Soybean Outlook

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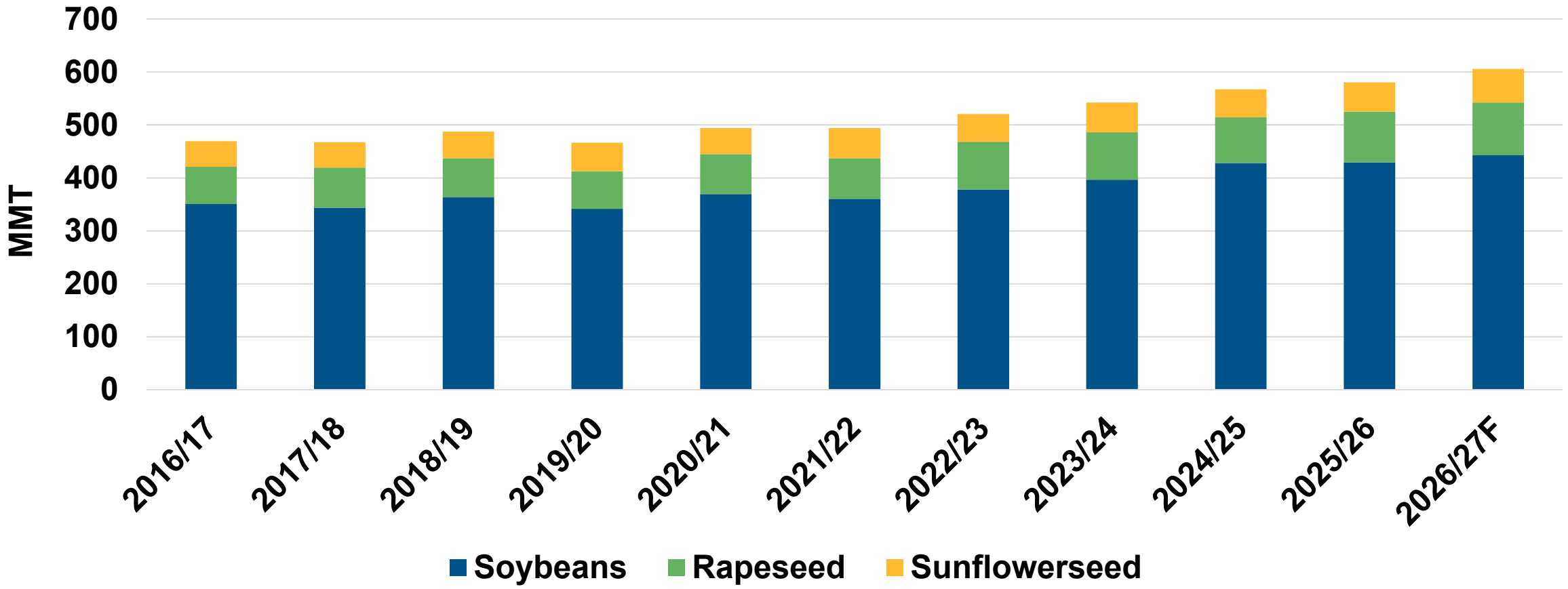
World Soybean Situation

World Oilseed Supply is Record Large.

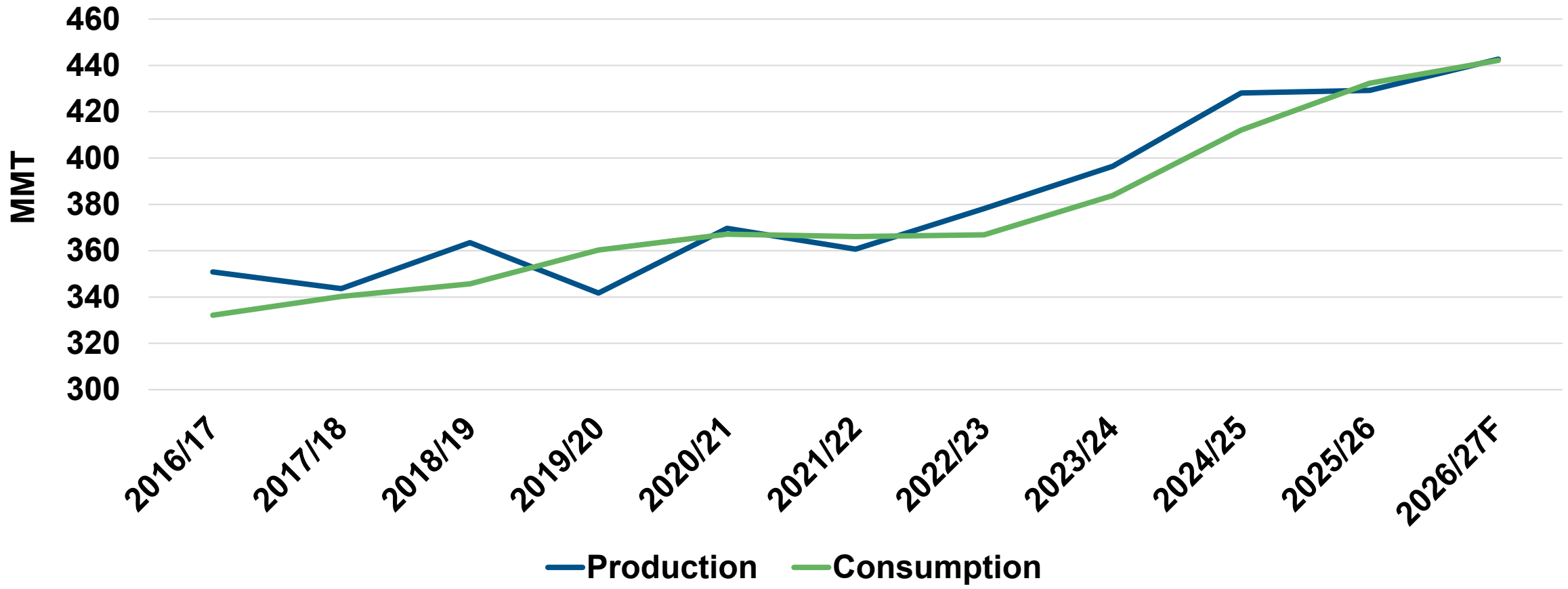
World Oilseed Production



Source: USDA-FAS

But, Consumption is Outpacing Production

World Soybean Production & Consumption



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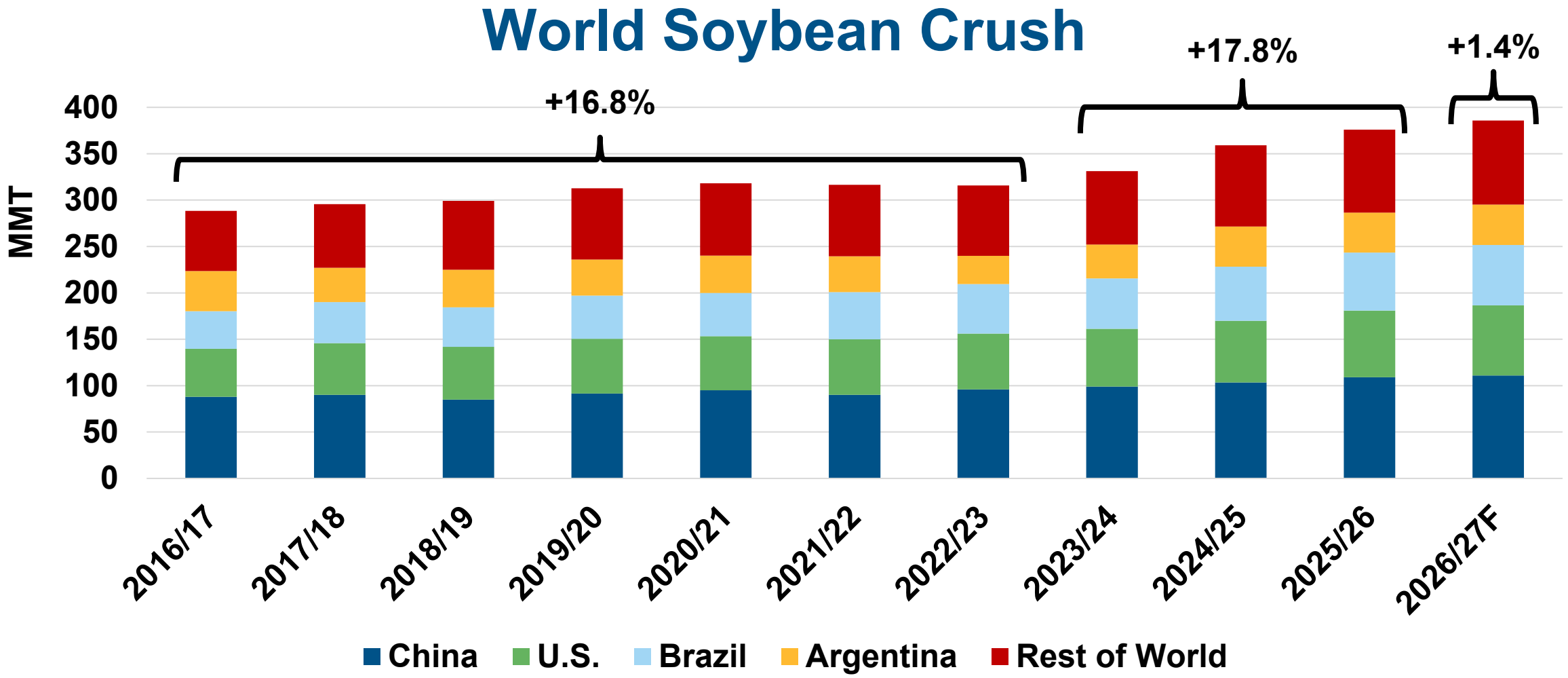
Crush Expansion Led by U.S., China, Brazil, and Argentina



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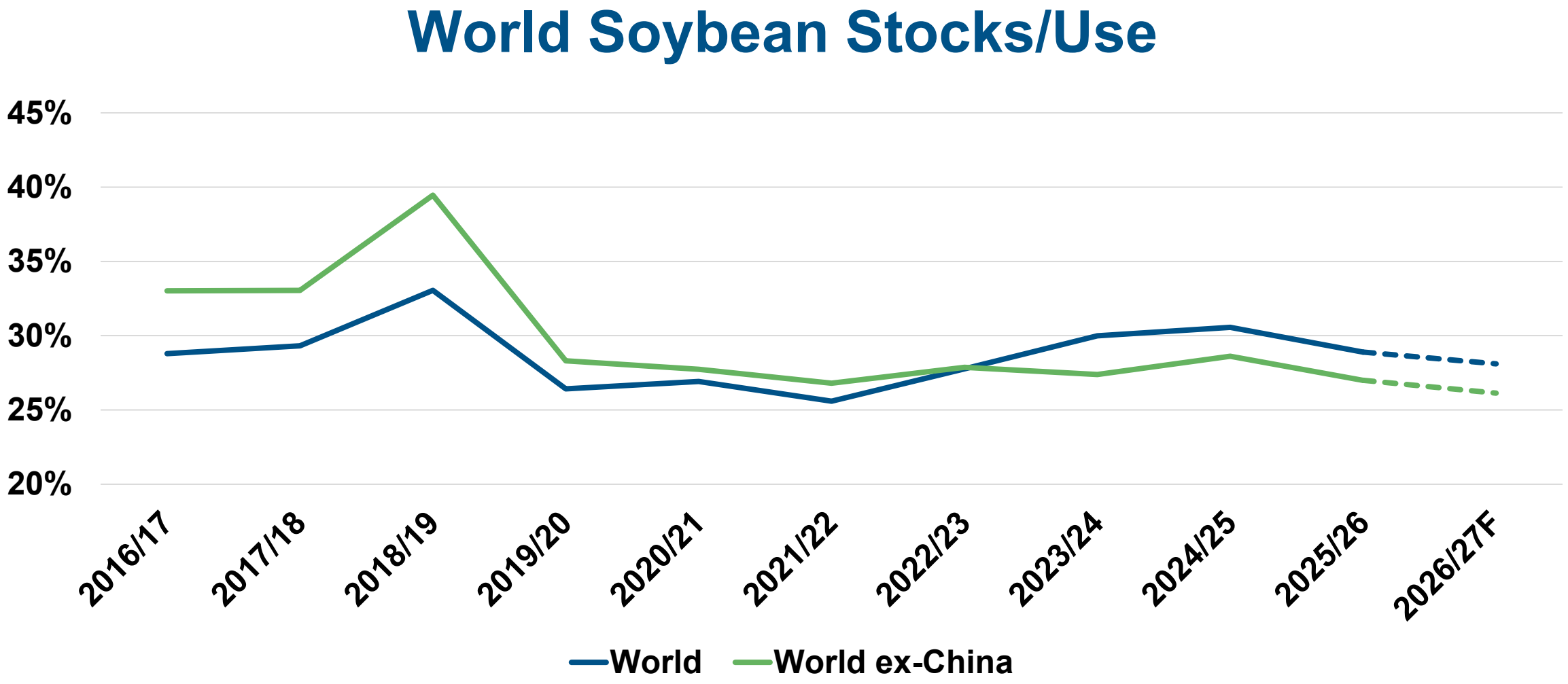
World Soybean Stocks/Use is Now Historically Tight



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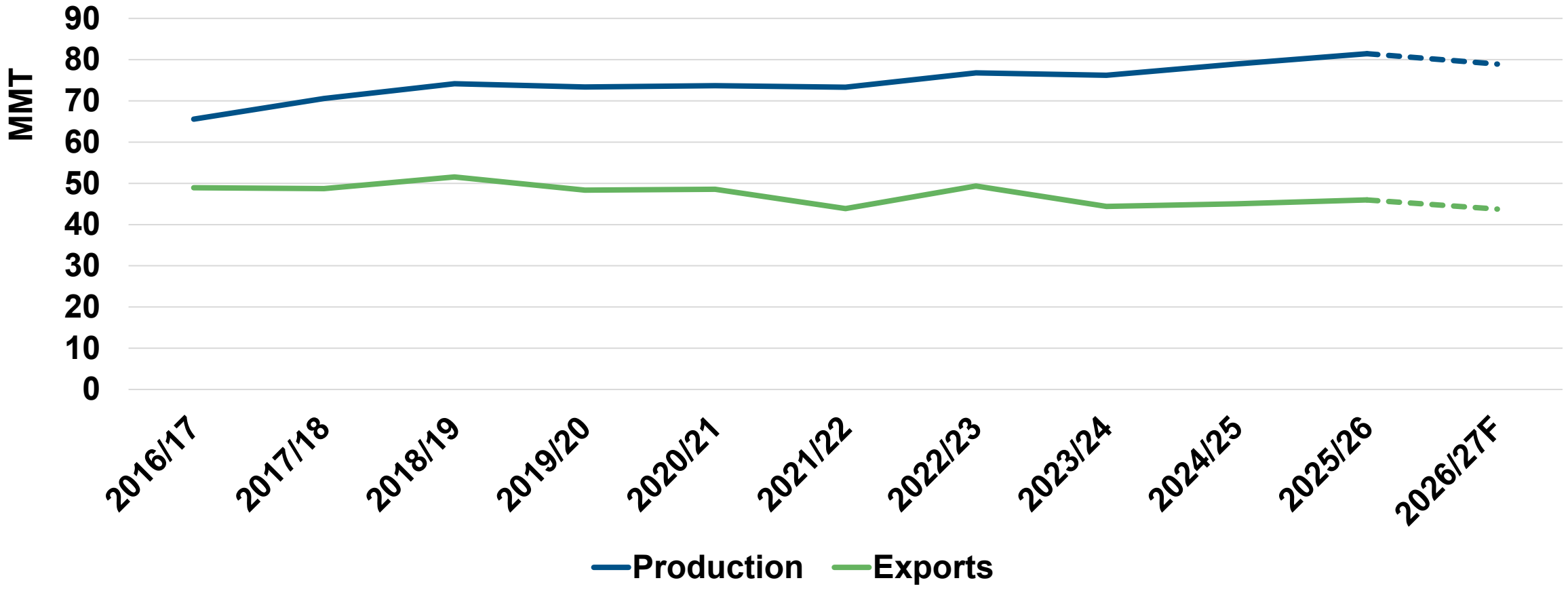
Meanwhile, Palm Oil Production and Exports are Slowing

World Palm Oil Production and Exports



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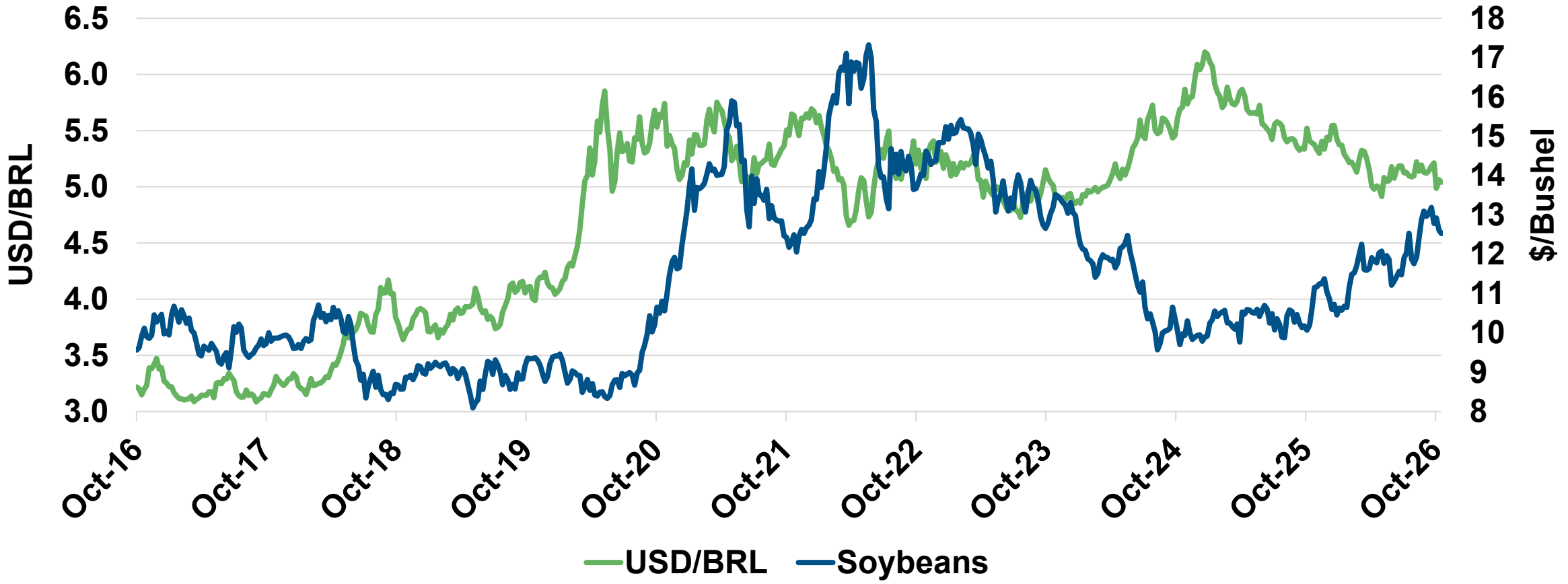
Stronger Brazilian Real is Supporting U.S. Soybean Prices

Brazilian Real vs. Spot Soybean Futures



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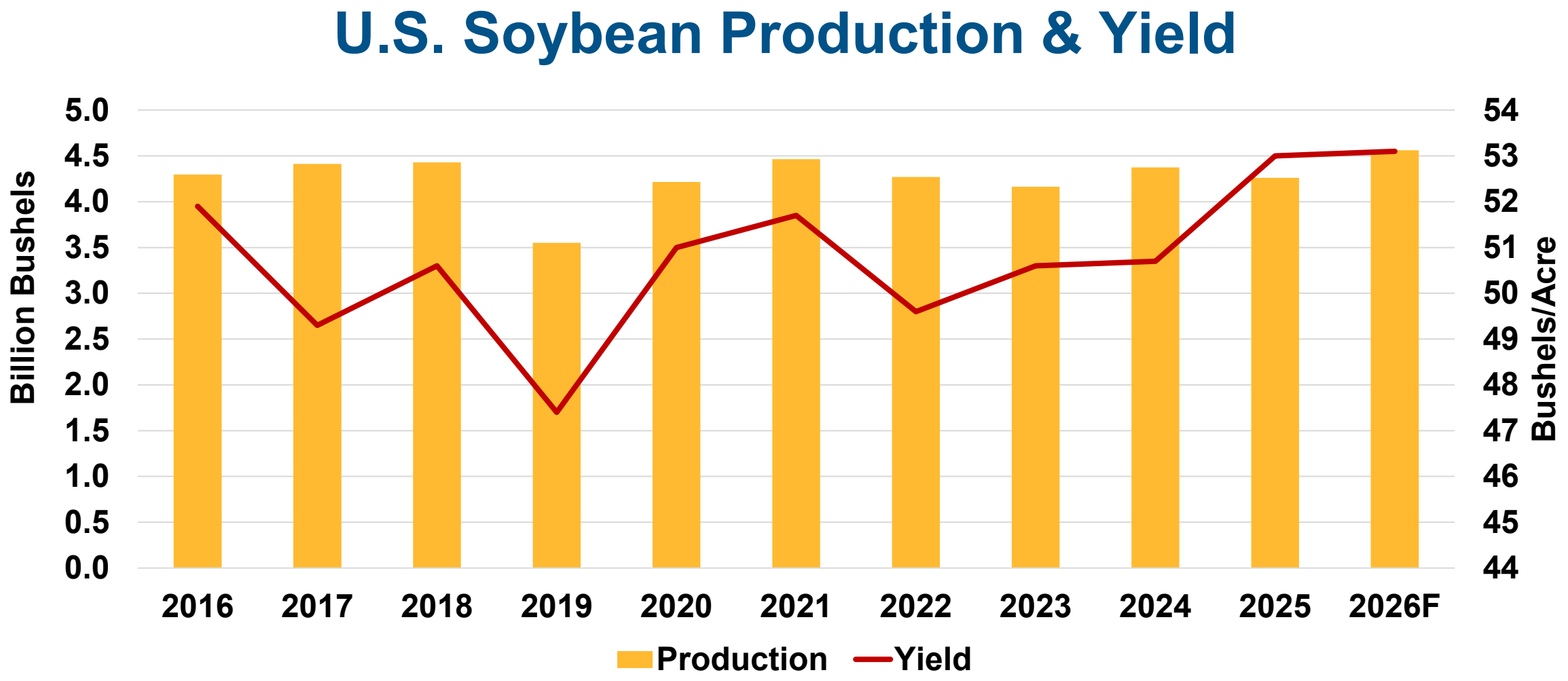
U.S. Soybean Situation

U.S. Soybean Crop and Yield are Record Large



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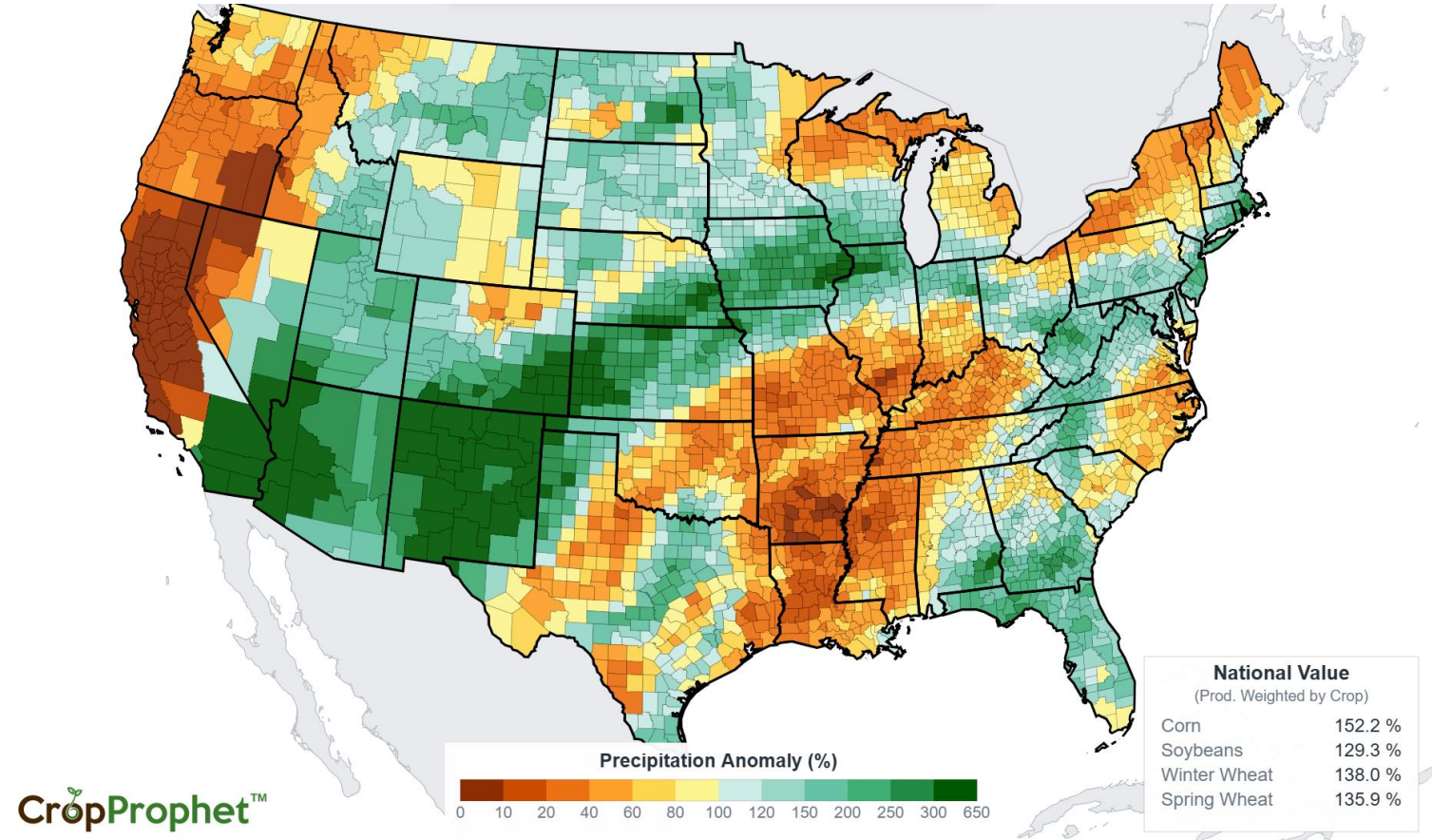
Wet Conditions Causing Harvest Delays

Precipitation Anomaly (Previous 30 Days)



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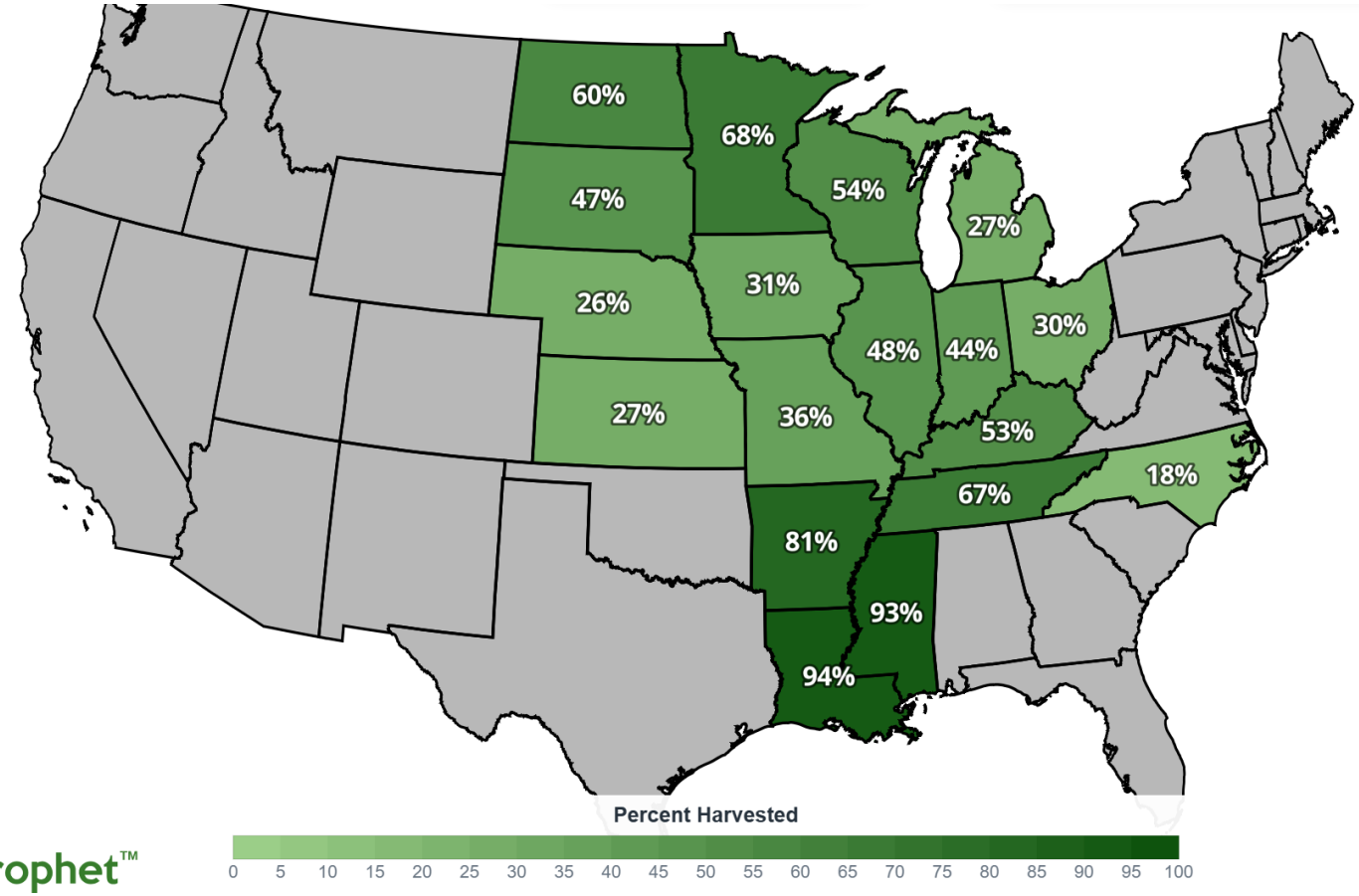
Soybean Crop 46% Harvested, Lagging 4.5% from Average

Soybean Harvest Progress (% Harvest)



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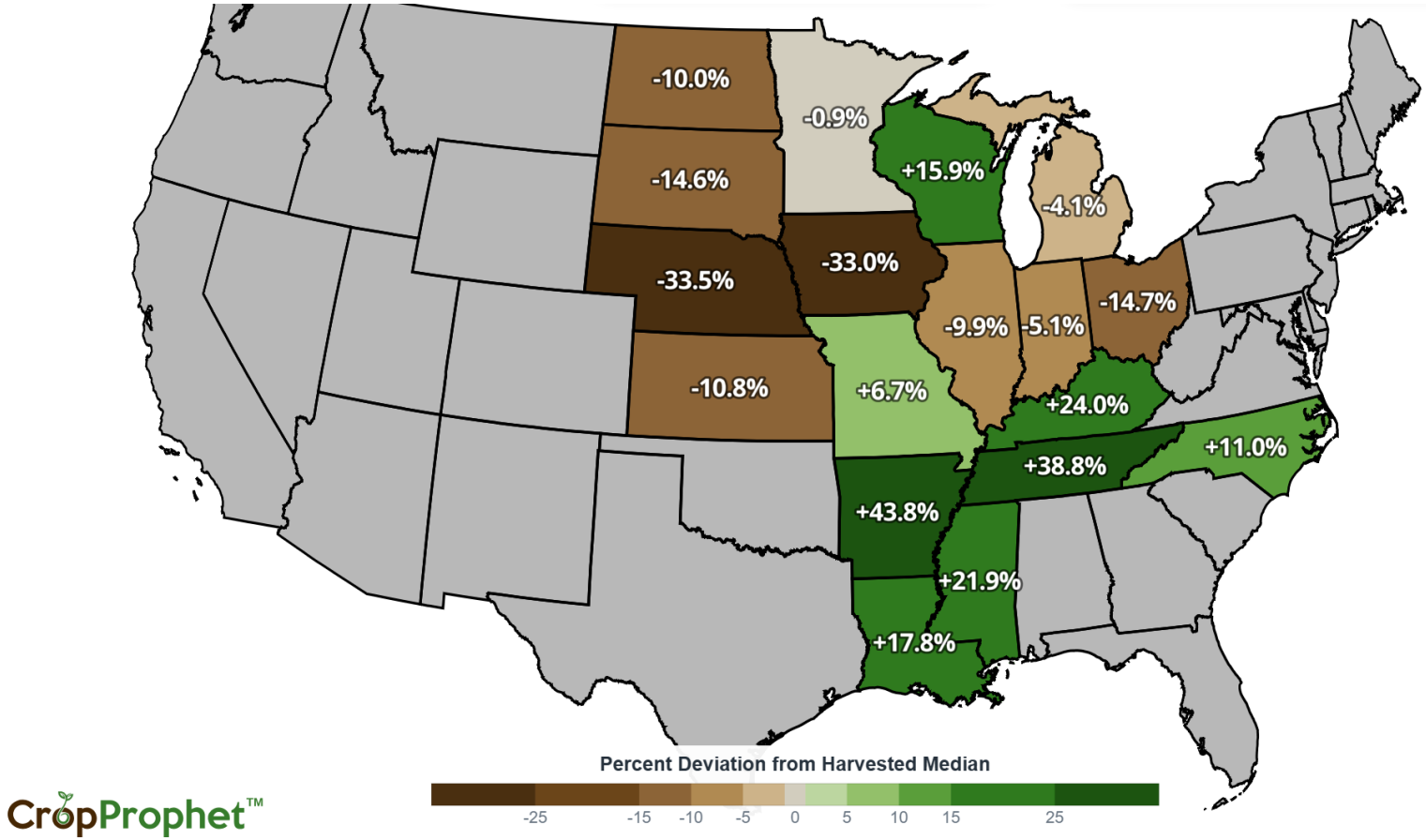
Iowa and Nebraska Harvest Pace Slowest in U.S.

Soybean % Harvested Anomaly



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SBOC Noted in Soybeans Harvested in Wet Regions

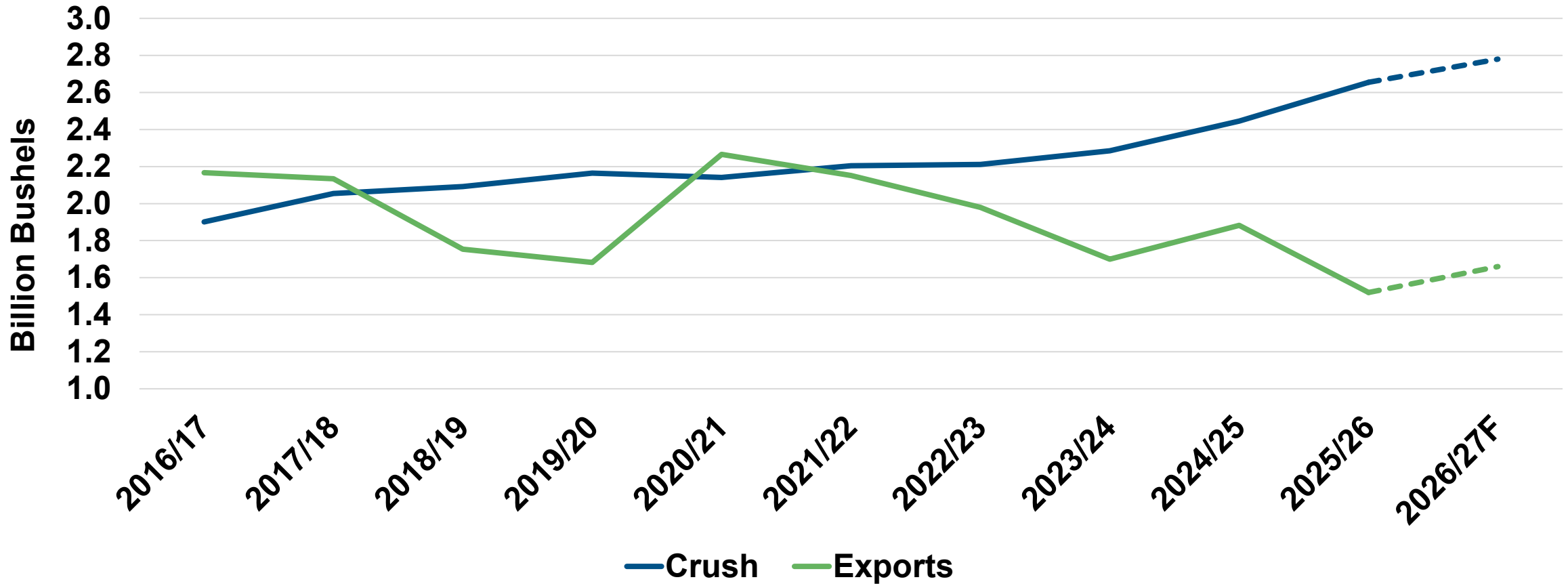
Soybeans of Other Color (SBOC)

- **Soybeans with green, brown, black, purple, or bicolored seed coats**
- **Does not affect grade**
- **Unlikely to affect soybean meal or oil quality**
- **Caused by:**
  - Genetics
  - Temperature
  - Soil type
  - Planting date
  - Moisture

Source: USDA-AMS

U.S. Soy Crush & Exports Seen Higher in 2026/27

U.S. Soybean Demand



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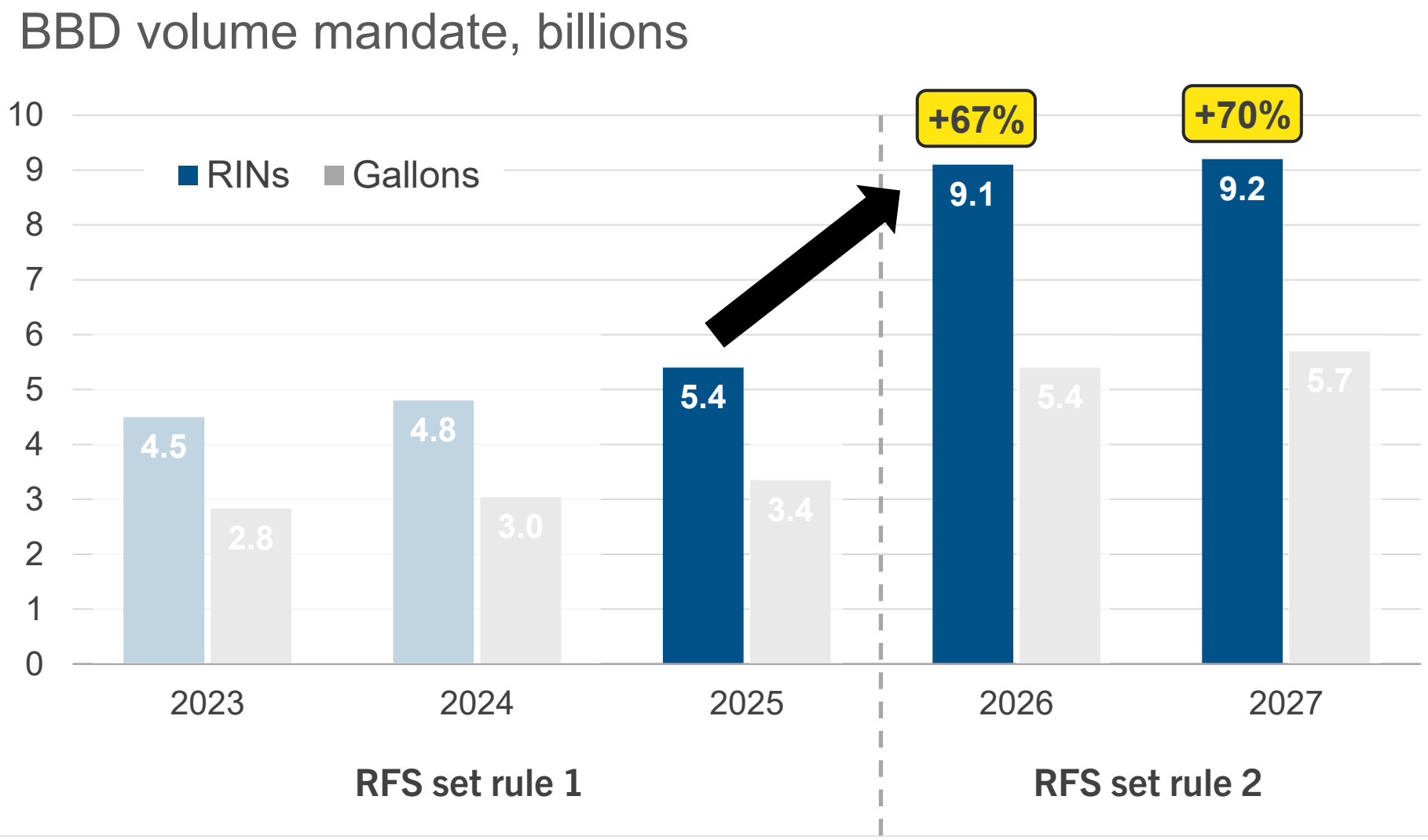
Biomass-based diesel gets substantial boost in latest RVO

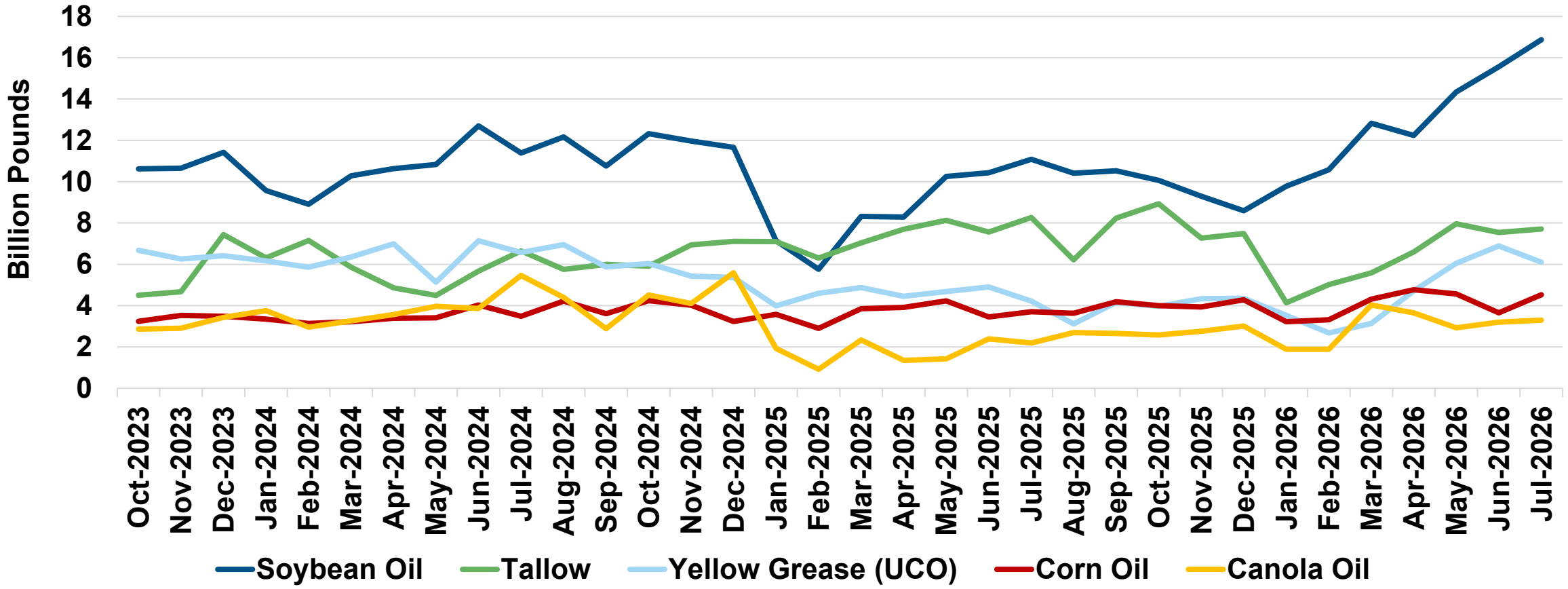


EPA moves forward with **100%** reallocation of 29 small refinery exemptions waivers announced at end of August.

Source: EPA

Soyoil is Main Feedstock for Biomass-Based Diesel

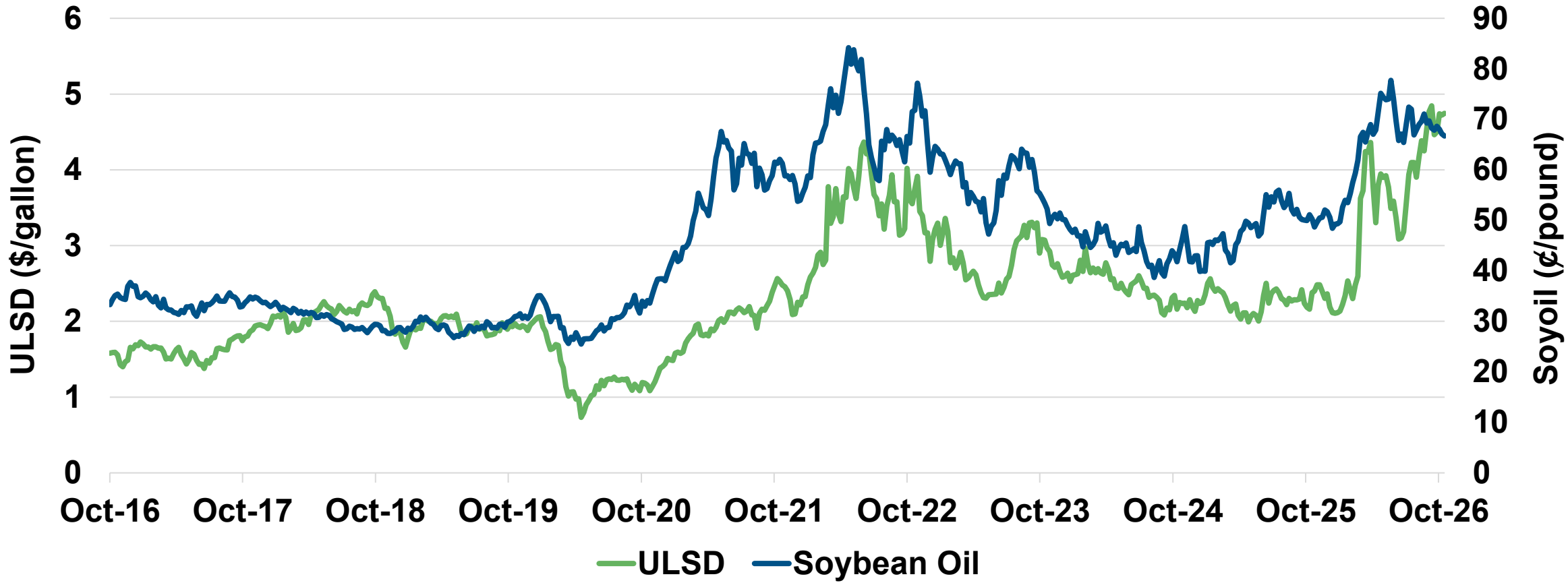
U.S. Fats & Oils Used for Biofuels



Source: EIA

Biofuels Tie Soyoil to Energy Markets

ULS Diesel vs. Soyoil



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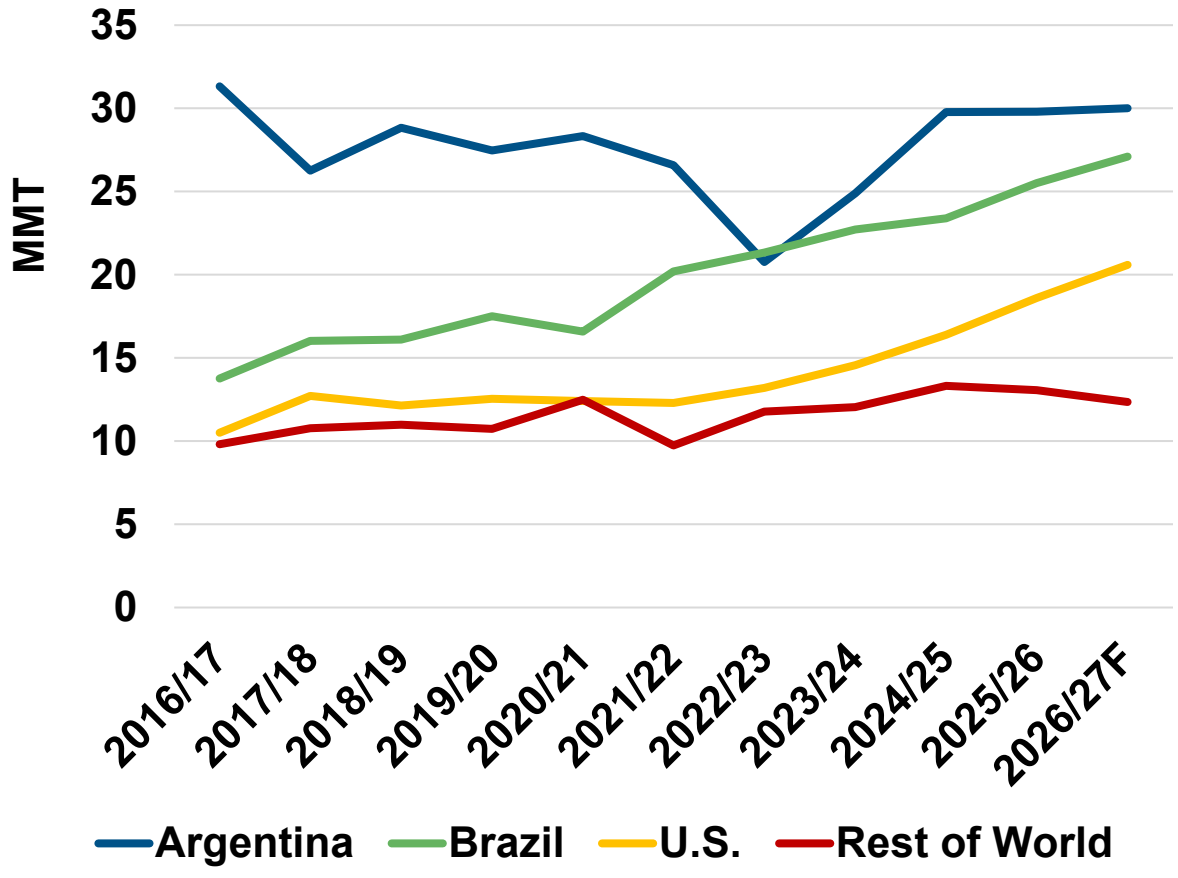
Soymeal Exports Climbing to Record Highs

Soymeal Spot Prices

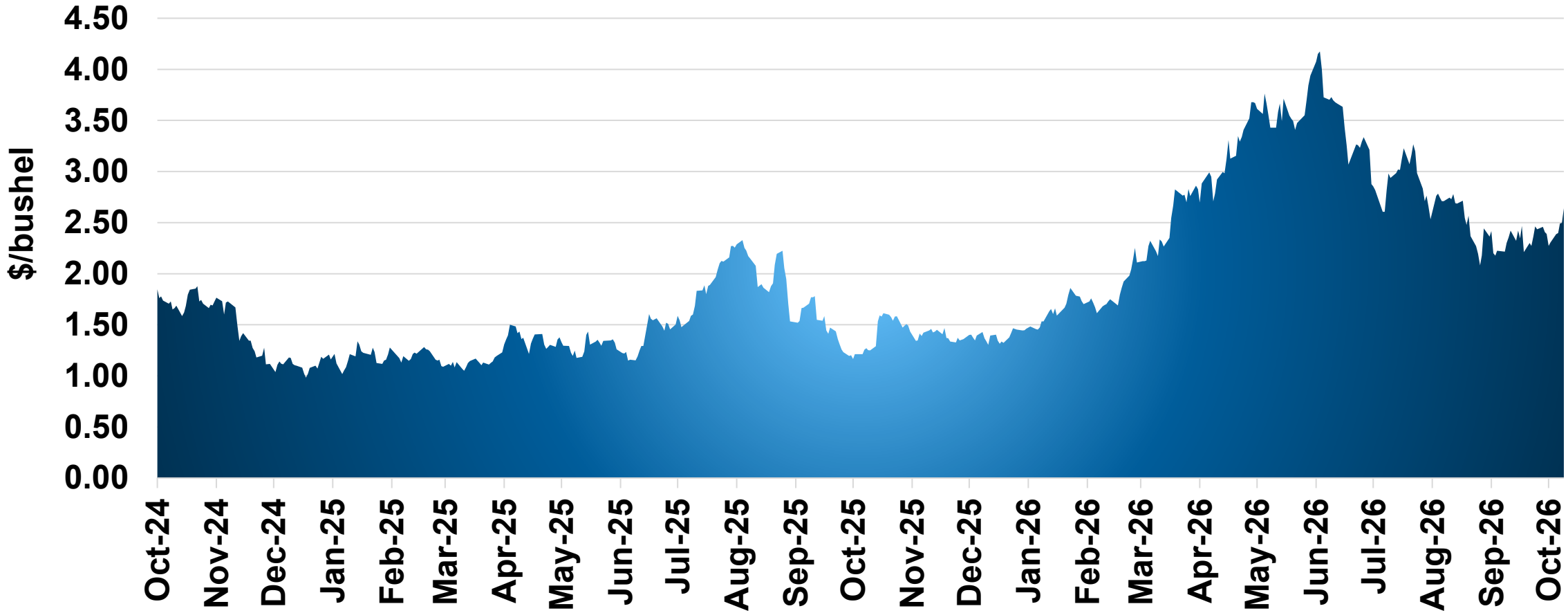
Soybean Meal Exports



Source: Bloomberg

Crush Margins are Falling, but Still Historically Strong

U.S. Soybean Crush Margin



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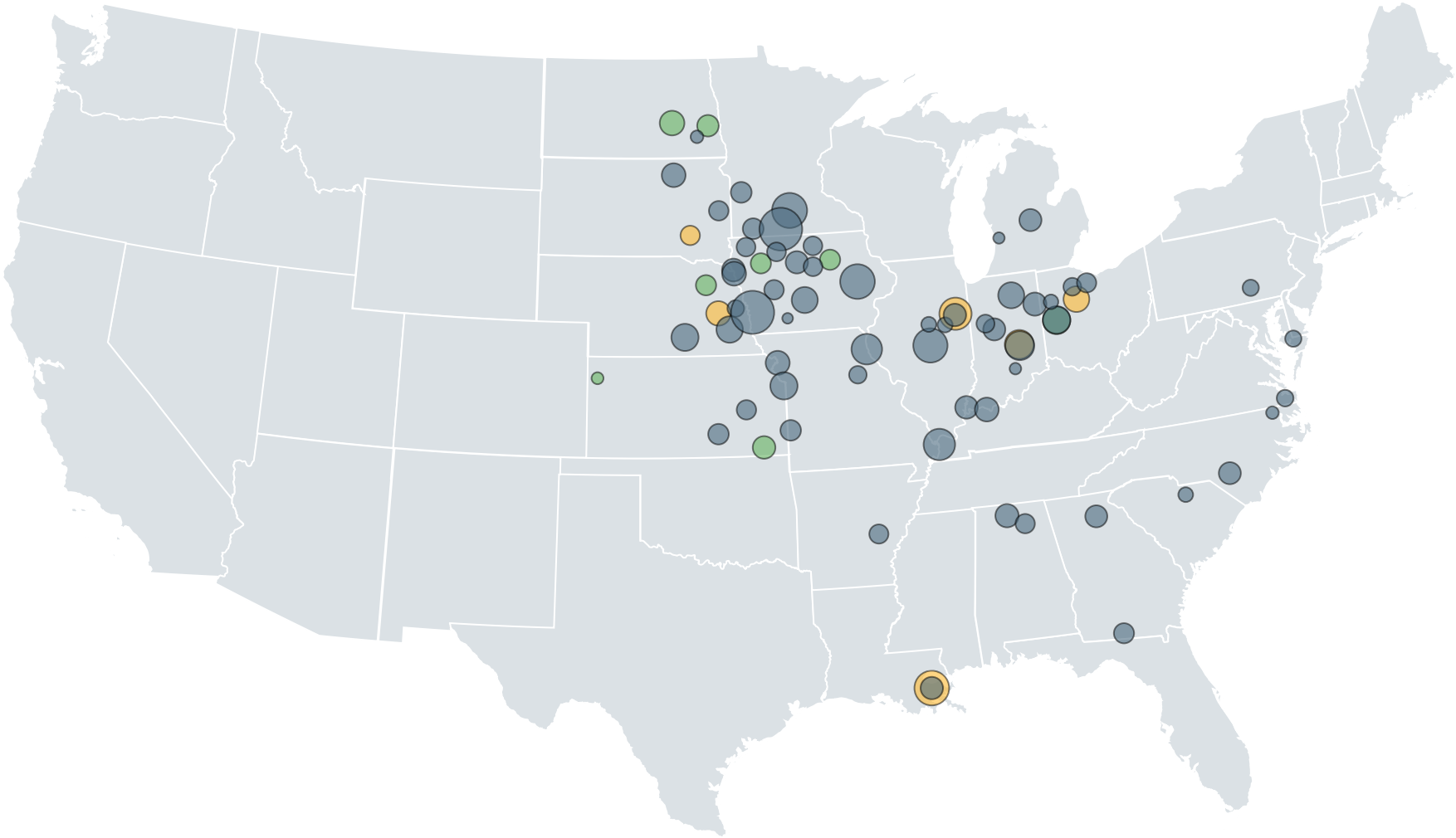
Current and Future U.S. Soybean Processing Plants



Start date

- Pre-2023
- 2023-2024
- Future

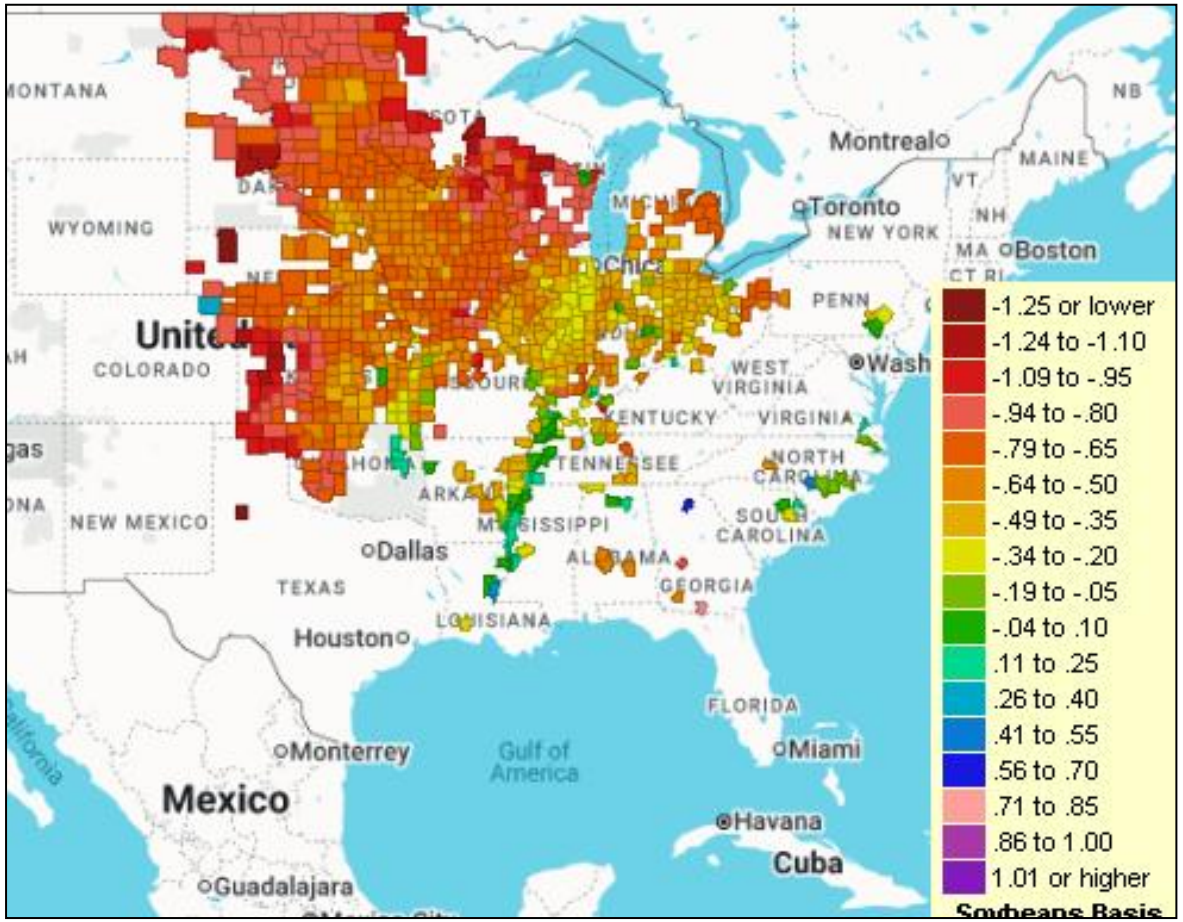
Daily capacity (1,000 bu)

- 28
- 100
- 200
- 300
- 400
- 480

Source: Gordon Denny and American Soybean Association

Soybean Basis Tighter on Stronger Demand

Soybean Basis (Cents per Bushel)



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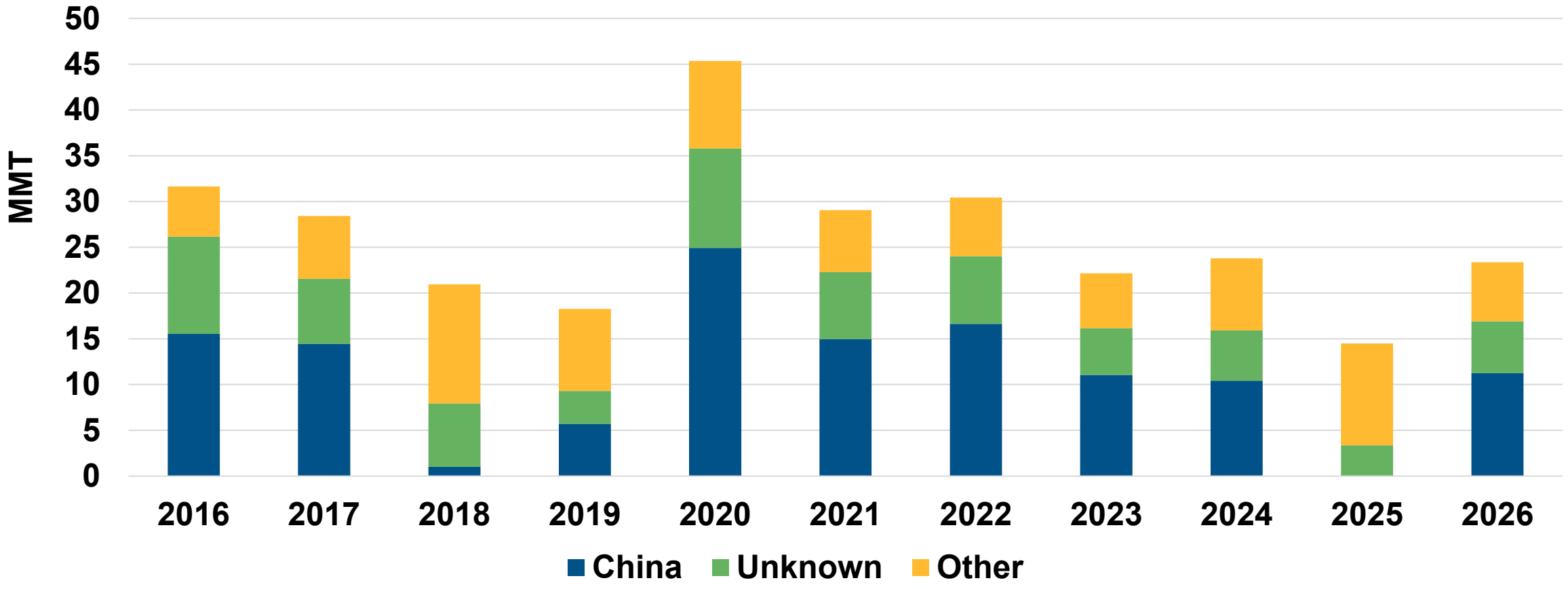
Chinese Demand for U.S. Soybeans has Returned

U.S. Export Commitments as of Week #7



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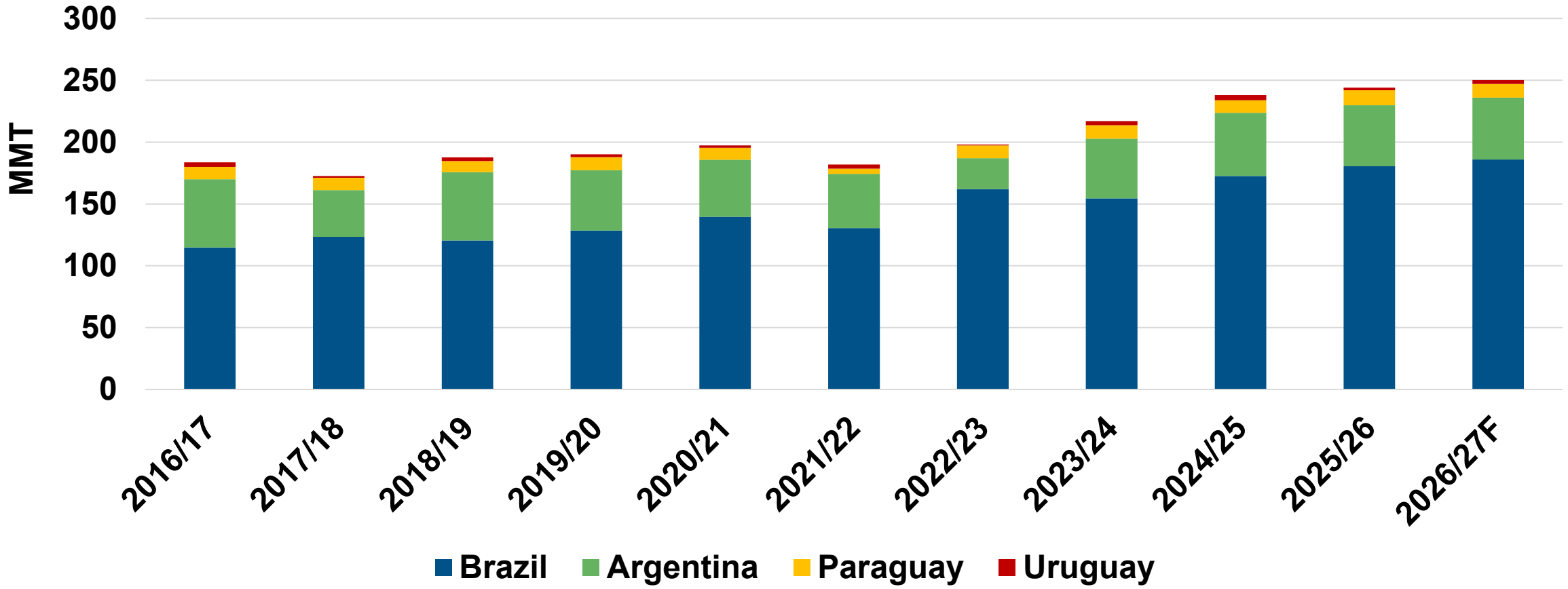
South American Crop Currently Figured Record Large

South American Soybean Production



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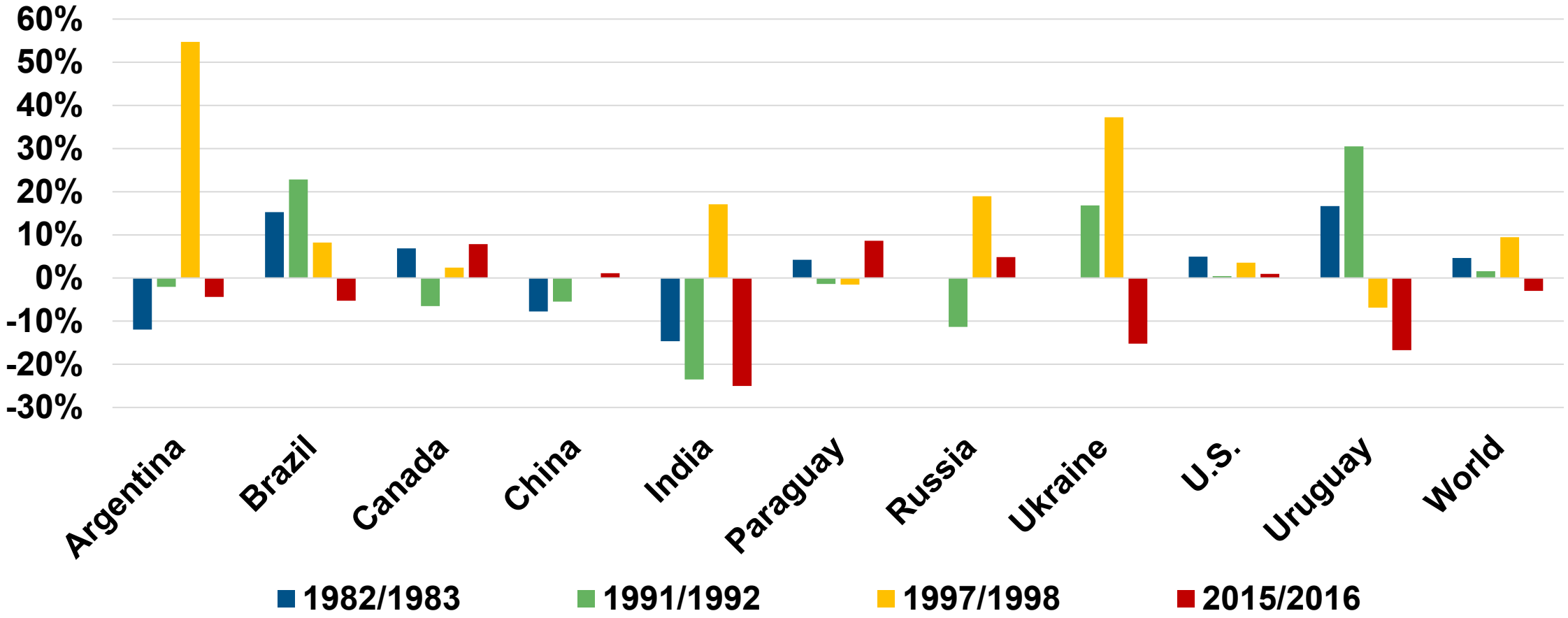
“Super” El Nino Impact is Uncharted Territory

Soybean Yield Change YoY in "Very Strong" El Niños



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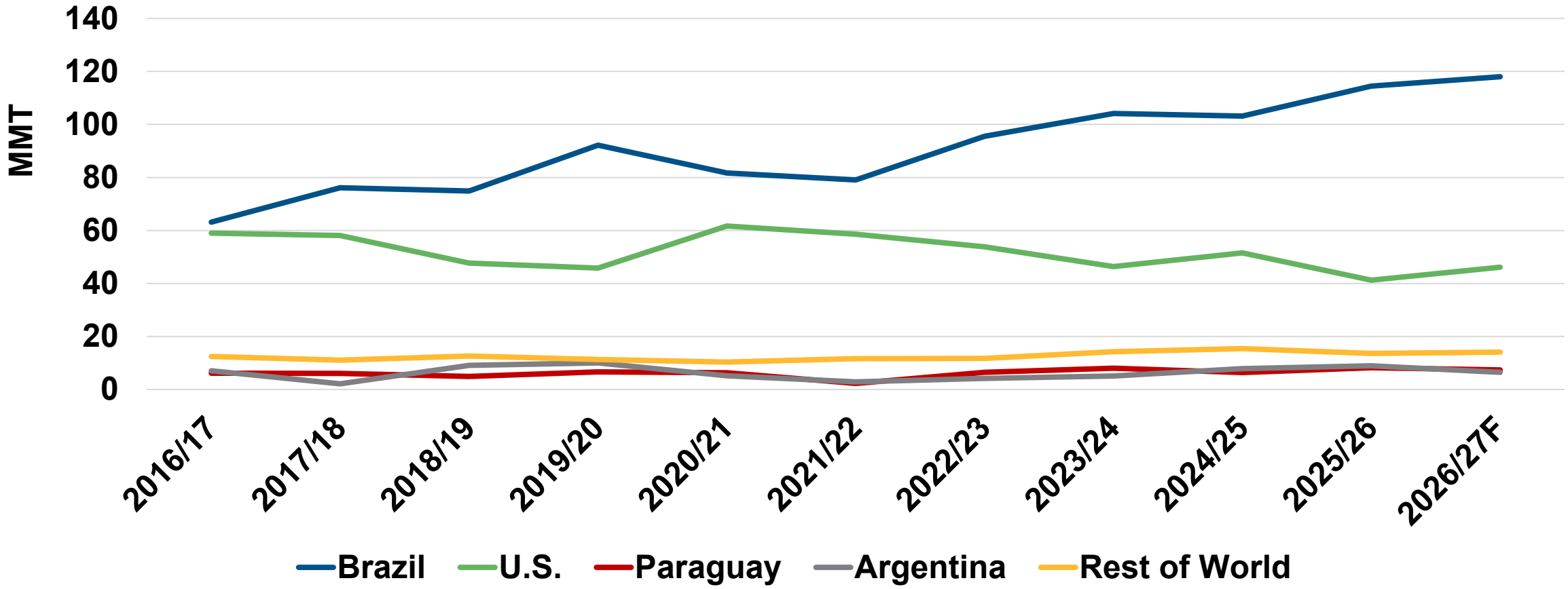
Brazilian Export Pace Seen Accelerating

World Soybean Exports



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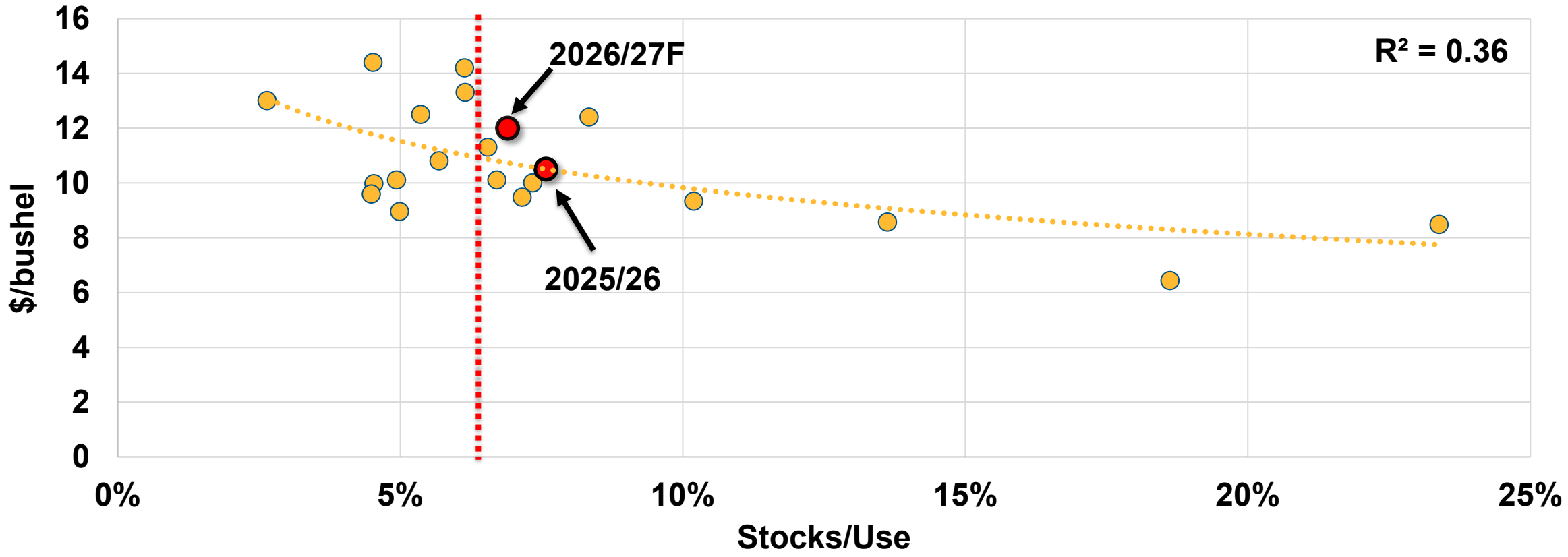
With U.S. Soy Balance Sheet Tighter, Exports are Wildcard.

U.S. Soybean Stocks/Use vs. Average Annual Price (2006-26)



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