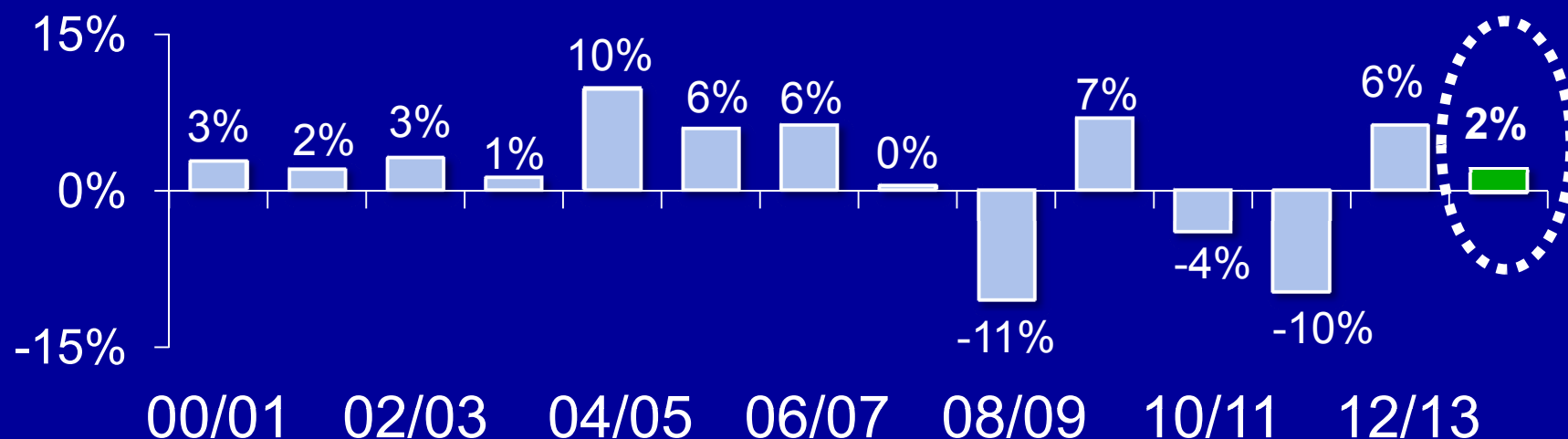


Price Volatility by Season: Cotlook A Index

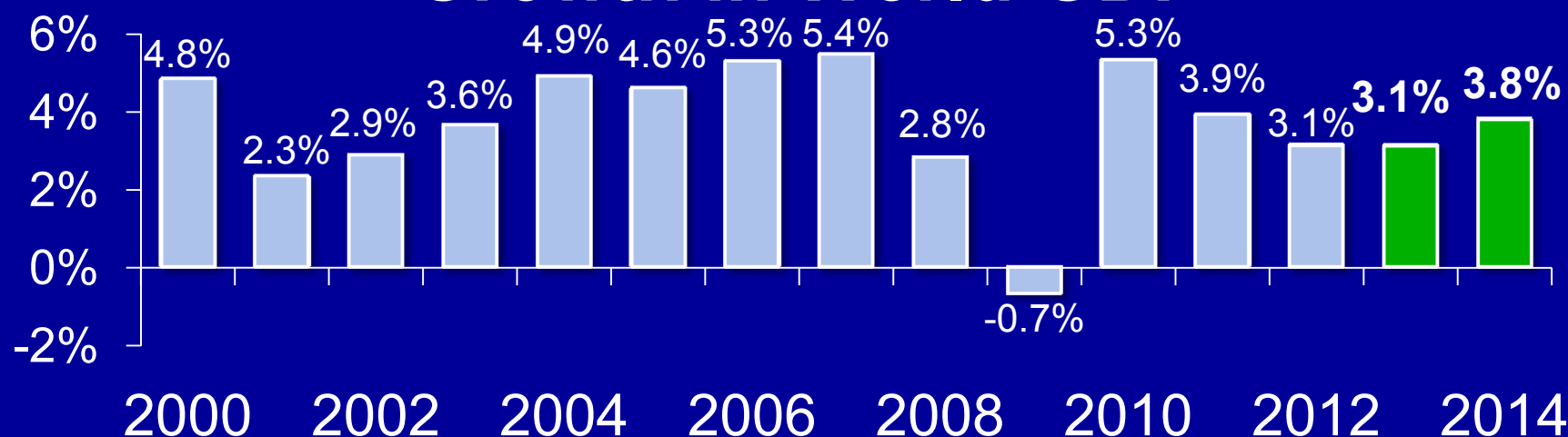


Outlook 2013/14

Growth in World Cotton Mill Use

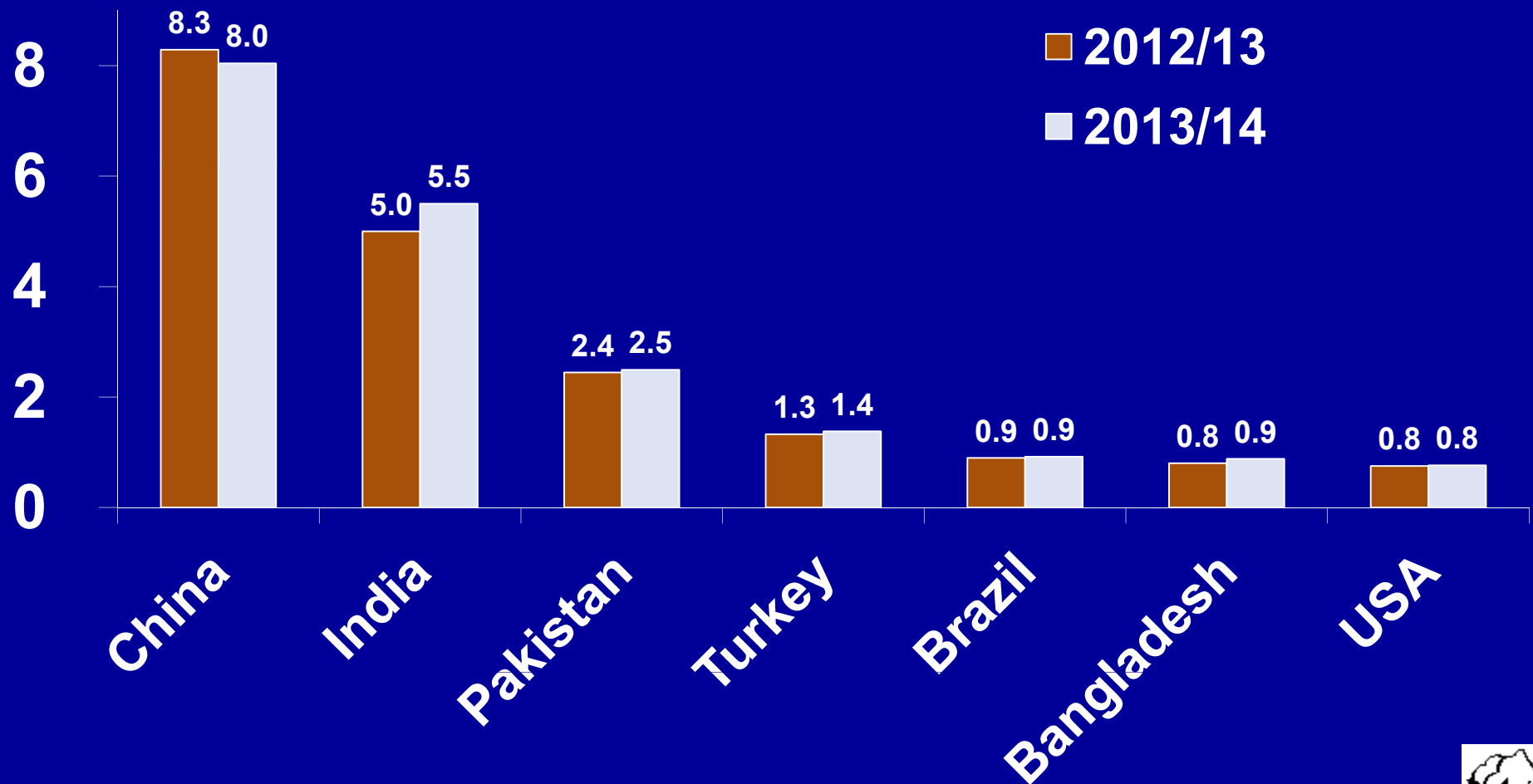


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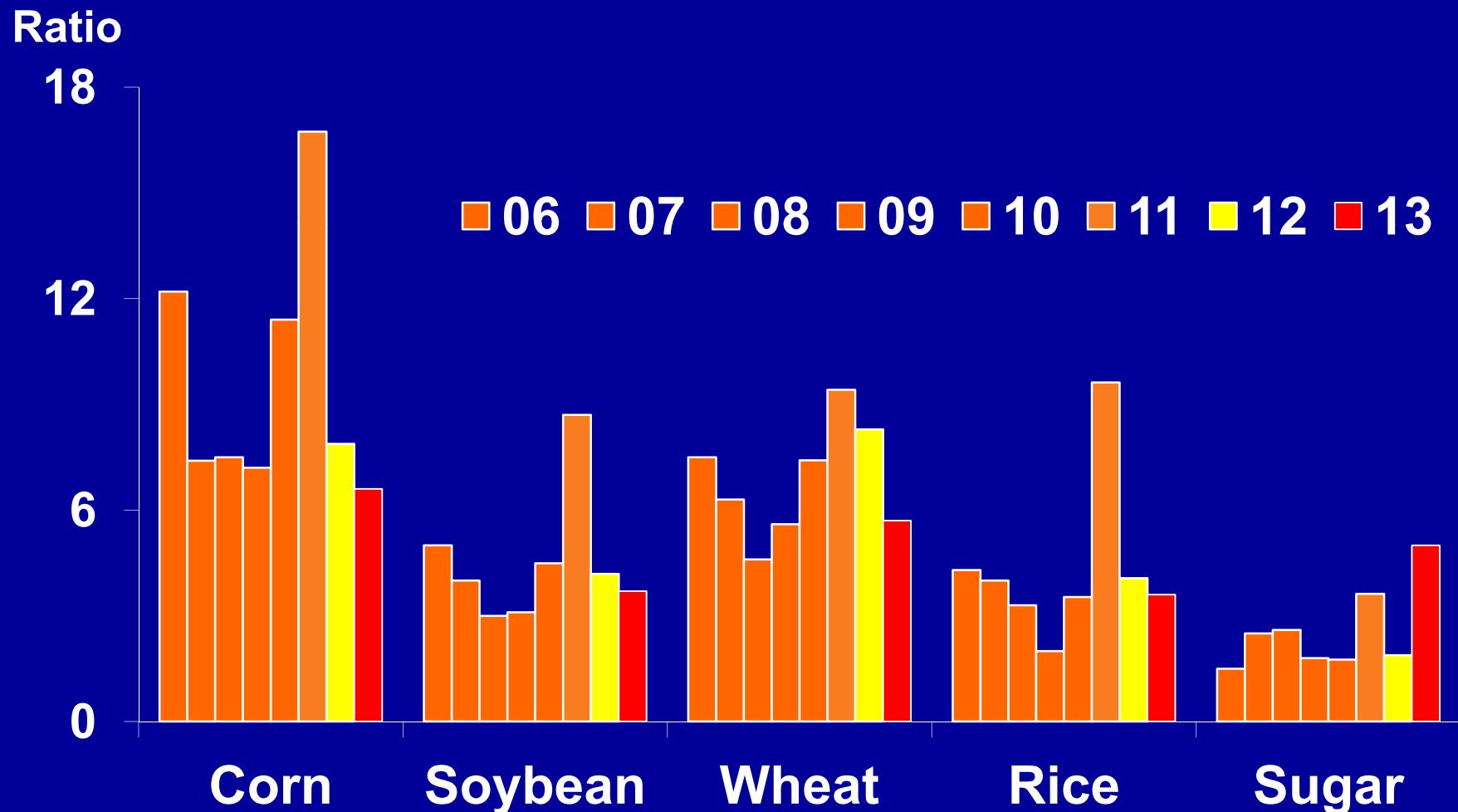


Cotton Mill Use

Million Tons



Price of cotton vs. competing crops at planting time

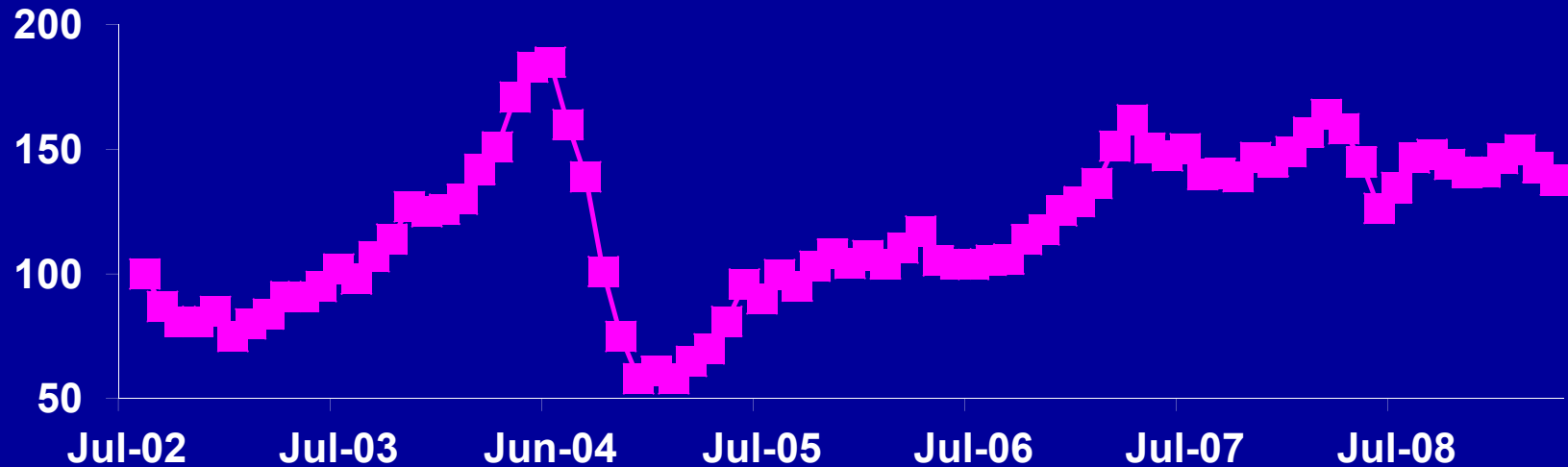


World Cotton Area and Prices



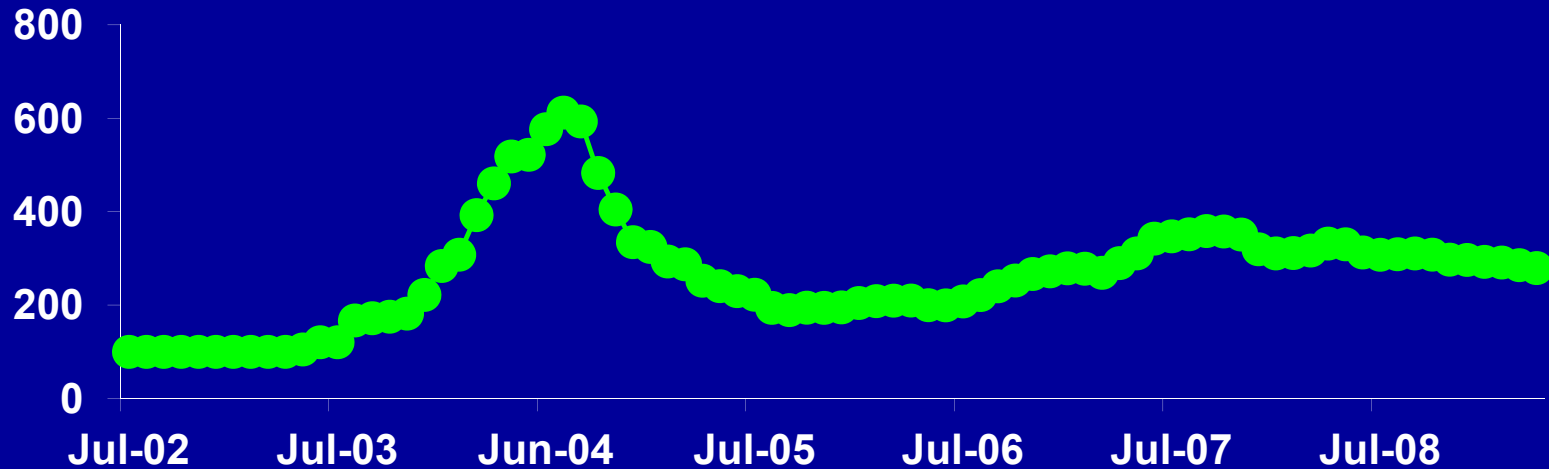
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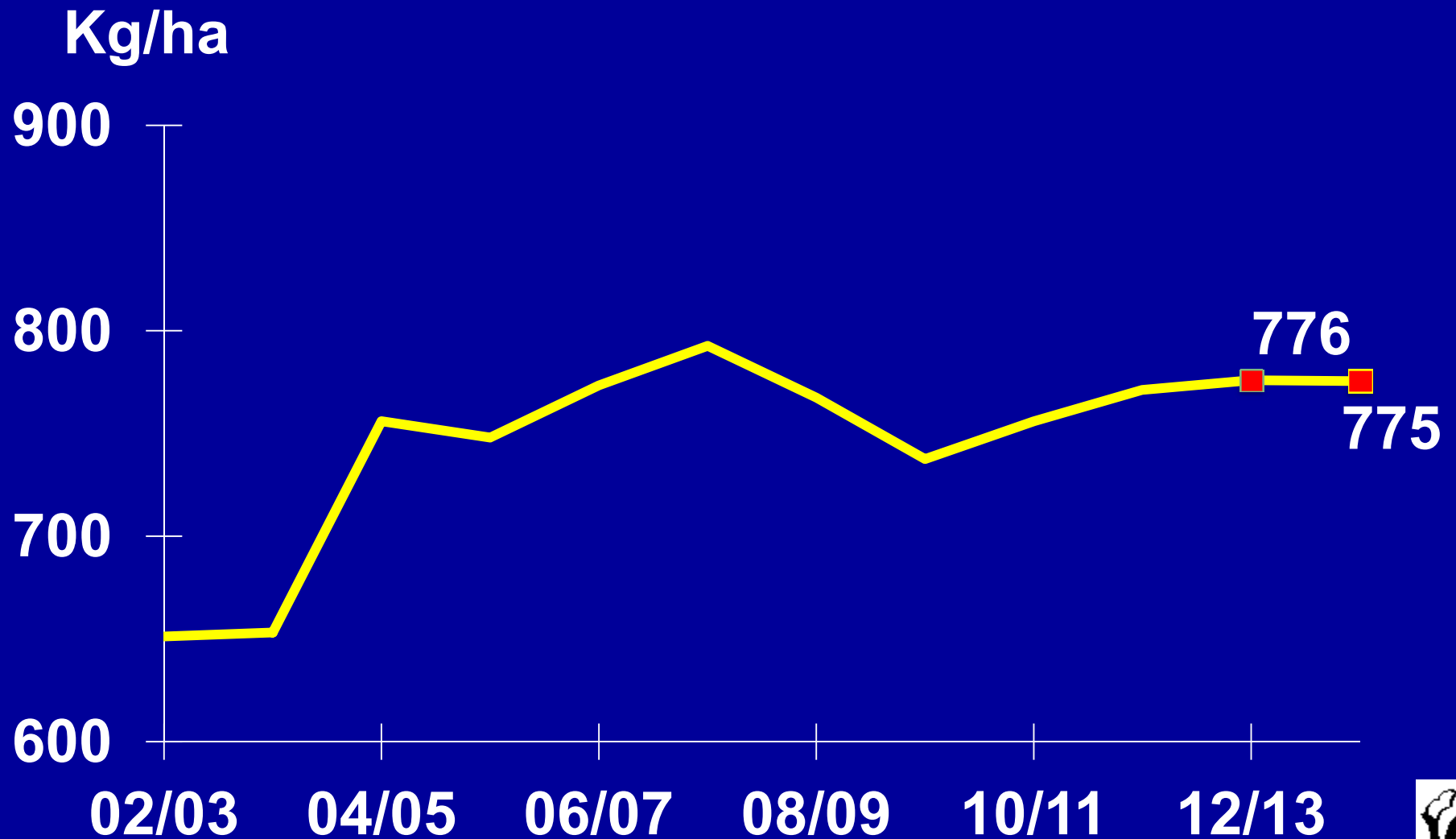


Fertilizer Prices

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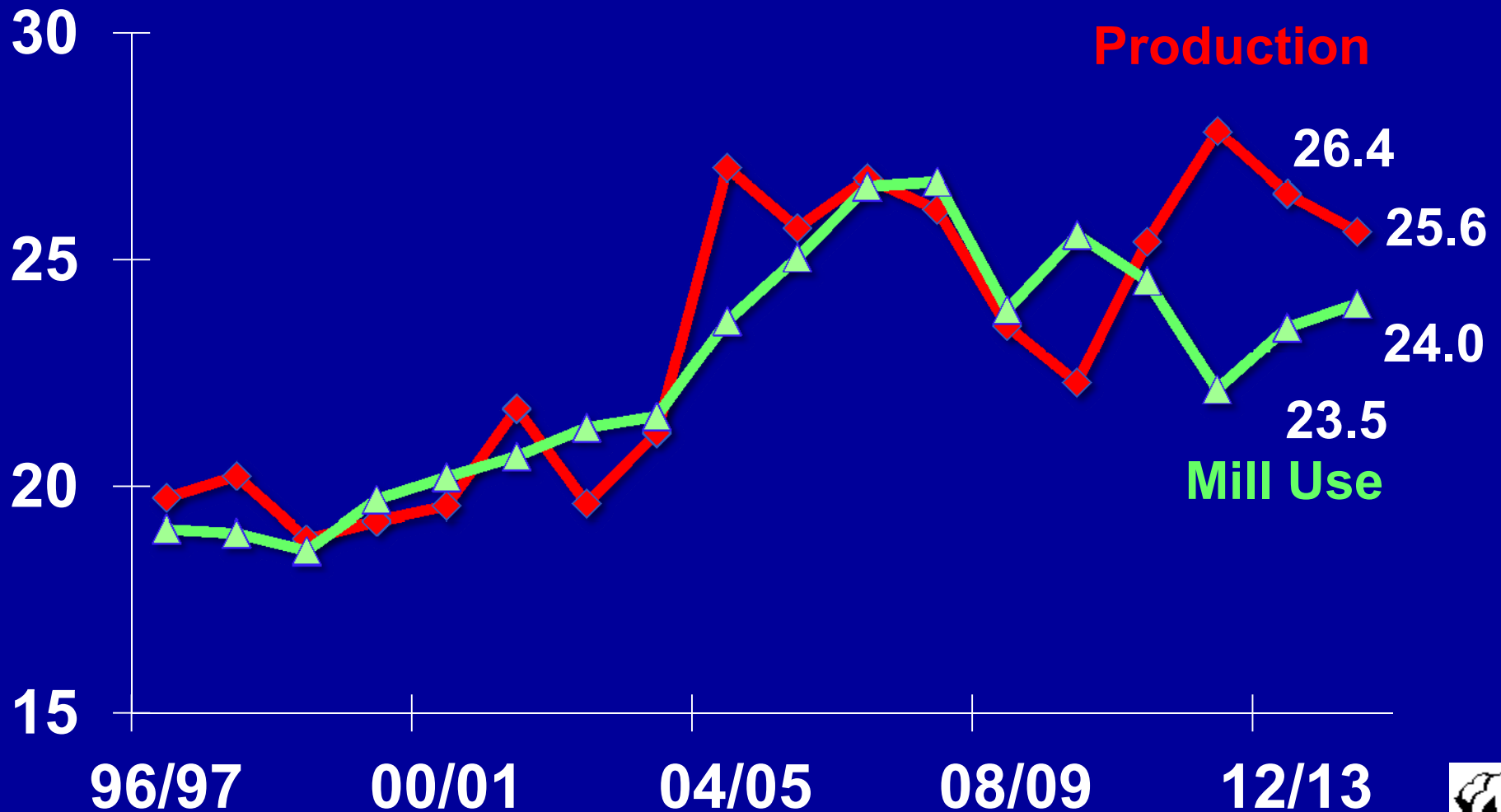


World Average Yield (rainfed + irrigated)



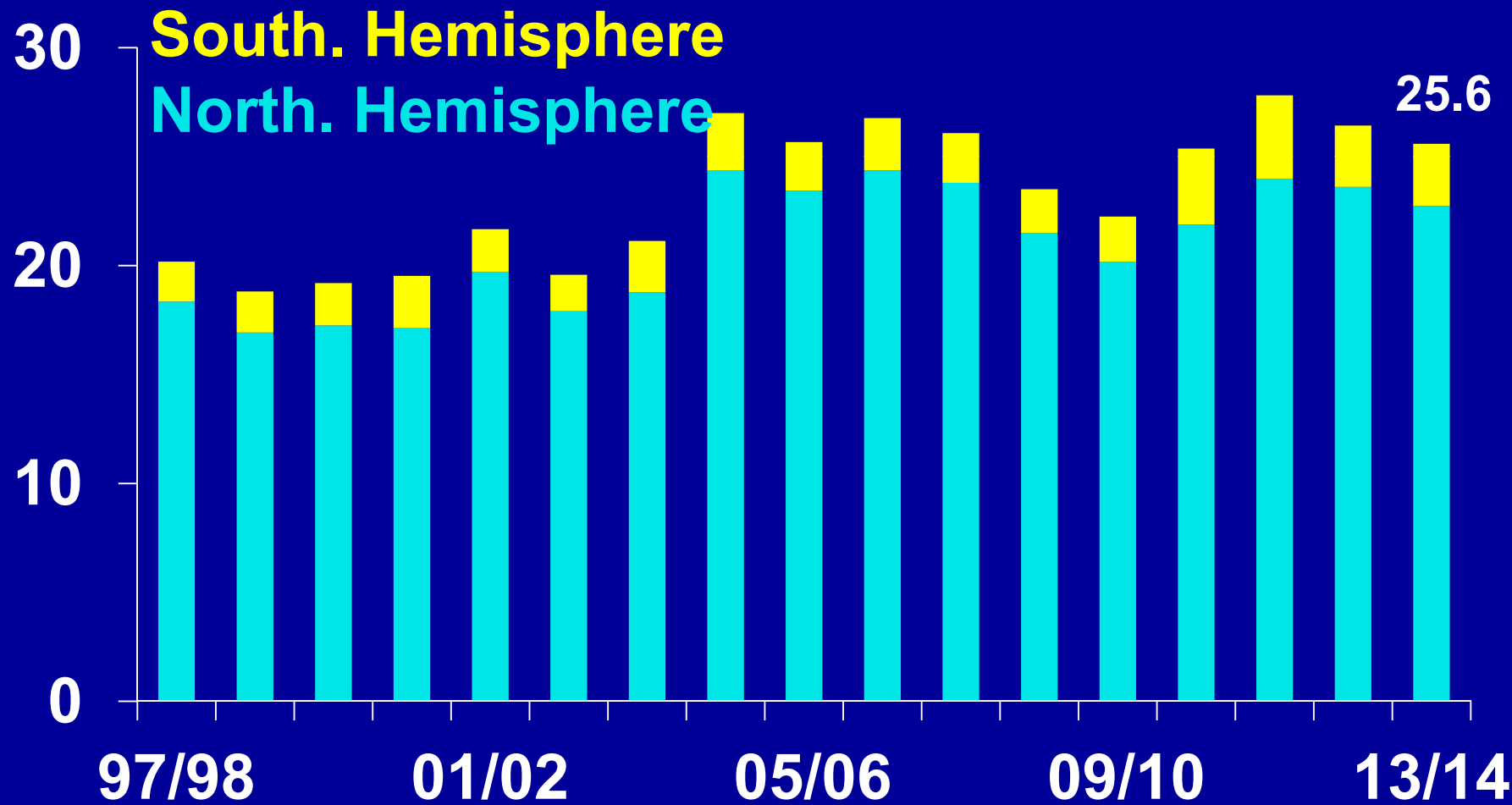
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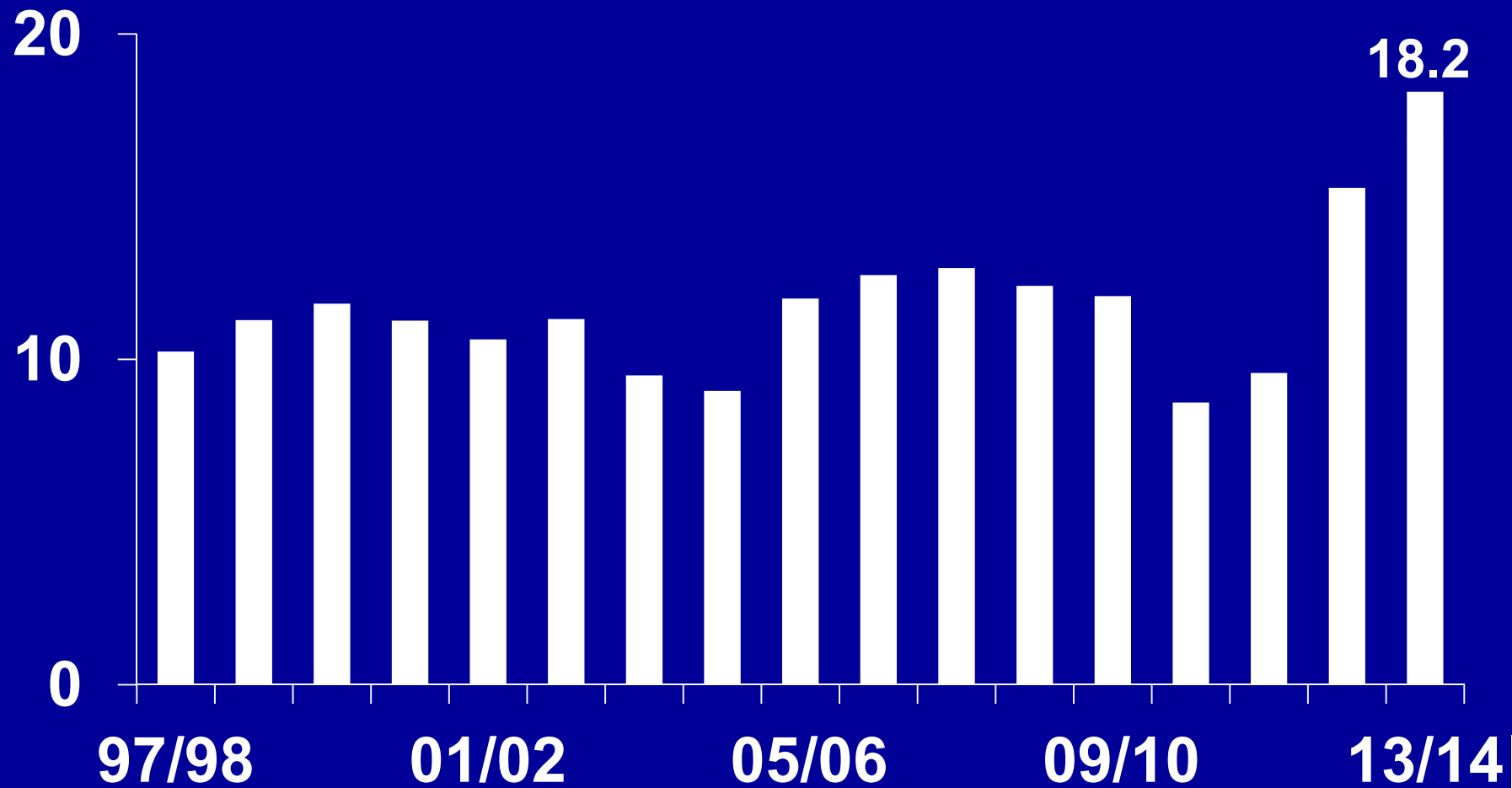
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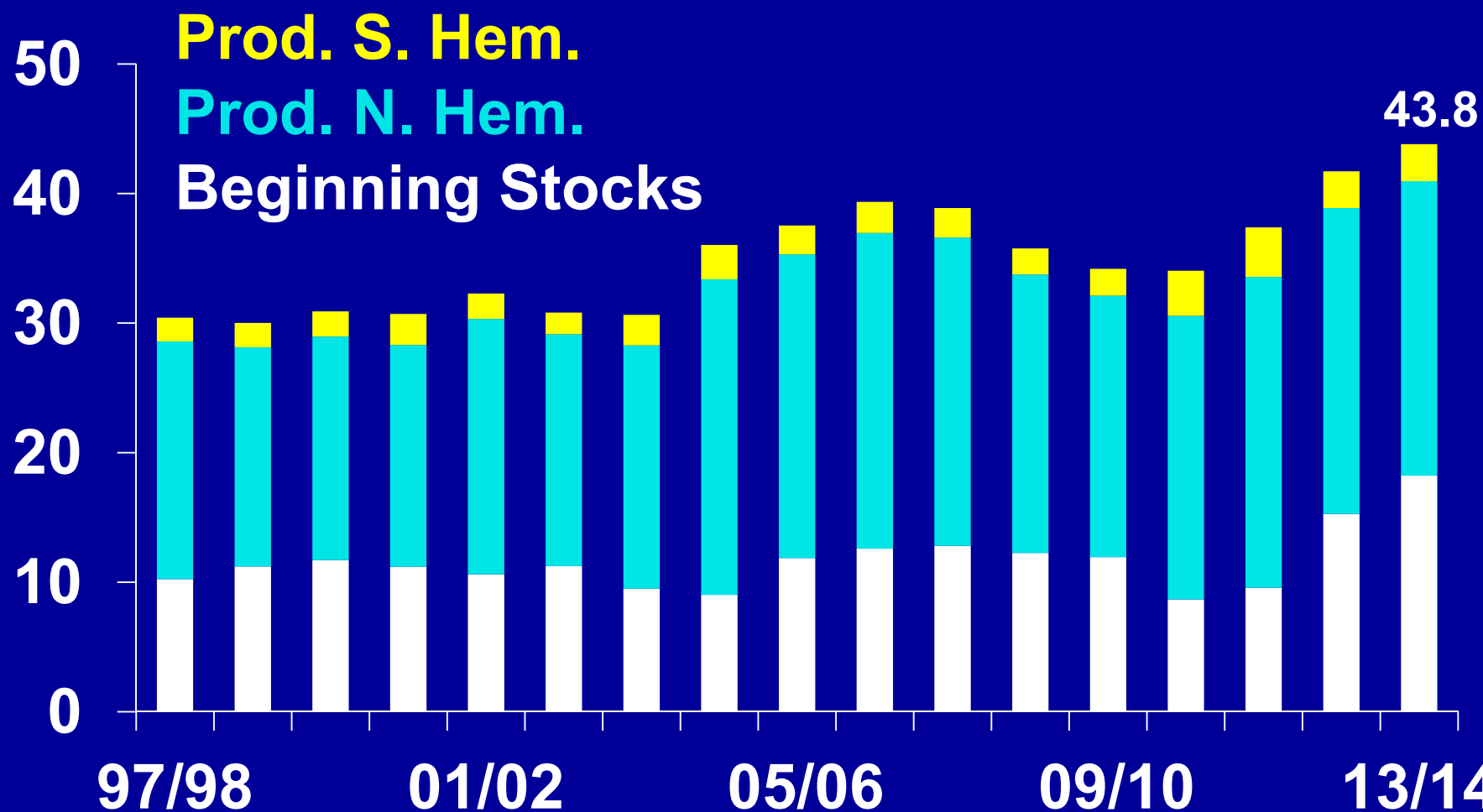
World Beginning Stocks

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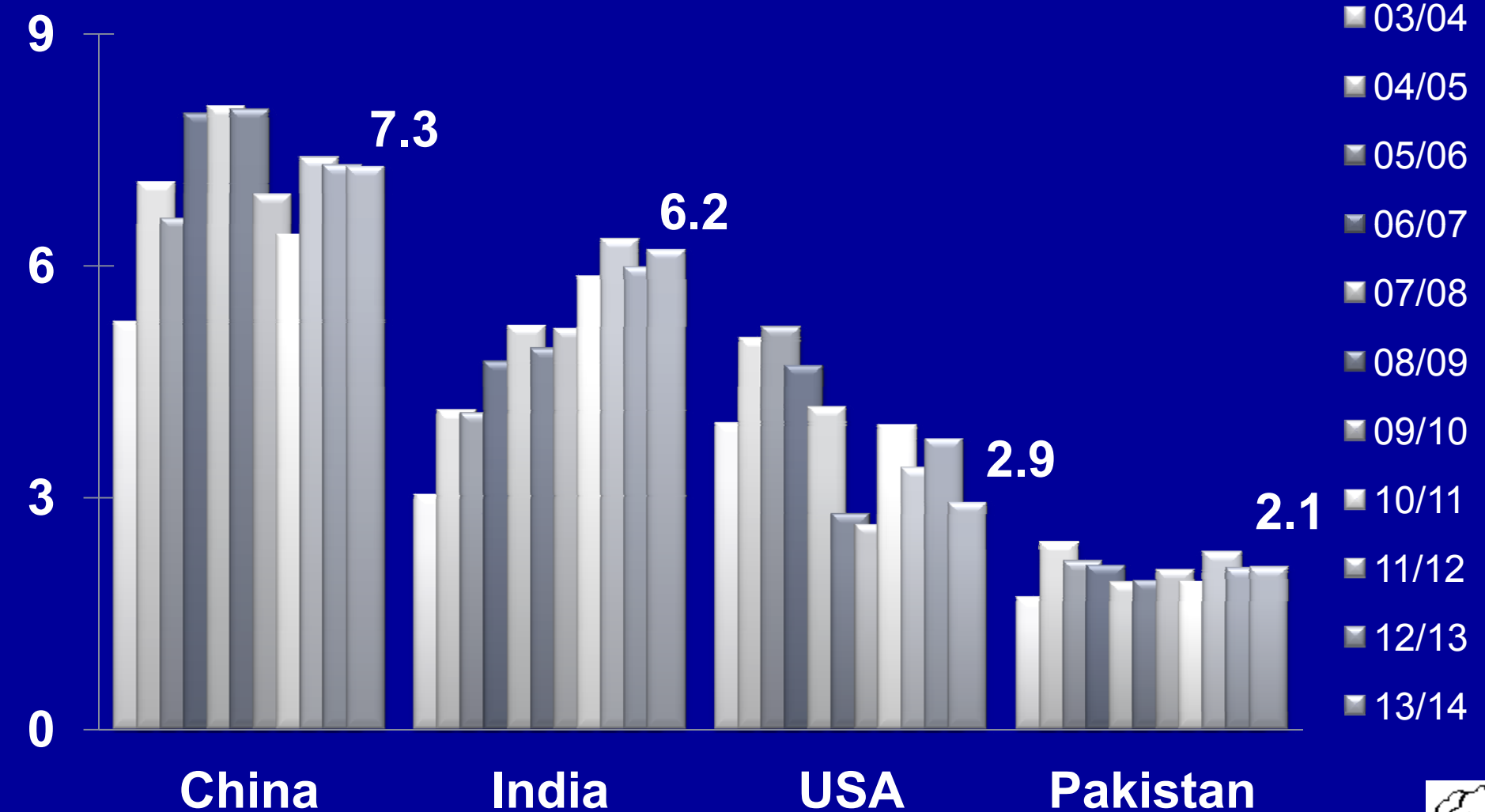
World Supply = Beg. Stocks + Production

Million tons



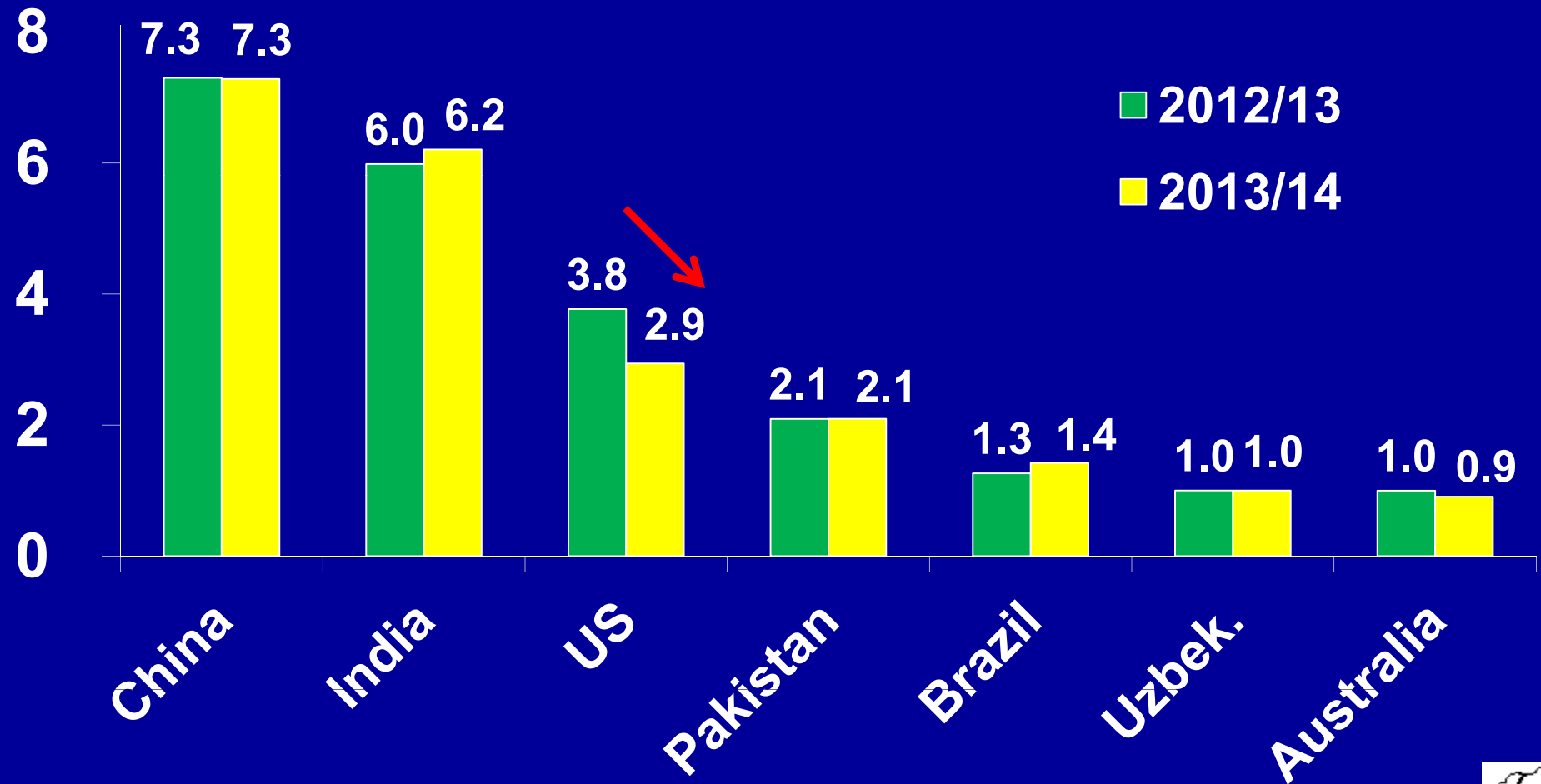
Major Cotton Producing Countries in the Northern Hemisphere

Million Tons



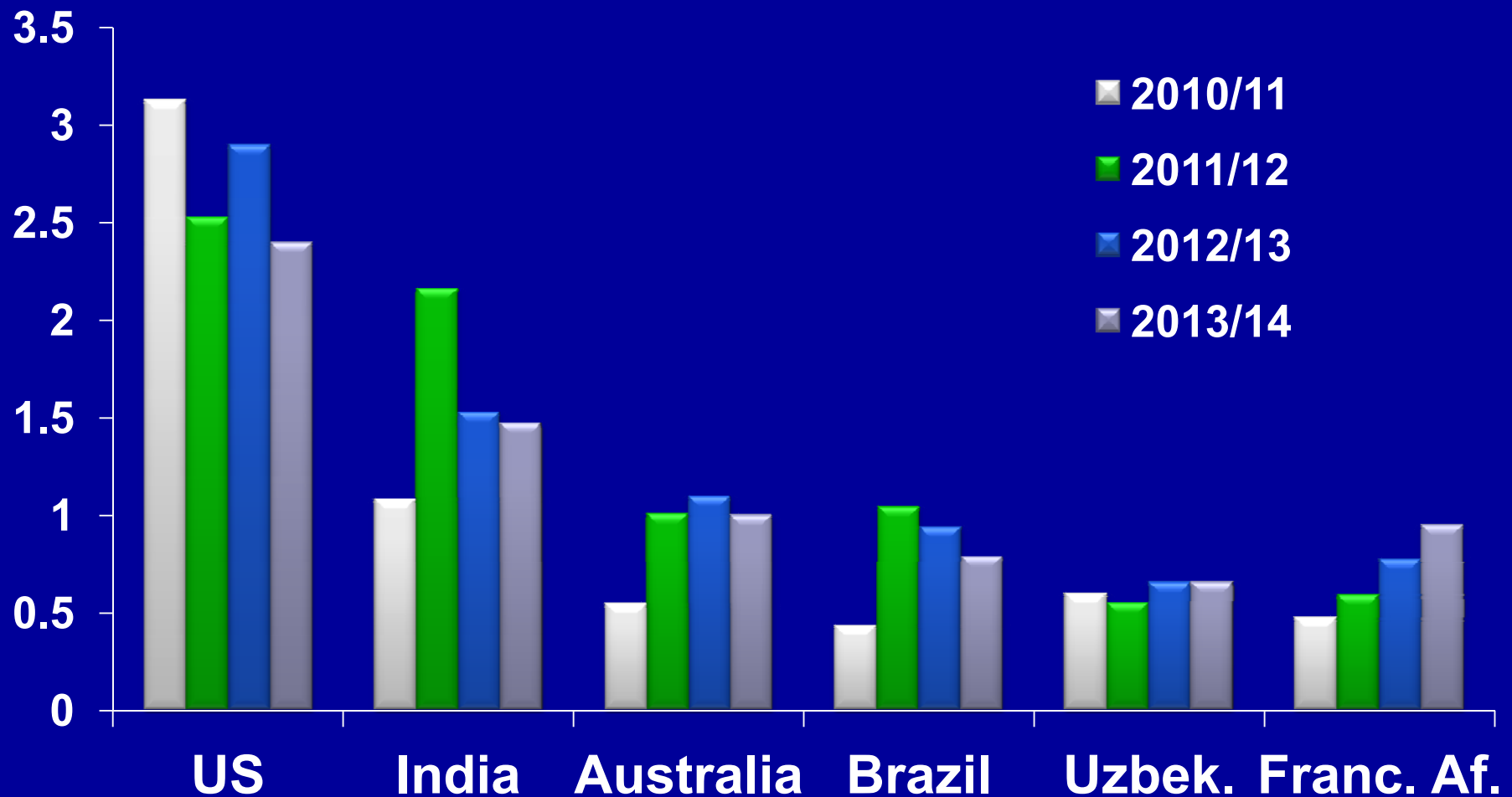
Cotton Production

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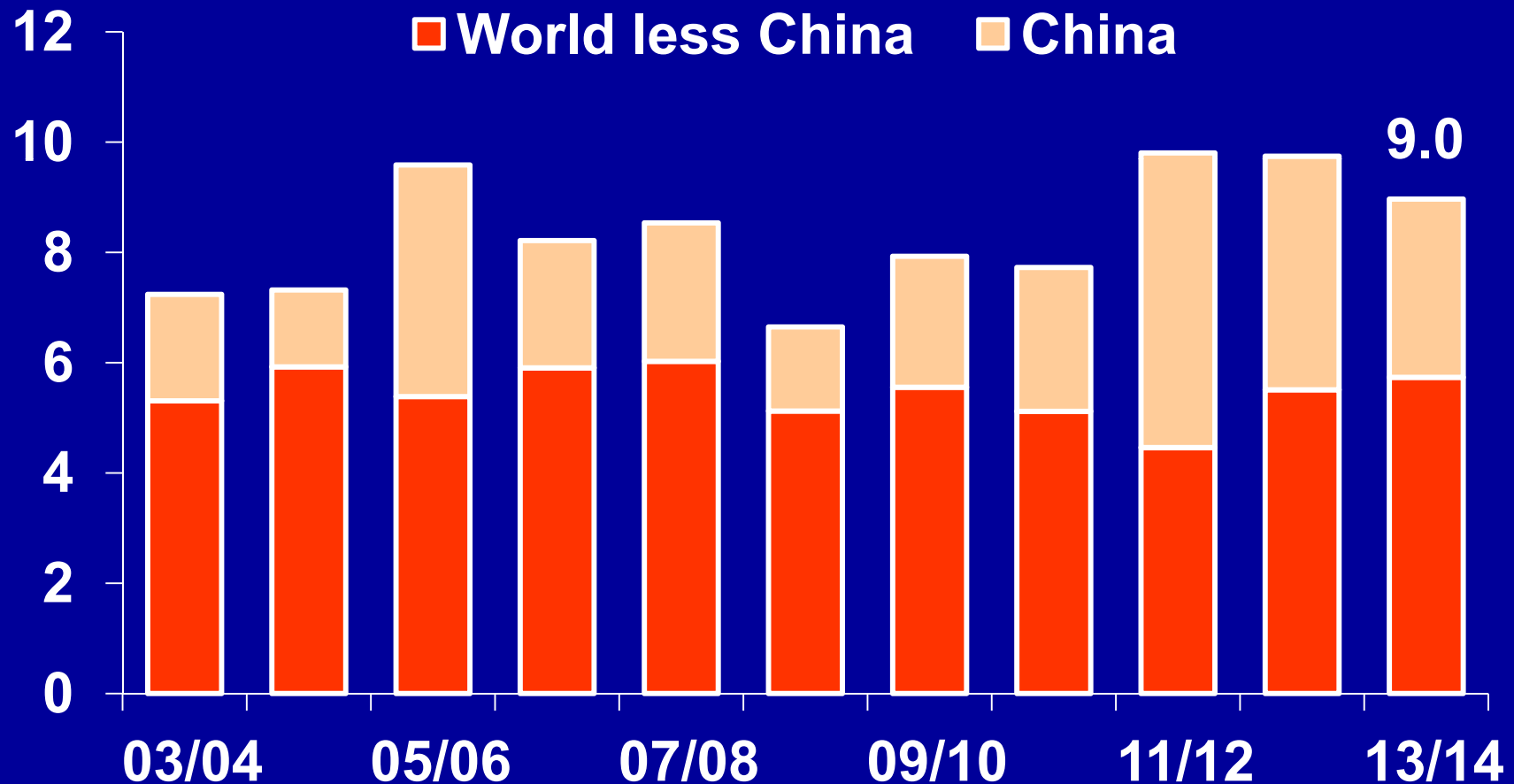
Cotton Exports

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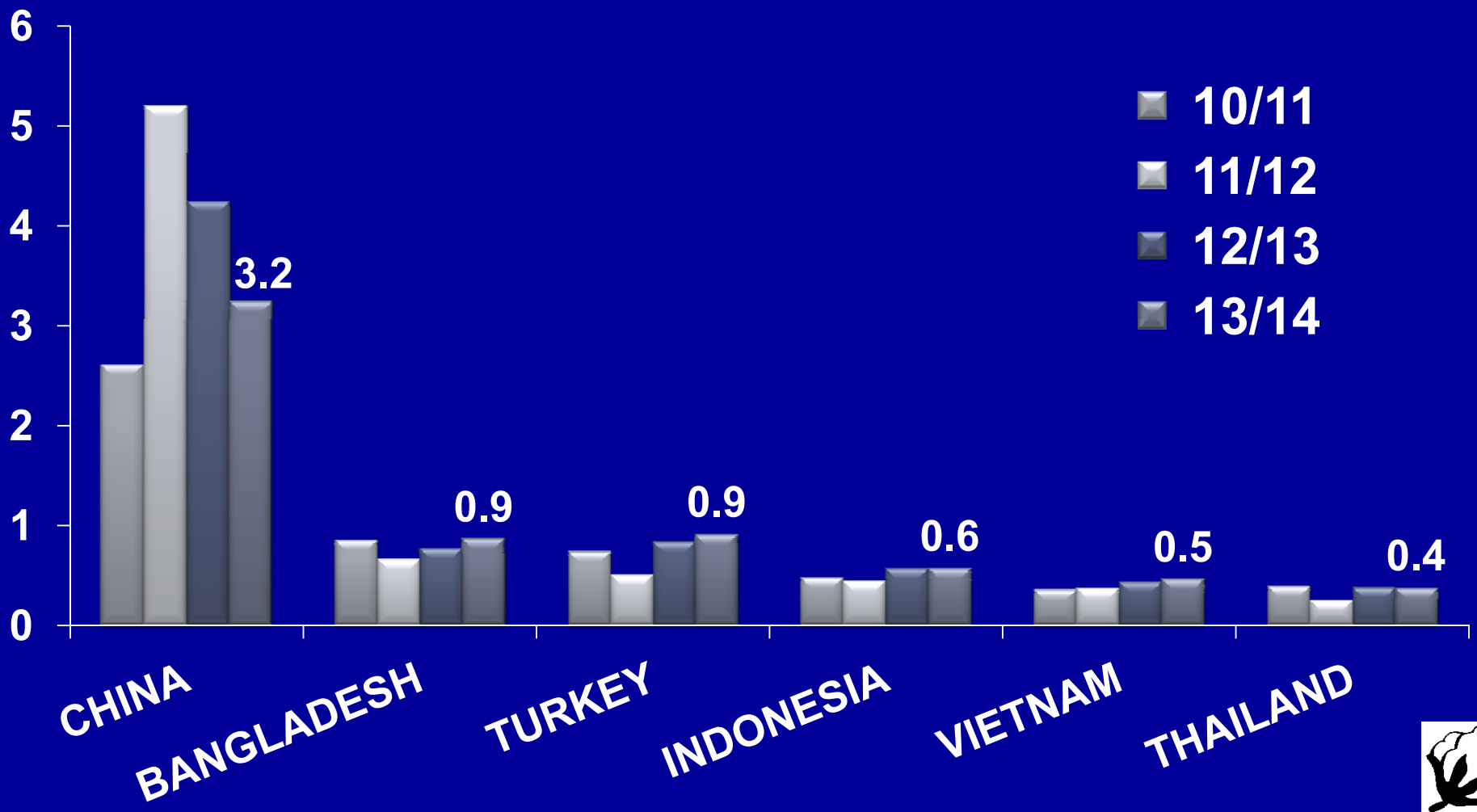
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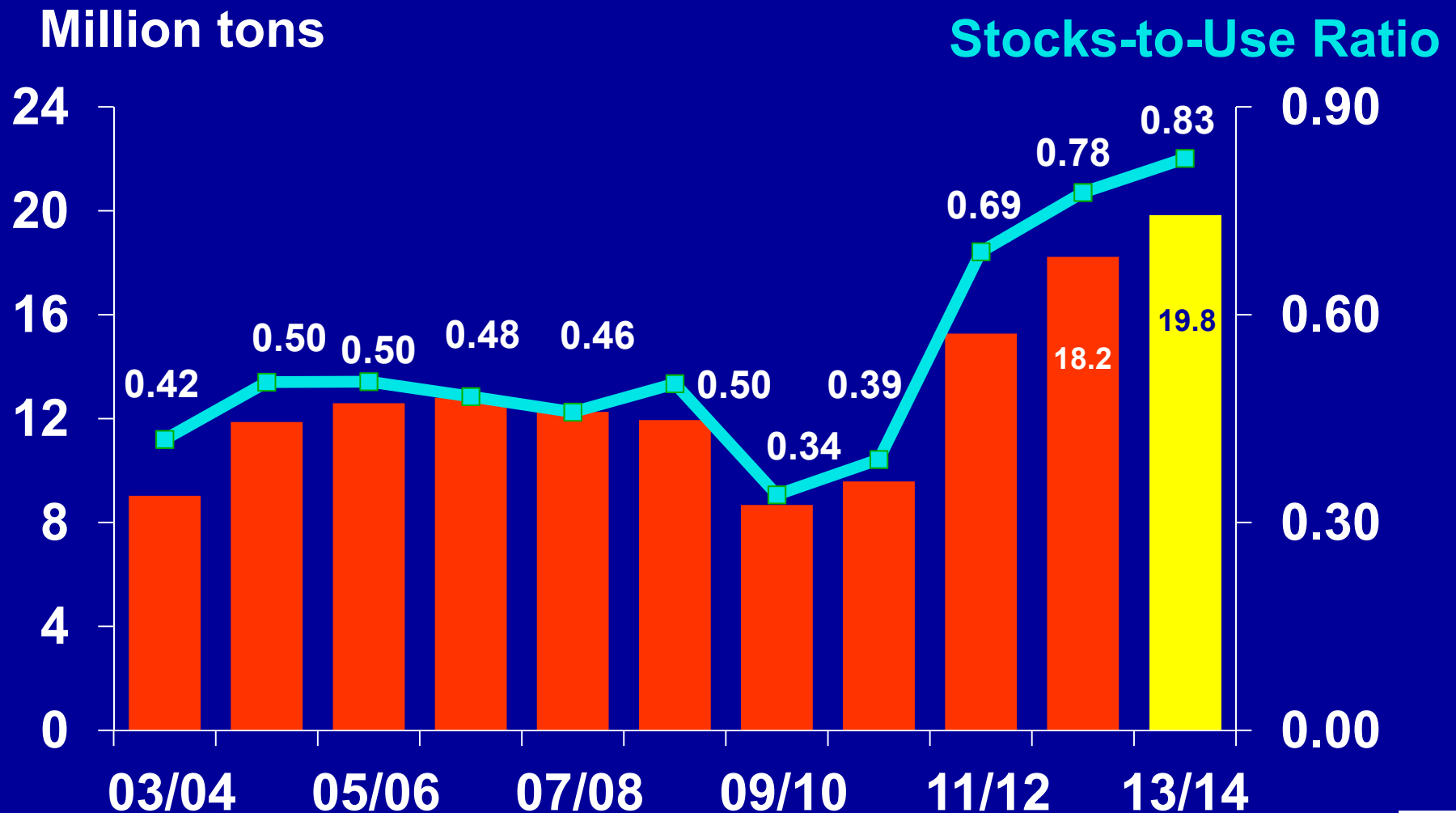


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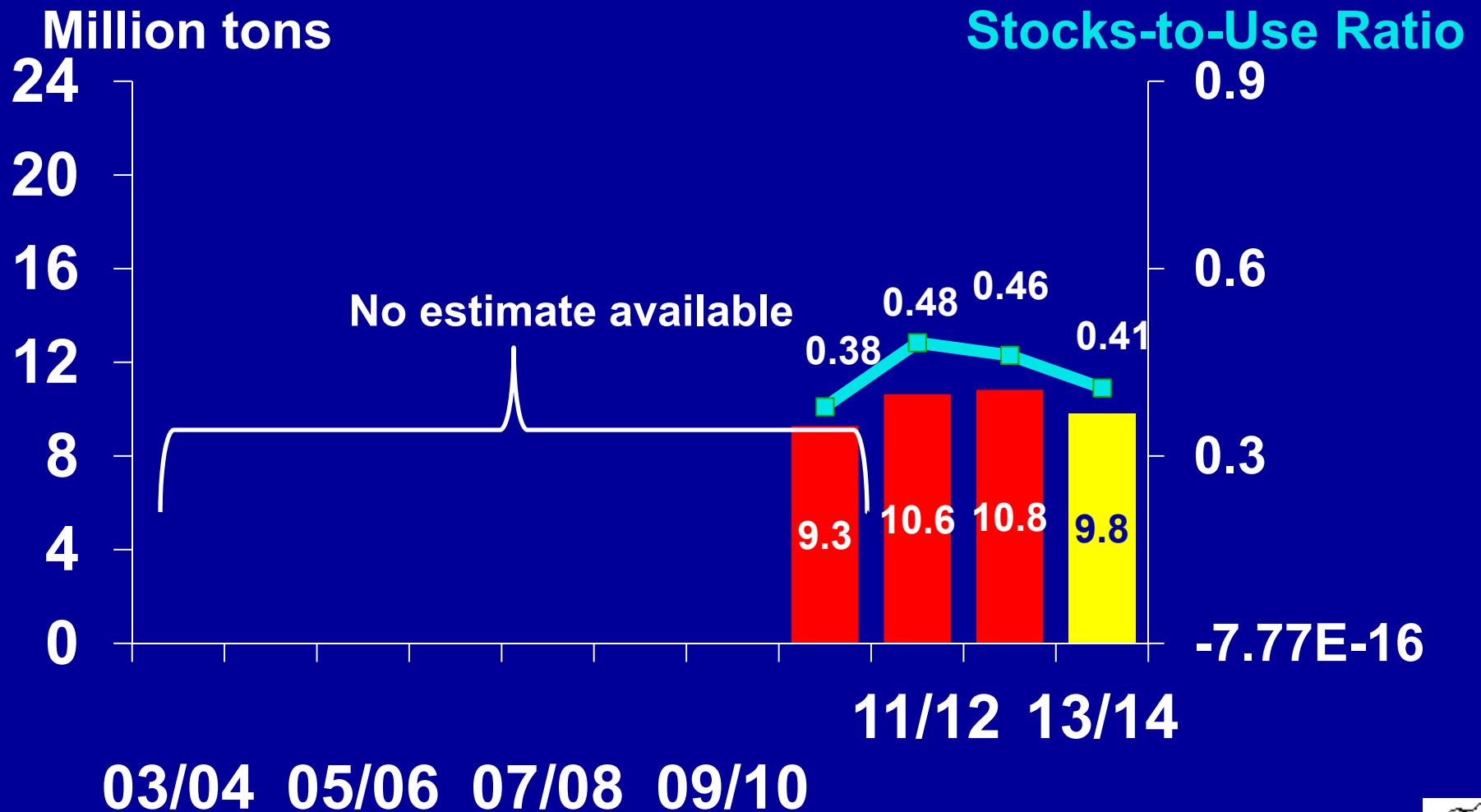
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World Ending Stocks

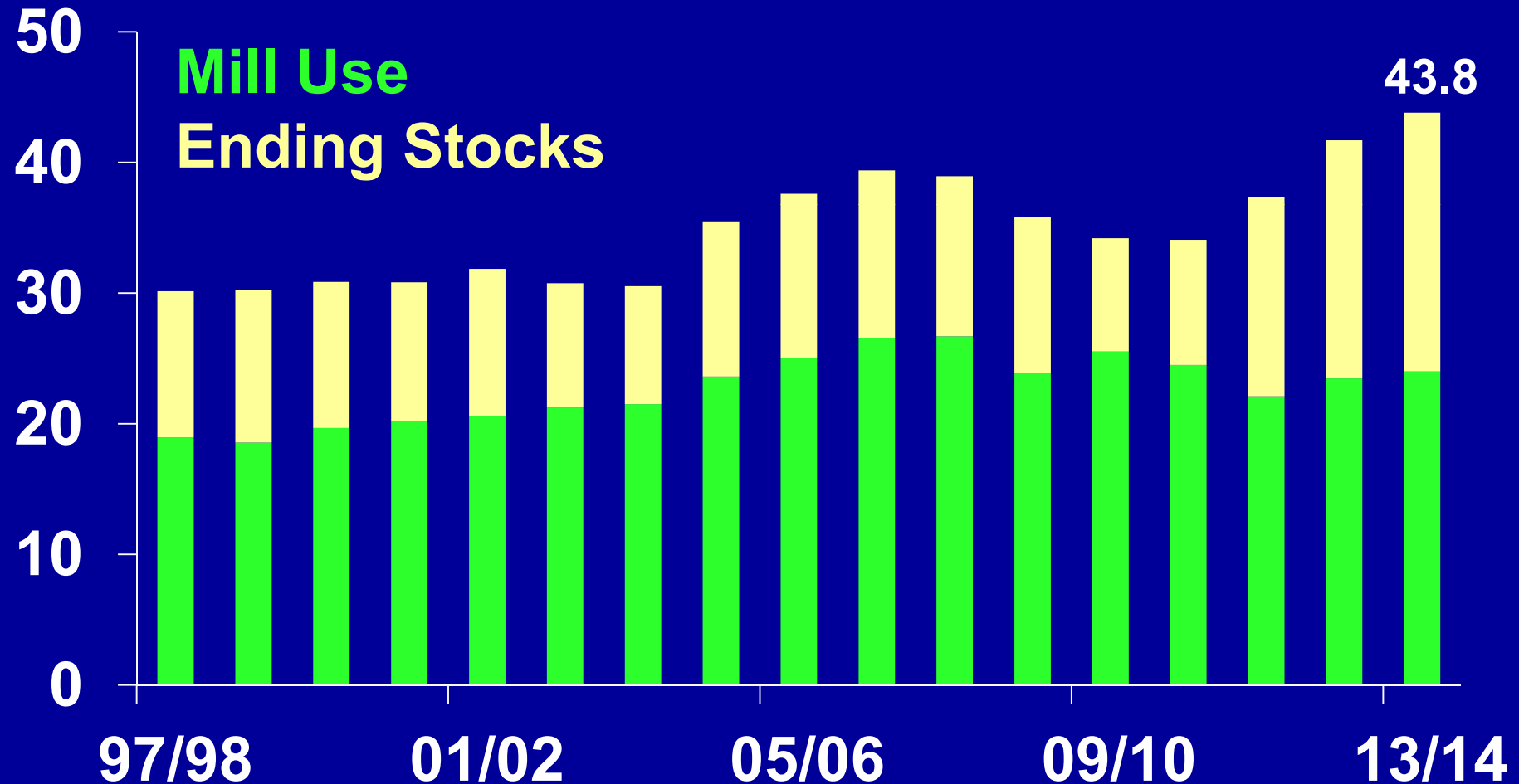


World Ending Stocks Minus China National Reserve



World Demand = Ending Stocks + Mill Use

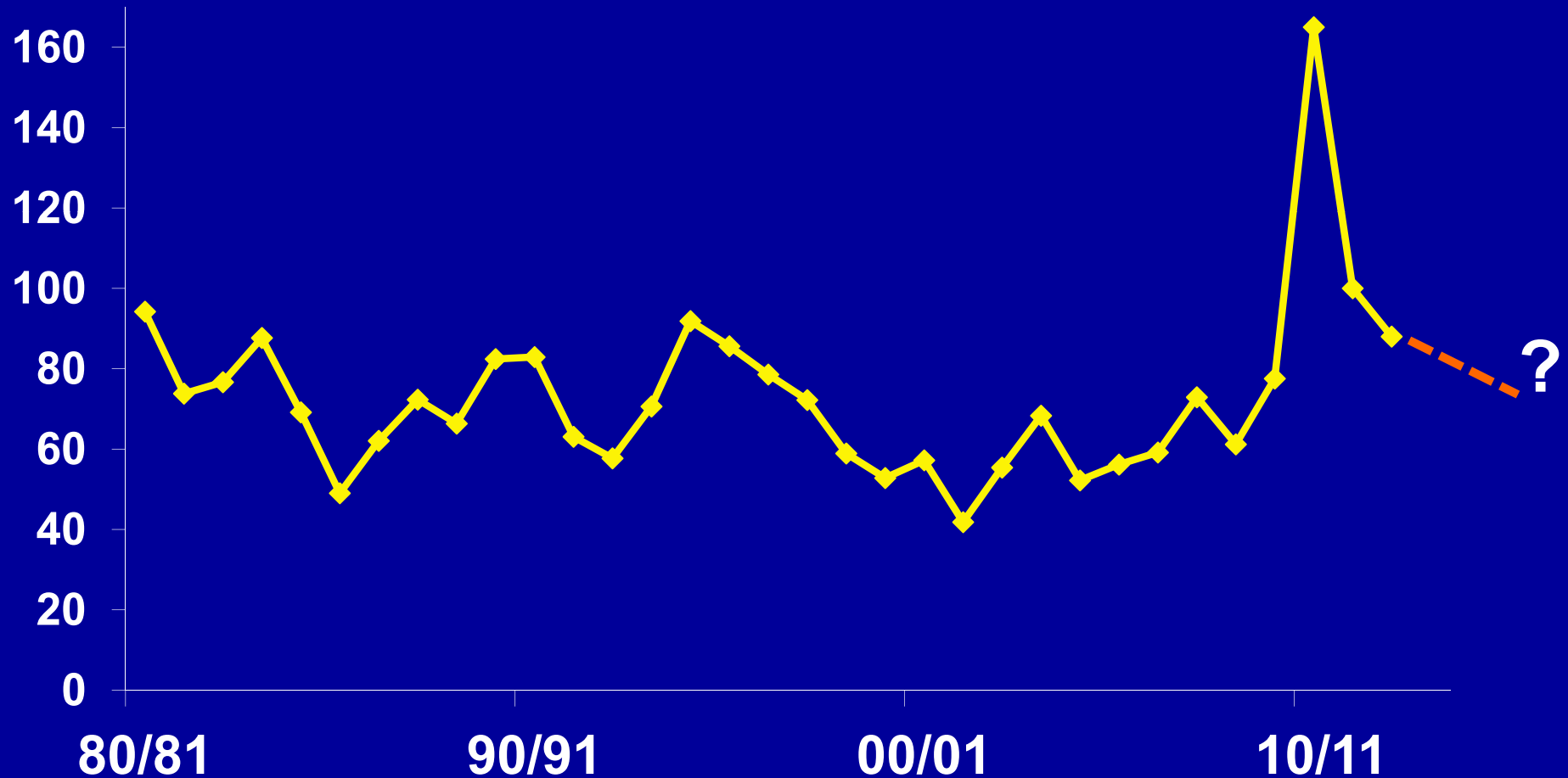
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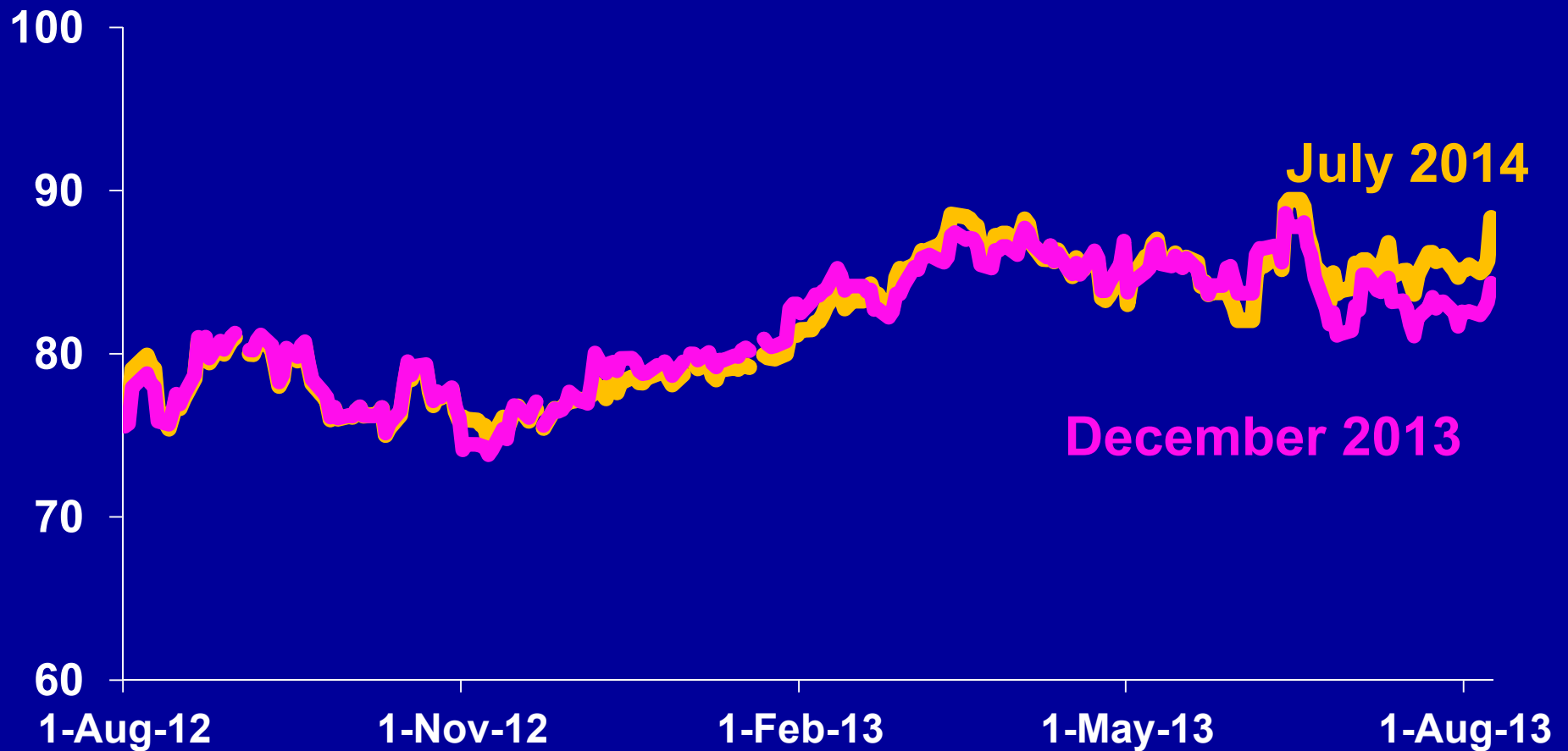
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US cents / lb



Futures Prices (Dec-13 & Jul-14 contracts)

US cents / lb



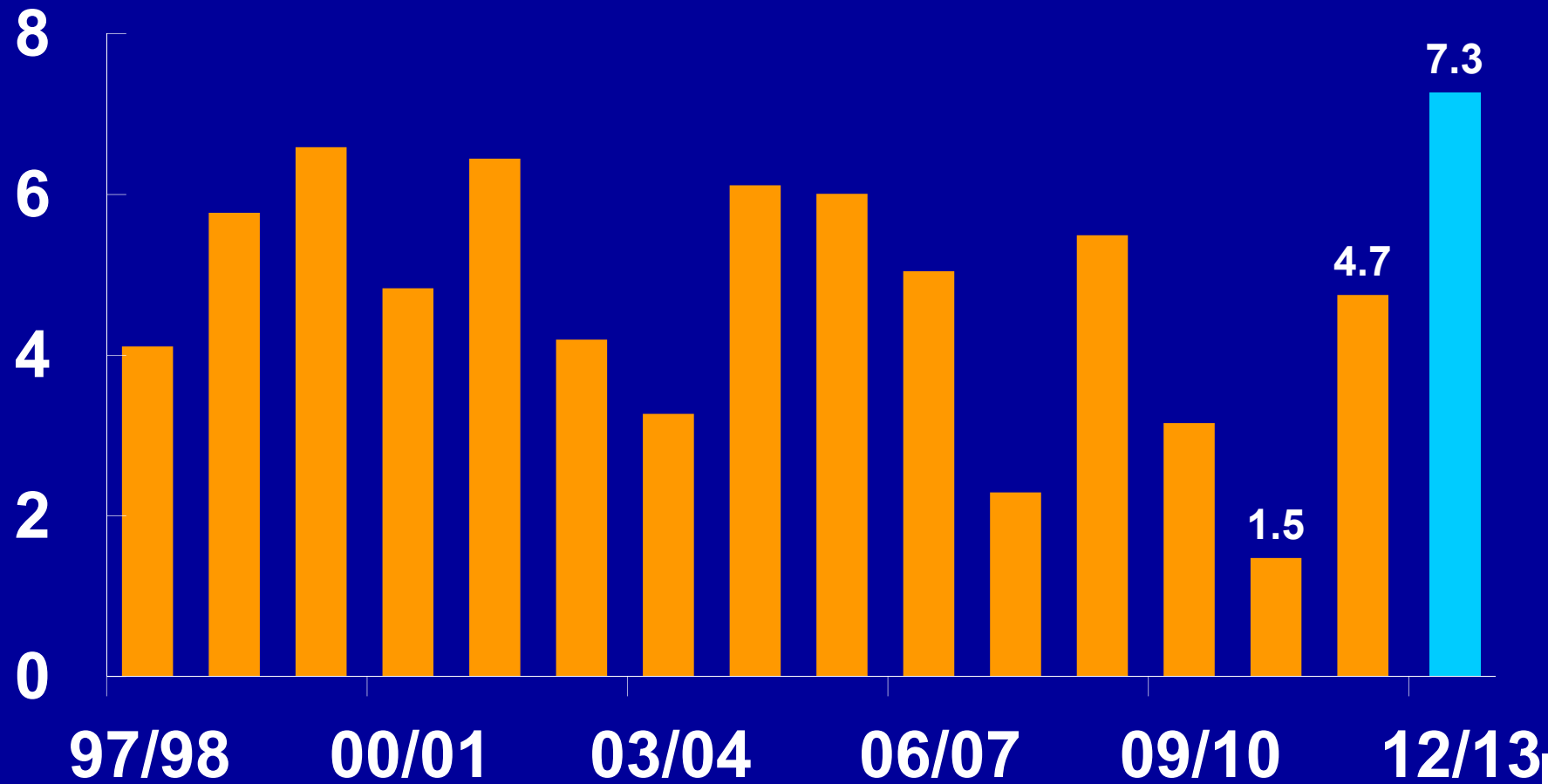
Direct Assistance to Cotton Production

- Direct support to production
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- Crop insurance subsidies
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- Input subsidies
- Transportation subsidies



DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO COTTON

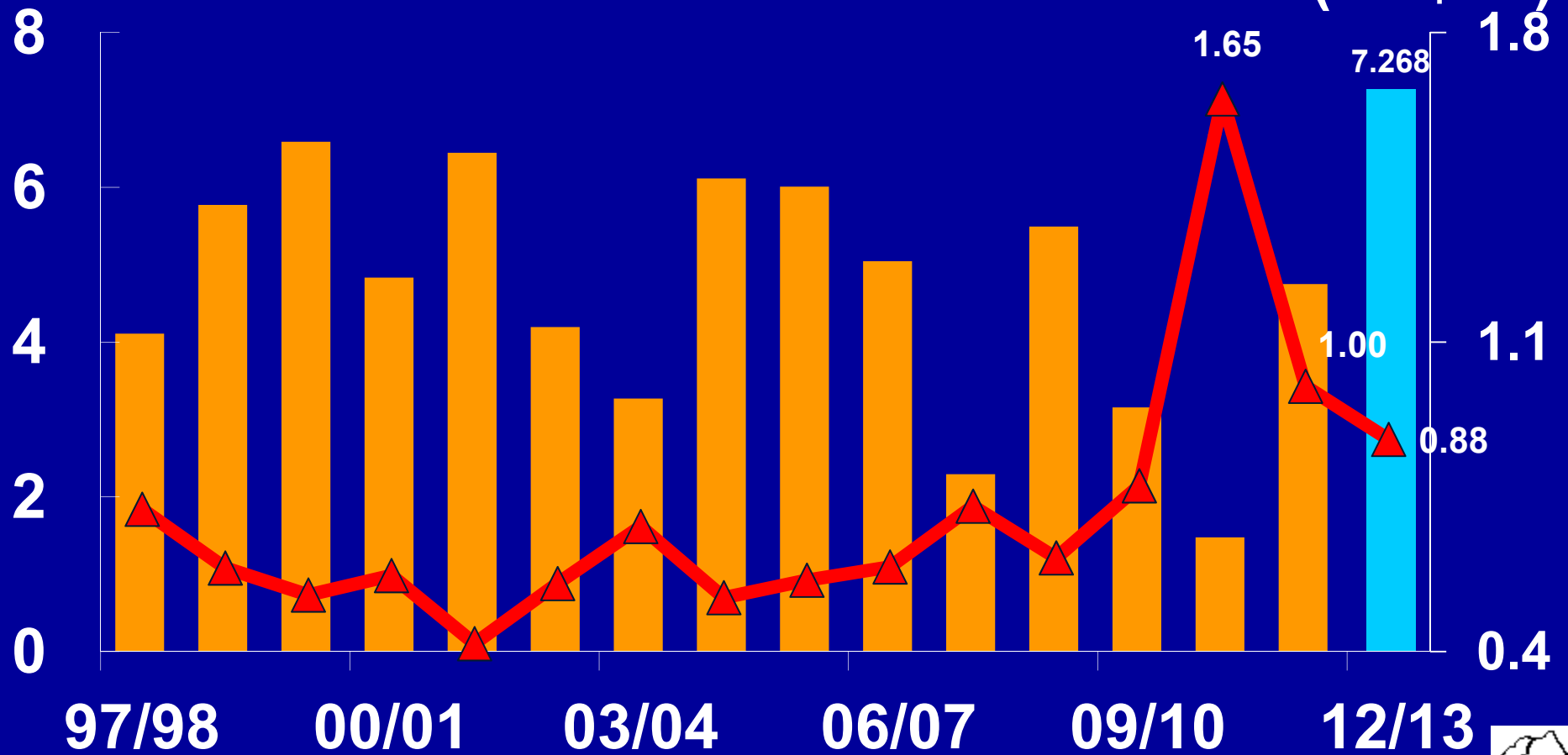
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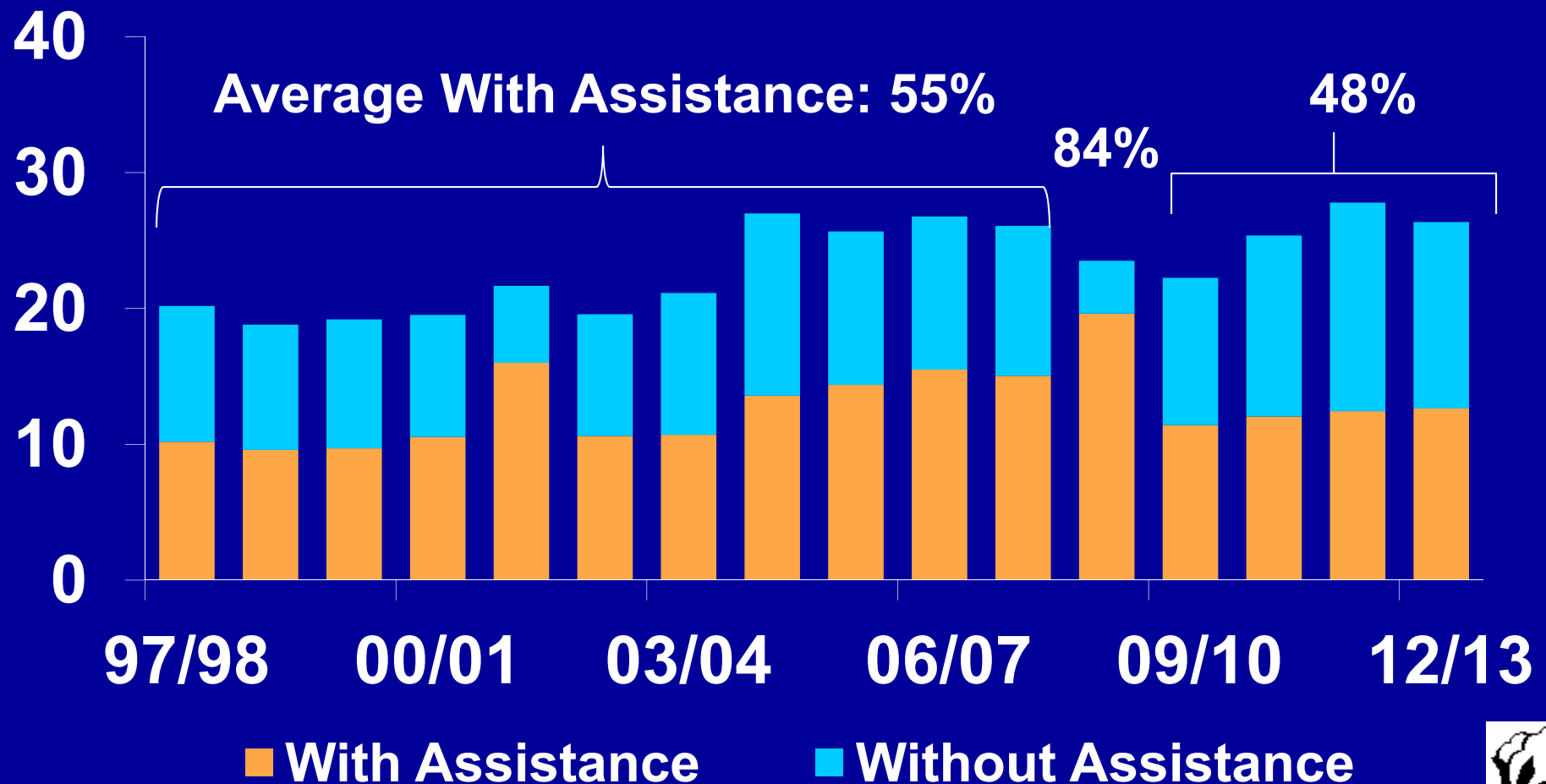
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A Index (US\$/lb)



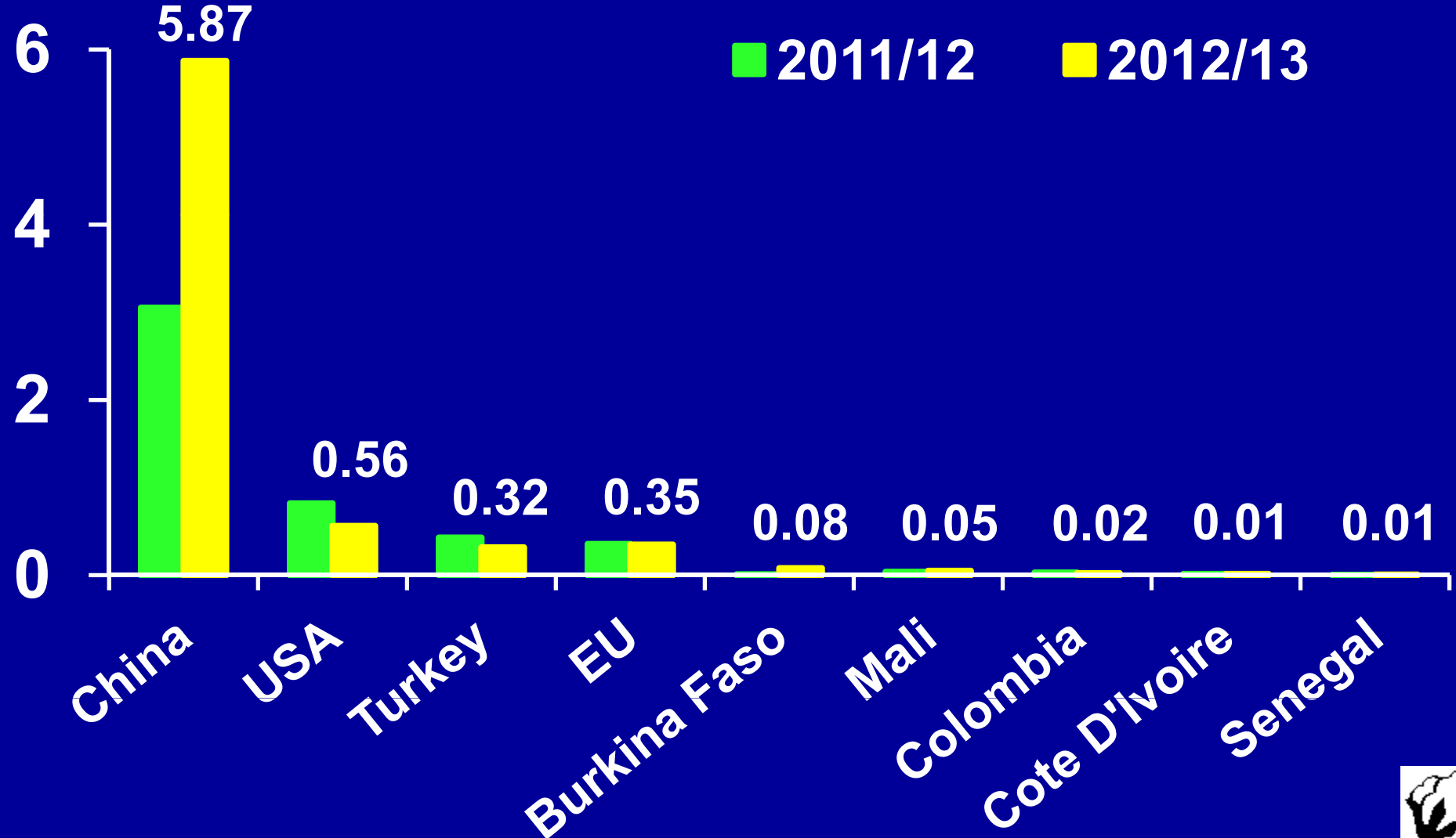
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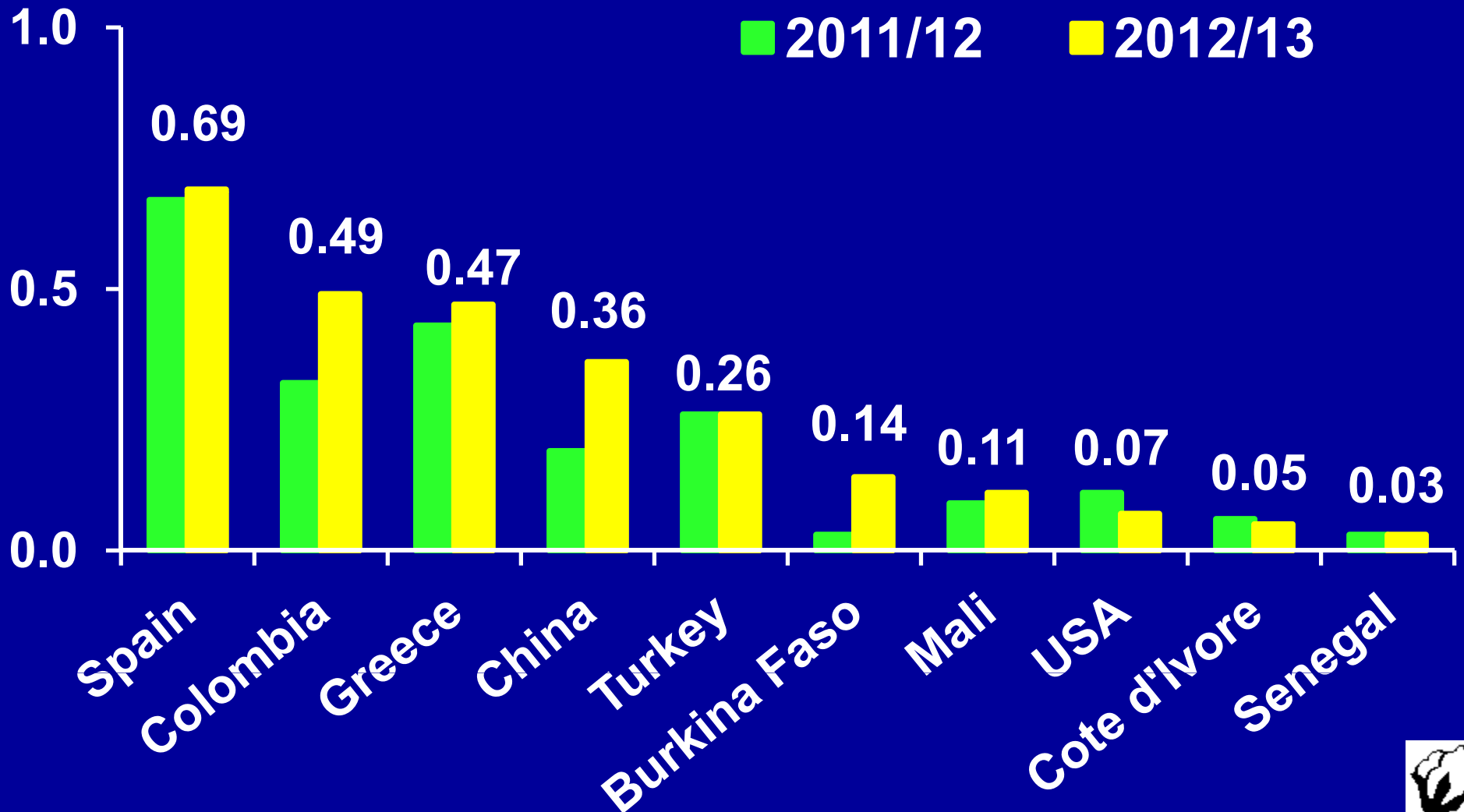
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US\$/lb

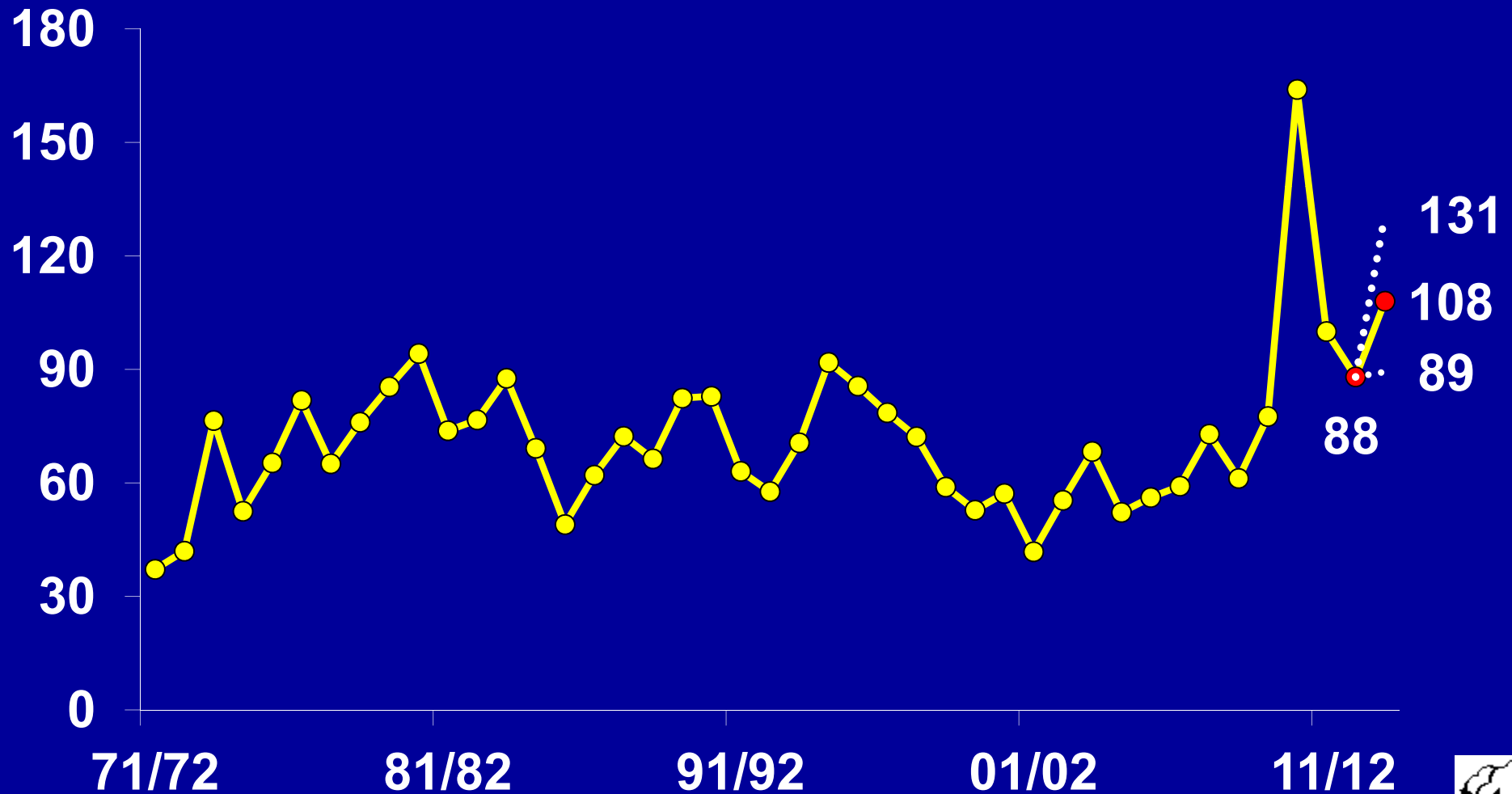


Prices in 2013/14

- Dependent on Chinese policy:
Support price yuan 20,400/ton
- China = buyer of last resort
- How much stocks will the CNCRC liquidate?

Cotlook A Index Base Scenario

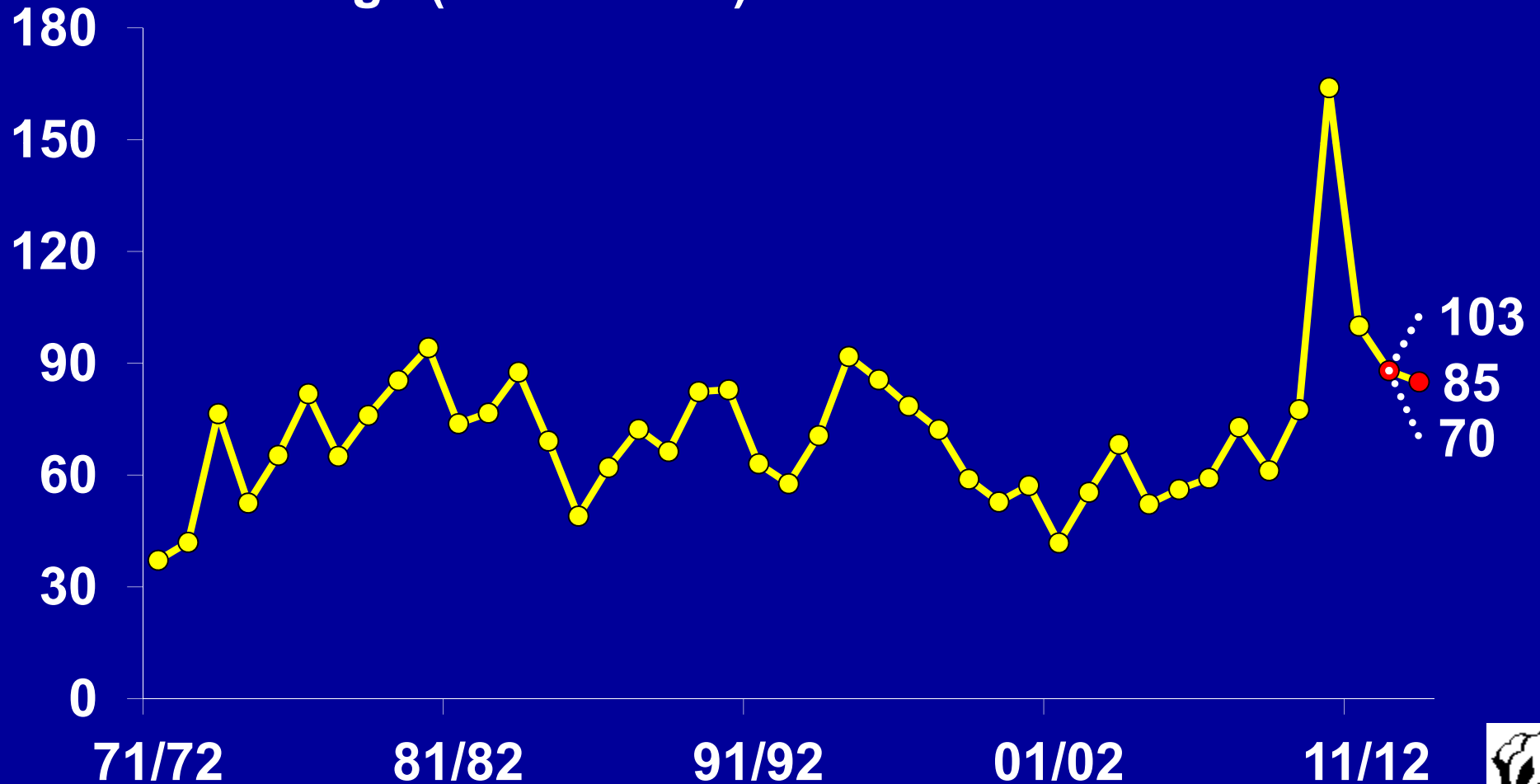
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S1: Rapid Release Chinese Reserve & China net importer

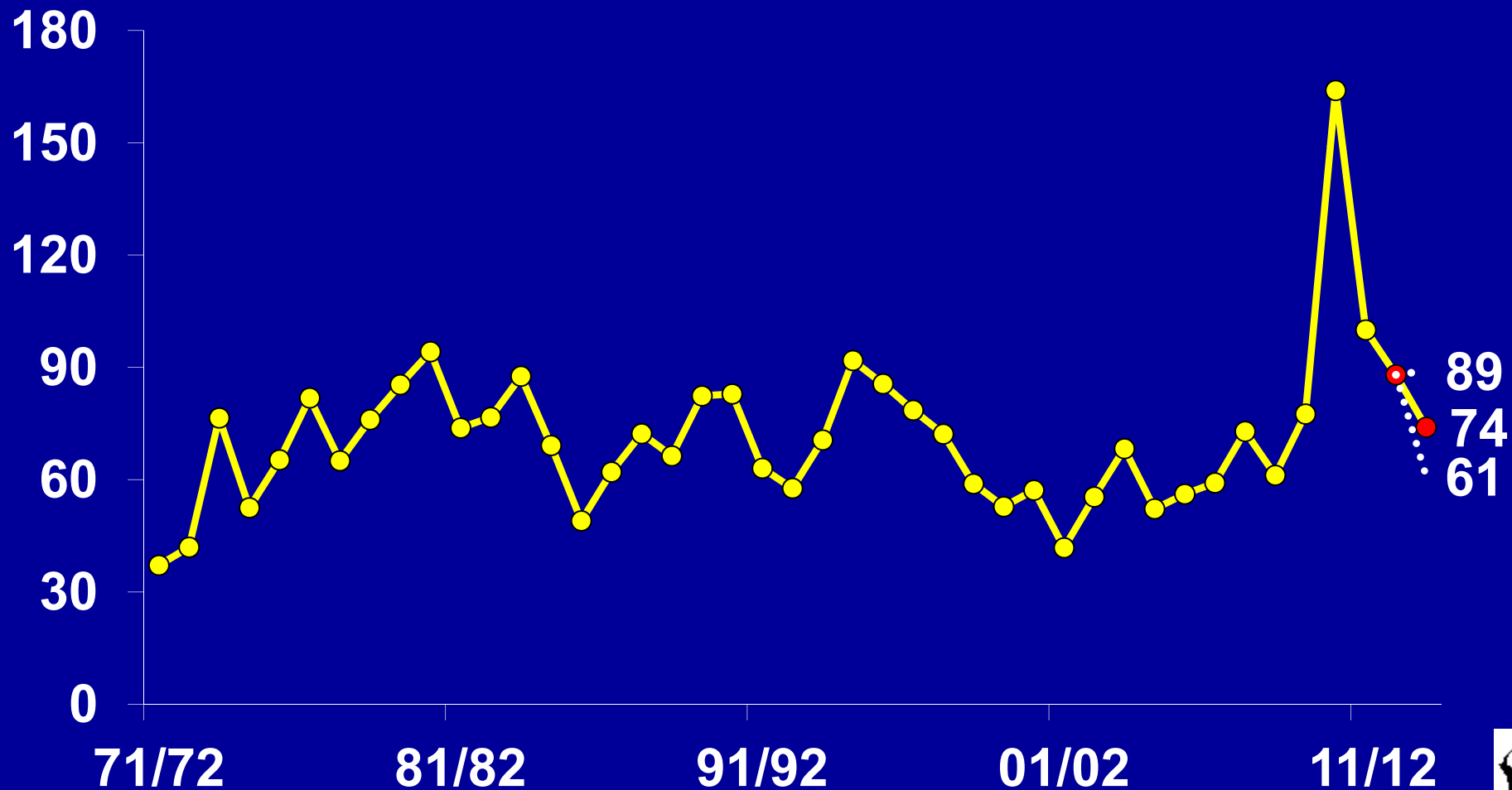
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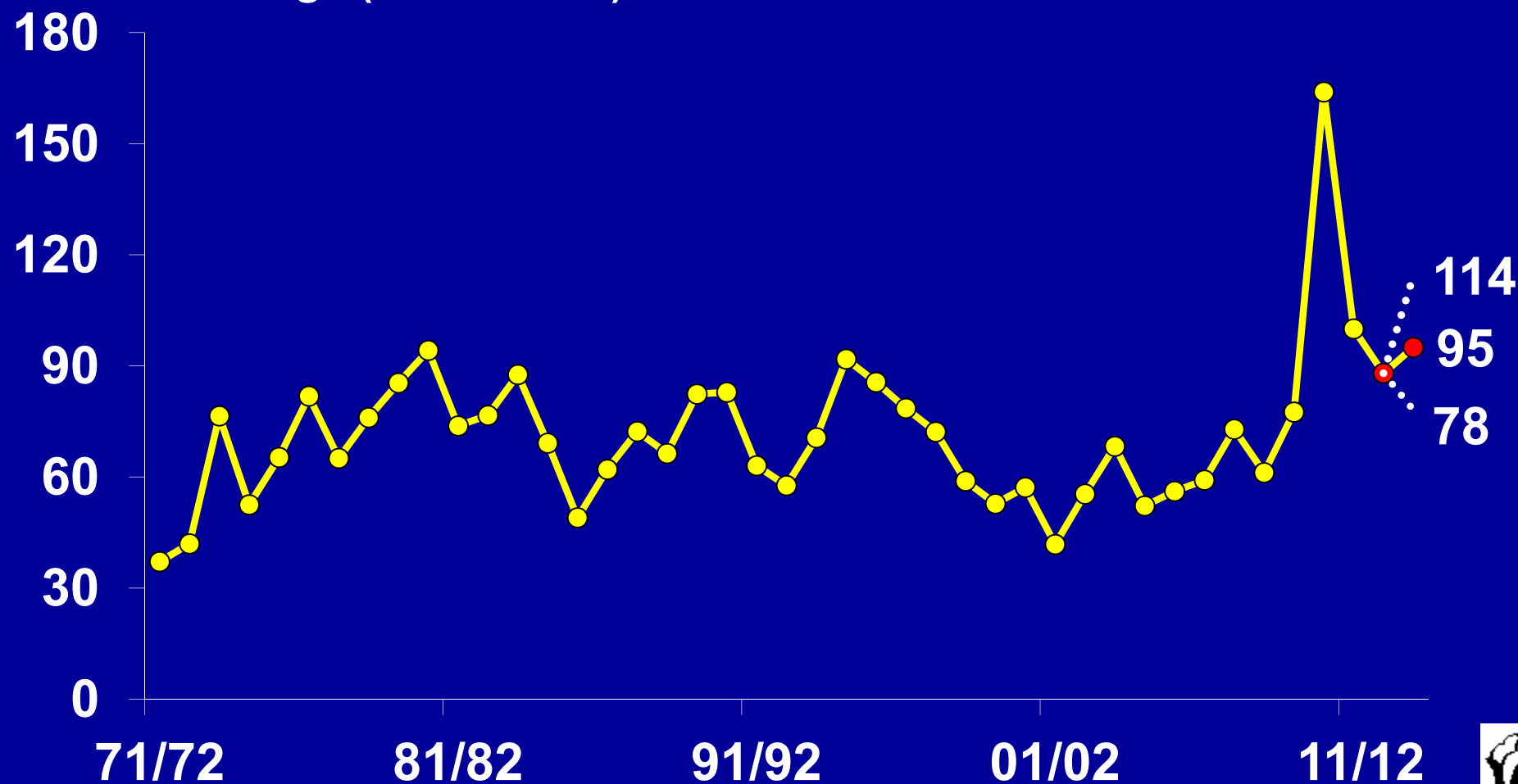
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S3: Slow Release of Chinese Reserve

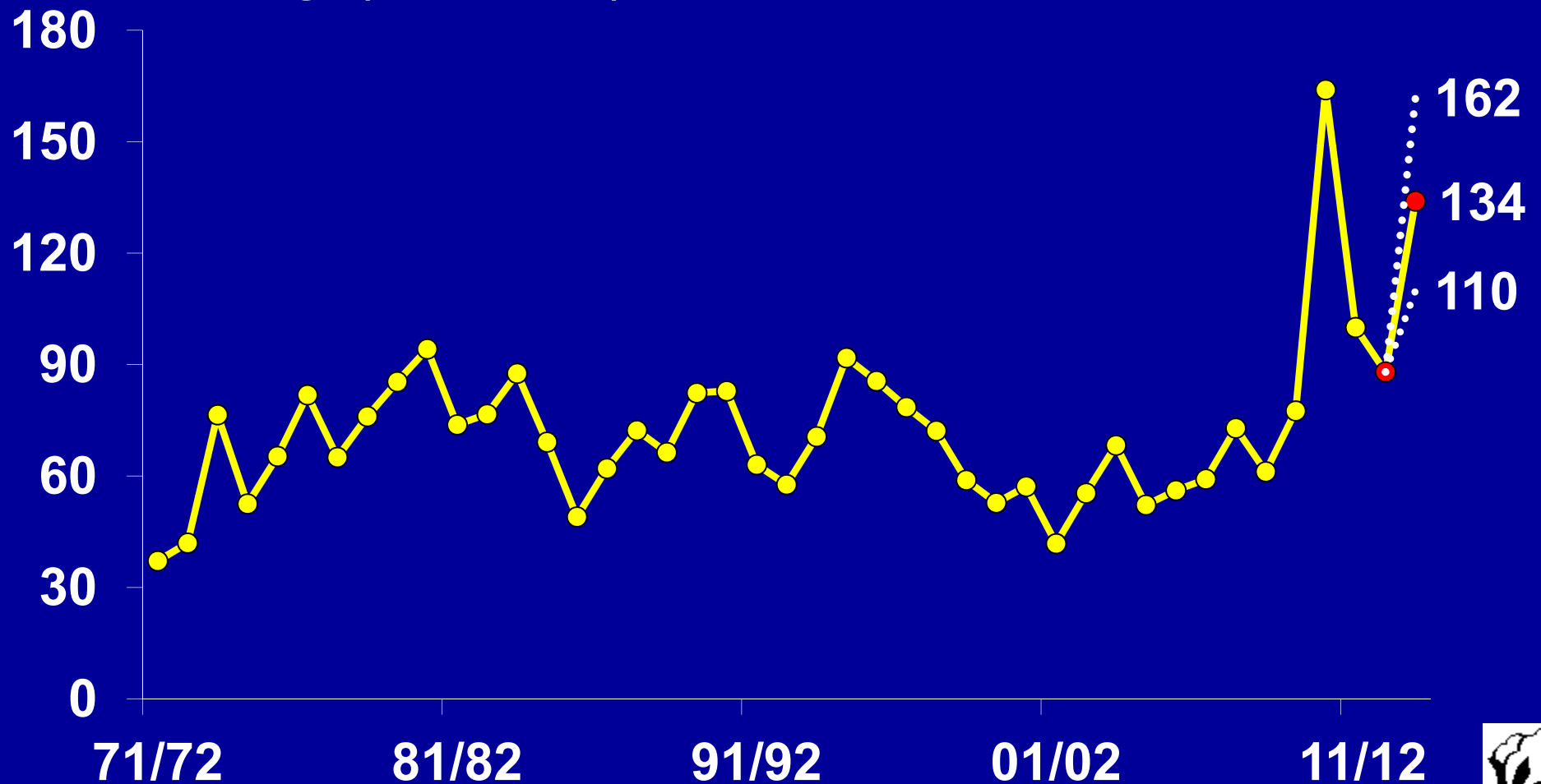
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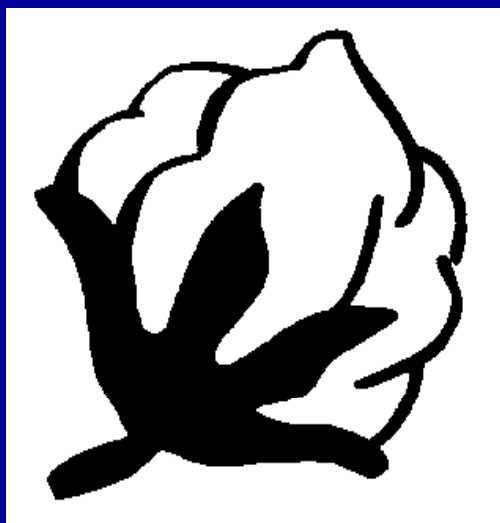
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S4: Slowdown in world economy & Stagnant Mill Use

Season-average (US cents/lb)



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