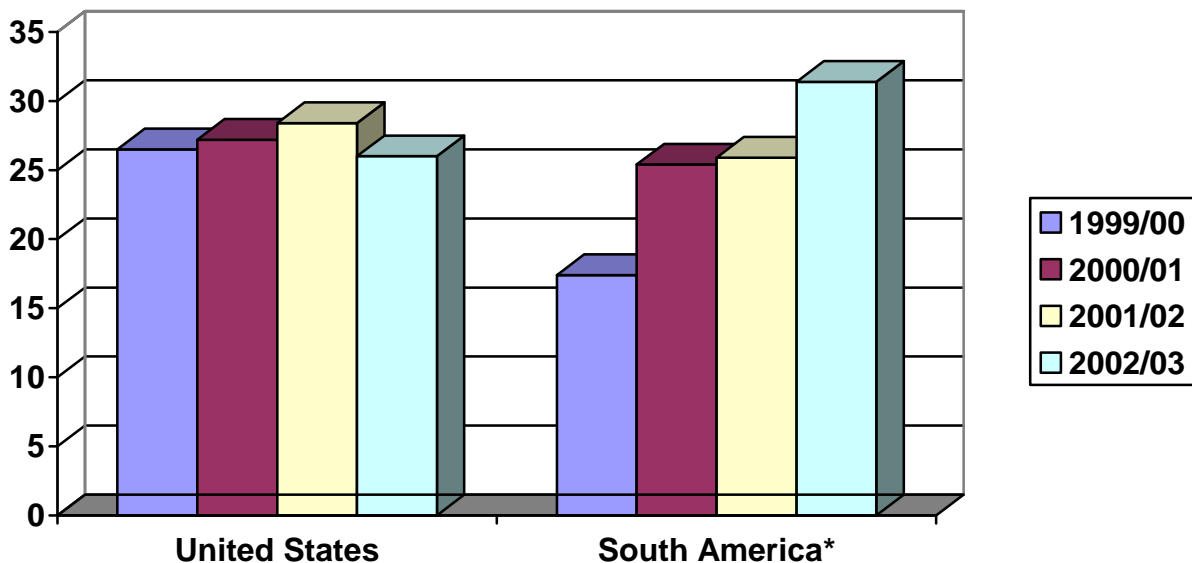




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U.S Soybean Exports Projected to Fall in 2002/03 While South American Exports Rise



*South American exports include Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay.

U.S. soybean exports are projected to fall while South American exports rise in 2002/03. U.S. exports are projected to fall because of a smaller U.S. crop, and record soybean production and beginning stocks in South America. Economic uncertainty in South America and the uncertainty surrounding biotech regulations in China have caused South American exports to slow and stocks to build in 2001/02. Chinese stocks have declined to support consumption, and U.S. ending stocks have declined as some business has shifted to the United States. These higher South American stocks will pressure U.S. soybean exports marketed this fall, as well as increased South American production and exports expected later in the marketing season. World soybean exports are projected to increase by 5.7 percent in 2002/03 due to increased demand from China and reduced cottonseed and rapeseed production. World soybean ending stocks are expected to fall, as consumption increases more than supply. U.S. soybean meal exports are also projected to decline as both Argentina and Brazil increase crush as well as exports.