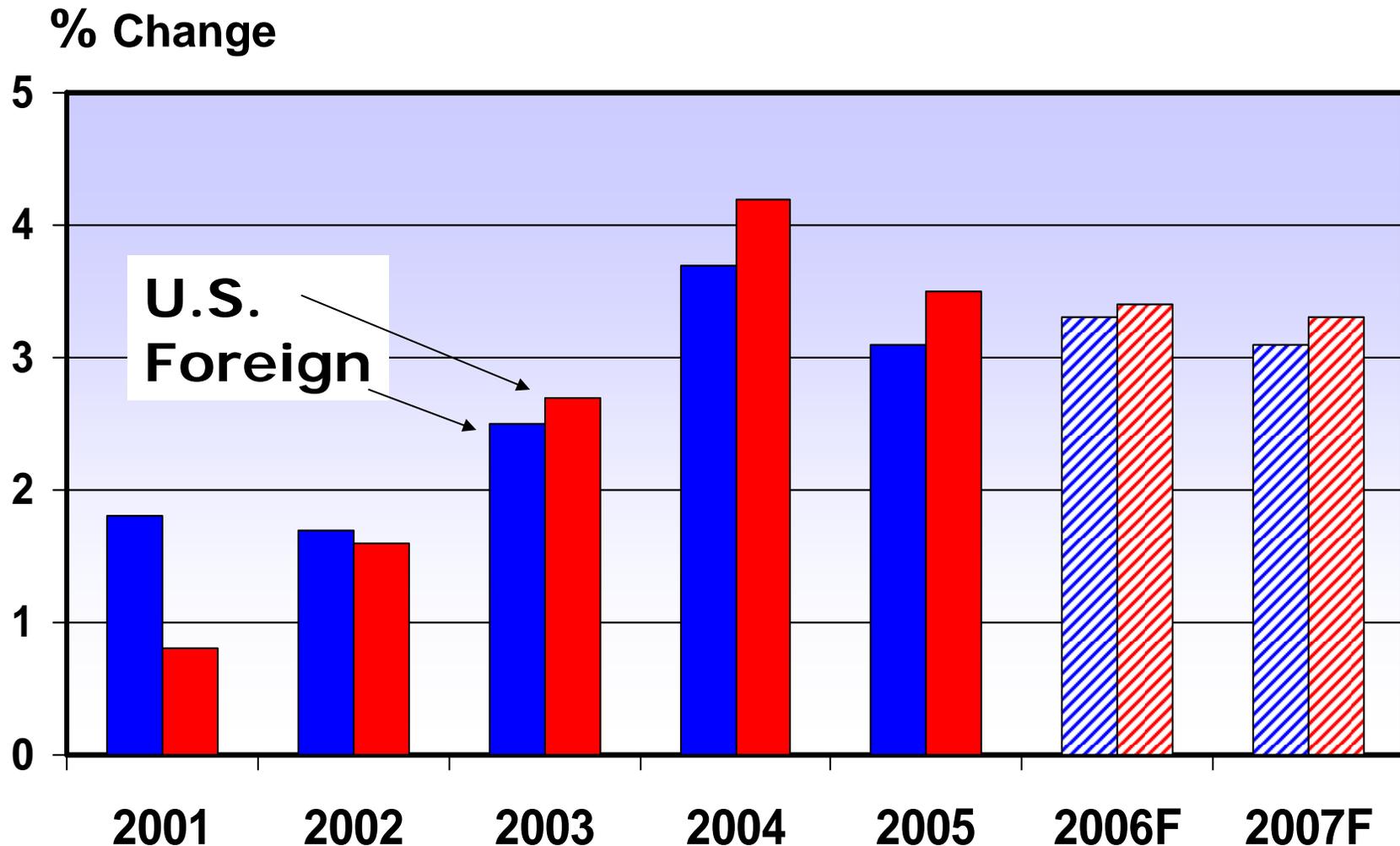


Prospects for the Farm Economy in 2006

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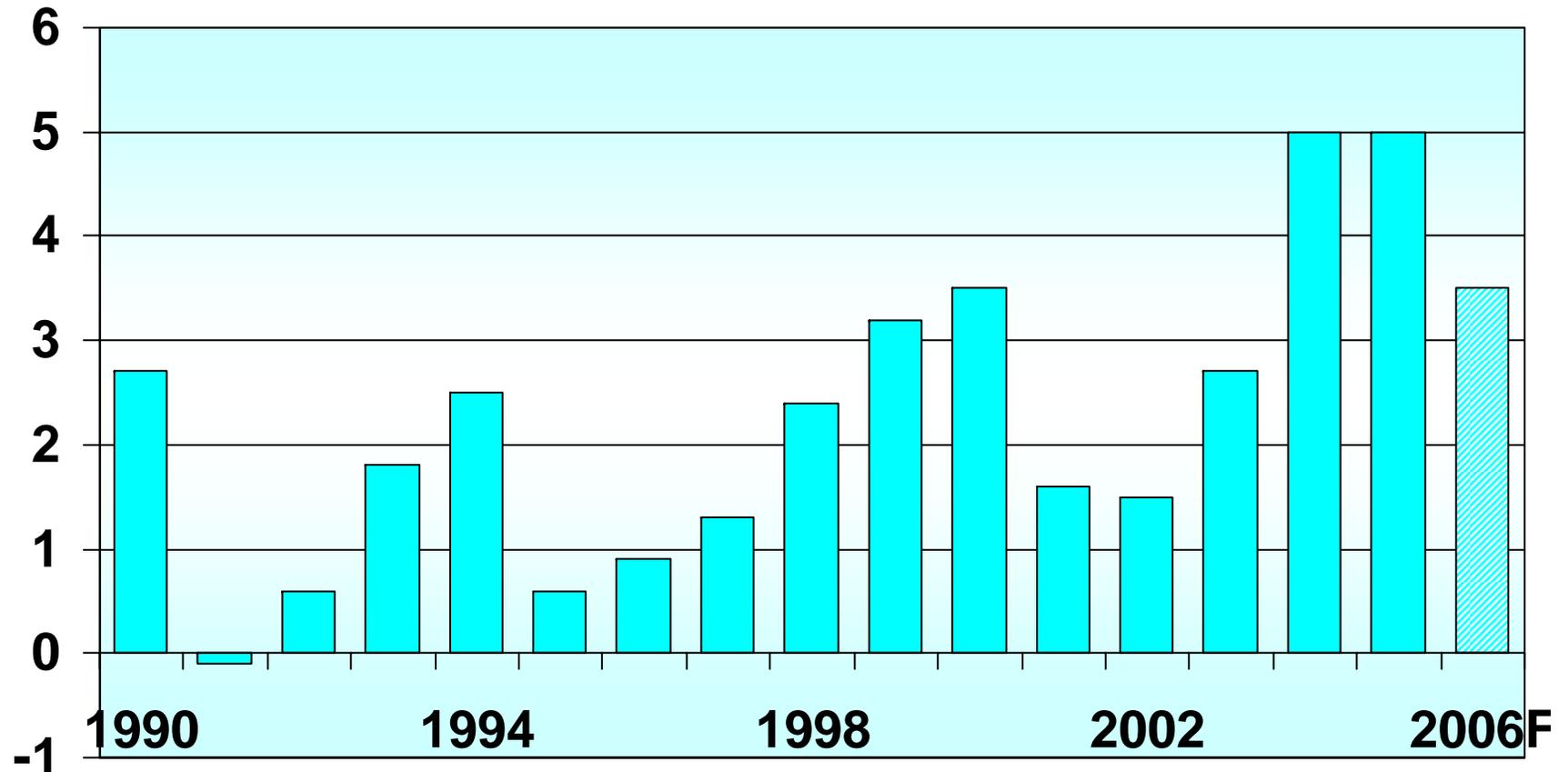


1--U.S. & Foreign GDP Growth ... *should again help food demand*



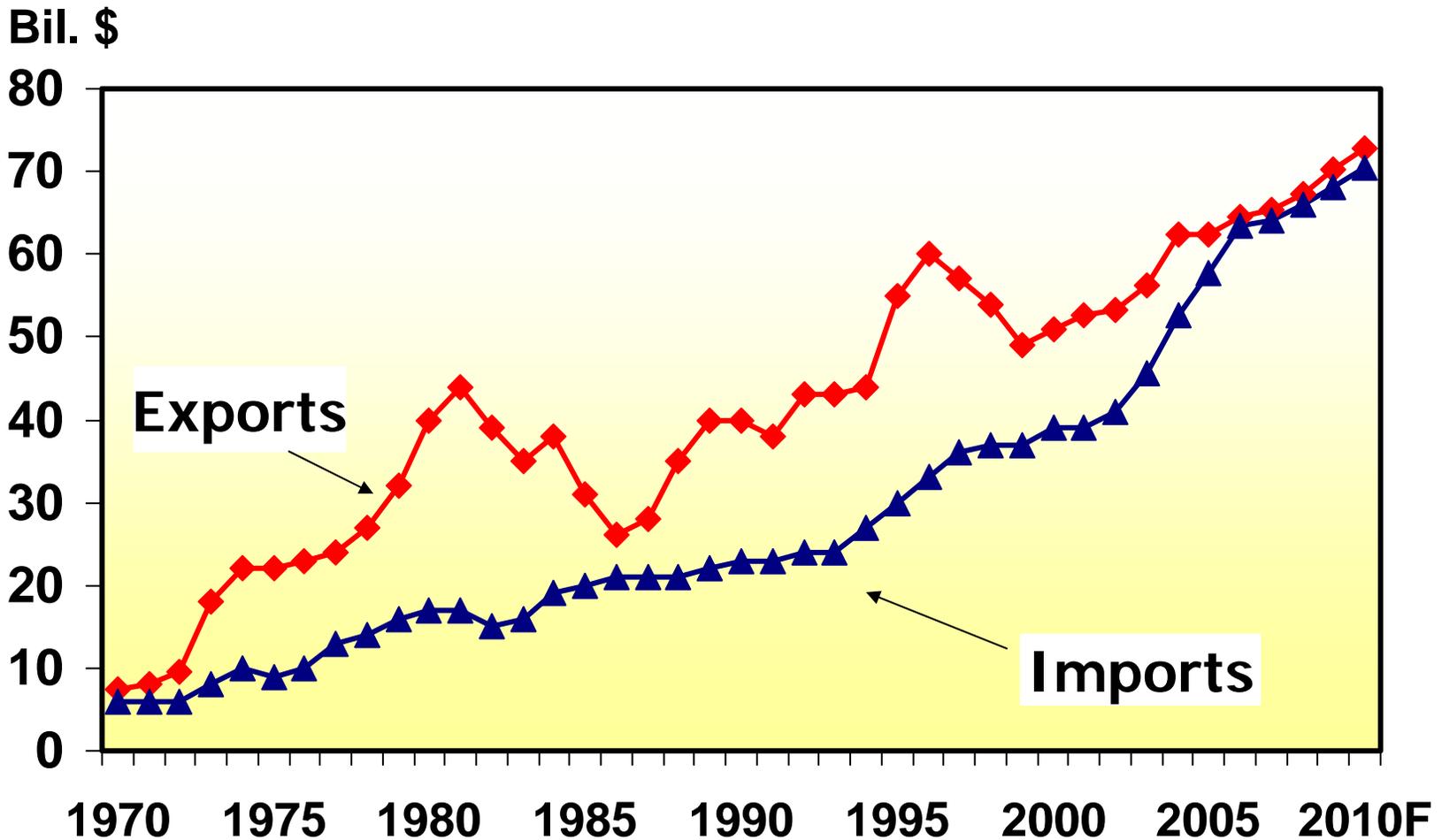
2--Real Consumption Spending on Food... *solid, but slower growth*

% Change



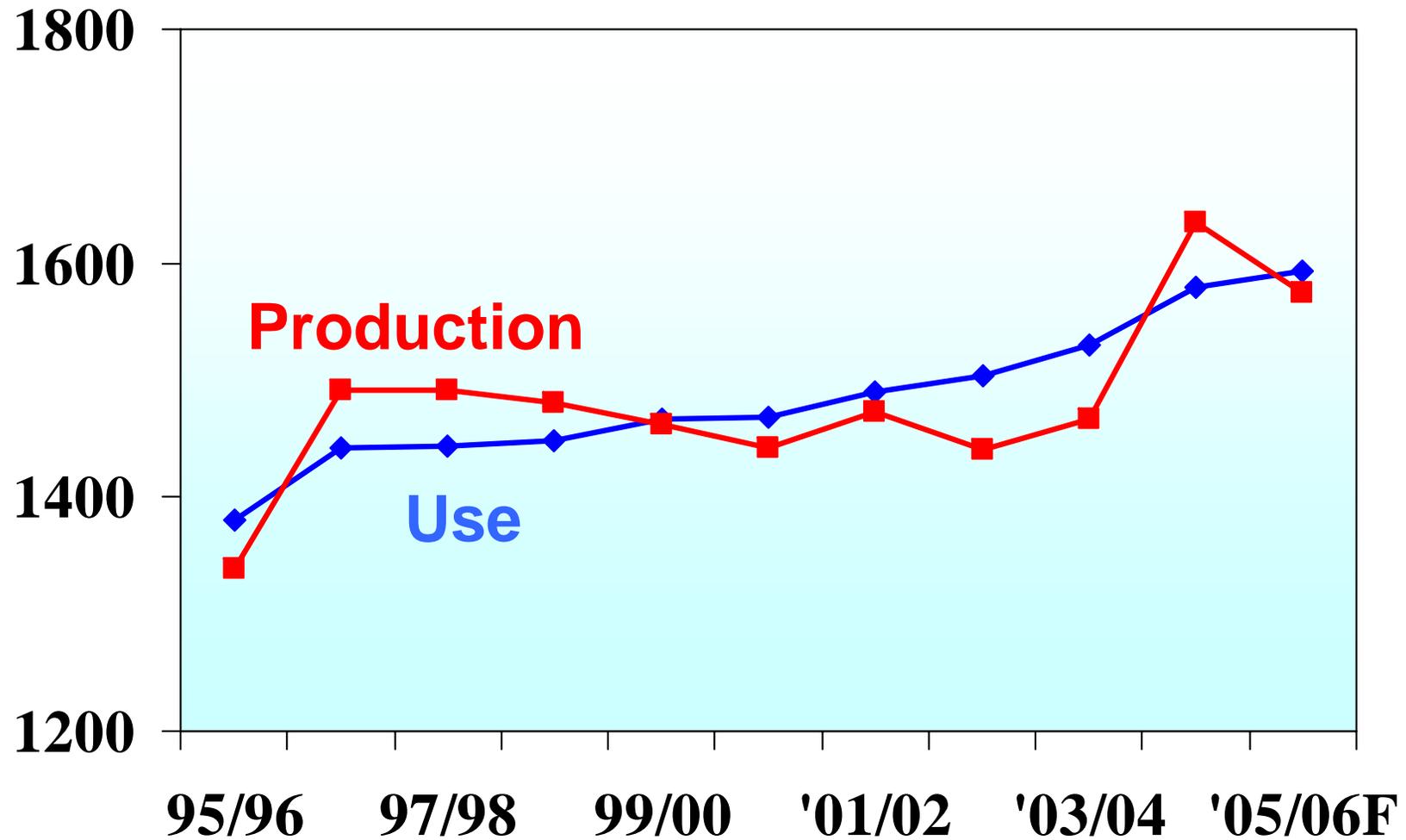
3--U.S. Ag. Trade ...

record exports, narrow surplus



4--Global Grain ... *Stocks to Decline*

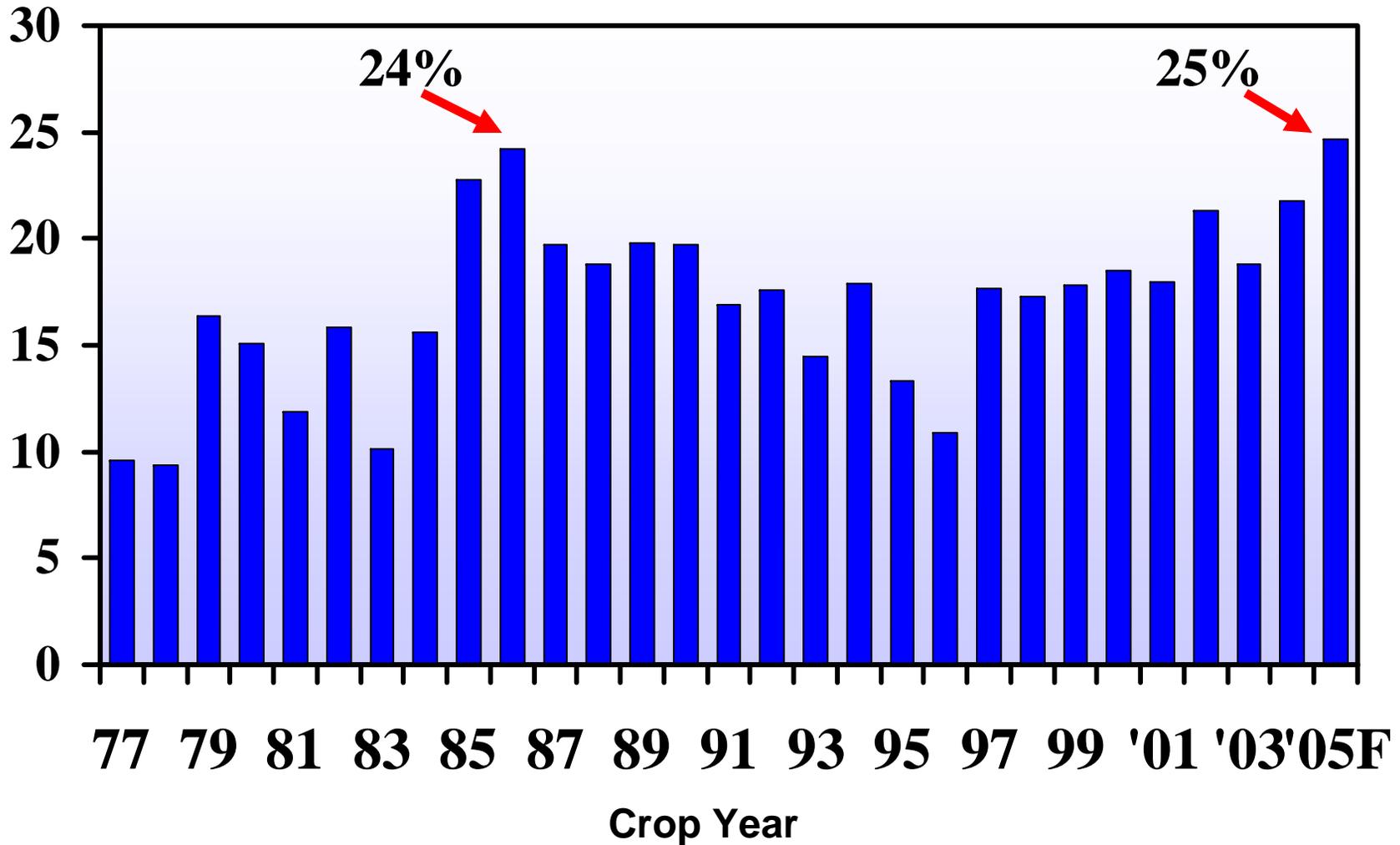
Mil. tons



5--World Soybean Stocks ...

Rising and Very Large

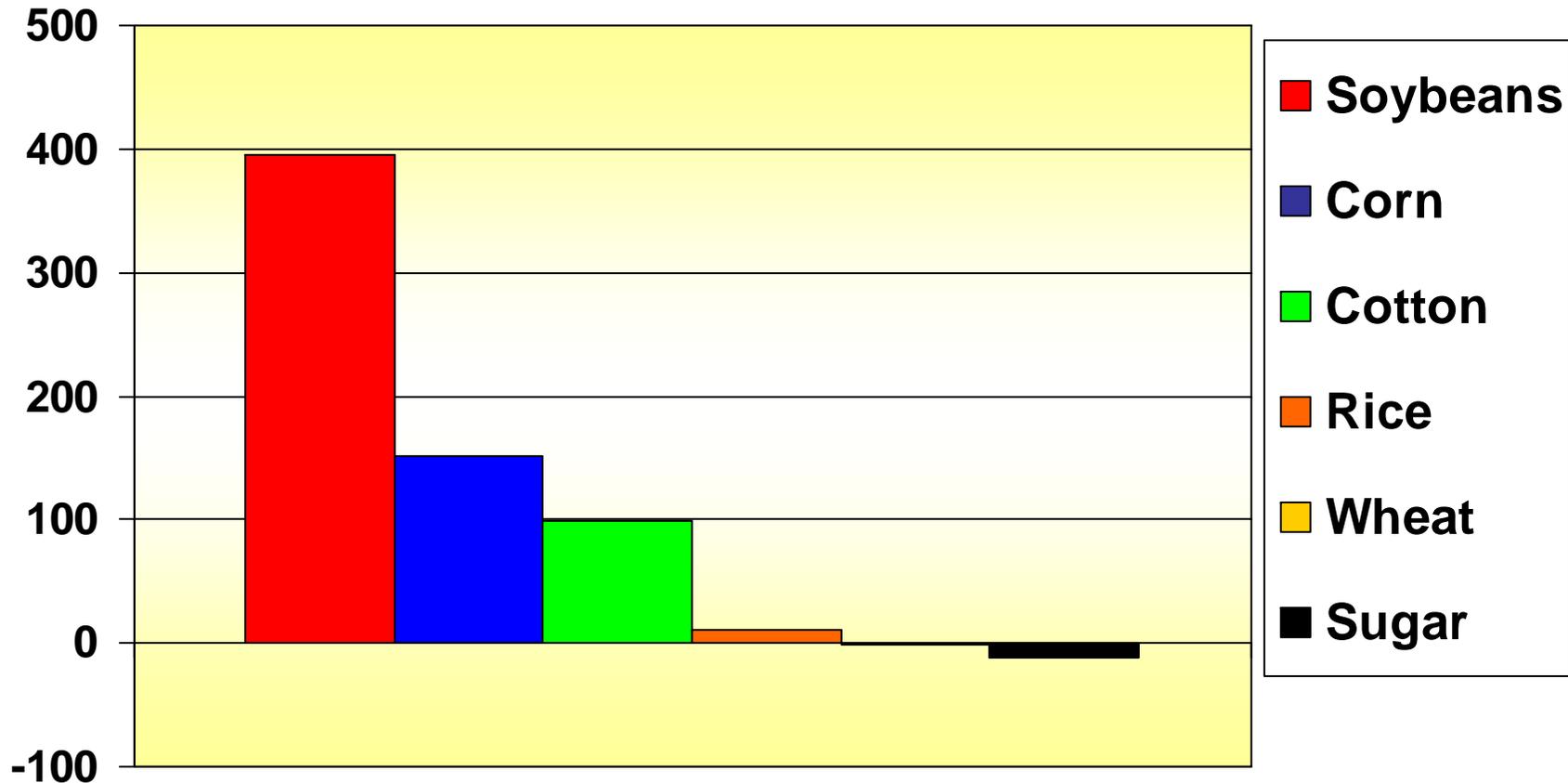
% of total use



6--U.S. Carryover Stocks ...

generally up: 2005/06F v. 2003/04

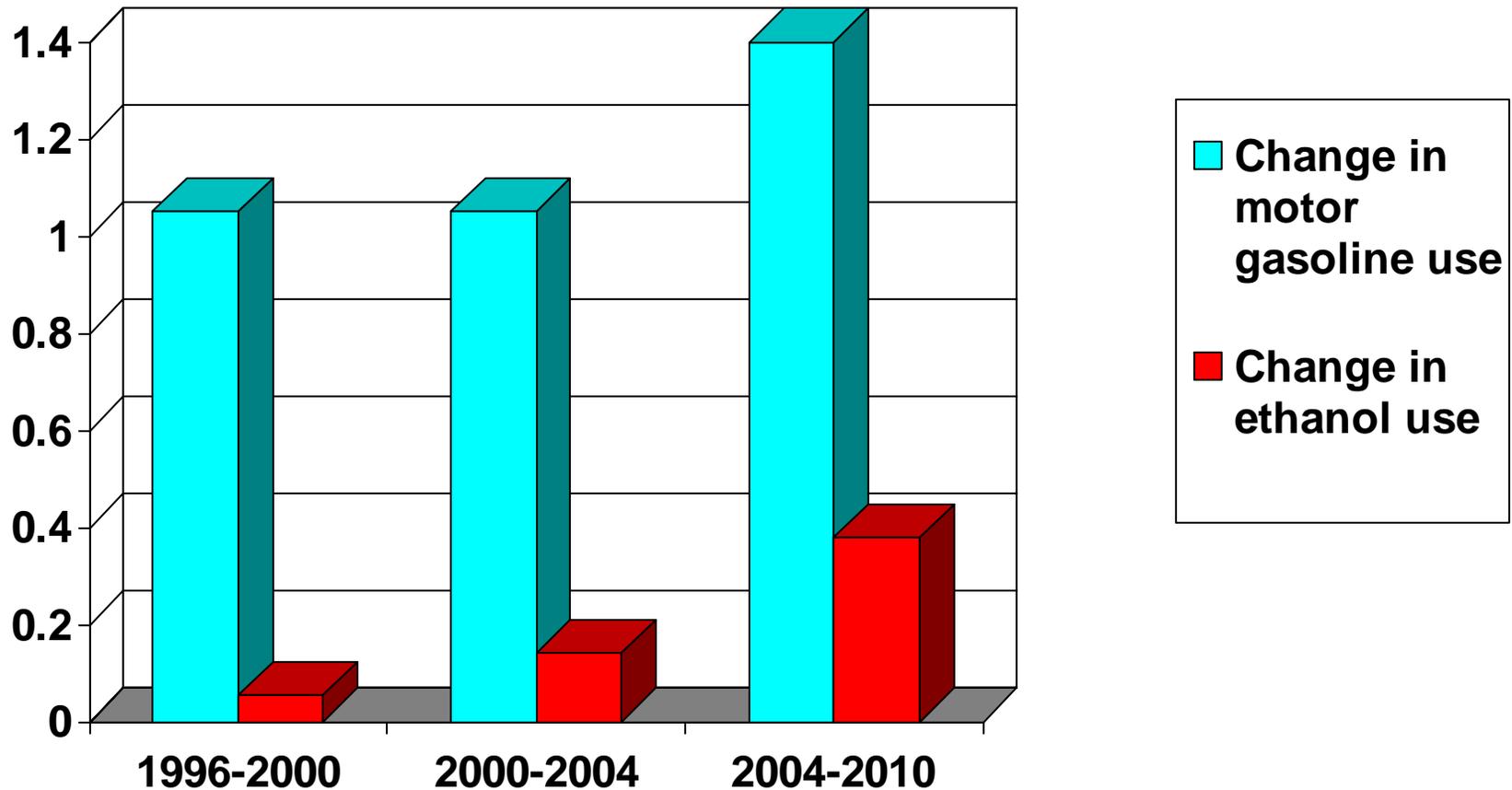
Percent



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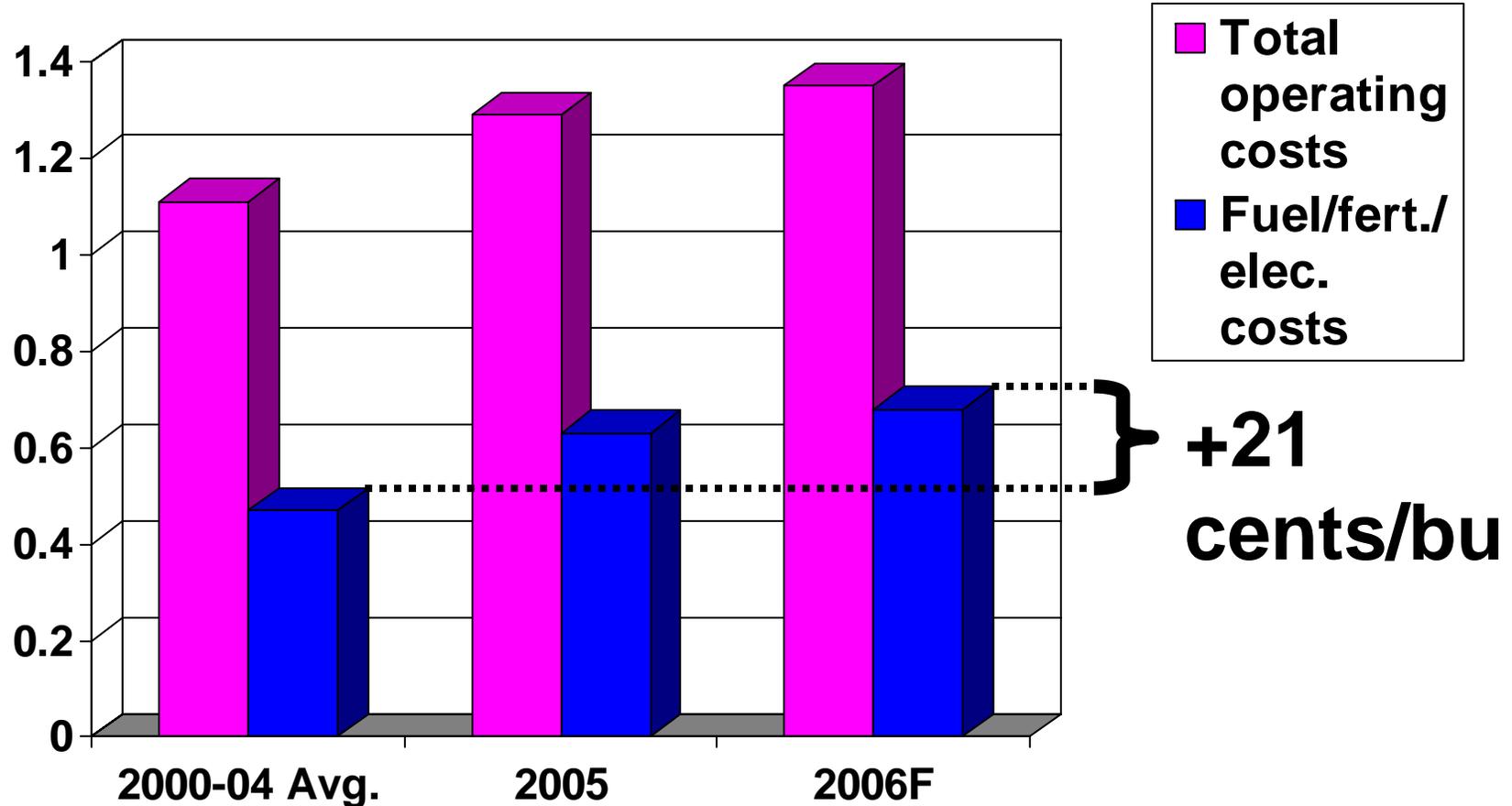
rising share of increased gas demand

Quad Btus



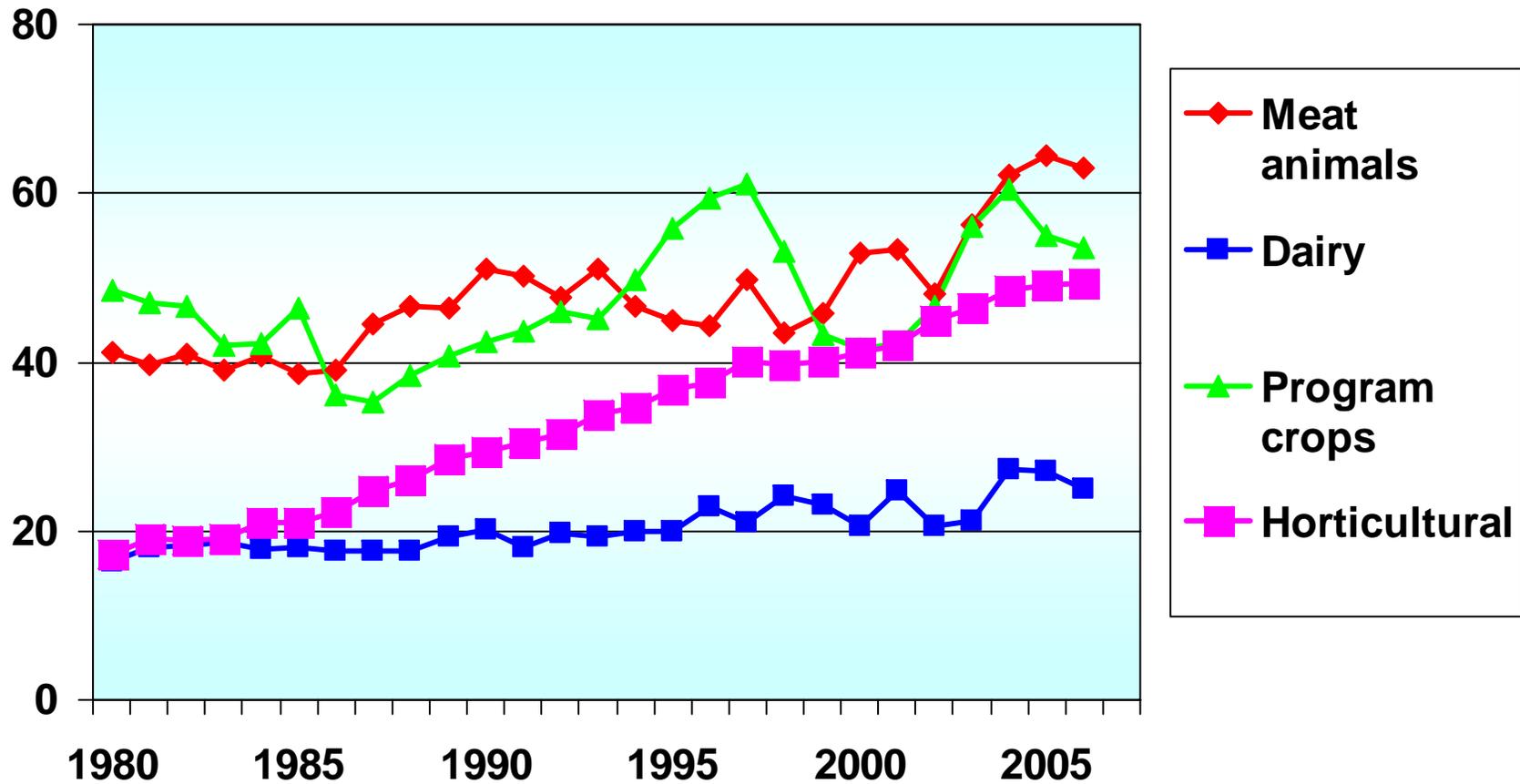
8--Energy Costs for Corn

\$/bu



9--Cash Receipts ...

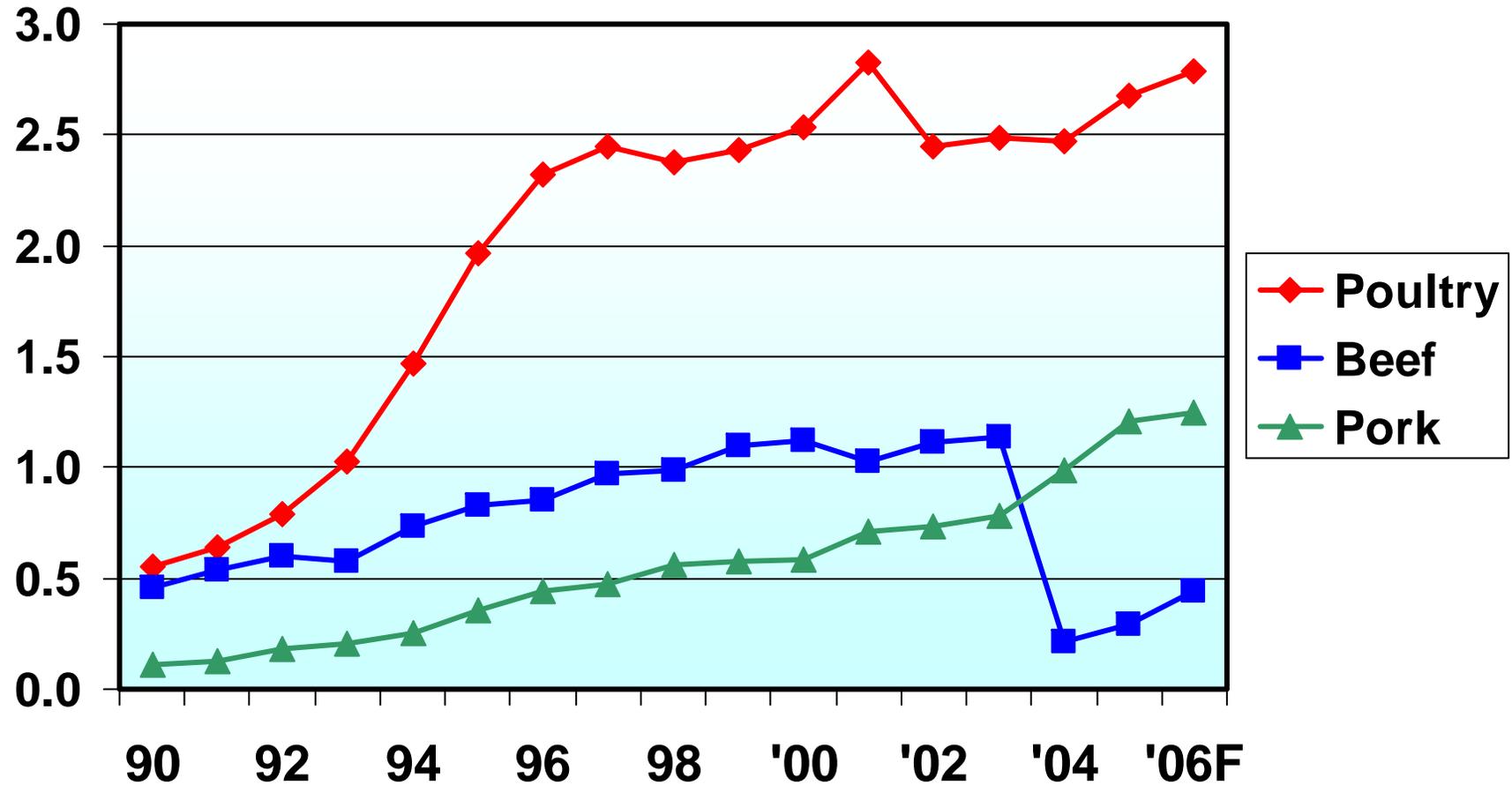
horticulture fastest growing major sector



10--Meat & Poultry Exports ...

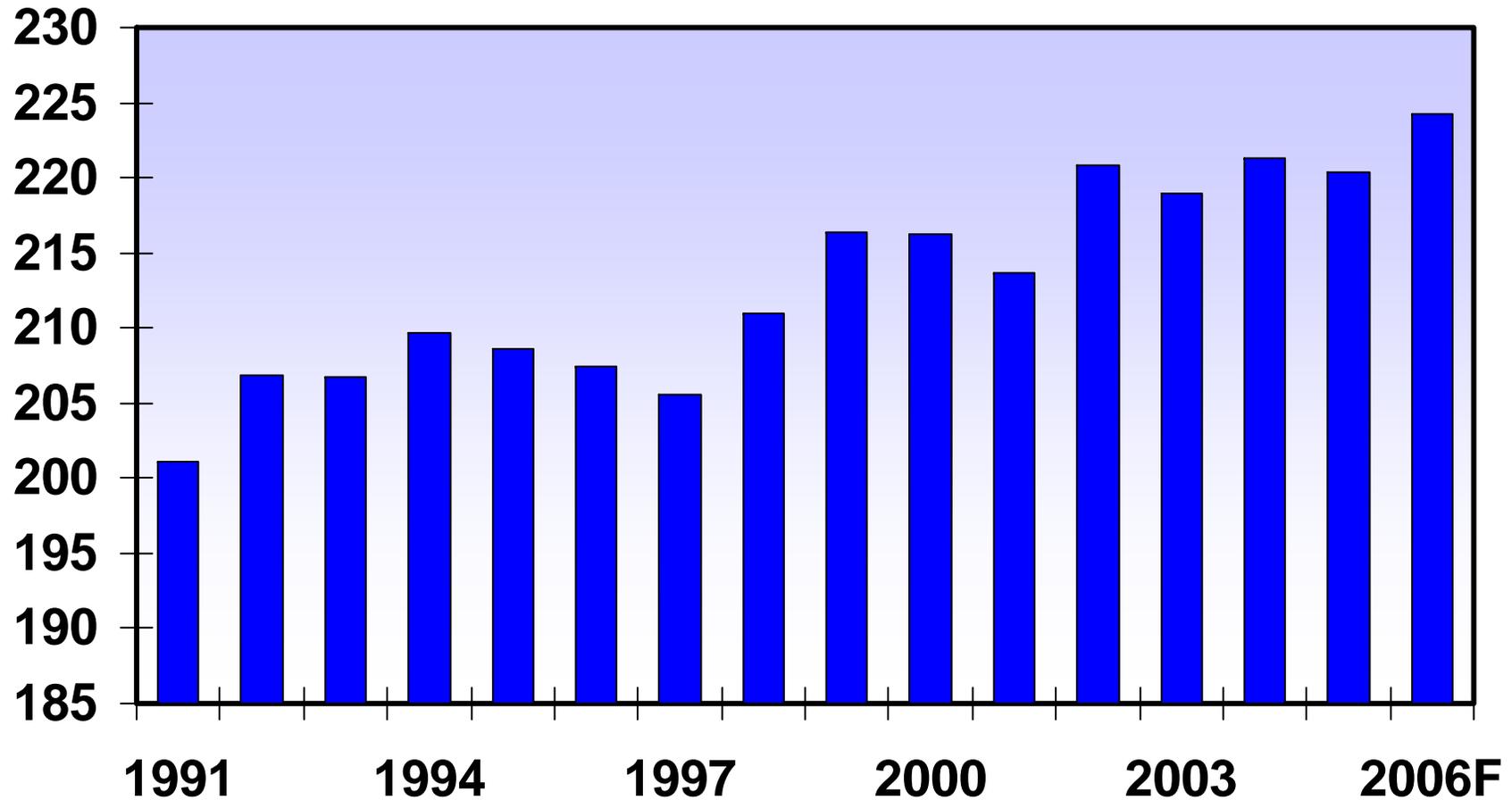
all expected up in 2006

Mil. tons

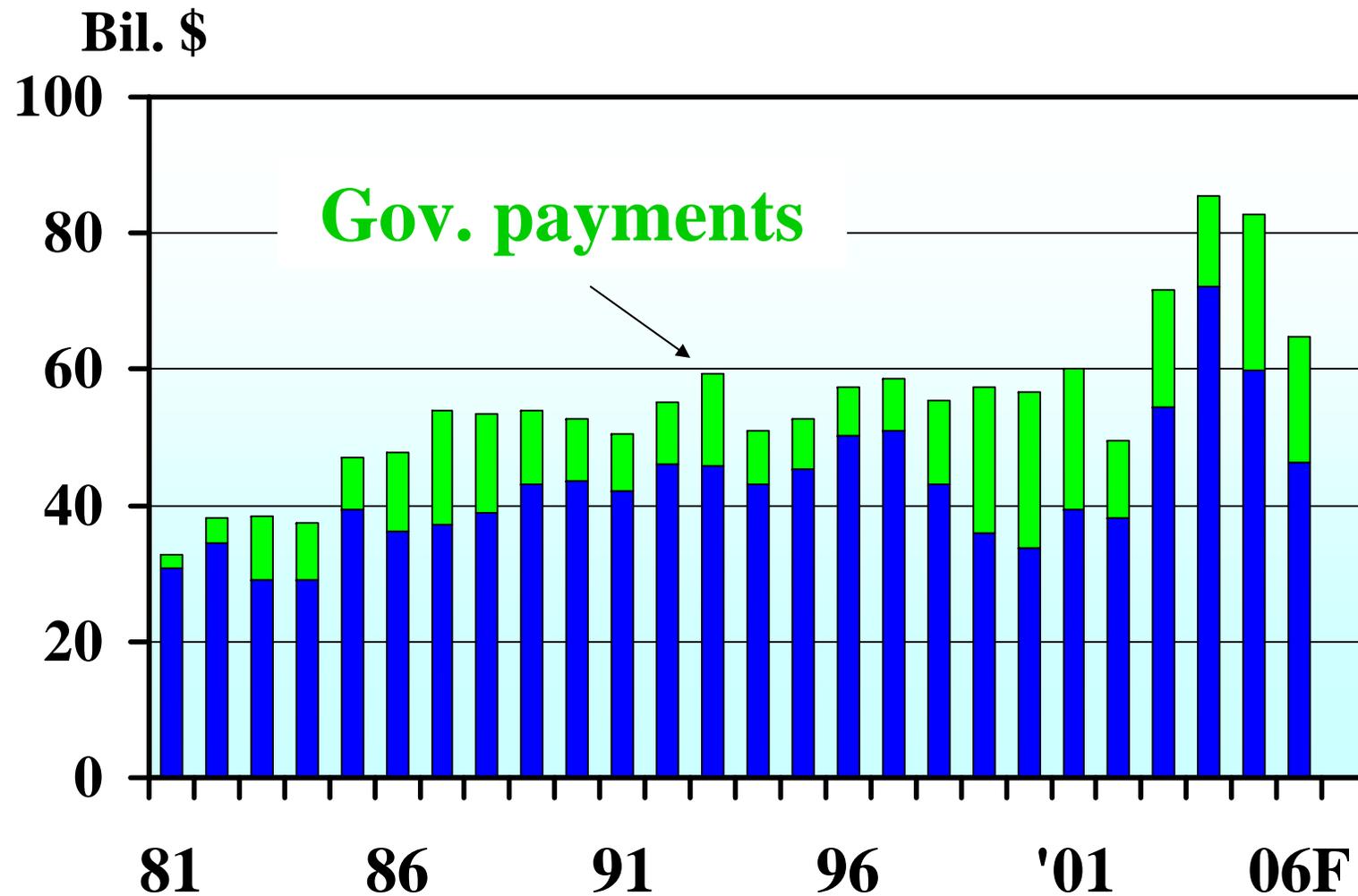


11--Retail Meat Consumption ... *record-high per capita*

Lbs./ cap., retail basis



12--U.S. Net Cash Farm Income ... *dropping to trend*



13--Farm Debt-to-Asset Ratio

