



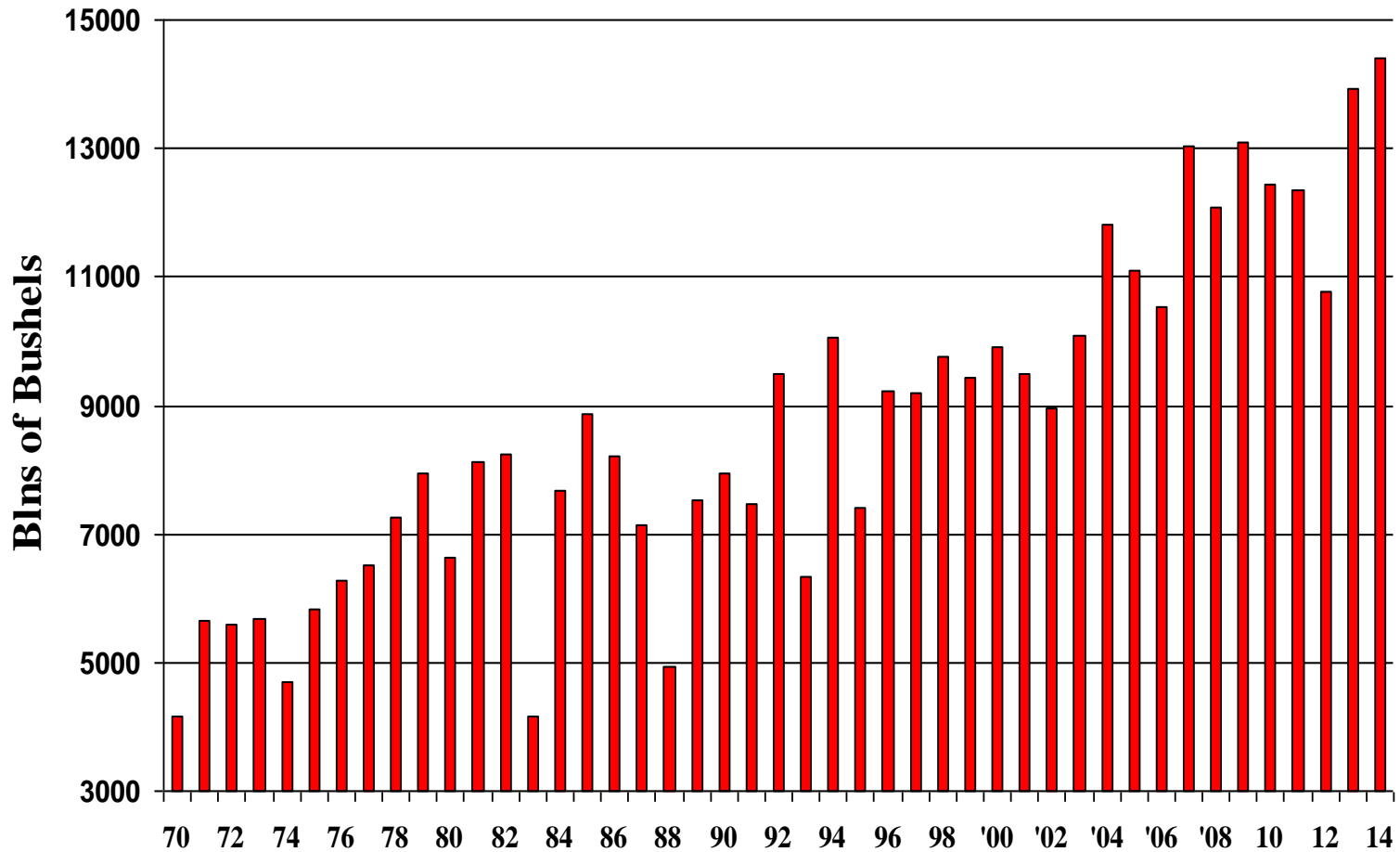
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Biofuels Segment Update

March 5, 2015

U.S. CORN PRODUCTION

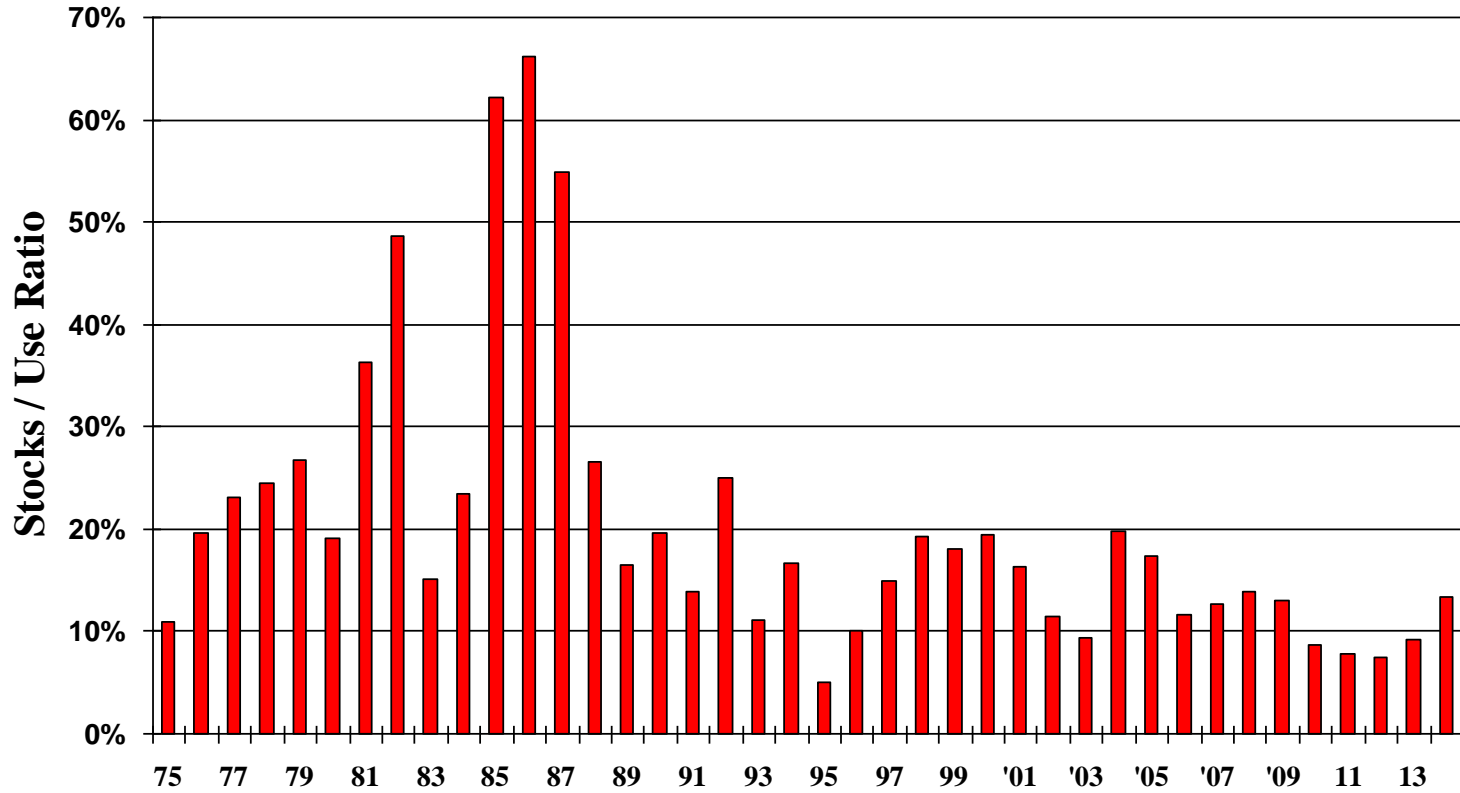


U.S. CORN SITUATION

<u>US Corn Supply & Demand</u>				
		<u>12/13</u>	<u>13/14</u>	<u>14/15</u>
Planted (mln acres)		97.3	95.4	90.6
Harvested (mln acres)		87.4	87.7	83.1
Yield (Bu/Acre)		123.1	158.1	171.0
Carry-In (mln Bu)		989	821	1232
Production		10755	13829	14216
Imports		<u>160</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>25</u>
Total Supply		11904	14686	15472
Food/Industrial		6038	6501	6645
Ethanol		4641	5134	5250
Feed / Residual		4315	5036	5250
Exports		<u>730</u>	<u>1917</u>	<u>1750</u>
Total Use		11083	13595	13645

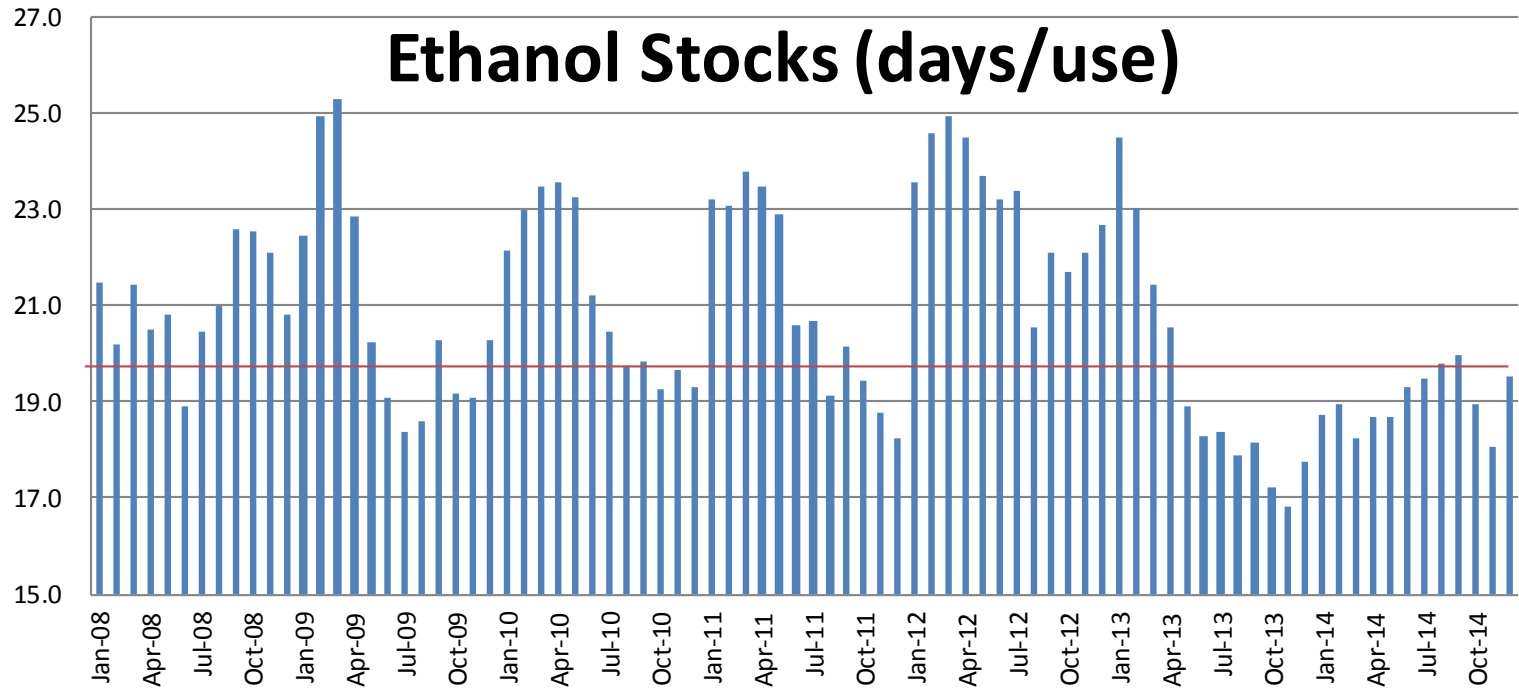
Source: USDA February 2015

U.S. CORN STOCKS



- Carryout stocks expected to grow to 1.8 Bln bushels
- Plenty of feed grains available in world to compete with US corn
- Planting intentions are looking like a slight decrease in corn acres

ETHANOL STOCKS



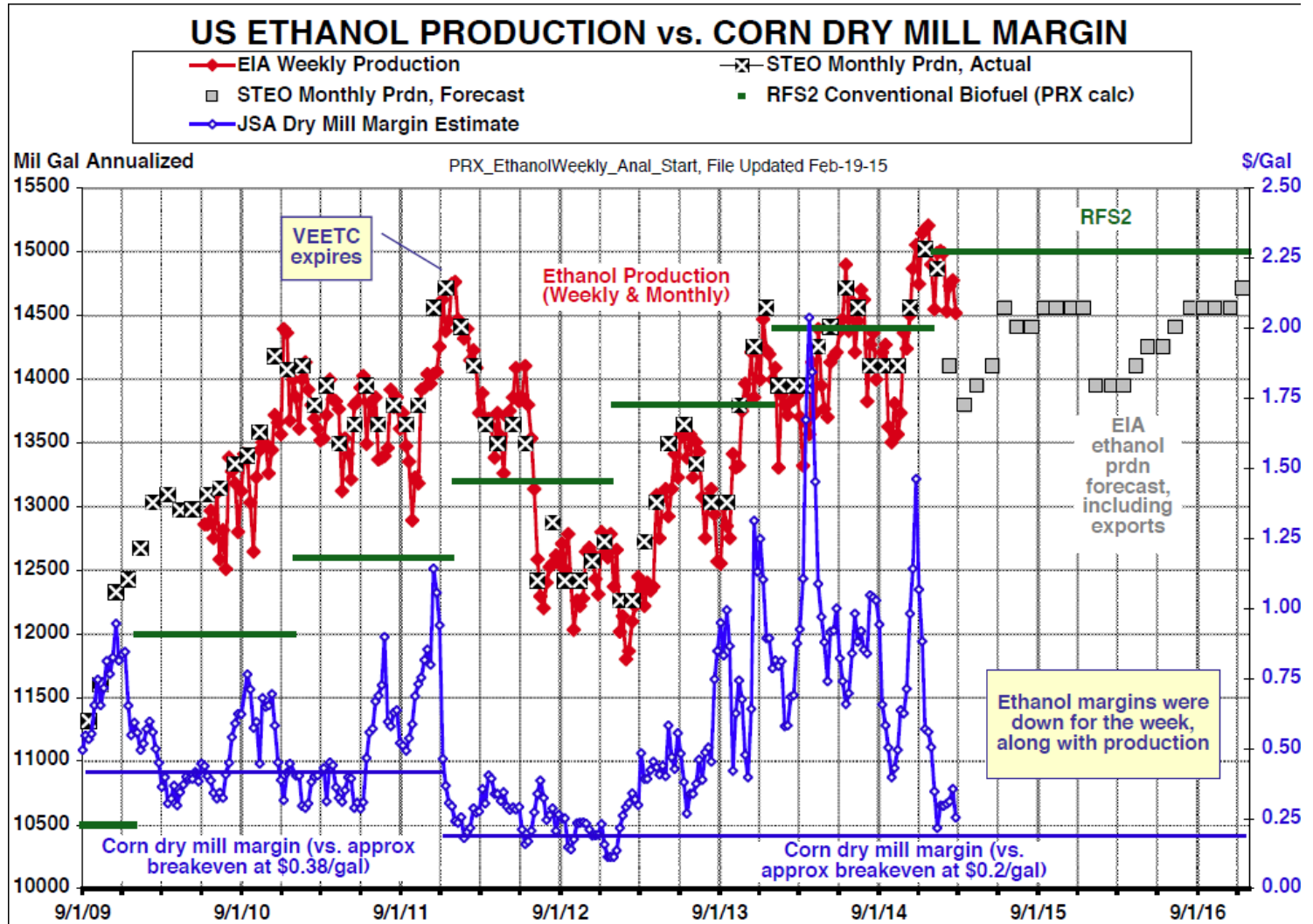
- Stocks rebounding thanks to record levels of production from healthy margins.
- Stocks grow as production stays at near record levels going into 2015.
- 21 Day Supply is typical for the Ethanol Industry

ETHANOL INVENTORIES ARE HIGH

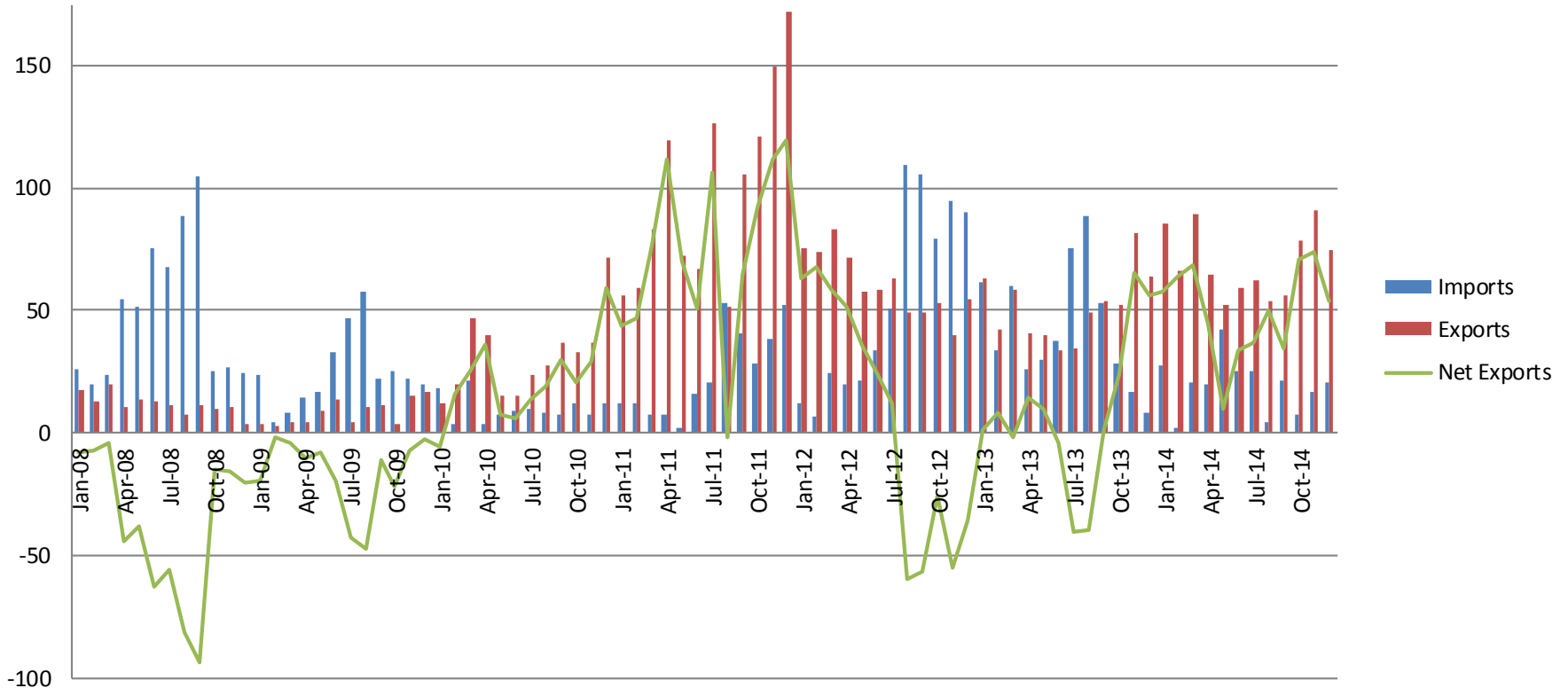


- Inventories have built rapidly since December
- Due to high Production and lower Winter Demand

ETHANOL PRODUCTION AND MARGINS



ETHANOL EXPORTS VS. IMPORTS



- Exports will play a bigger role given the record production and oversupply of domestic ethanol
- 2015 is expected to be +7% increase export vs 2014

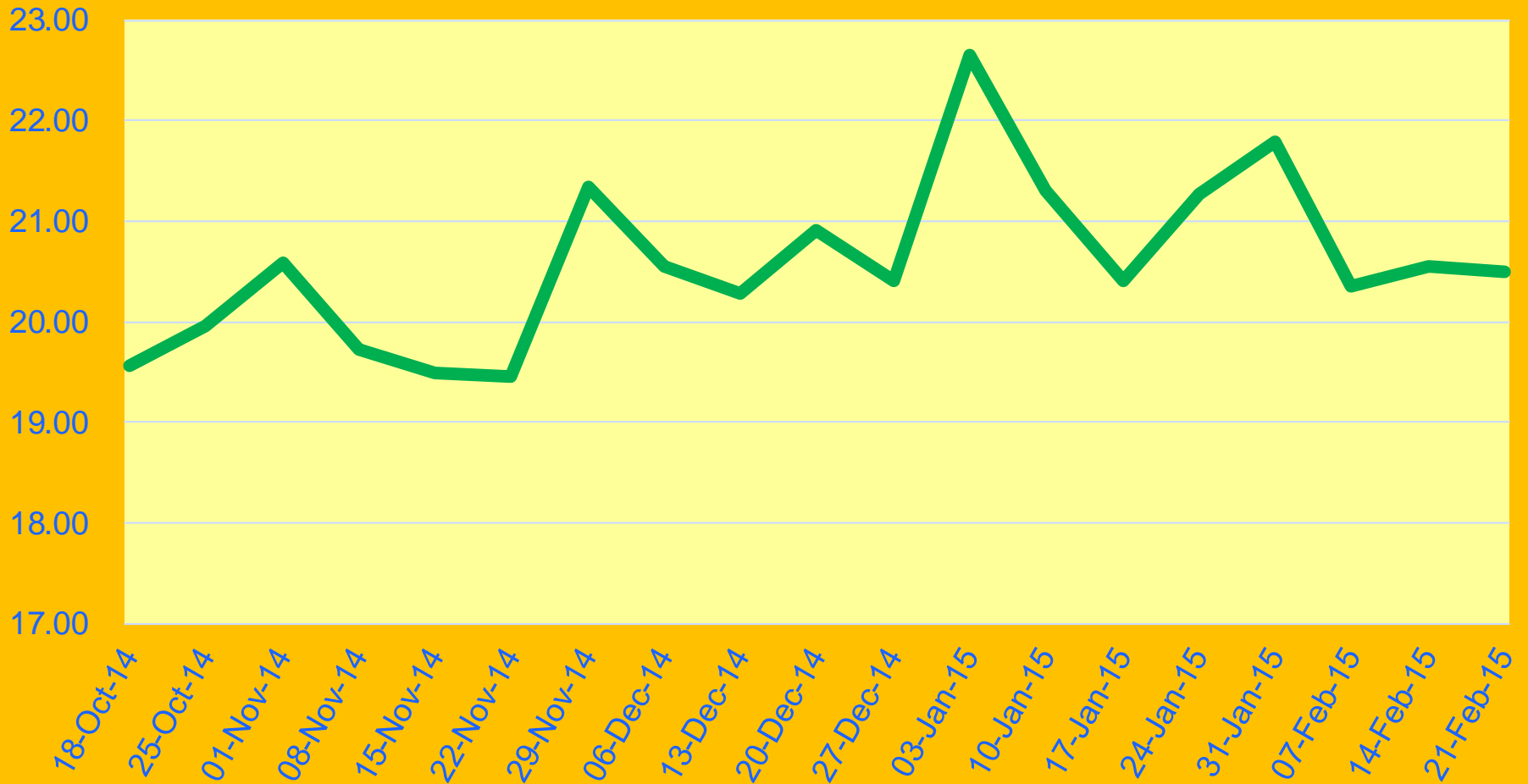
WHERE THE EXPORTS GO

Top Markets for U.S. Ethanol Exports in 2014



STB WEEKLY SERVICE REPORTS

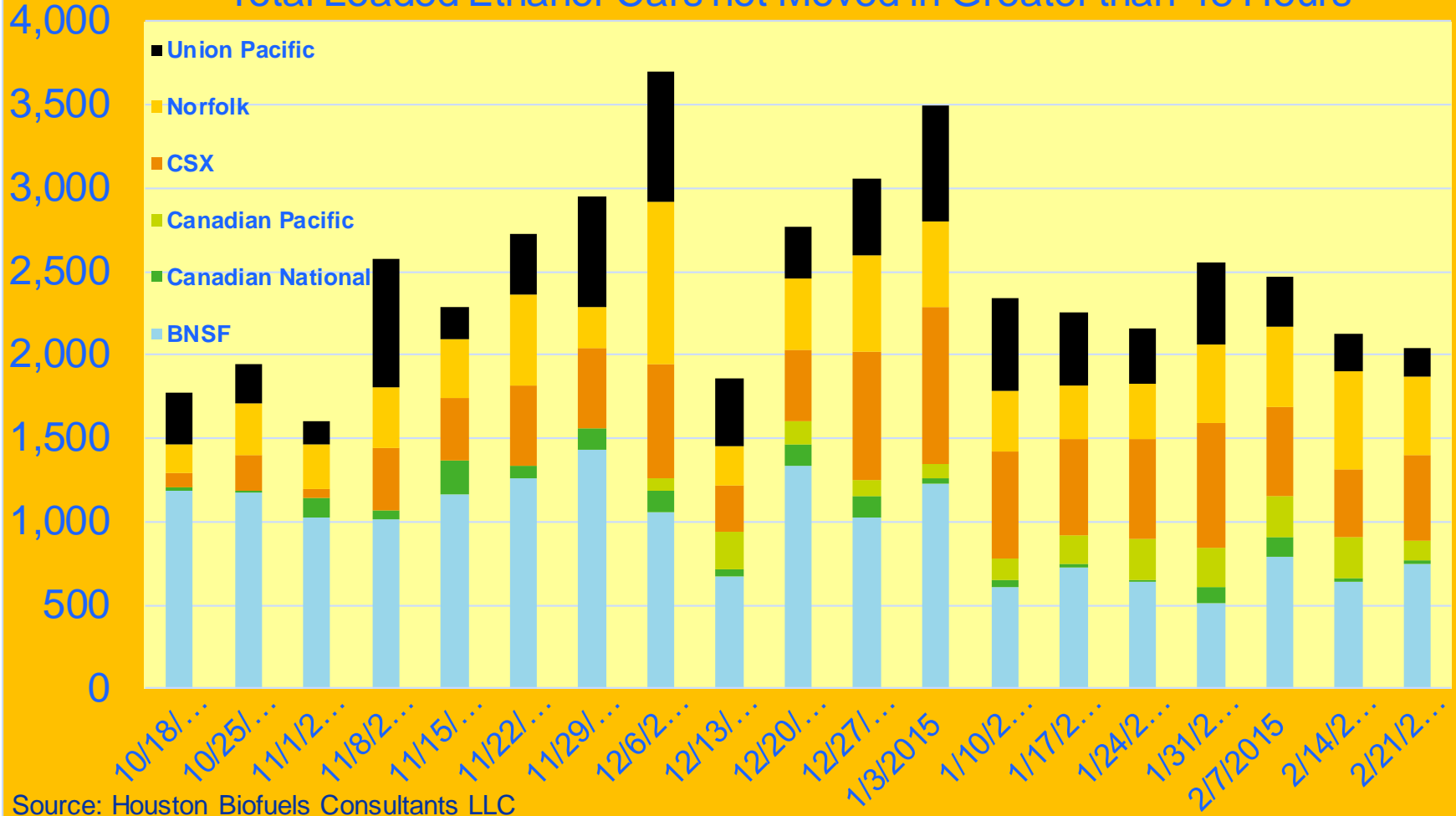
Weighted Average Train Speed for Ethanol, MPH



Source: Houston Biofuels Consultants LLC

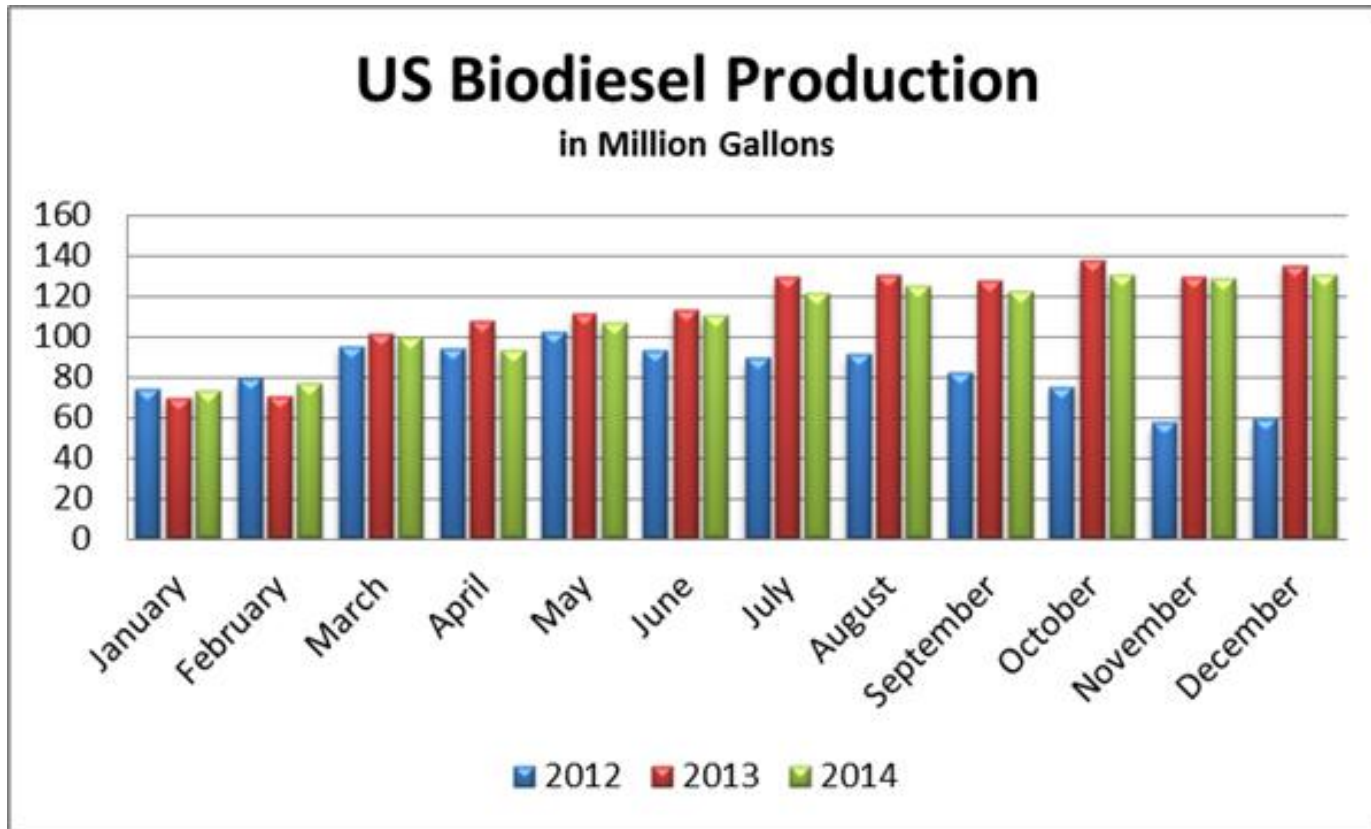
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Total Loaded Ethanol Cars not Moved in Greater than 48 Hours



Source: Houston Biofuels Consultants LLC

US BIODIESEL PRODUCTION



- 2014 production was 1.7 Bln gallons. \$1/gal blender credit was issued in December
- Similar production projected for this year
- EPA 2014-2016 volume obligations are expected by Spring, 2015
- No word yet on blender's credit for 2015, If no credits then RIN's will have to work

BIOFUELS RAIL TRANSPORTATION

Ethanol

- Given the significant capital investments, transit times and service have improved overall
- Much better service than last year, but still more power & crew issues than in previous years
- Winter conditions in the East are challenging
- Chicago has improved but is still inconsistent
- Rate increases continue at unprecedented levels
- Concerns about Fuel Surcharge changes

Tank Cars

- Recent incidents at Dubuque, IA and Mount Carbon, WV have highlighted the differences between Ethanol and Crude Oil impacts
- Ethanol fleet retrofit Cost/Benefit is of great concern
- Concerns about Surcharges for DOT 111's and Empty Shop Returns



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