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## MARKET OUTLOOK: Q2 2023





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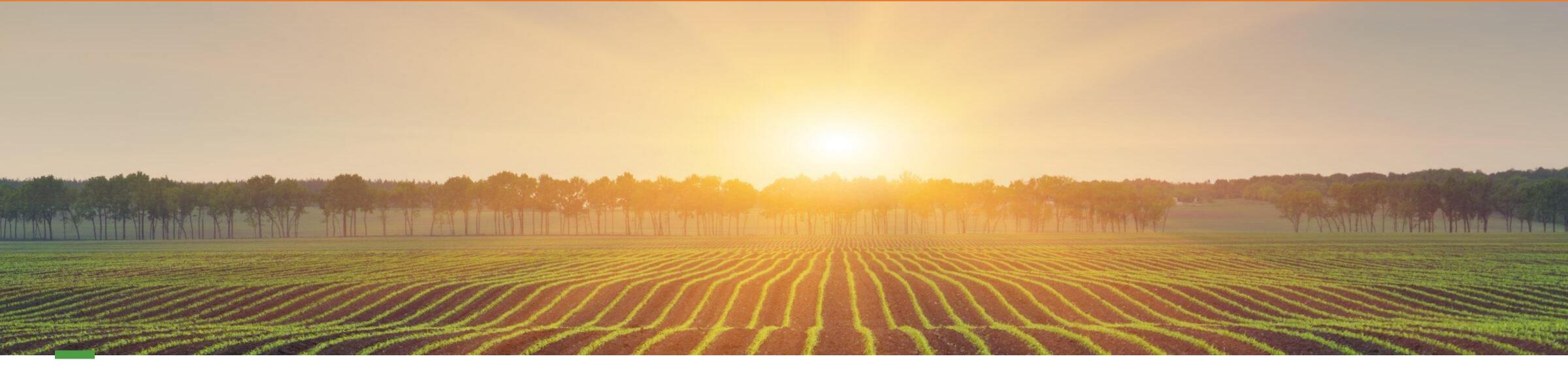
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## **Presentation Outline**

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### The Golden Grain Cycle

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- Soybeans

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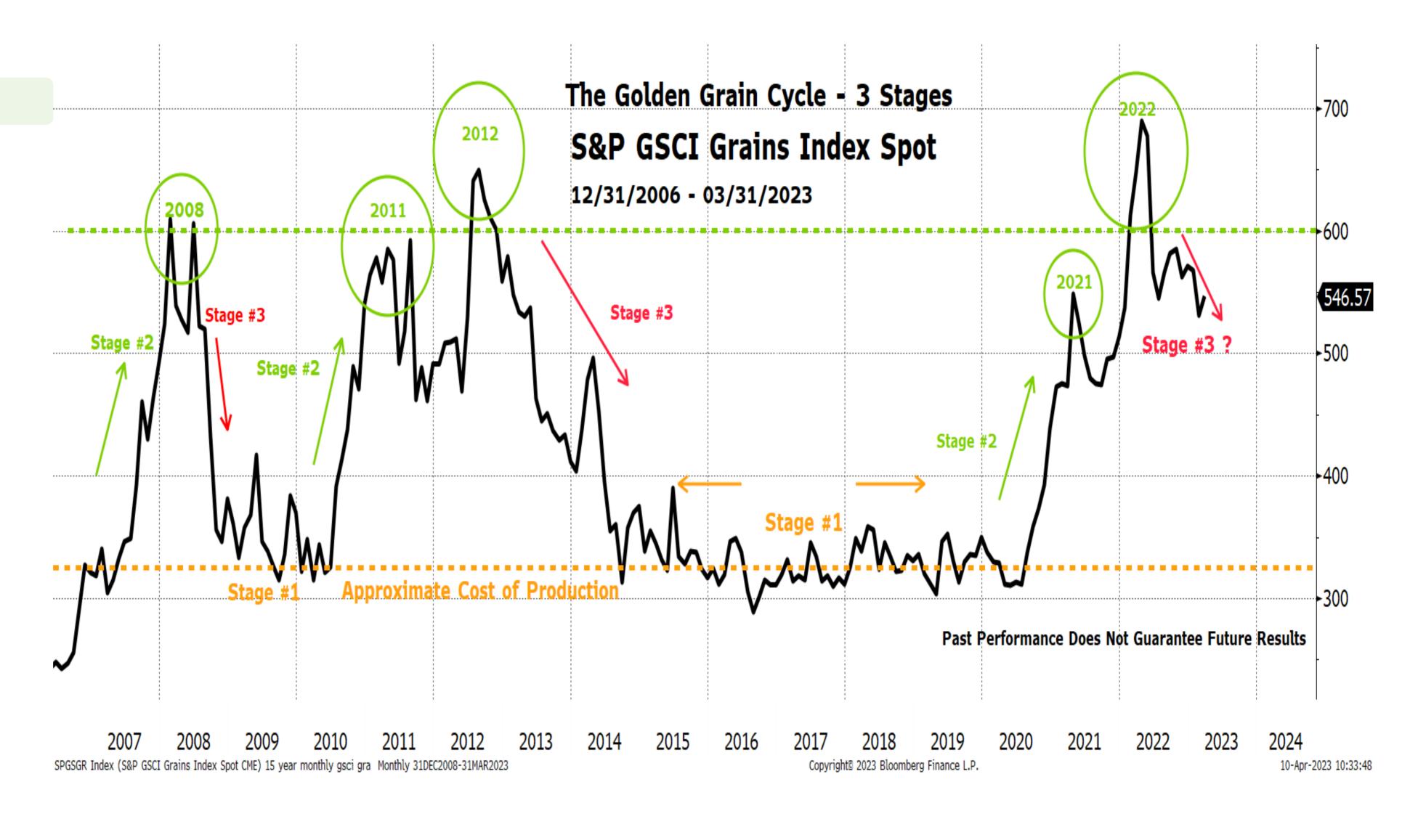








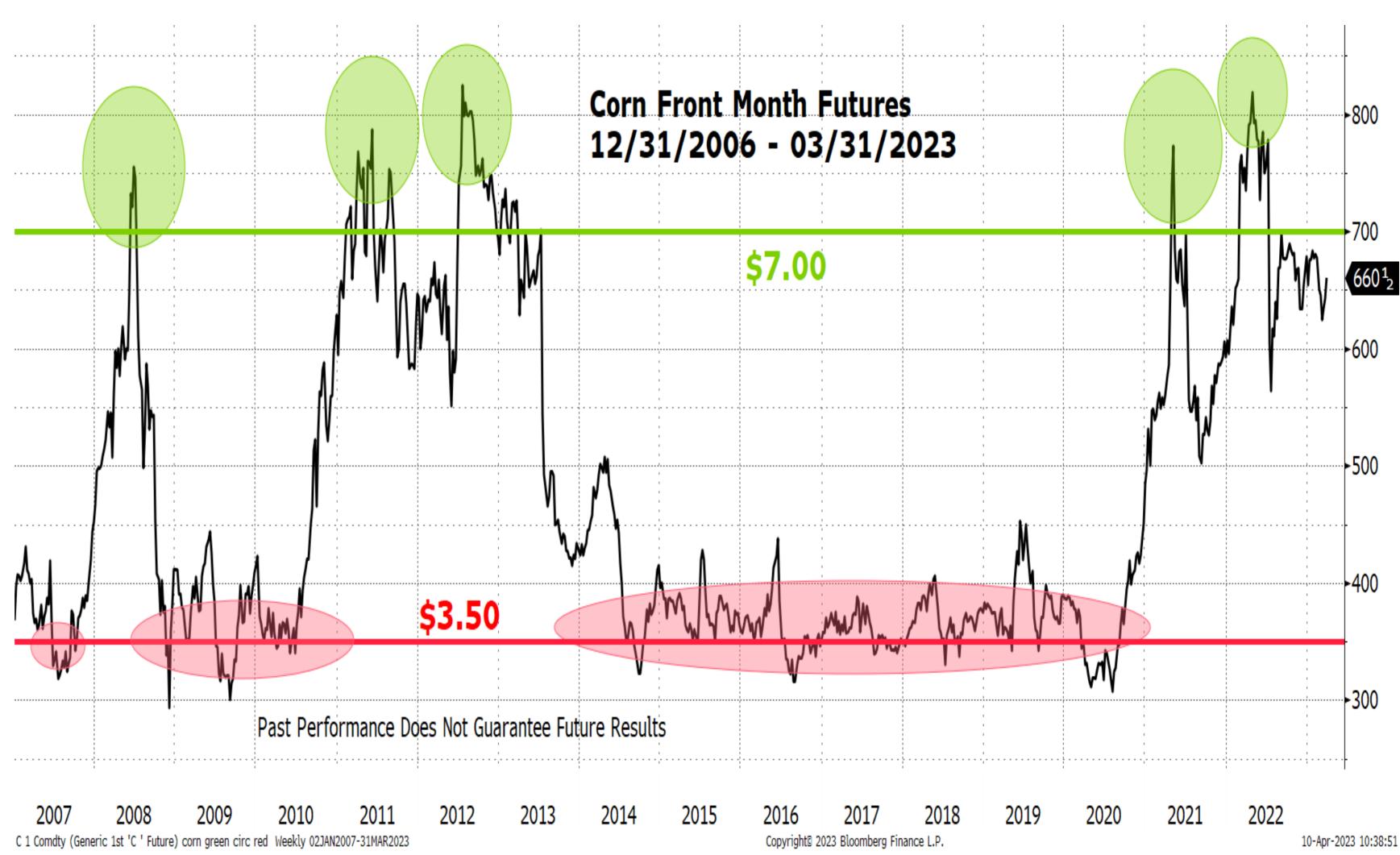
#### The Golden Grain Cycle







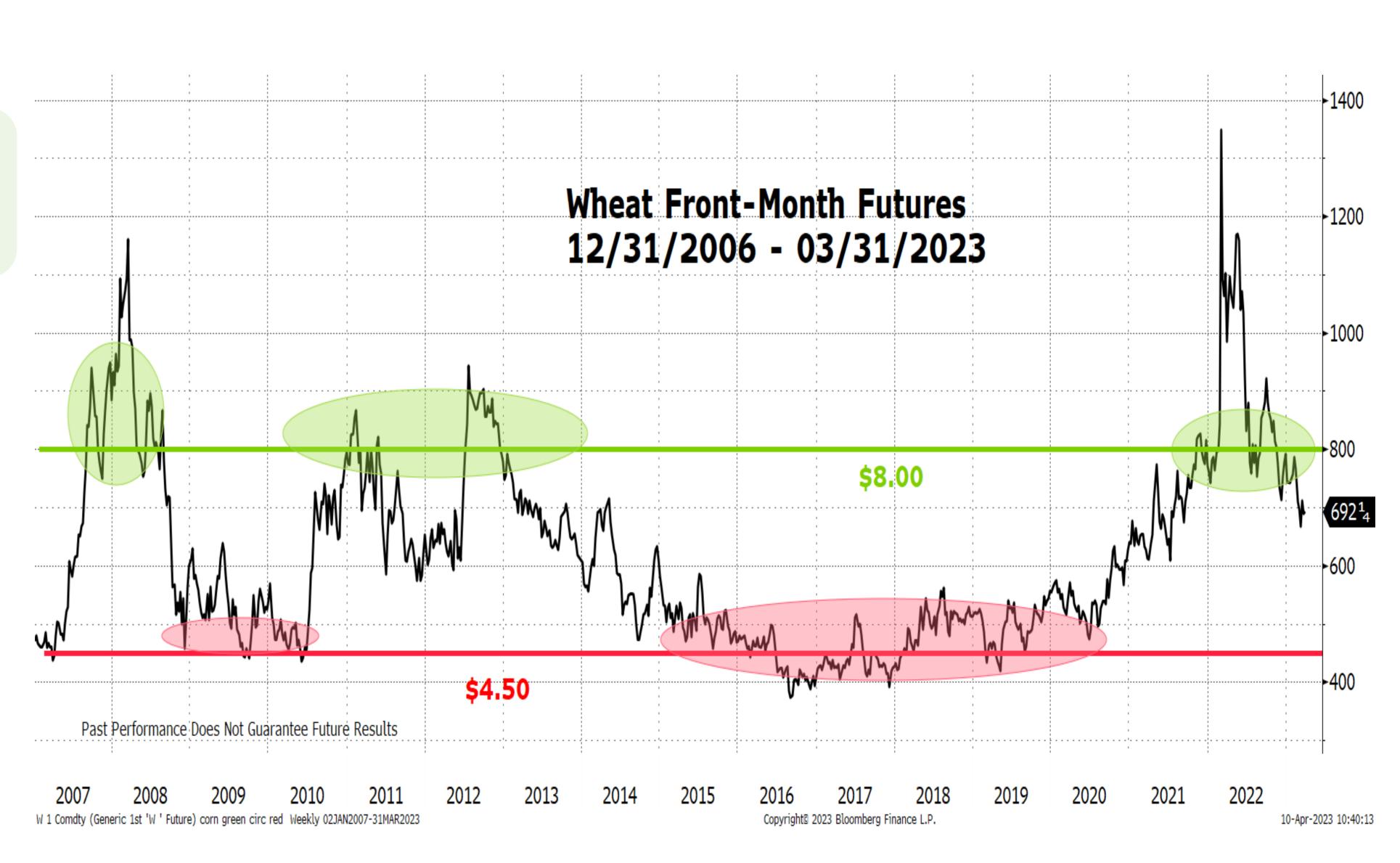
Corn Tends To Trade At Cost of Production (Red) and Spike with Supply Shocks (Green)





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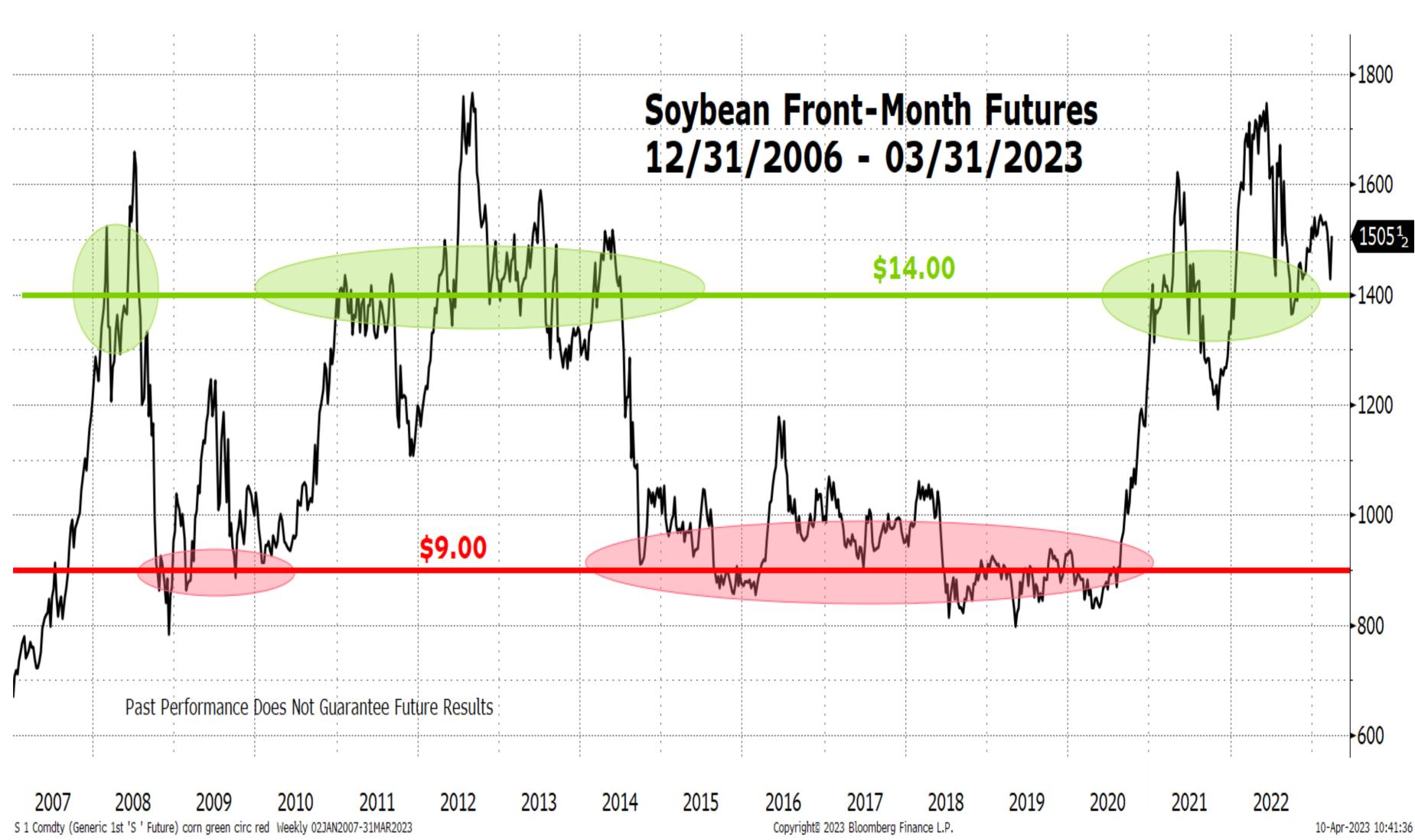
Wheat Tends To Trade At Cost of Production (Red) and Spike with Supply Shocks (Green)





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Soybeans Tend To Trade At Cost of Production (Red) and Spike with Supply Shocks (Green)





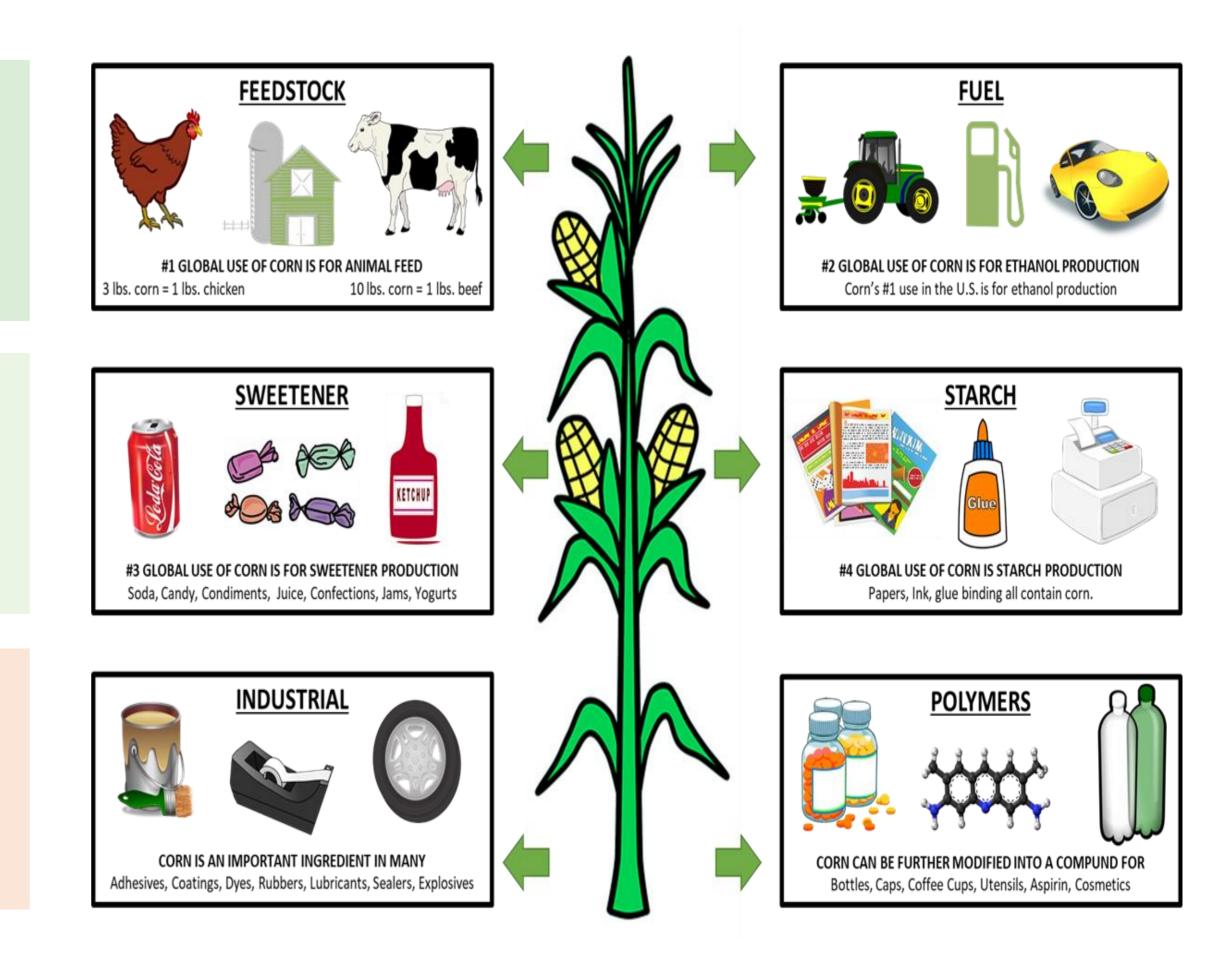


# DEMAND FACTORS

## **DEMAND FACTORS**

#### Grains are Ingredients In Many of the Things We Consume Each and Every Day

Corn	is one of the most important agricultural commodities, used throughout the global economy for feed, fuel, starch, sweeteners and plastics.
Soybeans	are one of the most important agricultural commodities, used throughout the global economy for feed, oils, wood substitutes, foam, ink, and crayons.
Wheat	is one of the most important agricultural commodities, used throughout the global economy for food, animal feed, fuel, starch, paper, particleboard, and plastic.



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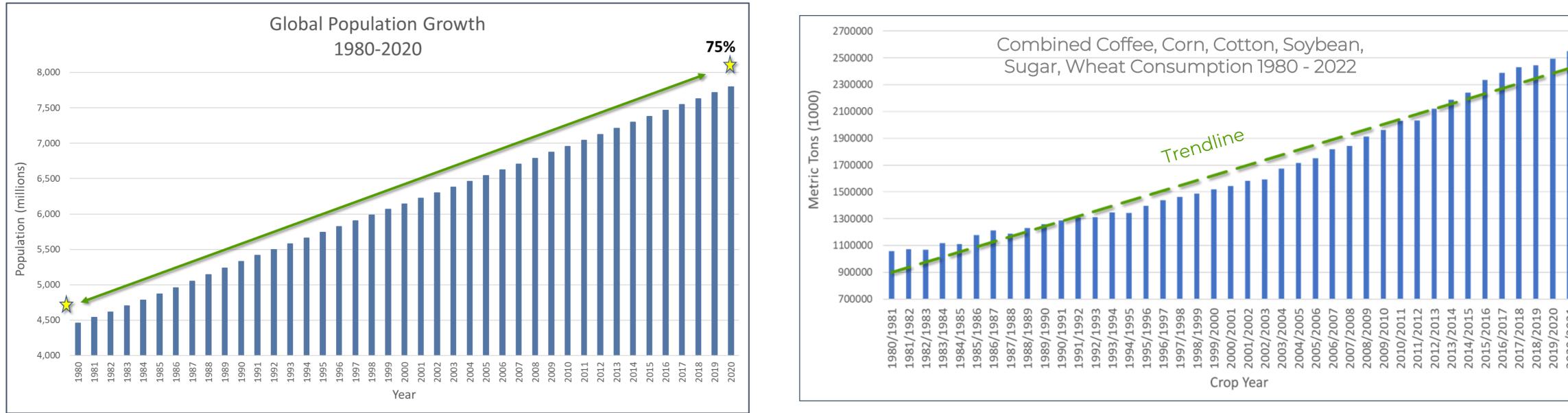
## **DEMAND FACTORS**

### **Global Population**

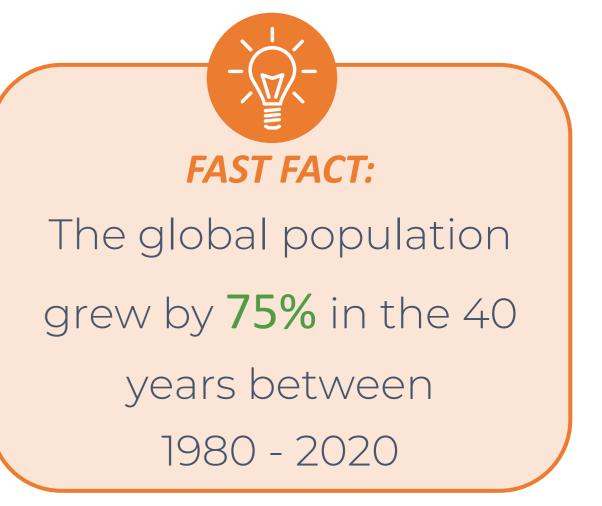
If you can recall the Carter Presidency, you've witnessed the world's population increase by

## **75%** in only

the past 40-years



Increased population means increased demand for just about everything, and it absolutely means increased demand for food commodities

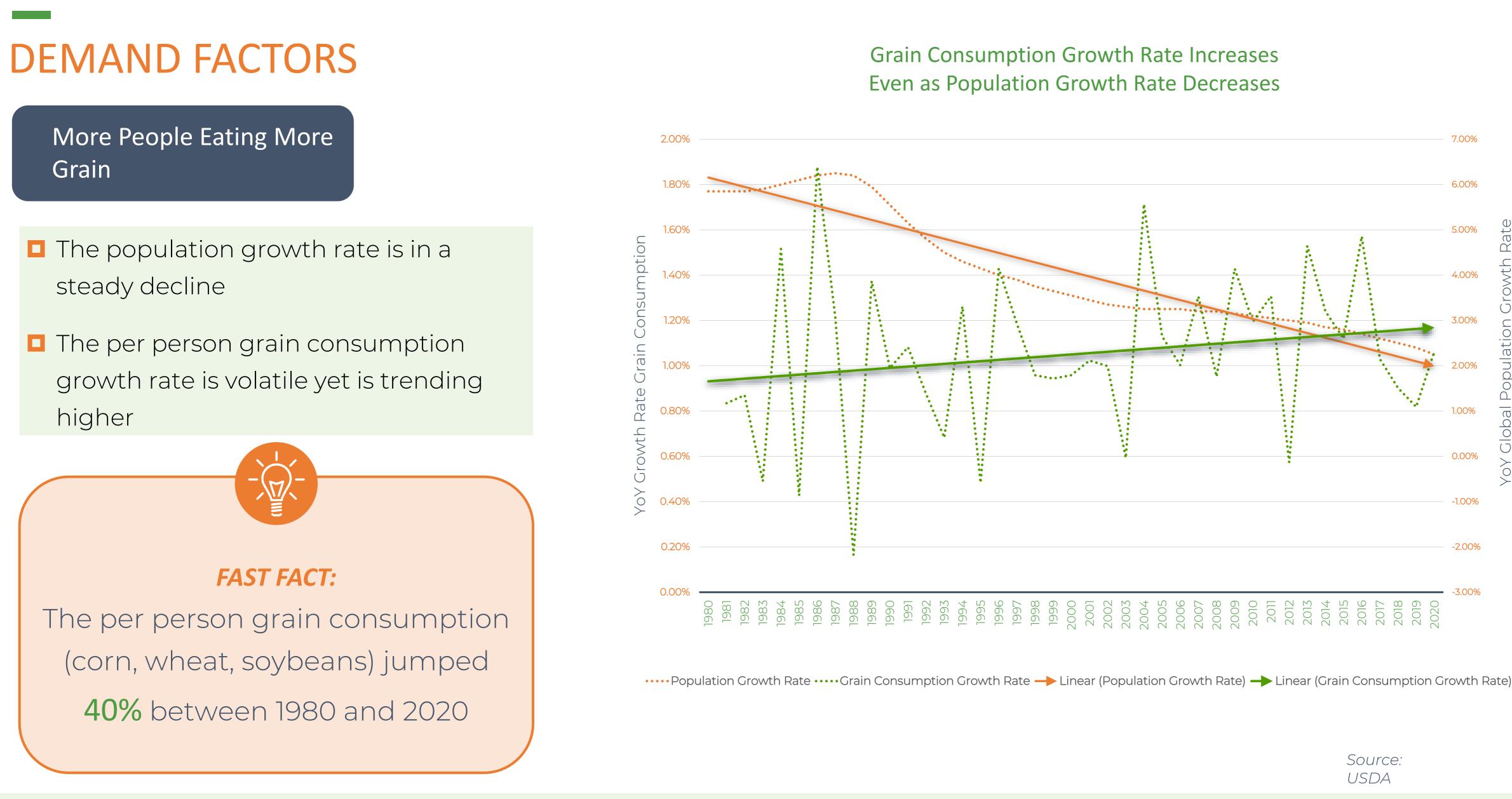


Source: Worldometers & USDA

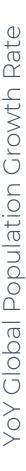




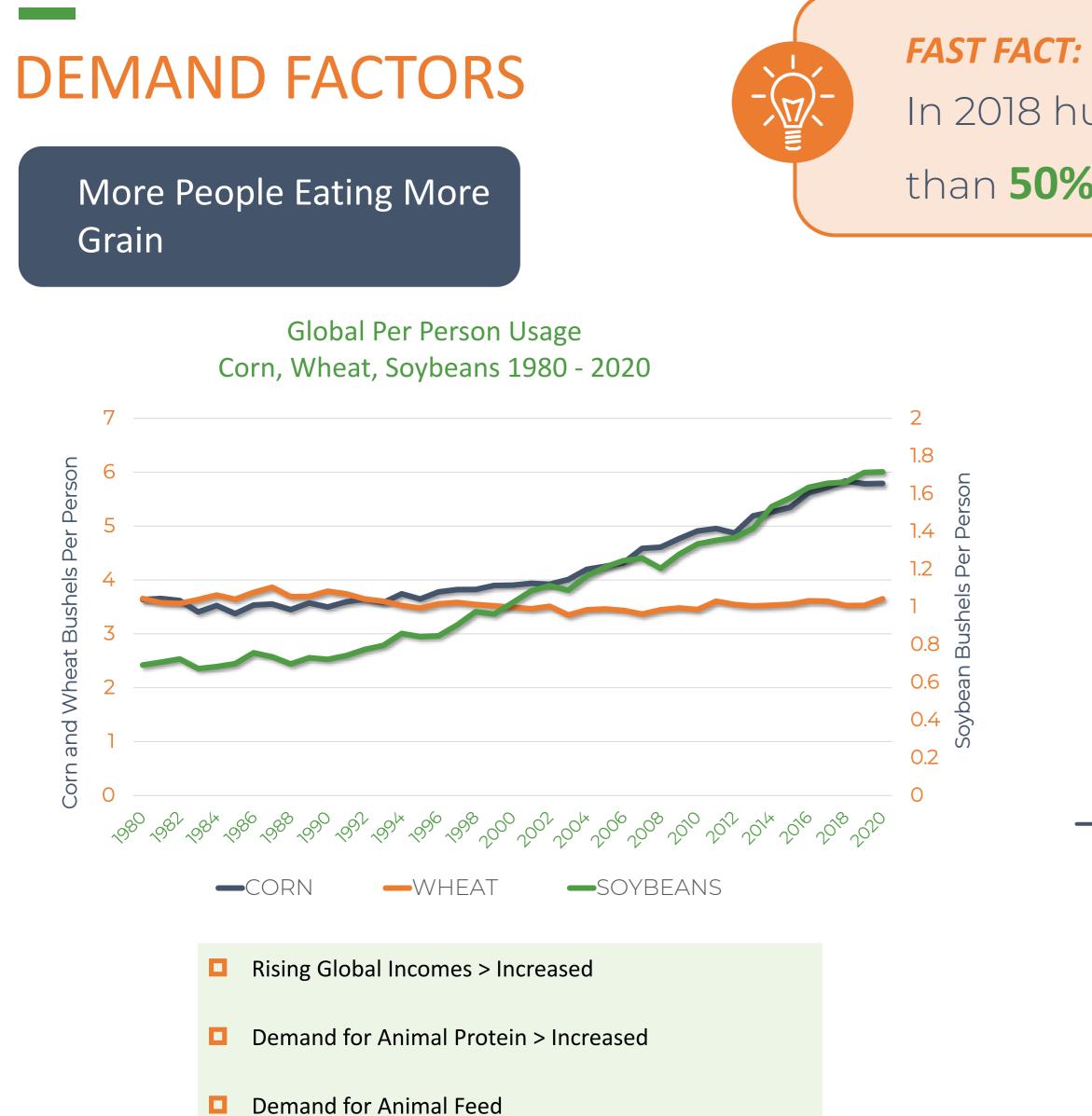




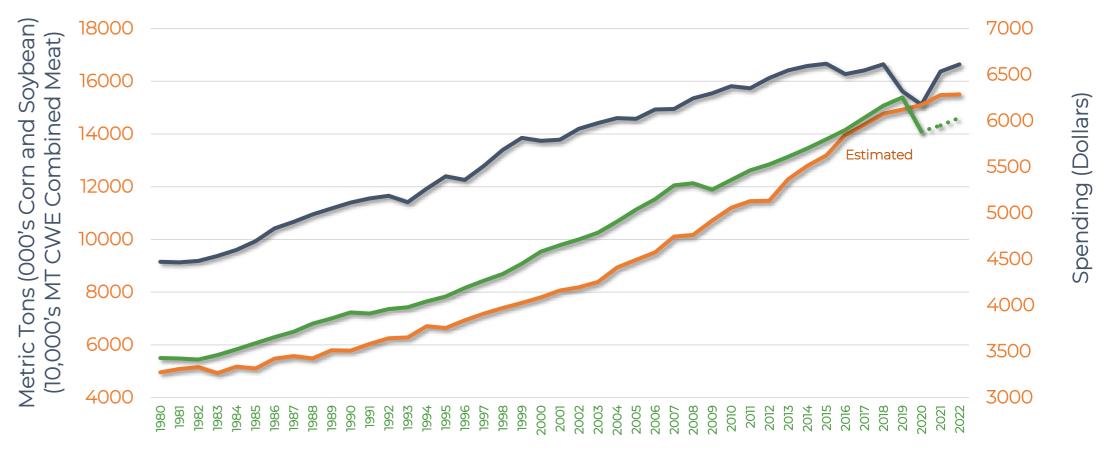








In 2018 humanity crossed a milestone when for the first time more than **50%** of the global population was designated middle class



Global Per Capita Spending, Meat, Corn & Soybean Demand

—Combined Corn and Soybean Consumption -Combined Meat Consumption -Per Capita Spending

> Growth in per-person consumption for corn and soybeans has far outpaced that of wheat An expanding global middle class further supports global grain demand growth

Source: USDA, World Bank & Brookings Institute







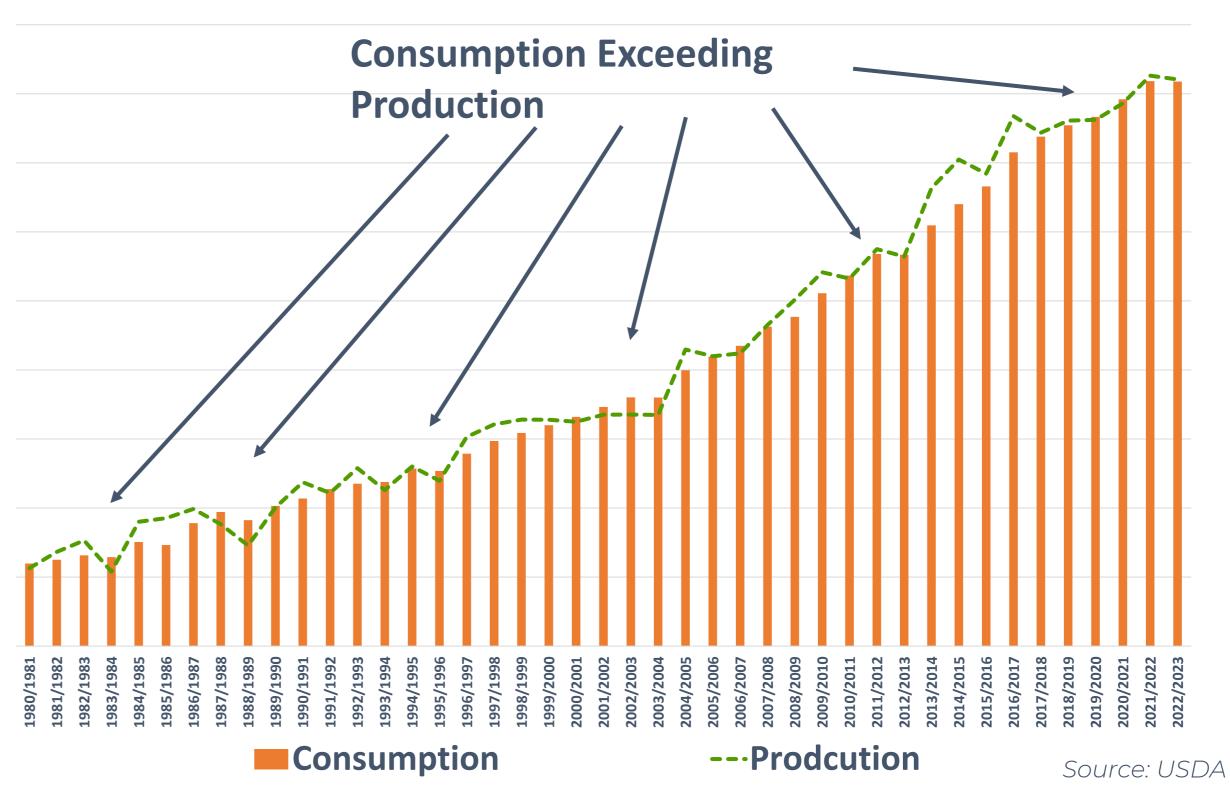


Production Does Not Always Keep Pace With Consumption

- Crop production is weather dependent
- Weather is variable, therefore crop production is variable
- Yet, demand growth is persistent
- Surplus production results in increased ending stocks, or inventories
- Ending stocks are drawn down in years where consumption exceeds production

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Combined Coffee, Corn, Cotton, Soybean, Sugar, Wheat Production and Consumption 1980-2022



**KEY TERM:** Ending Stocks – excess inventory that is carried over into the next crop year...a.k.a. carry-out.



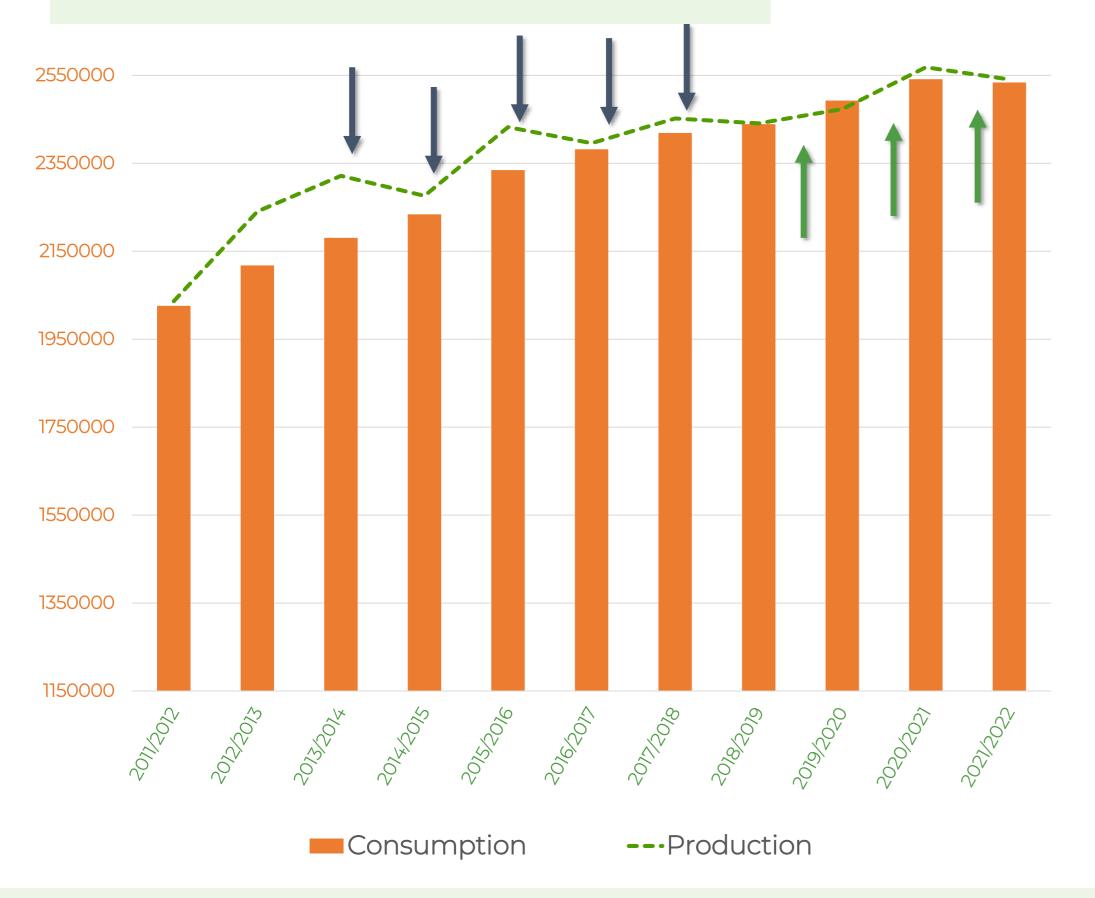


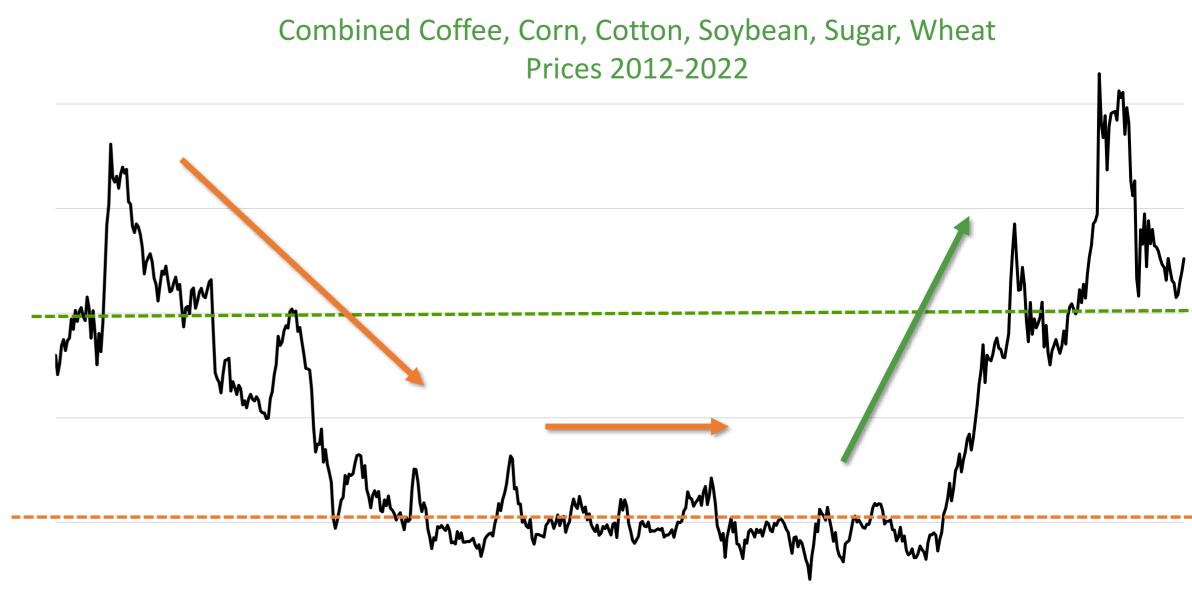


Combined Coffee, Corn, Cotton, Soybean, Sugar, Wheat Production and Consumption 2011-2022

When production outpaces consumption, prices tend to drop to the cost of production in the futures market (red arrows)

Conversely, when consumption exceeds production, prices have typically risen due to supply worries and dwindling inventories (green arrows).

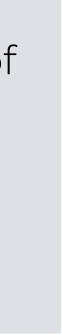




1/6/2018 1/6/2019 1/6/2020 1/6/2021 1/6/2022 1/6/2012 1/6/2013 1/6/2014 1/6/2015 1/6/2016 1/6/2017

Source: USDA & Bloomberg Finance, L.P.





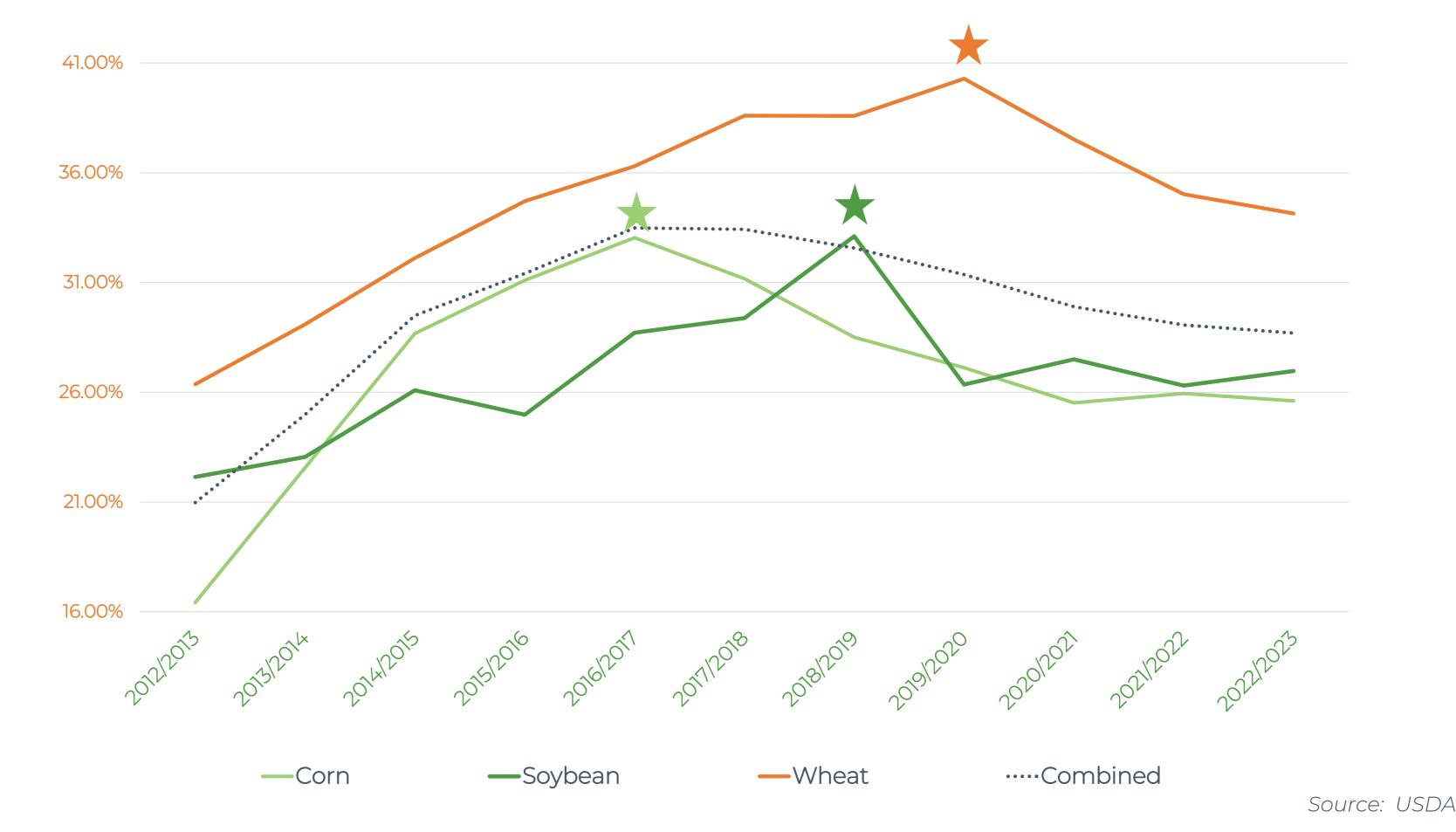


Combined Global Corn, Soybean, and Wheat Supplies Shrink Relative to Demand

> Global corn supplies peaked in 2016/2017

Global soybean supplies peaked in 2018/2019

Global wheat supplies peaked in 2019/2020





#### Global Stocks/Use Ratios Corn, Soybean, Wheat

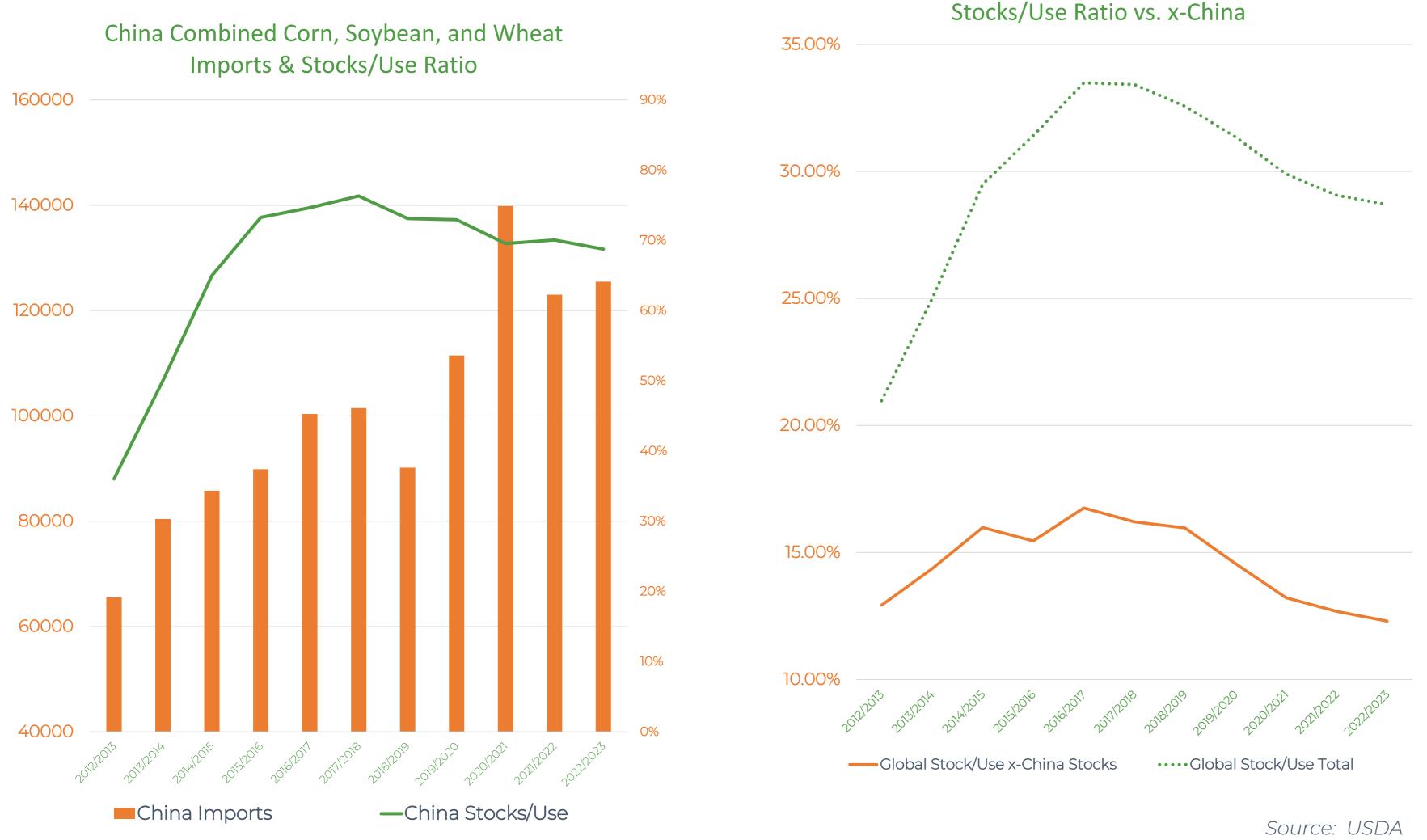
Stocks/Use Ratio – Determined by dividing ending stocks by total usage. A quick way to evaluate balance sheet conditions, i.e. available supplies relative to demand















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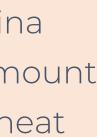
According to official data, **57%** of the world's combined corn, soybean, and wheat supply is in China

What if Chinese food supplies are lower compared to official reports?

- Over the past 3-years China has imported a record amount of corn, soybeans, and wheat combined
- Combined Chinese corn, soybean, and wheat stocks/use ratio is a staggering 70%
- The food that is in China is staying in China







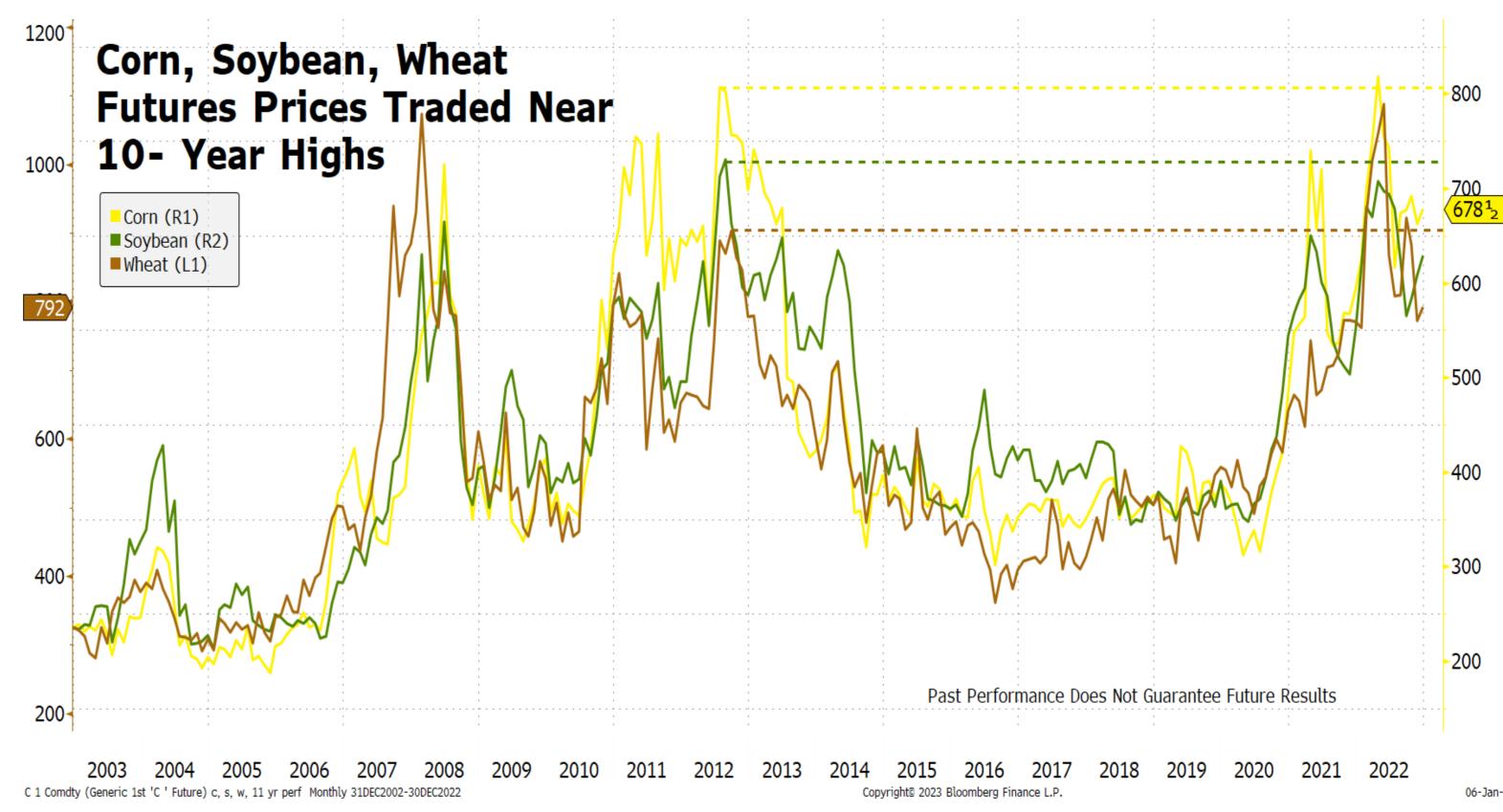






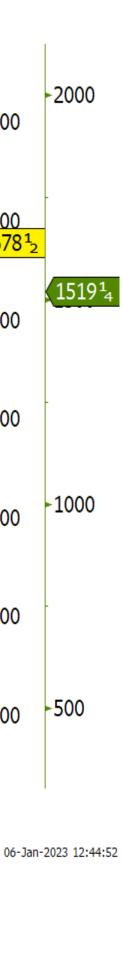
US Futures Prices Traded Near 10-Year Highs in 2022

- Global stocks/use (excluding China stocks) back near 10year lows
- Price action appears reasonable
- Still, prices remain elevated relative to production costs and may trend lower, near term



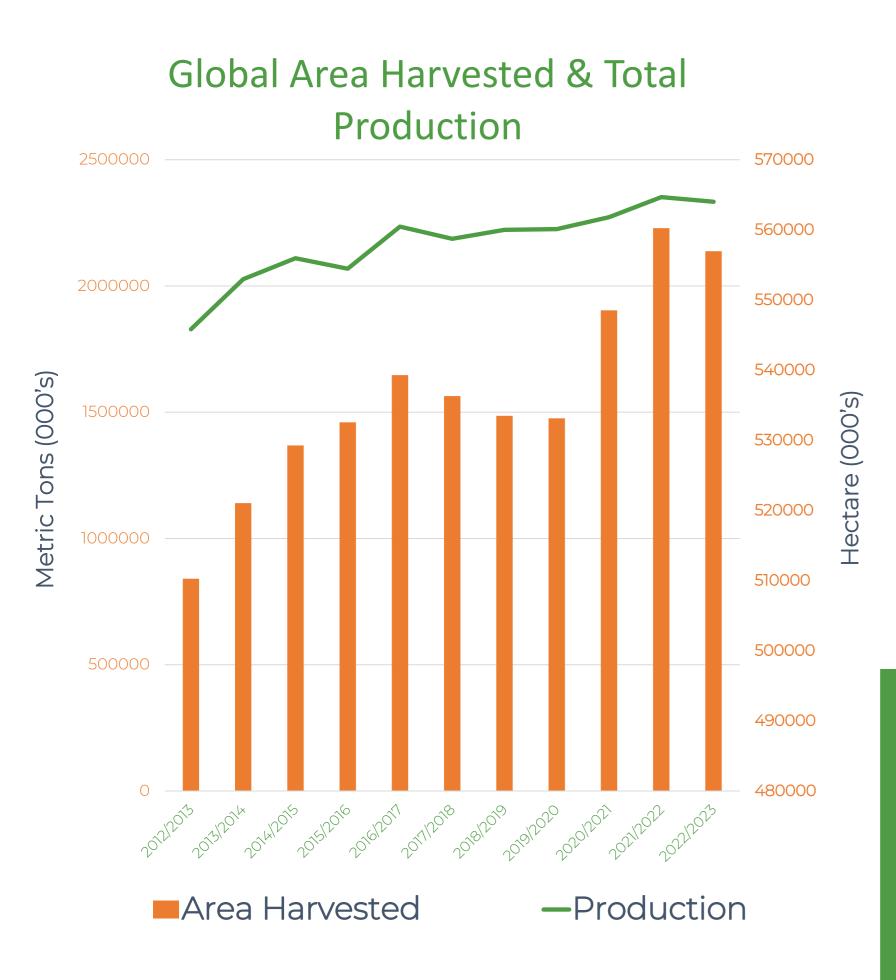
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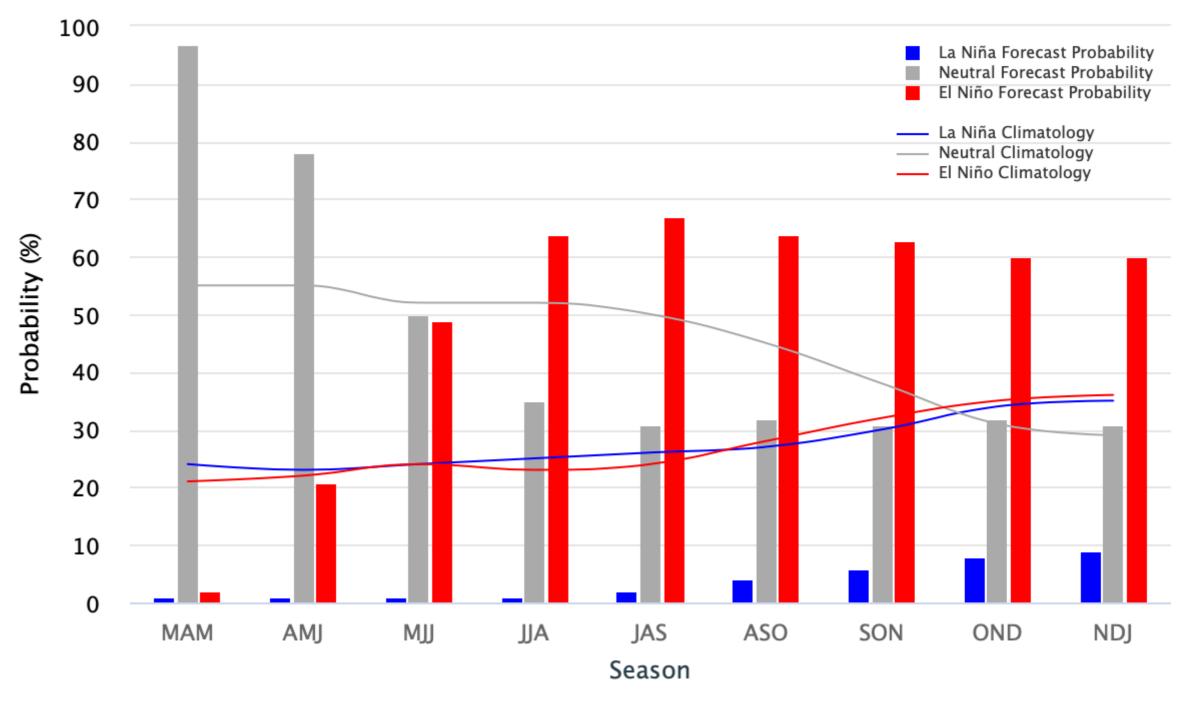




Farmers Plant More, But Weather Keeping a Lid on Production

#### Mid-March 2023 IRI Model-Based Probabilistic ENSO Forecasts

ENSO state based on NINO3.4 SST Anomaly Neutral ENSO: -0.5 °C to 0.5 °C



- Consecutive years of La Nina dampened yields
- Near-term climate forecast more favorable for production



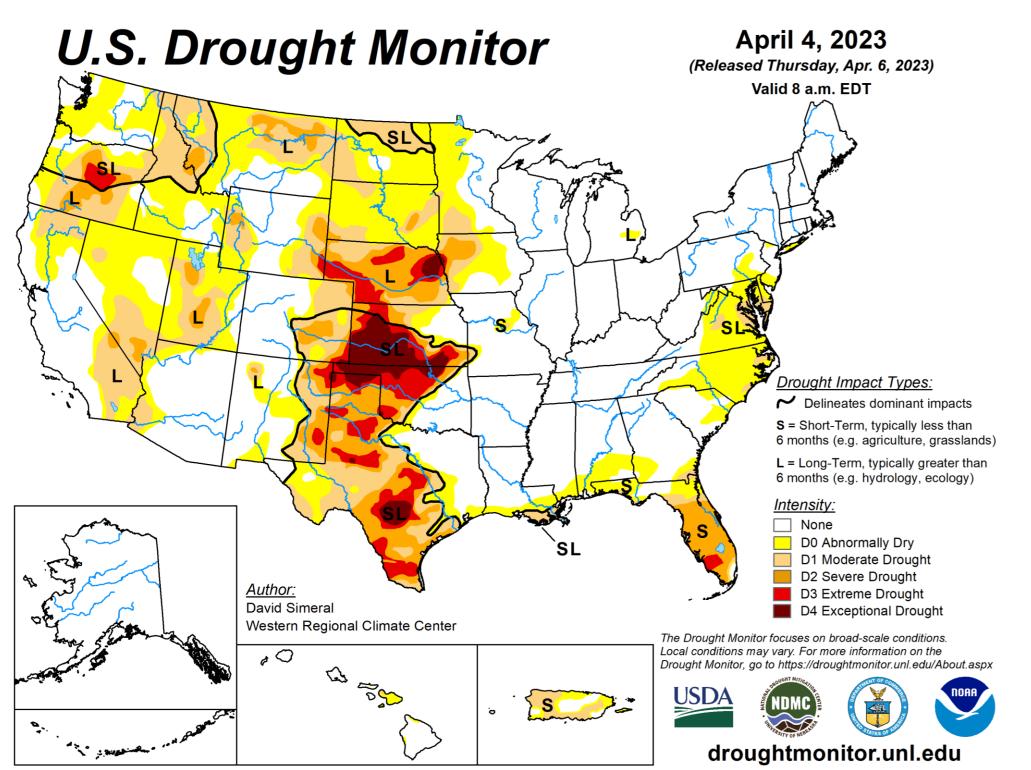
FAST FACT:

Globally famers harvested an area nearly twice the size of India in the '21-'22 crop year



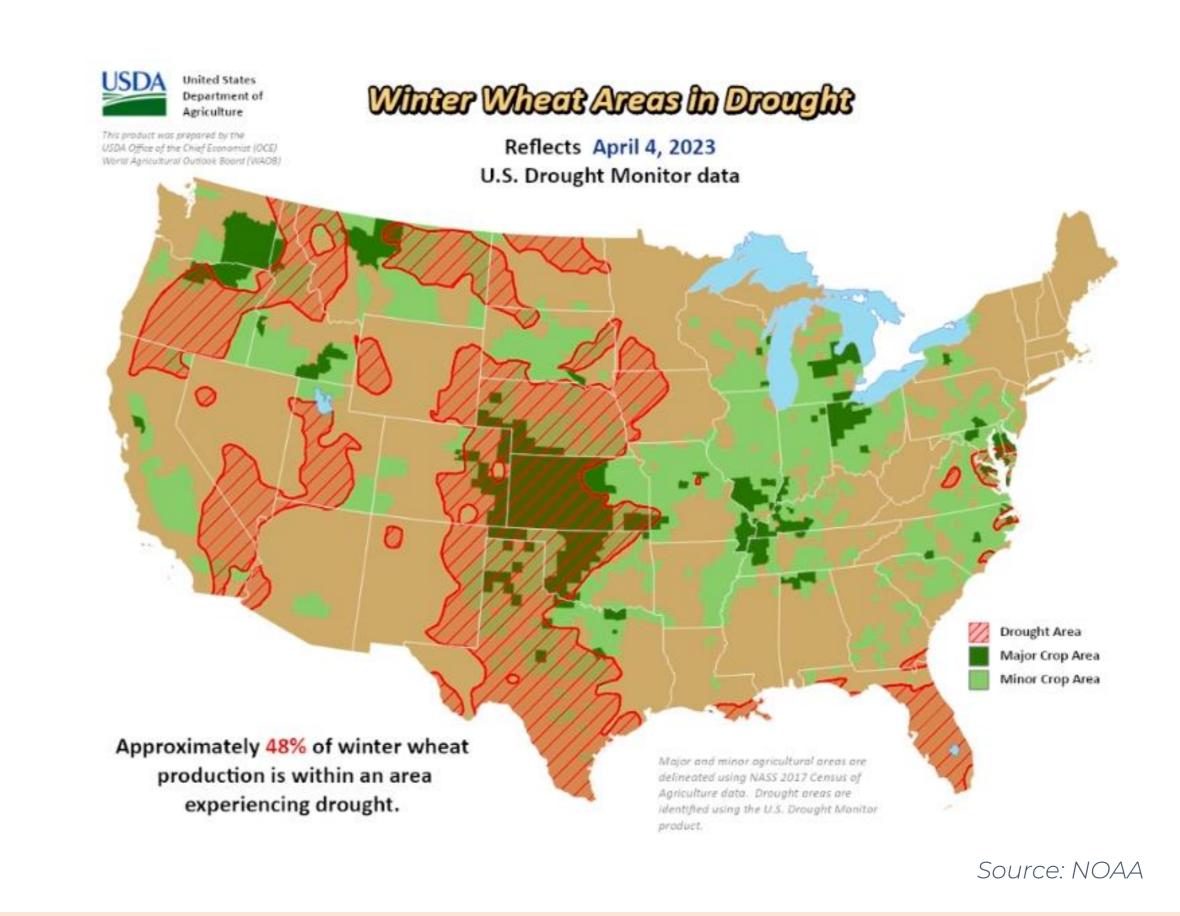


Source: USDA & International Research Institute for Climate and Society



## **US Drought Lingering** in Key Production Areas

Most immediate impact on US Winter Wheat Crop – 48% of production areas experiencing drought



Corn areas experiencing drought 29% Soybean areas experiencing drought 20%

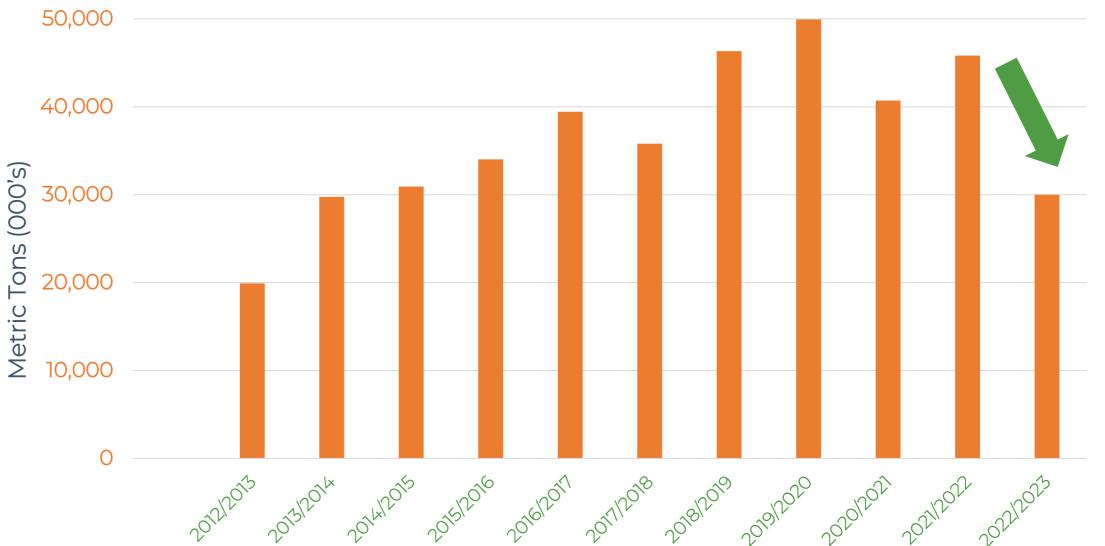




Persistent Challenges

- Elevated input costs...fertilizer prices 64% higher vs. 20-yr avg
- Ongoing availability concerns given war in Ukraine and heightened geopolitical tensions





#### **Ukraine: Combined Corn & Wheat Exports**



#### **FAST FACT:**

Prior to the Russian invasion, Ukraine accounted for nearly **10%** of global wheat exports and more than 13% of global corn exports

### Combined exports have dropped by 35% since the shooting began



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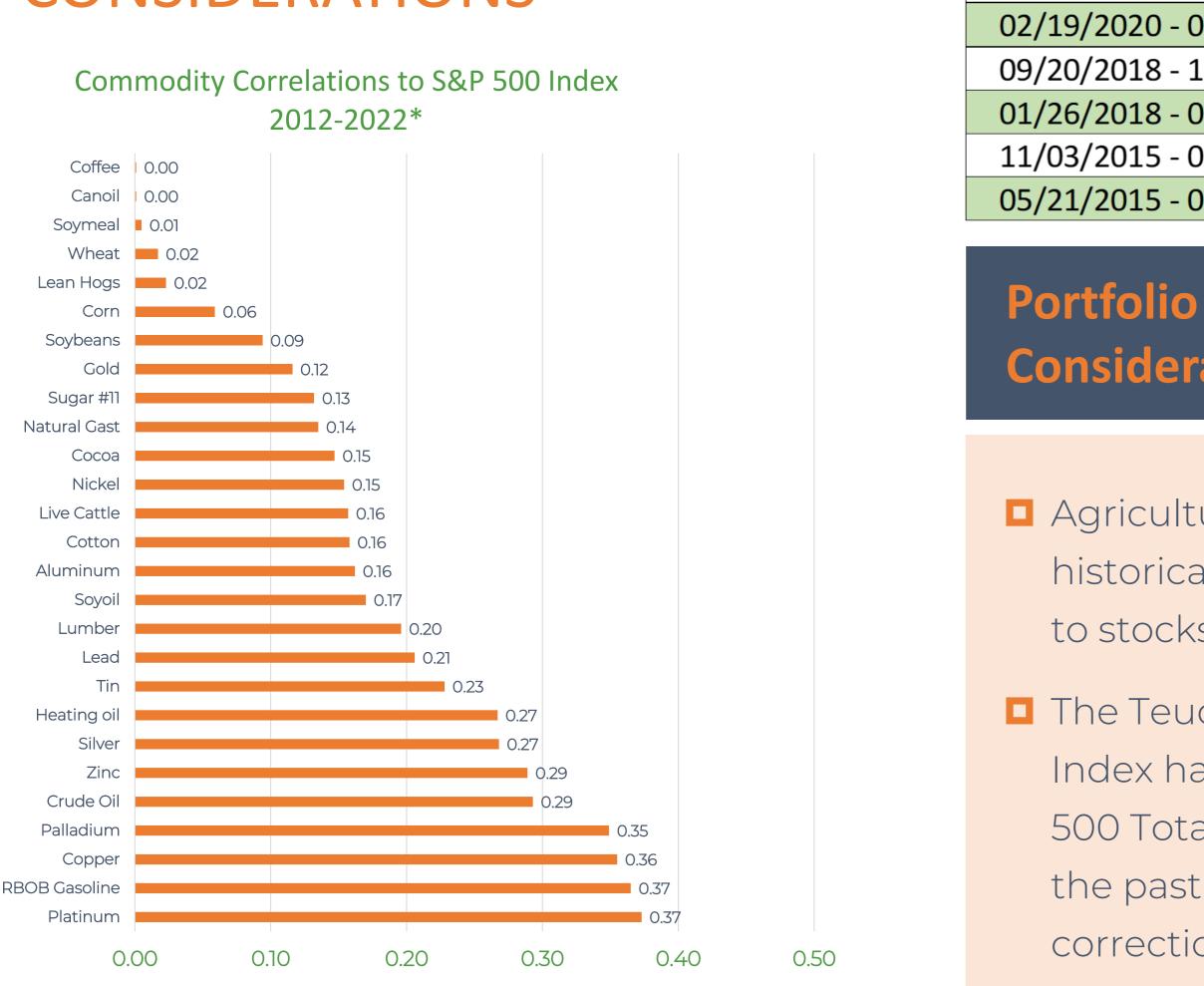








Source: Bloomberg Finance LP and Yardeni Research



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**CONSIDERATIONS** 

Performance During Corrections and Bear Markets			
	Teucrium	S&P 500	Agricultural Fund Index vs S&P 500
Date	Agricultural	Total Return	Relative Performance
	Fund Index	Total Ketulli	Relative Performance
20 - 03/23/2020	-10.90%	-33.79%	22.89%
18 - 12/24/2018	2.60%	-18.68%	21.28%
18 - 02/08/2018	1.40%	-10.10%	11.50%
15 - 02/11/2016	-6.06%	-11.26%	5.20%
15 - 08/26/2015	-9.22%	-8.45%	-0.77%

# **Considerations**

- Agricultural commodities historically have low correlations to stocks
- The Teucrium Agricultural Fund Index has outperformed the S&P 500 Total Return Index in 4 out of the past 5 stock market corrections of 10% +



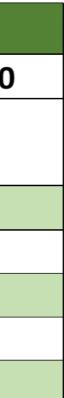
### FAST FACT:

The S&P GSCI and the Bloomberg Commodity Index (BCOM) remain heavily allocated to energy with weightings of

53.47%

and **29.95%** respectively



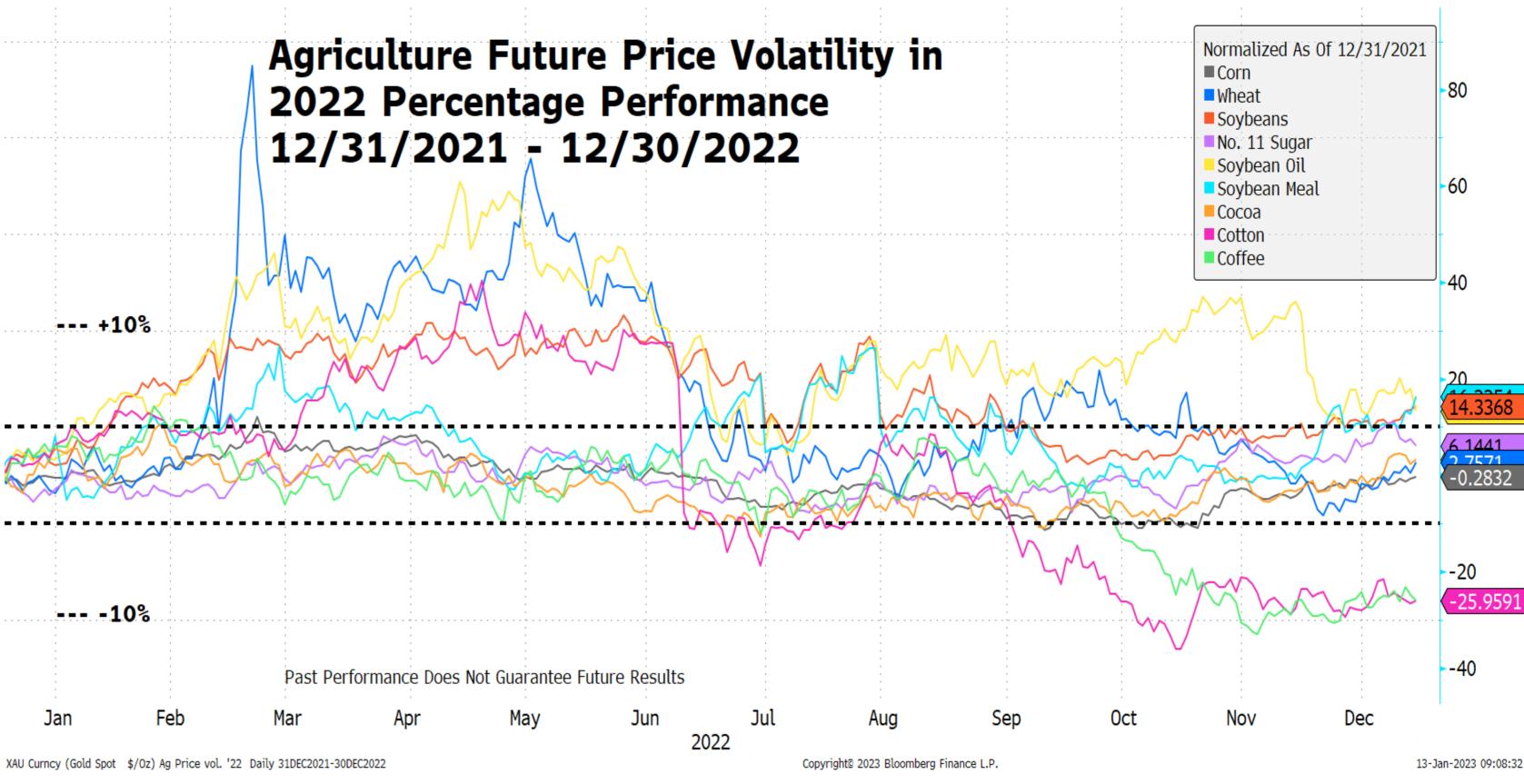




## **Volatility Presents a** Challenge and an Opportunity



FAST FACT: All 9 of the grain and soft commodity futures that we track experienced doubledigit gains and/or losses at some point over the course of 2022





## VOLATILITY becomes **OPPORTUNITY**

### Teucrium AiLA Long-Short Agriculture Strategy ETF Performance as of 3/31/2023

	Three Month	Year to Date	3 Year Annualized	5 Year Annualized	Inception Anr
NAV	-6.29%	-6.29%	-	-	-6.21%
<u>Price</u>	-6.71%	-6.71%	-	-	-6.38%
AiLA-S033 Index***	-6.79%	-6.79%	14.35%	15.47%	-6.79%
TTAGS Index***	-0.97%	-0.97%	22.44%	7.16%	-3.62%
BCOM Index***	-6.47%	-6.47%	19.48%	3.82%	-6.79%



### **About AiLA**

AiLA, a leading provider of alternative alpha strategies in the commodities sector

AiLA's indexes offer a systematic approach, utilizing proprietary machine-learning technology with the goal of turning date into alpha

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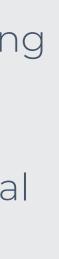
AN INVESTMENT CAN NOT BE MADE DIRECTLY INTO AN INDEX.

Source: Teucrium

Fit Potential ardless of the ket Trend	<ul> <li>A long-short ETF for agriculture</li> <li>A quantitative, multi-factor, rules- based strategy</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Driven by Machine Learnin technology</li> <li>Daily trade signa evaluation</li> </ul>

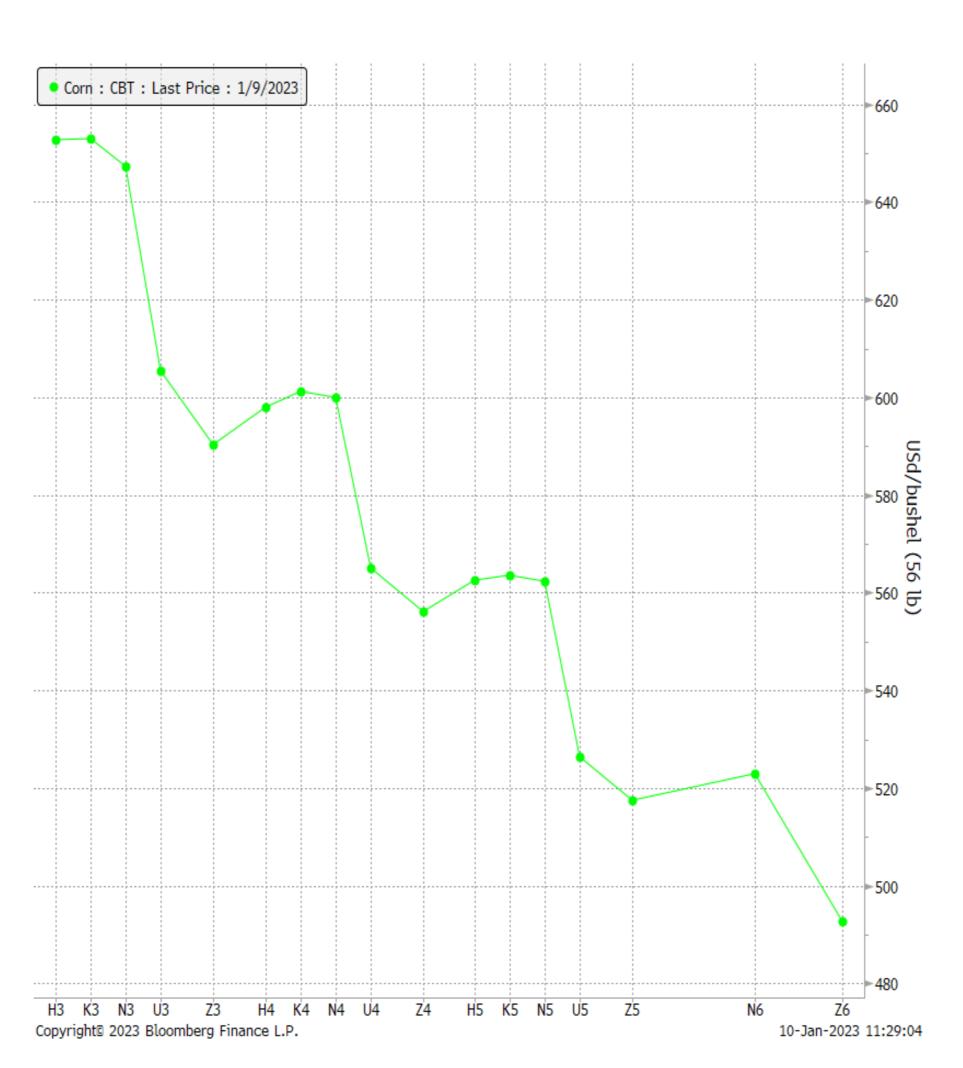


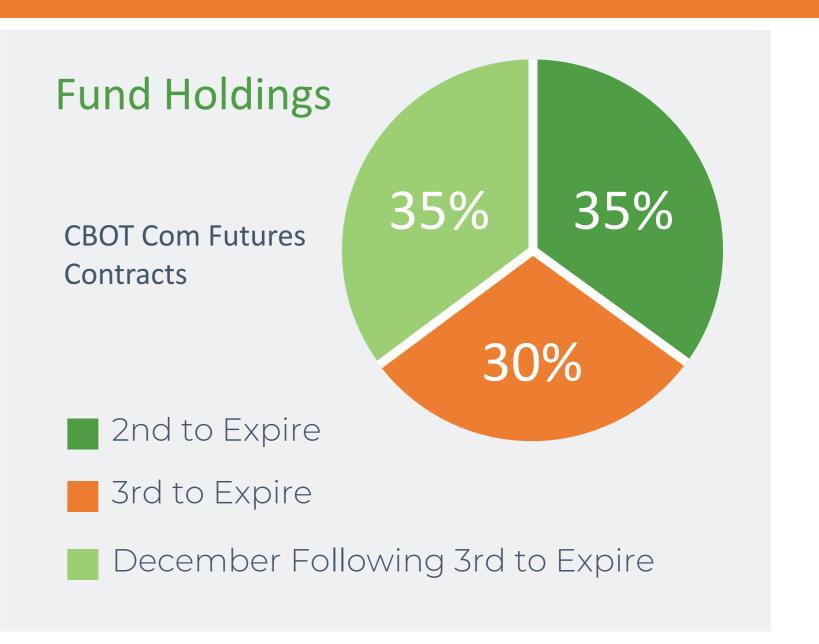




## **Structure Matters**

- Passive futures-based
   strategies are at the mercy
   of the commodity curve
- Contango can lead to negative roll-yield
- Backwardation can lead to positive roll-yield







#### FAST FACT:

Teucrium's passive ETFs follow proprietary benchmarks designed to help mitigate the negative impacts of contango by holding multiple contracts across the curve





Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P.





**FAST FACT:** 

The Teucrium AiLA Long-Short Agricultural Strategy ETF is our newest fund and our only agriculture strategy that can go both long & short ag futures

TILL Teucrium Agricultural Strategy No K-1 ETF







**WEAT** Teucrium Wheat ETF

TAGS Teucrium Agricultural ETF









# **APPENDIX:**

## Appendix:

#### Front Month Futures

NY Harbor ULS

LME Nickel

Natural Gas

Soybean Meal

Corn

Soybeans

Soybean Oil

Platinum

Brent Crude

M WTI Crude

Sugar

Cocoa

Silver

Wheat

Gold

LME Lead

Palladium

Copper

LME Primary Alumi

LME Zinc

Cotton

Coffee

LME Tin

\*Description and Identification of Commodities Used in Correlation Analysis

es Index	Bloomberg Code
SD	H01 Comdty
	LN1 Comdty
	NG1 Comdty
al	SM1 Comdty
	C1Comdty
	S1Comdty
	B01 Comdty
	PL1 Comdty
)	CO1 Comdty
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	CC1 Comdty
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	W1Comdty
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	LL1 Comdty
	PA1 Comdty
	HG1 Comdty
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	KC1 Comdty
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