

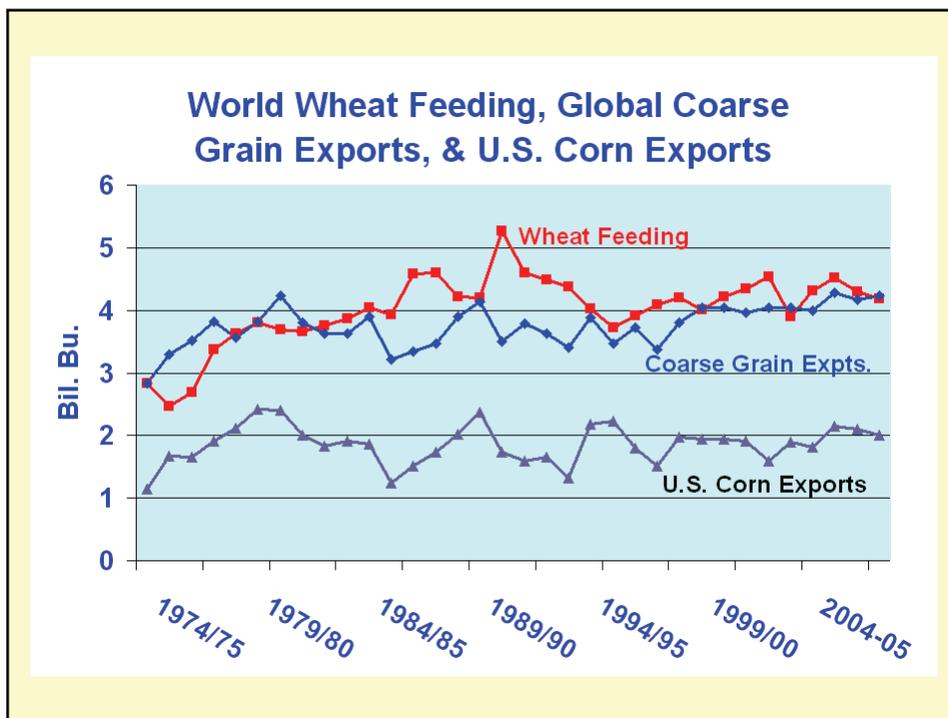
Ethanol & The Corn & Feed Grain Market Outlook for 2007-09

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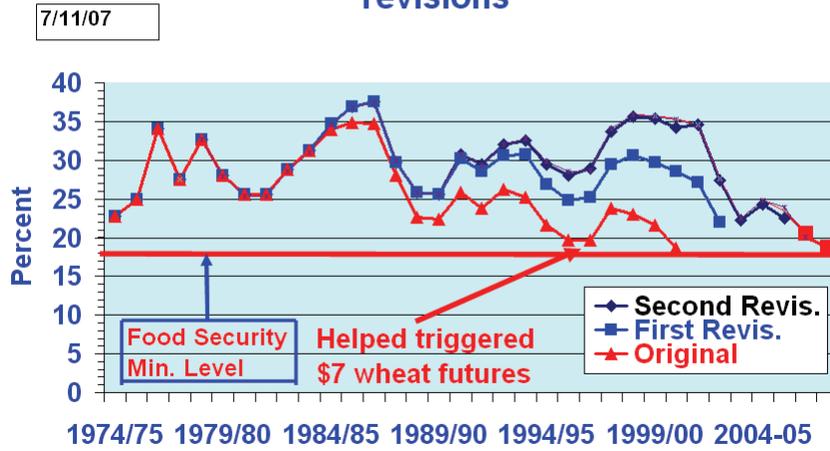
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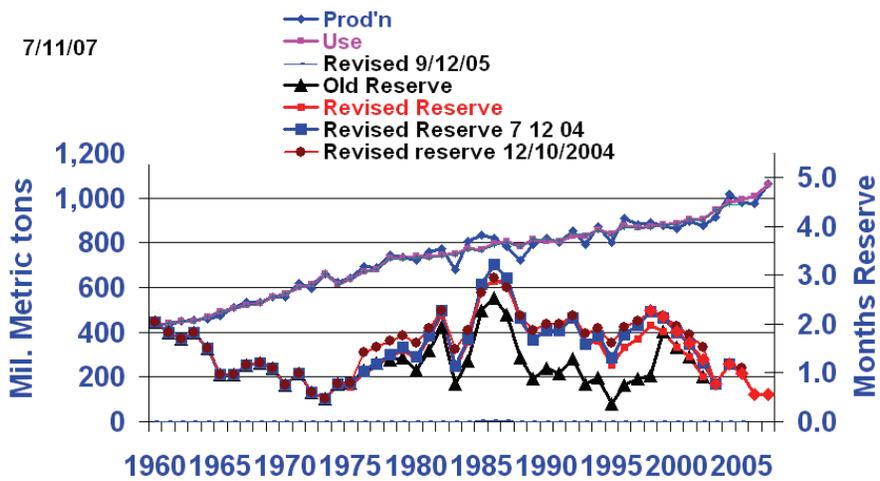
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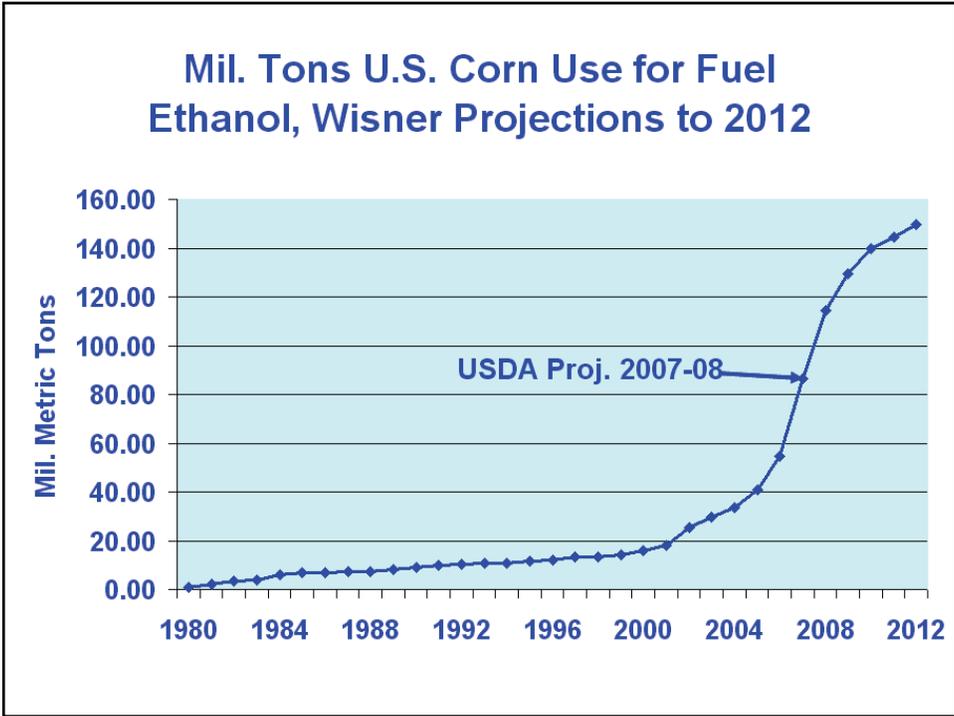


World wheat stocks as percent of use before & after china 2001 and 11/12/02 revisions



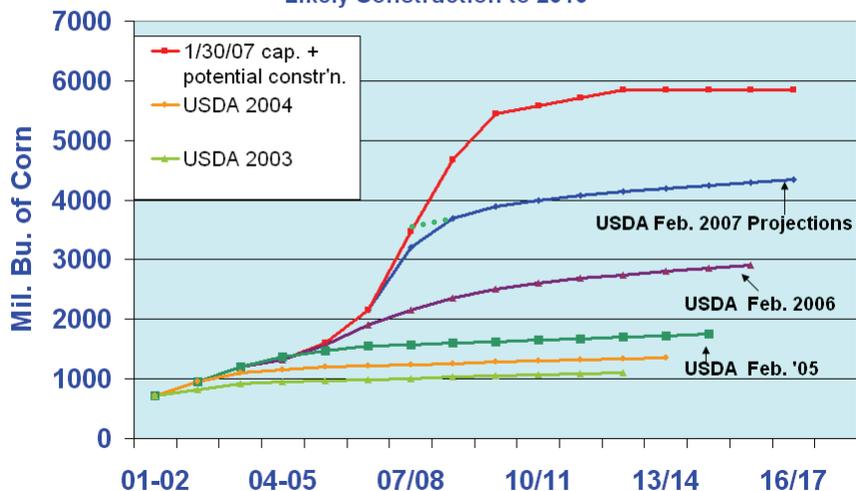
World Feed Grain Production, Use & Months of Reserve Supply Beyond Pipeline Needs





- 41 countries encourage biofuels**
- Major Countries with Ethanol Fuels**
- U.S., Canada
 - China, Brazil
 - EU-27
 - Thailand
- Countries considering ethanol fuels**
- South Africa
 - Ukraine
 - Japan
- Biodiesel– Competition for crop land**

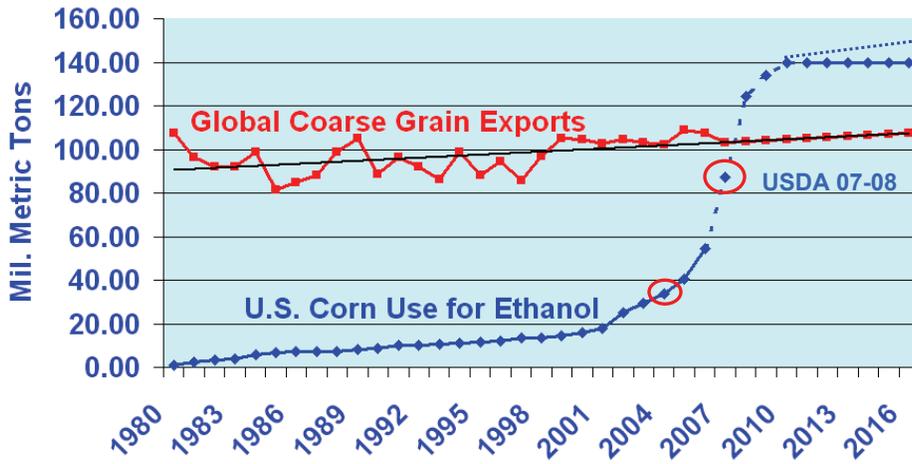
Figure 1. USDA Feb. '07 & Previous 10-Yr. Projections of Corn for Ethanol, Plus Existing & Under Construction Capacity + Likely Construction to 2010



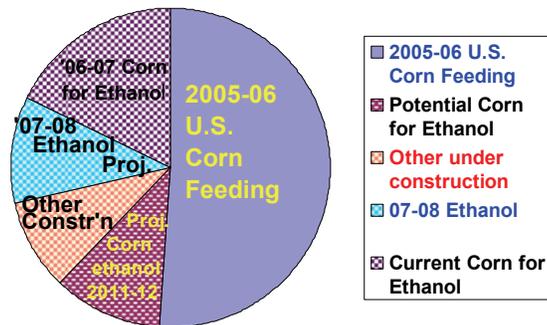
International Impacts

- **U.S. ethanol plants under construction to use 58 mil. tons of corn (doubling use)**
 - 3.5 times the volume of Japan imports of U.S. corn
 - 130% of 2006 EU corn crop
 - 70% of global corn exports
- **Other countries are expanding ethanol & biodiesel**
- **Strong negative impacts on animal ag.**
- **Higher food costs ahead**
- **Major risk-management challenges in Ag. & bioenergy**

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

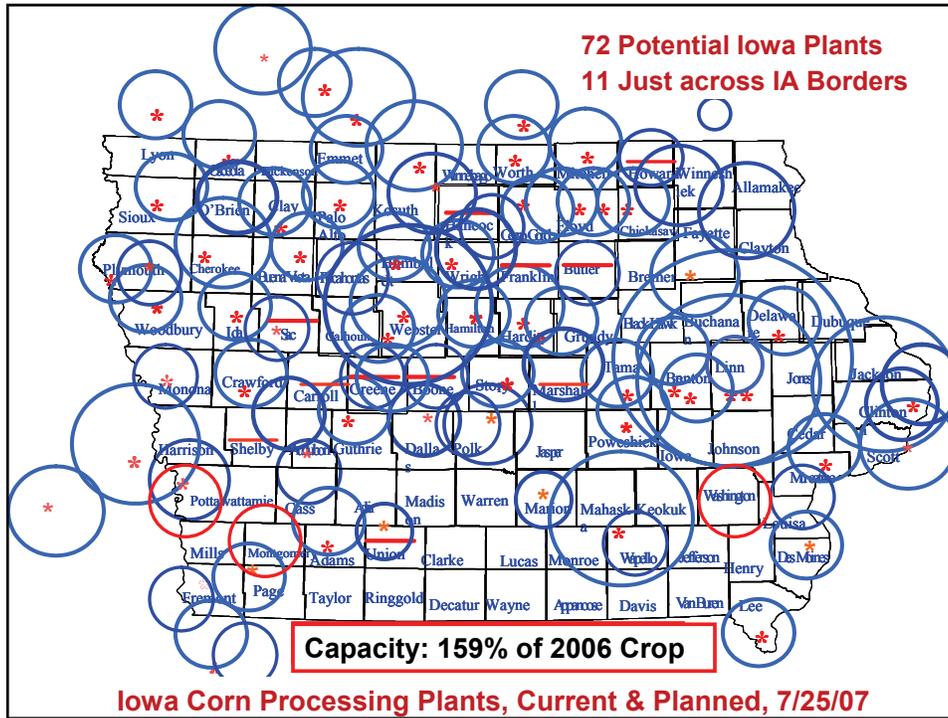


Expanding U.S. Ethanol Industry vs. 2005-06 Corn Feeding

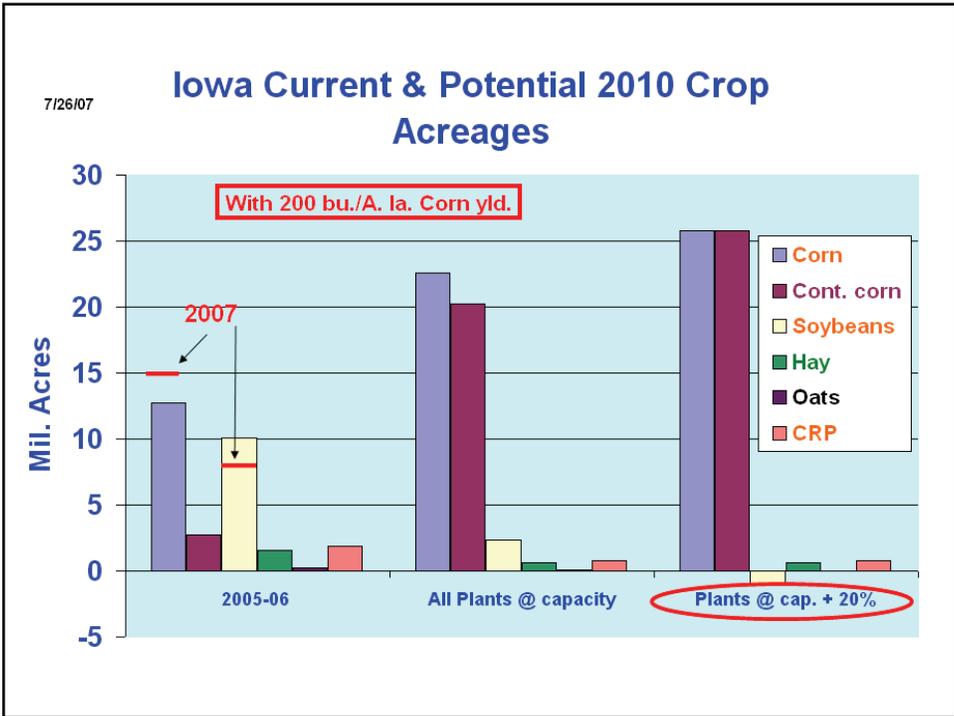
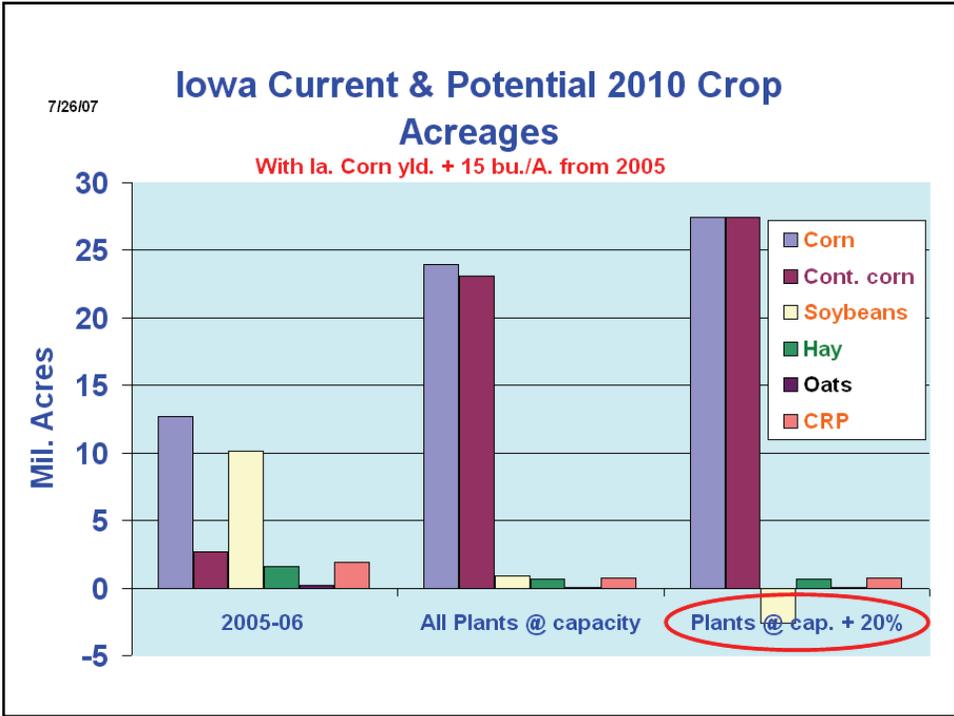


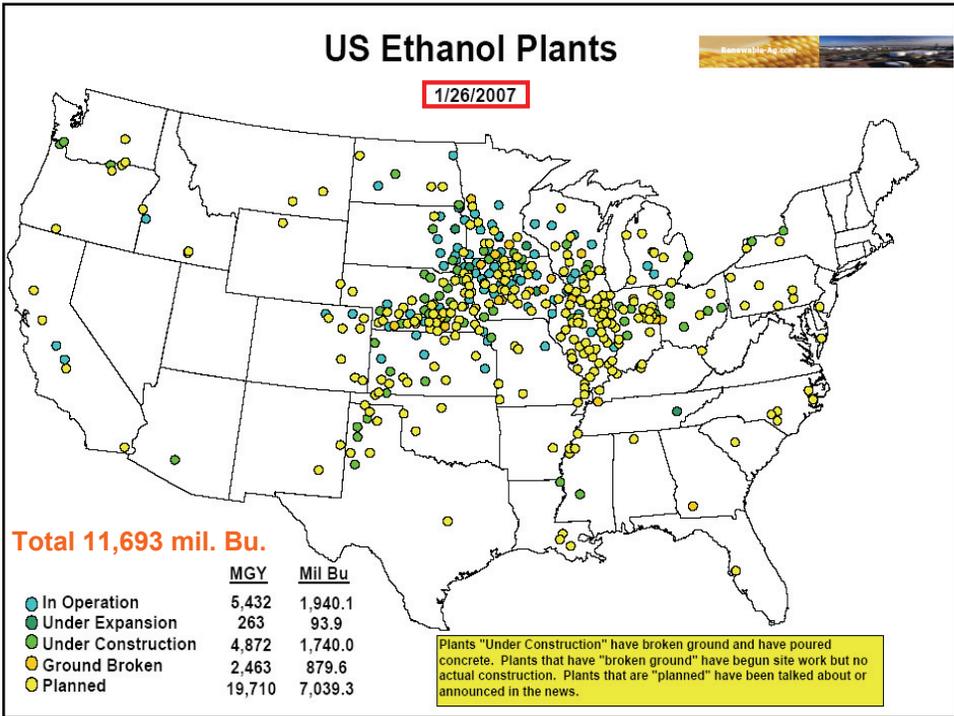
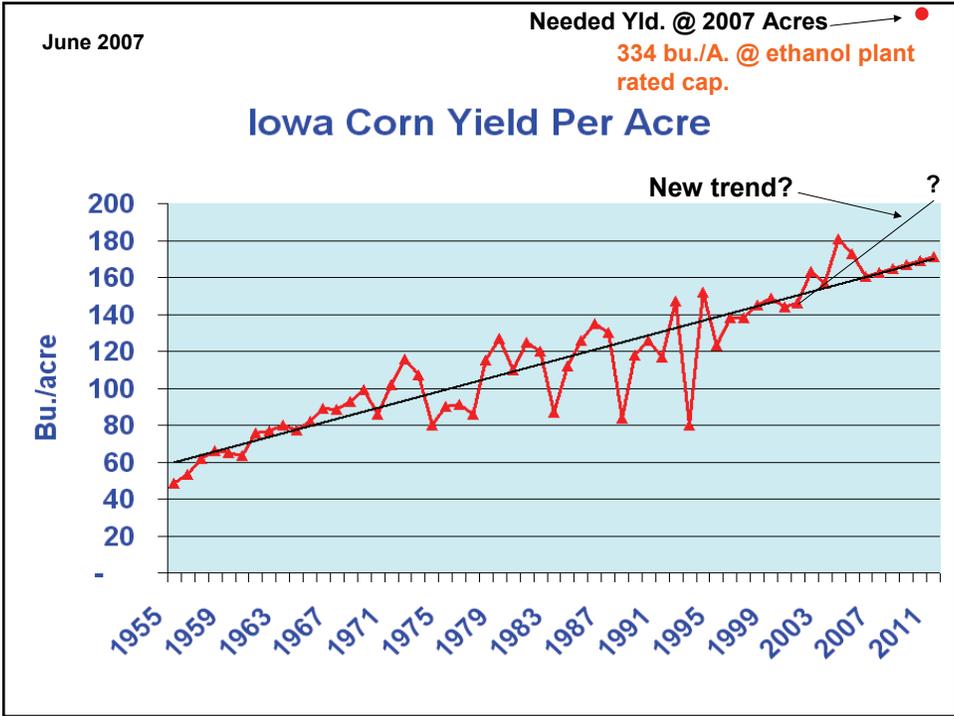
Corn Processing Plants in and Near Iowa, 7/25/07, Est. Mil. Bu. Processing Capacity, Ethanol & Other Processing Excl. Feed			
Operating Plants		Planned or under construction, II	
Albert Lea, MN*	16.4	Belmond - P	38
Albert City	36	Blair, NE* - E	38
Ashton	36	Blenco - P	38
Blair, NE*	32	Buffalo - P	38
Blairtown	3	Butler County - P	36
Cedar Rapids	359	Burlington expansion - E	36
Charles City	40	Cedar Rapids - Penford - C	15
Clinton	180	Columbus Junction - P	27
Coon Rapids	18	Coon Rapids - E - P	20
Corning (may go to 38 mil. Bu.)	23	Council Bluffs - C	42
Denison	20	Creston - P	18
Eddyville	76	Des Moines - P	38
Emmetsburg	19	Dexter - C	38
Faribank	38	Dyersville - C	37
Ft. Dodge	40	Eddyville	40
Galva	10	Emmetsburg - E	18
Goldfield	19	Fairmont, MN - C	41.2
Gowrie	22	Ft. Dodge new plant - P	73
Hanlontown	20	Ft. Dodge Expansion - C	38
Hopkinton (Uses sugar & strach)	0.7	Gamer - P	38
Iowa Falls	40	Green County - P	70
Jewell	24	Grinnell - C	38
Keokuck	47	Hancock co. - P	38
Lakota	36	Hartly - C	40
Lувurne, MN*	8	Hinton - P	38
Marcus	18	Manchester - P	38
Mason City	36.4	Marcus expansion - E	18
Muscatine	49	Marion co. - P	20
Nevada	19	Marshalltown - P	38
Sioux Center	9	Menlo - C	38
Steamboat Rock	7	Merrill - C	18
W. Burlington	19	New Hampton - P	18
		Odebolt - P	45
Sub-total, operating	1,294	Ogden - P	36
*Total excludes out-of-state Processing		Ottumwa - P	18
		Pleasantville - P	38
		Pocahontas Co. - P	38
		Postville - P	42
		Quad Cities - Galva, IL - P	38
		Red Oak - P	18
		Salix - P	19
		Shenandoah - C	18
		Sioux Center - E	13
		Spencer - P	38
		Staceyville - P	38
		St. Ansgar - C	38
		Superior - C	18
		Tama - C	38
		Wesley - P	37
		W. Des Moines - P	36
		Winneshiek county - P	38
Partial Sub-total, planned	354	Total, planned	1,660
Grand total processing, all rated capacity		3,254 Mil. Bu.	

Iowa Corn Processing, 7/23/07			
	No. plants	Mil. Bu.	of '06 Crop
Total operating	30	1,294	63%
Total Under Construction or expansion	10	447	22%
Total Planned, not yet under construction	34	1,513	74%
Grand Total (adjusting for plant expansions)	71	3,254	159%



Iowa Corn Production, Use & Excess for Export out of State, Mil. Bu.			
	2005-06	Current &	Current &
7/26/07	05/06 processing	Planned plants	Planned plants
	Capacity	@ rated capacity	@ 120% capacity
2005 corn crop	2,163	2,163	2,163
Less feed use	700	700	700
Less processing	908	3,254	3,905
Plus corn replaced by DGS	45	45	45
Avail. For Export	600	-1,746	-2,397
7/26/07 process. Cap.	1,294		
Est.2007 Mil. Harv. Acres	13.5		
Yield, 2005, Bu./A.	173		
2005 Trend Yield, Bu./A.	159		
2009 Trend Yld., Bu./A.	167		
Yield needed to maintain exports (@ '07 A.)		334.0	382.2
Acreeage needed @ 2005 yield		26.1	29.8
Acreeage needed @ 2009 trend yield		27.0	30.9
Acreeage needed @ 2005 yield+15 bu./A.		24.0	27.4





How Much More U.S. Construction to Reach 5.5 Bil. Bu. Corn for Ethanol?

- **Operating plants:**
-- 2.15 Bil. Bu.
- **Plants under construction:**
-- 2.0 Bil. Bu.
- **Plants soon to build:**
-- 0.2 Bil. Bu.

Total: 4.35 Bil. Bu.

Capacity needed:

1.15 Bil. Bu.

(About 32 plants @ 100 mil. gal./yr.)

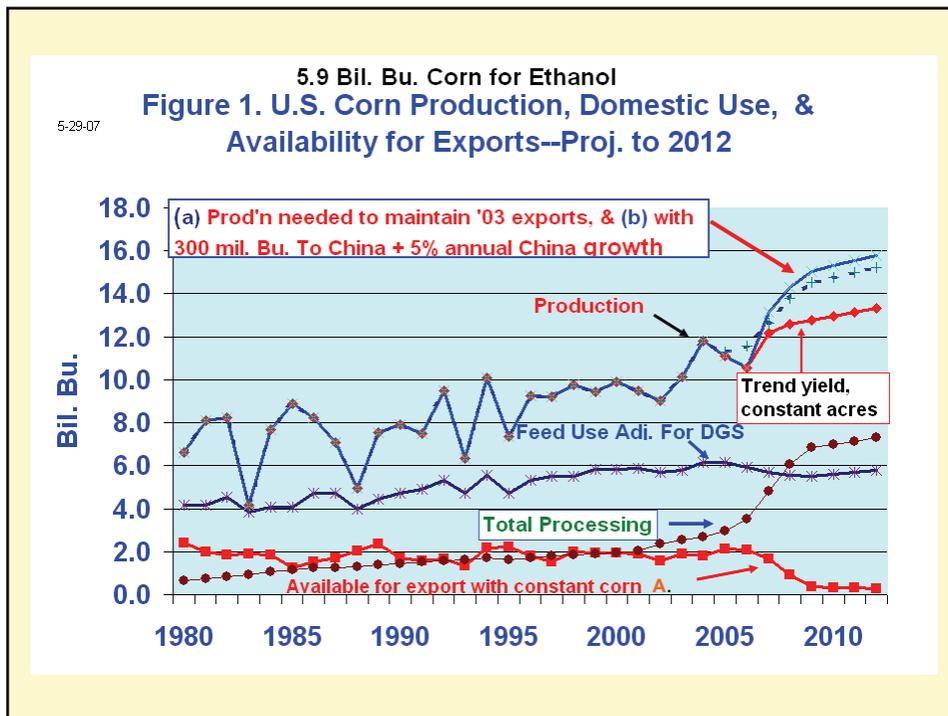
Prospective Number of future Ethanol Plants, 7/25/07 (Excludes Current Plants)					
			Under Constr'n	Planned Plants	Total to build
Iowa			13	27	40
Indiana			7	30	37
Illinois			4	56	60
Kansas			6	10	16
Michigan			3	5	8
Minnesota			6	7	13
Missouri			1	9	10
Nebraska			14	36	50
Ohio			12	7	19
S. Dakota			4	4	8
Wisconsin			4	10	14
Corn Belt Total			74	201	275
Non-Corn Belt					
California			3	14	17
Colorado			1	14	15
Idaho			2	1	3
New York			3	6	9
N. Carolina			1	6	7
Penn.			1	7	8
Texas			5	11	16
Other non-Corn Belt			11	83	94
Total non-Corn Belt			27	128	155
U.S. Total			101	329	430
Plant Numbers Sources: Renewable Fuels Association					
http://www.ethanol.org/index.php?id=37&parentid=8#USEthanolFacilities & DTN Ethanol					
Web Site. http://www.dtnethanolcenter.com/index.cfm?show=47&mid=48					

Prospective Number of future Ethanol Plants, 7/25/07 (Excludes Current Plants)					
	M. Bu. Current	Mil. Bu.	No. Planned	2006 Mil. Bu.	Corn needed @ avg. 70
	Plnt. Cap.	Constr'n	Plants	Corn Prod'n	mil. Gal./planned plant
Iowa	931	447	27	2,050	2,891
IA. Non-eth. Plants	363				
Iowa total	1,294		1,513 mil. Bu.	2,050	3,254
Indiana	114	212	30	845	1,091
Illinois	136	106	56	1,818	1,670
Kansas	77	127	10	345	459
Michigan	77	25	5	288	230
Minnesota	191	157	7	1,103	526
Missouri	56	15	9	363	301
Nebraska	228	391	36	1,178	1,537
Ohio	--	164	7	471	343
S. Dakota	228	4	4	312	334
Wisconsin	102	4	10	400	361
Corn Belt Total	3,796	1,652	201	9,173	10,573
Non-Corn Belt					
California	23	45	14	18	425
Colorado	31	18	14	134	406
Idaho	--	26	1	11	52
New York	--	55	6	62	208
N. Carolina	--	26	6	98	179
Penn.	--	73	7	117	252
Texas	--	98	11	175	379
Other non-Corn Belt	144	177	69	221	2,081
Total non-Corn Belt	198	518	128	836	3,980
U.S. Total	3,994	2,170	329	10,535	14,554

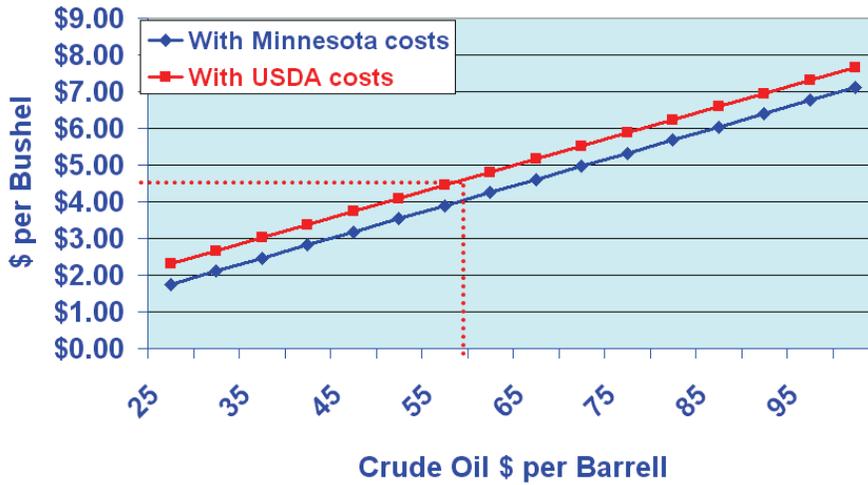
Note: Non-IA states exclude other corn processing (Total of 1,200 mil. Bu. (Potential about 40 bil. Gal. of ethanol if all are built)

Plant Numbers & Capacity Sources: Renewable Fuels Association & DTN Ethanol

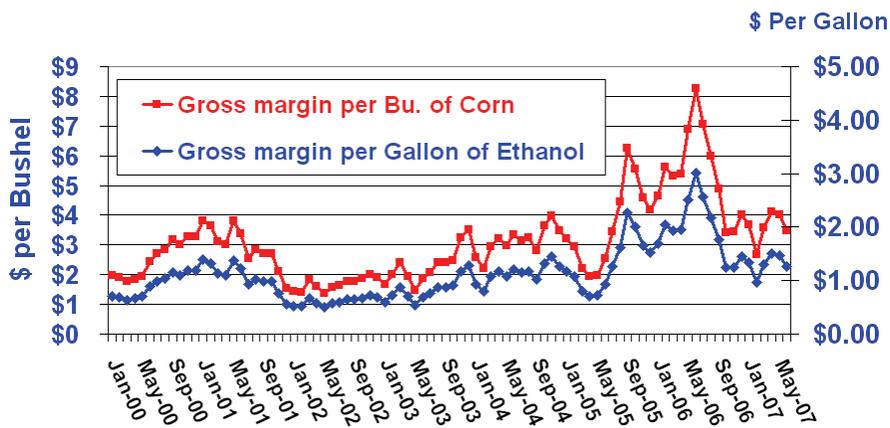
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Approximate Maximum Price Ethanol Plants to Pay for Corn with Varying Crude Oil Prices



Iowa Gross Processing Margins for Ethanol, January 2000 - Prelim. June 2007



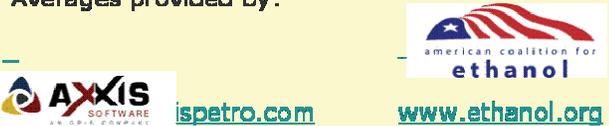
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State Avg. Ethanol Rack Prices

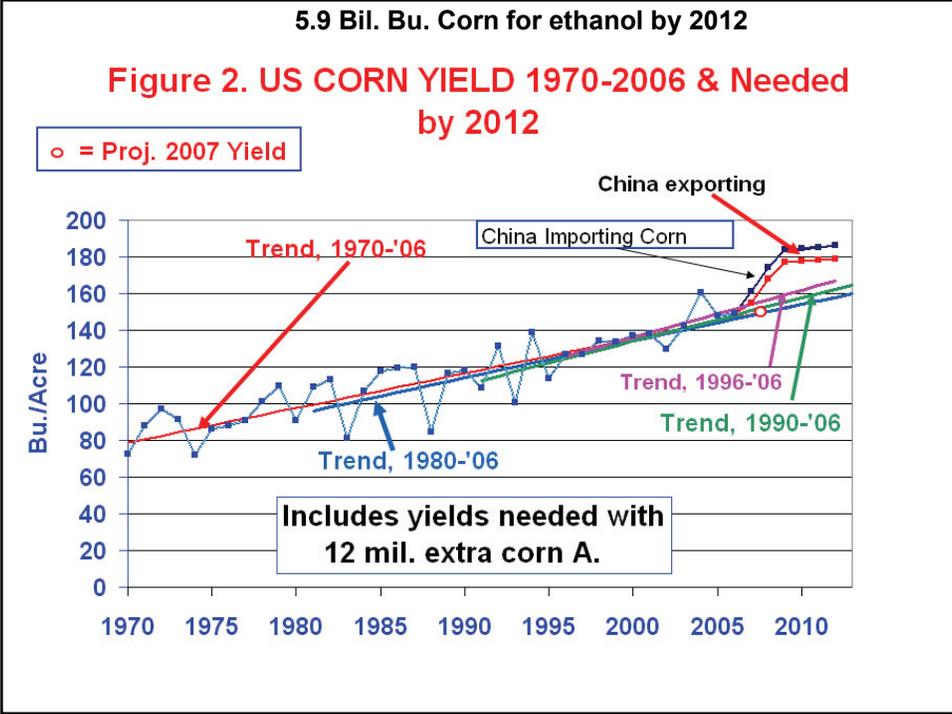


Iowa: 2.393
Illinois: 2.398
Kansas: 2.602
Michigan: 2.610
Minnesota: 2.387
Missouri: 2.412
North Dakota: 2.454
Nebraska: 2.479
South Dakota: 2.463
Wisconsin: 2.564

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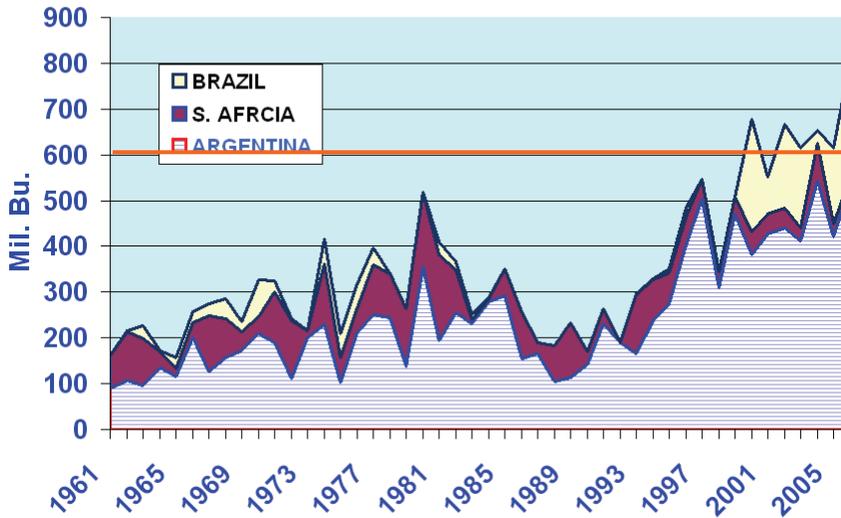
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Will increased South American exports more than offset U.S. decline?

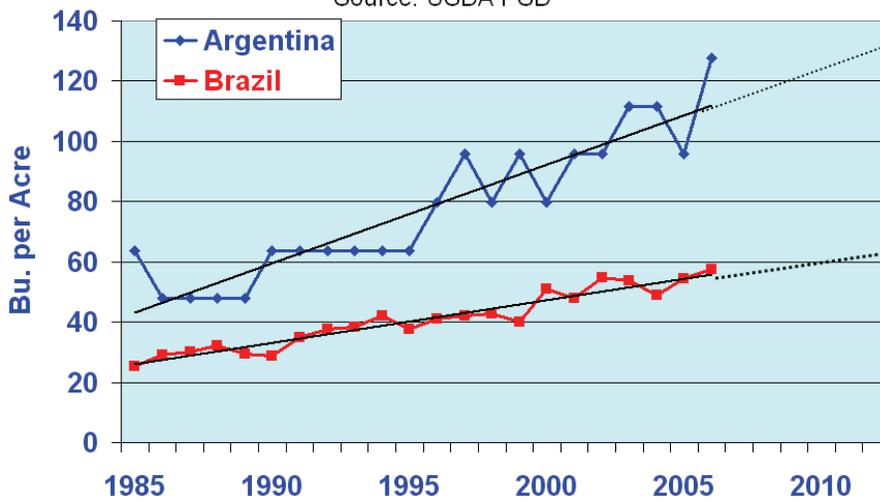
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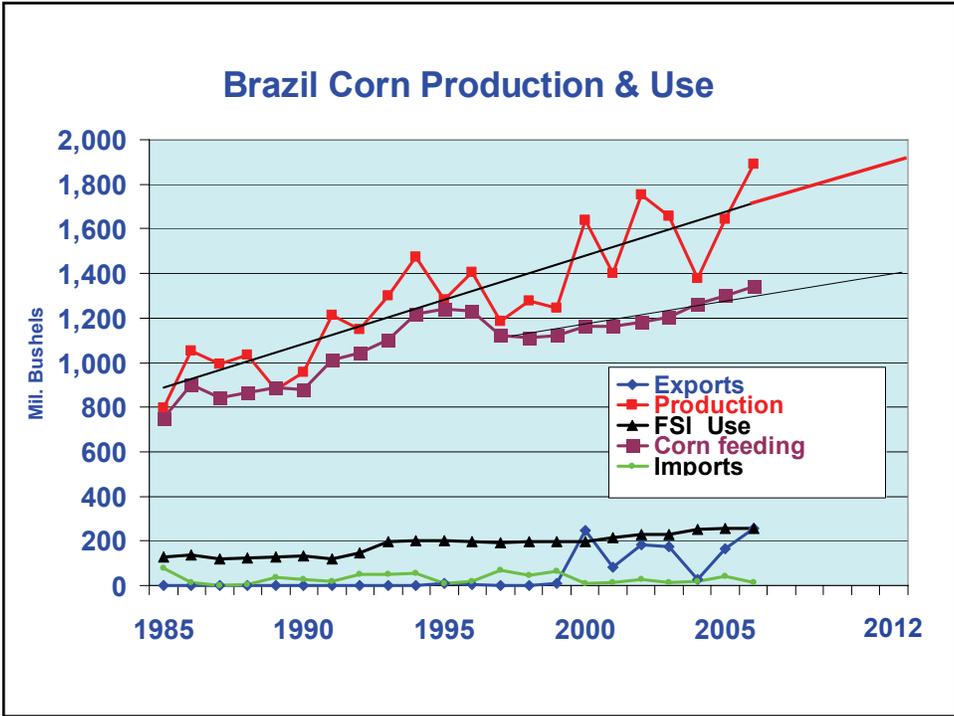
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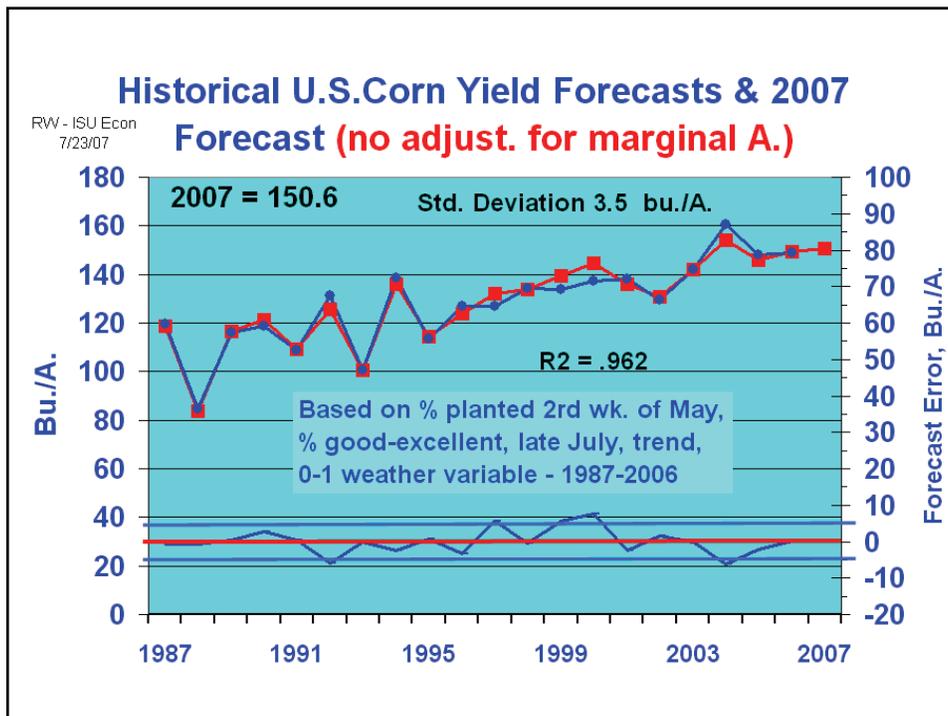
Brazil & Argentina Corn Yields

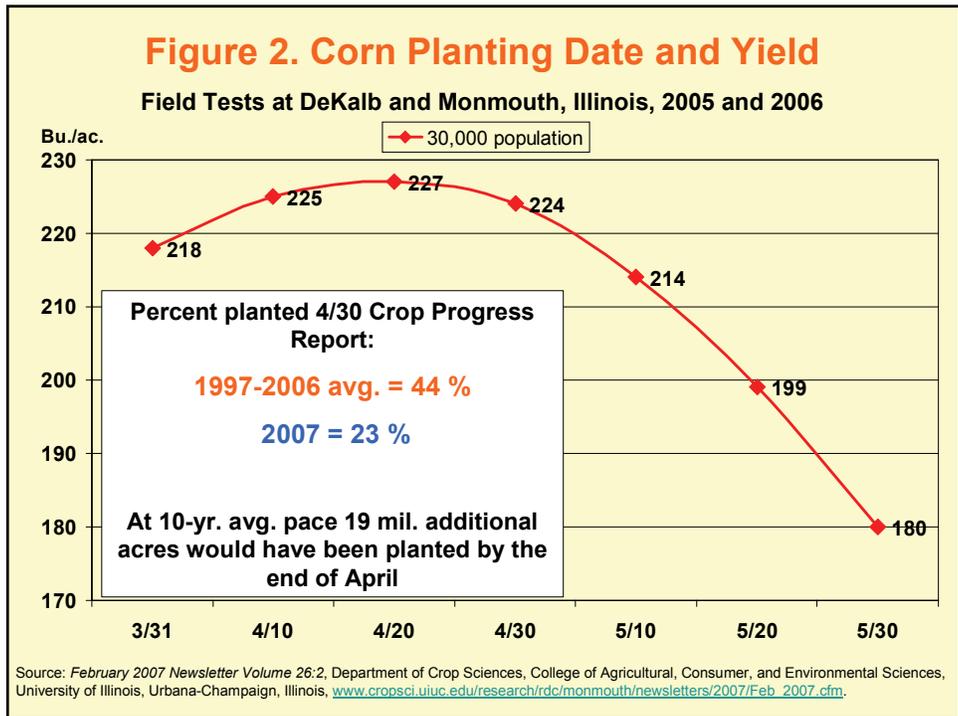
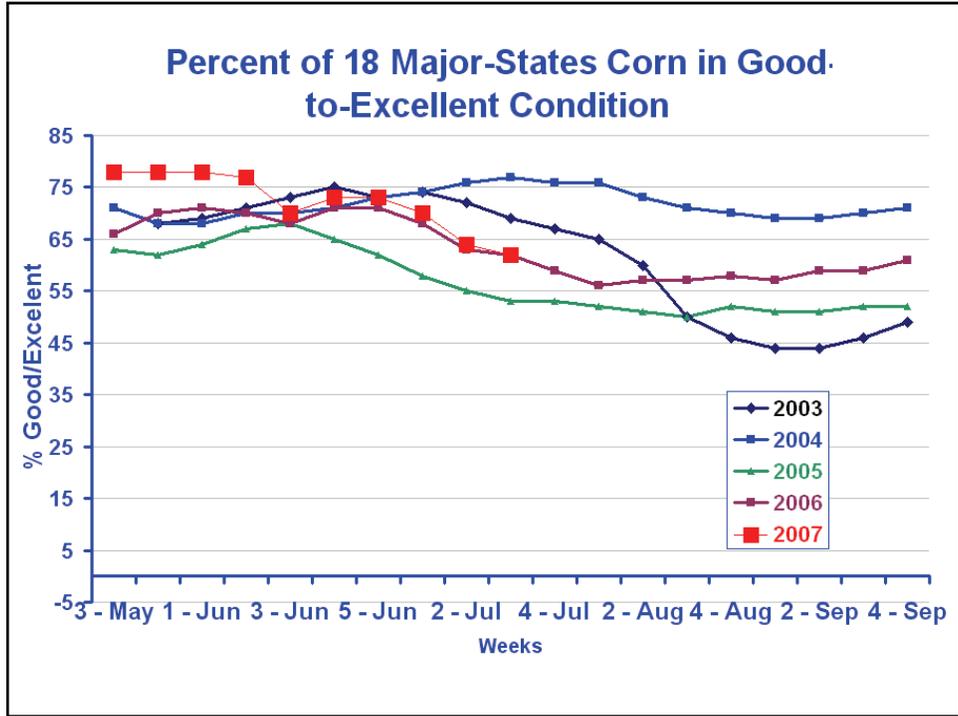
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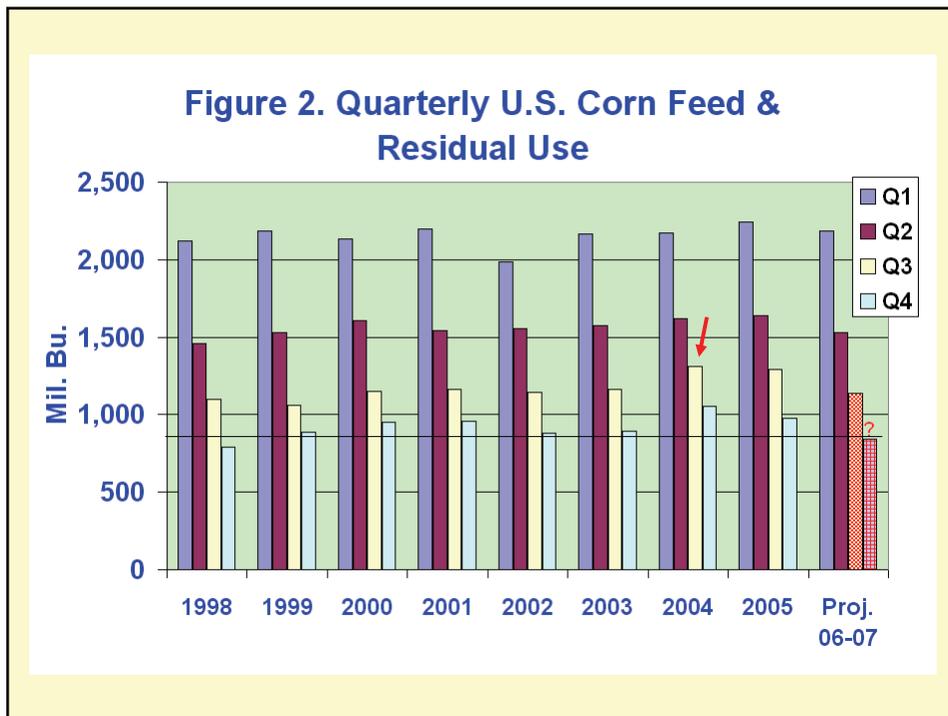


Newly Cleared Land In Brazil Planted to Upland Rice

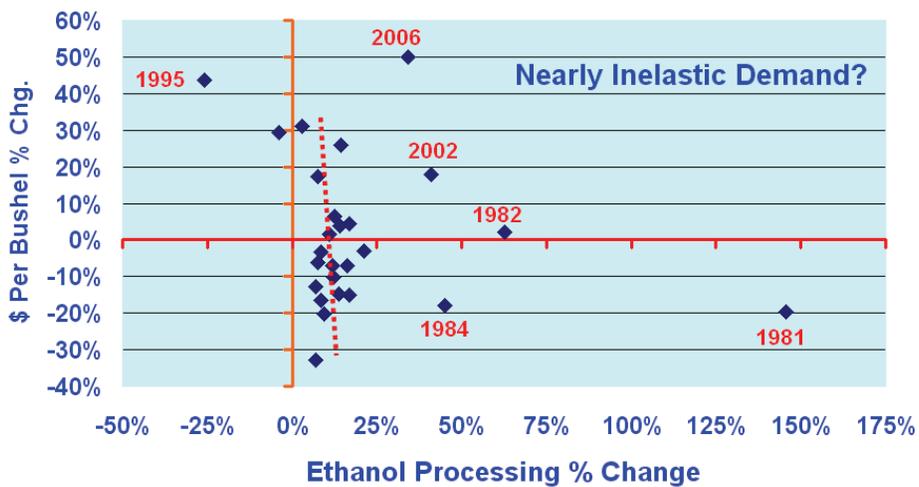




7/12/2007		Corn Balance Sheet (Mil. Bu.)								
		2004-05	2005-06	Est.	Projected 2007-08			Projected 2008-09		
Supplies:		Model Forecast: \$3.16/bu. U.S. '07-08 & \$3.14 for '08-09								
				2006-07	A	B	C	A	B	C
Plant. A(mil.)		80.9	81.8	78.3	92.9	92.9	92.9	90.5	91.0	91.0
Harv.A.(mil)		73.6	75.1	70.6	85.1	85.4	85.8	83.0	83.5	83.5
Bu./A.		160.4	147.9	149.1	146.0	150.5	155	146.0	154	157
Production		11,807	11,114	10,535	12,425	12,853	13,299	12,118	12,859	13,110
Carryover		958	2,114	1,967	1,137	1,137	1,137	1,415	1,415	1,415
Total Supply		12,776	13,238	12,512	13,577	14,005	14,451	13,548	14,289	14,539
Feed & resid.		6,158	6,141	5,750	5,750	5,800	5,900	5,485	5,550	5,645
Food, ind. & seed		2,686	2,981	3,525	4,770	4,790	4,830	5,690	5,890	5,920
Corn for fuel ethanol*		1,323	1,603	2,150	3,380	3,400	3,440	4,300	4,500	4,530
Exports		1,818	2,147	2,100	1,975	2,000	2,030	1,850	1,900	1,925
Total Utilization		10,662	11,270	11,375	12,495	12,590	12,760	13,025	13,340	13,490
Carryover		2,114	1,968	1,137	1,082	1,415	1,691	523	949	1,049
U.S. weighted Avg. FARM PRICE		\$2.06	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$3.25	2.95	2.65	\$4.40	3.45	3.25
IOWA weighted Avg. PRICE, \$/Bu.		1.96	1.95	\$2.95	3.20	2.90	2.60	4.35	3.40	3.20
Counter-Cyclical Pmt.		0.30	0.35	\$0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
HARV. PRICE, C.IA		1.60	1.40	\$2.80	3.25	2.50	2.30	4.00	3.15	2.90
DEC. FUT. @ HARV.		\$1.98	\$2.00	\$3.15	\$3.65	\$3.05	\$2.85	\$4.40	\$3.65	\$3.45
Historical Probability					18%	65%	17%	18%	65%	17%
Weeks carryover supply		10.3	9.1	5.2	4.5	5.8	6.9	2.1	3.7	4.0
Feed use % chg. Drought years vs. current					0.0%			-4.6%		



Percent Change in U.S. Corn Price & Processing for Ethanol, 1981-2006



Percent Change in U.S. Corn Price & % Deviation of Domestic Corn Feeding from Trend, 1981-2006

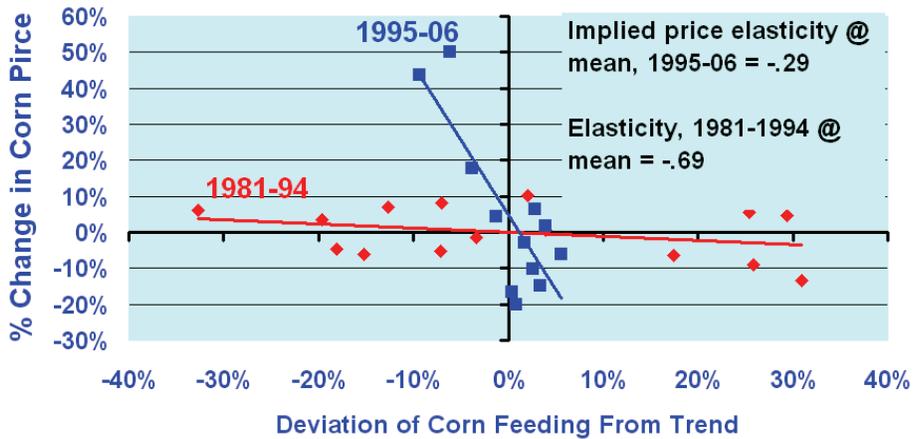


Figure 1. Harvest Time Total Corn & Soybean Supplies

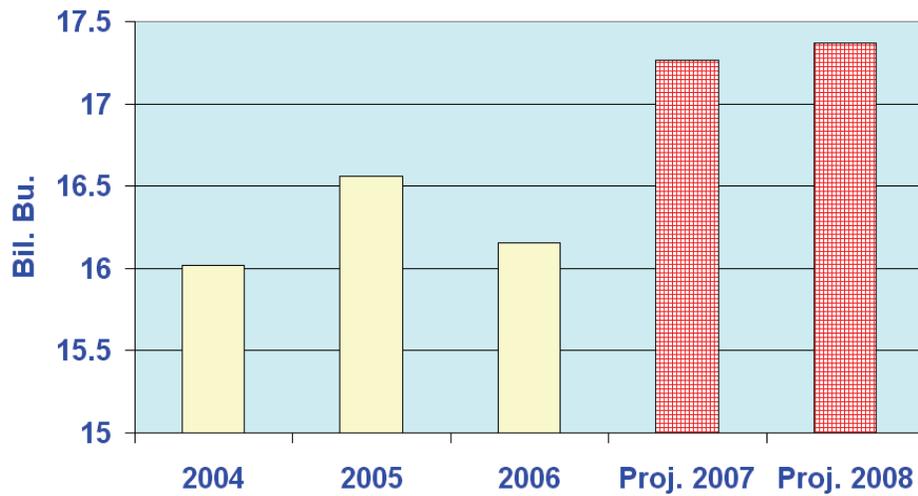
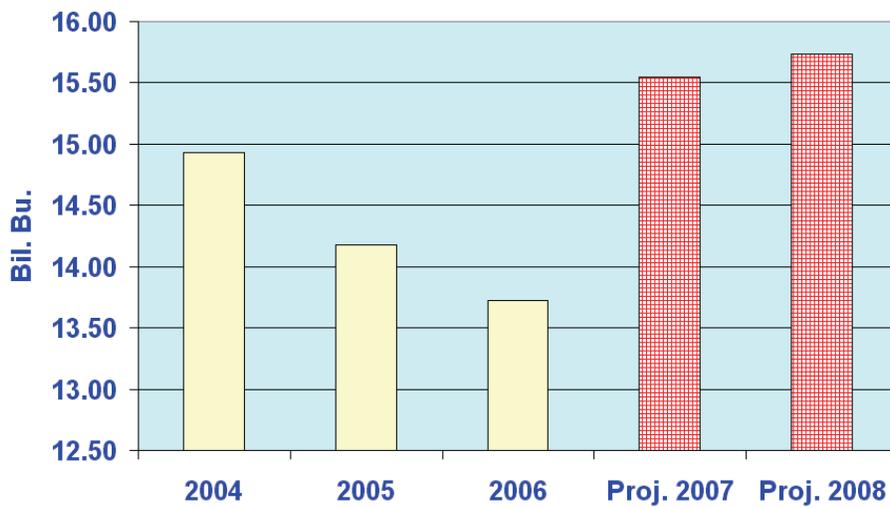
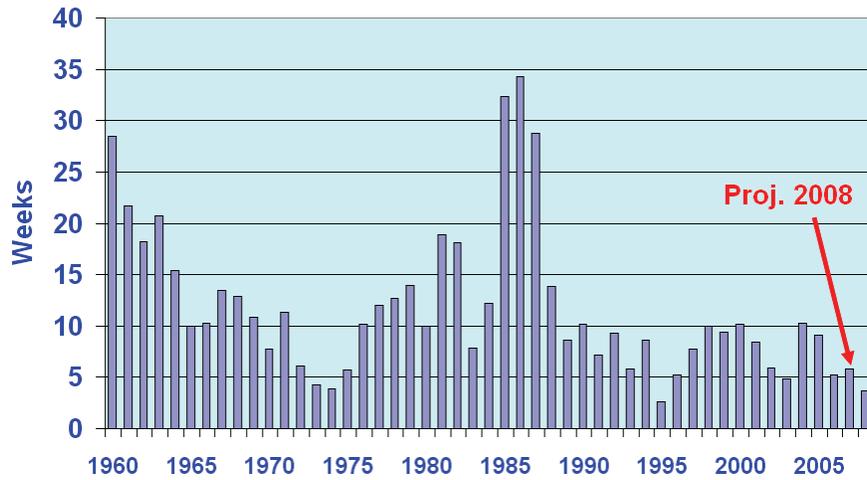


Figure 2. U.S. Harvest-Time Total Corn & Soybean Bushels to be Handled

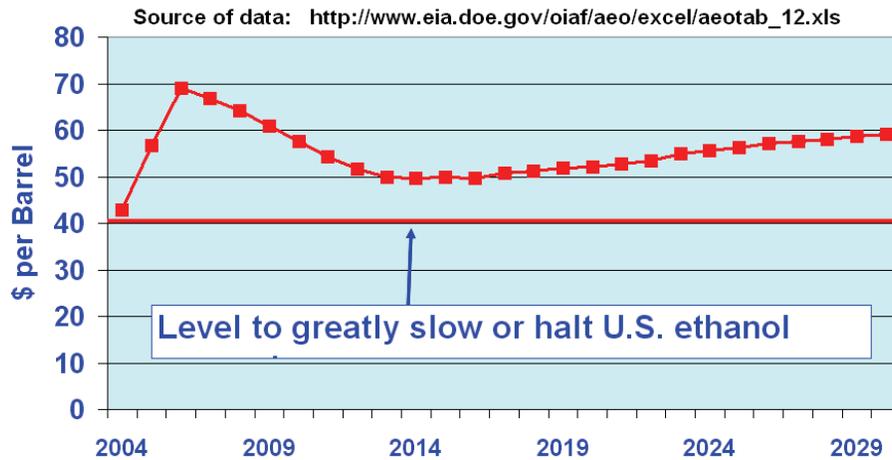


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Figure 1. U.S. Corn Carryover Stocks in Weeks Supply



U.S. Department of Energy Crude Oil Price Projections - January 2007



Ethanol Economics – new plants U. of Minn. 2005 costs

- **\$0.10/gal. increase in ethanol price raises break-even Corn price \$0.28/bu.**
- **\$1.00/bu. rise in corn price increases cost/gal. \$0.36/gal.**

Ethanol Economics – new plants

- Ethanol prod'n cost \$1.30/gal. (Univ. of Minnesota-@ \$2/bu. corn -- 2005)
- **July 24, '07 Iowa ethanol price: \$2.17/gal.**
- **Recent margin: \$0.62/gal. (40%) Drops to 20% @ corn price of about \$3.55/bu. in IA -- up 32% from July 24 price**
- **Note: "Drop-out" corn price for existing plants is much higher**
- **Other variables: DDGS price, Natural Gas**
- **Note: Plant construction costs have risen sharply since 2005**

5.9 bil. Bu. Processed to ethanol by 2012
Figure 4. Extra U.S. Corn Acres Needed to Maintain Exports & Projected Ethanol Production

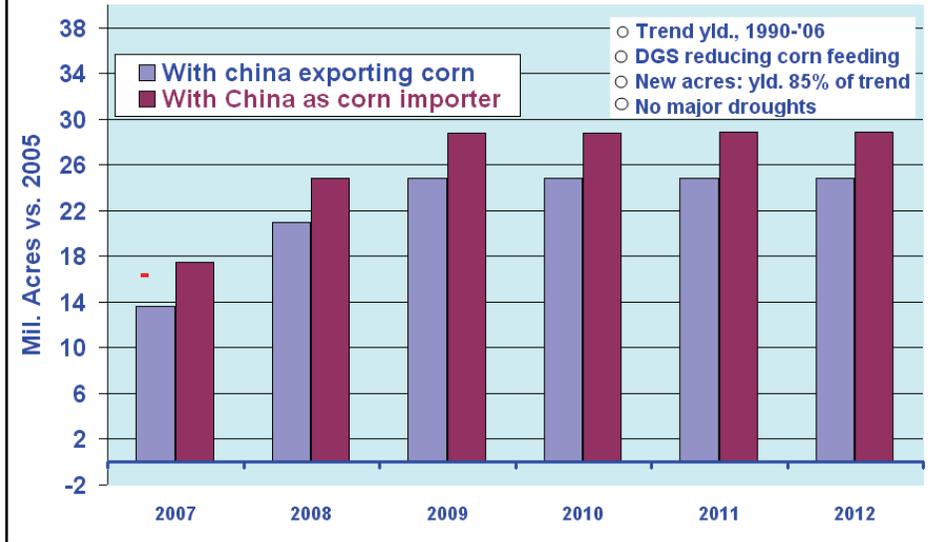
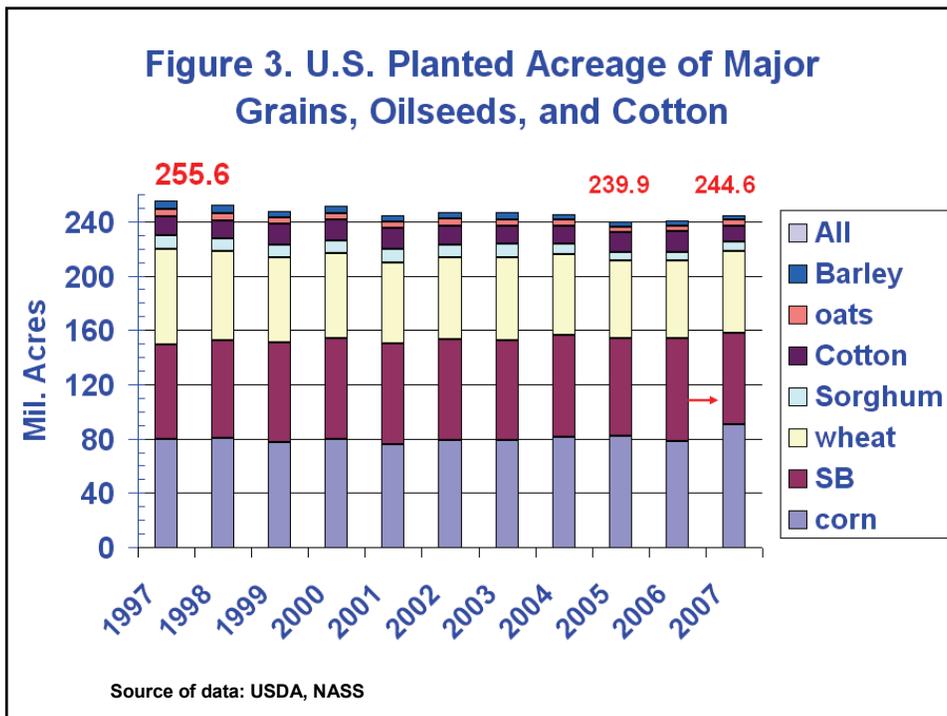


Figure 3. U.S. Planted Acreage of Major Grains, Oilseeds, and Cotton



Potential CRP Acres for Corn?	
	Mil. Acres
ILLINOIS	1.03
INDIANA	0.29
IOWA	1.92
MICHIGAN	0.26
MINNESOTA	1.76
MISSOURI	1.55
OHIO	0.29
Total	7.10
Includes wetlands, buffer strips, etc.	

Illinois Corn Yields Drought Tolerant?

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	% chg.
• NW	184	140	-24
• NE	174	129	-26
• WEST	192	141	-27
• E.SE.	175	139	-21
• SW	158	133	-16
• SE	158	130	-18

Implications for U.S. and World Livestock, Poultry & Food Costs

- U.S. supplies 2/3 of world corn exports, 20-25% of wheat & 35-40% of cotton exports
- Cost of livestock & poultry feed will increase
- Large increase in variability of feed & food costs
- Food aid impacts?
- Accelerated ag expansion into areas with fragile eco systems
- Shift livestock industries from U.S. to South America?
- Rural employment implications in U.S.

What Could Change Prospects of Tightening Global Grain Supply?

- Accelerated corn yield increases
- Crude oil price collapse
- Early break-through in economical cellulose conversion
- U.S. Ethanol import tax removed – longer term impacts
- U.S. \$0.51 blending credit reduced or made variable
- Declining global livestock feeding

Need for Both Ethanol and Animal Agriculture

- **100 million gallon ethanol plant**
 - 37 million bushels of corn
 - 80 workers directly employed
- **37 million bu corn** **Direct jobs**

Farrow-finish	800
Or Wean-finish	242
Or Beef feedlot	278

Source: Dr. John Lawrence, Head of ISU Beef Center

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