

Texas Plant Protection Conference 'Climate of Change'

International Trade Relations

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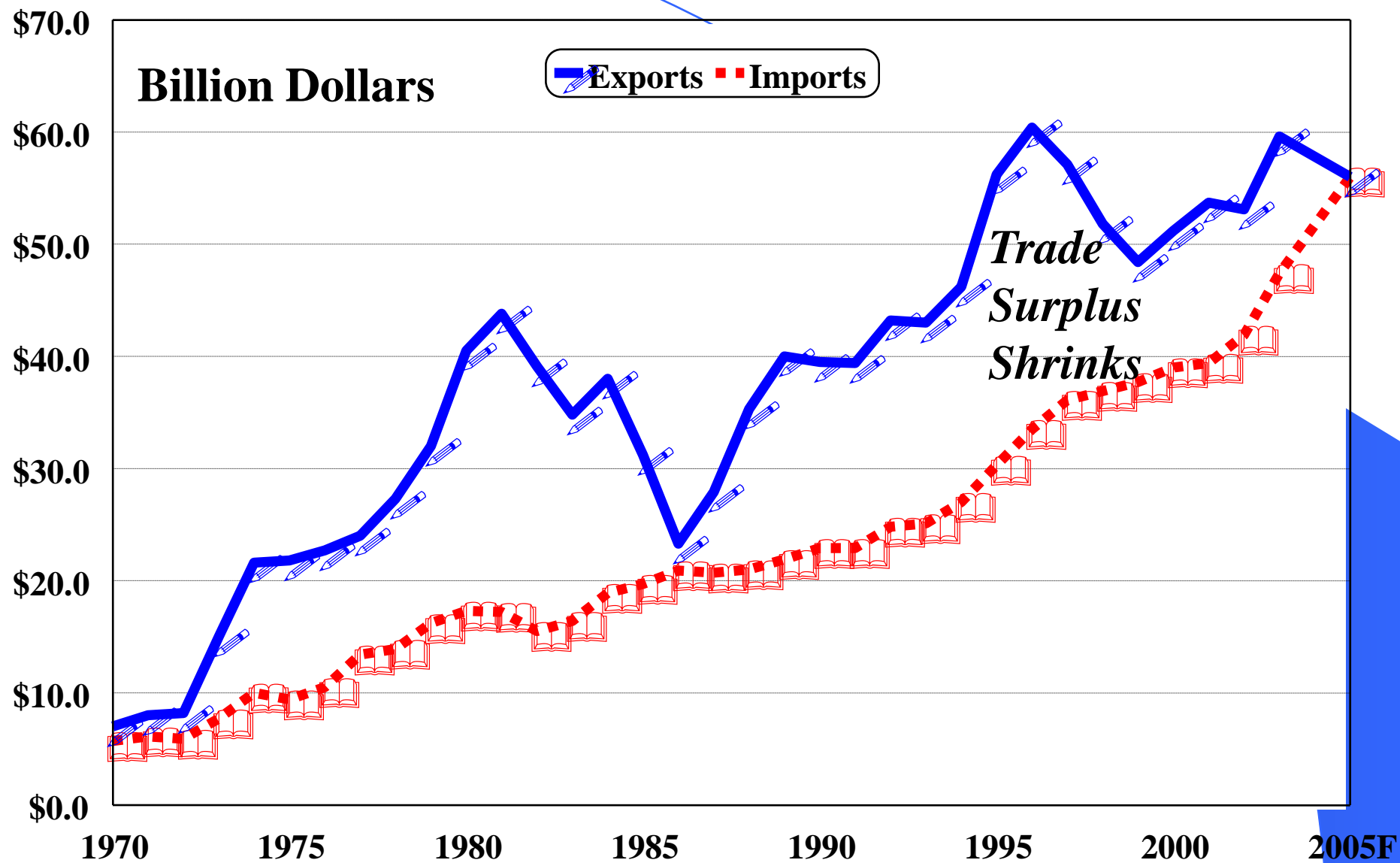


The Changing Climate of Trade

- Agroterrorism
- Animal Disease Outbreaks
- New Agreements & Disputes



U.S. Agricultural Trade, 1970-2005F



Source: U.S. Trade Internet System, www.fas.usda.gov/ustrade

Securing U.S. Infrastructure

Border/Trade Infrastructure

- 5,252 mile border with Canada
- 1,989 mile border with Mexico
- 300 Land Ports of Entry-Exit
- 95,000 miles Coastline & Waterways
- 300 U.S. Seaports
- 429 Commercial Airports

*U.S. Customs/Immigration Agents in
Canada & More Ag. Inspectors*



Agroterror & Protective Response

- **Post CUSTA/NAFTA-Who's in Charge??**
Increased Truck/Rail/Noncommercial Traffic
Focus on Drug Interdiction, Expediting
Cargo & Illegal Immigration
- **9/11/01- "*Crease In History*"**
 - **U.S. Customs in Charge at Borders**
- **Focus on Terrorism, Illegal Immigration, Drugs, Expediting Cargo**

New Agencies & Rules

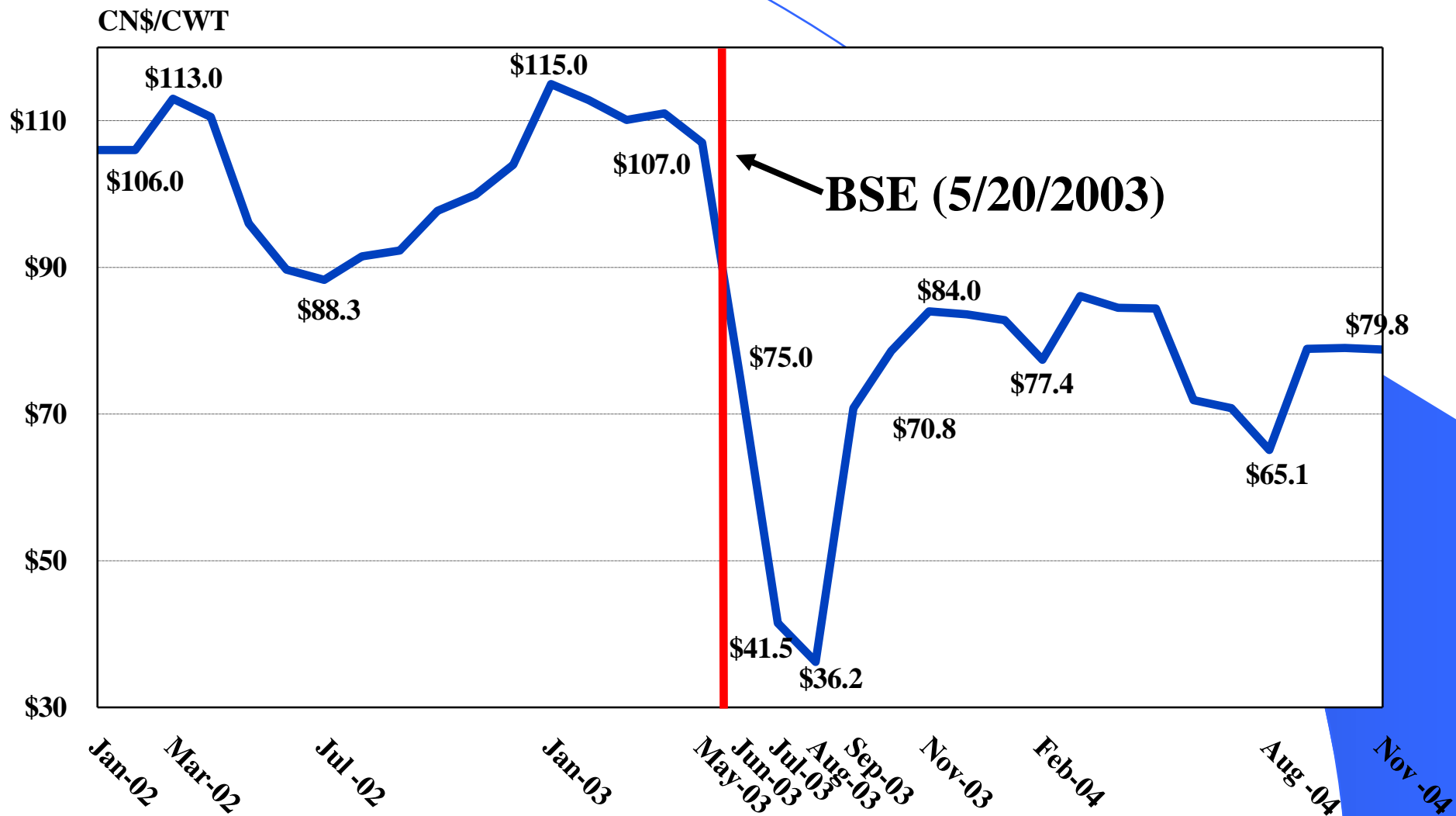
- **Dept. of Homeland Security**
 - APHIS Inspectors Included
 - FDA Not Included
- **Bioterrorism Preparedness Act 2002**
 - Administered by FDA
 - Register
 - Notify
 - Keep Records
- ***US Borders 'Last Line of Defense'
Not First***



Mad Cows & Other Monsters!!



Alberta, Canada Direct Sale Steer Prices, Mid-month Mid-point, Jan 02 - Nov 04

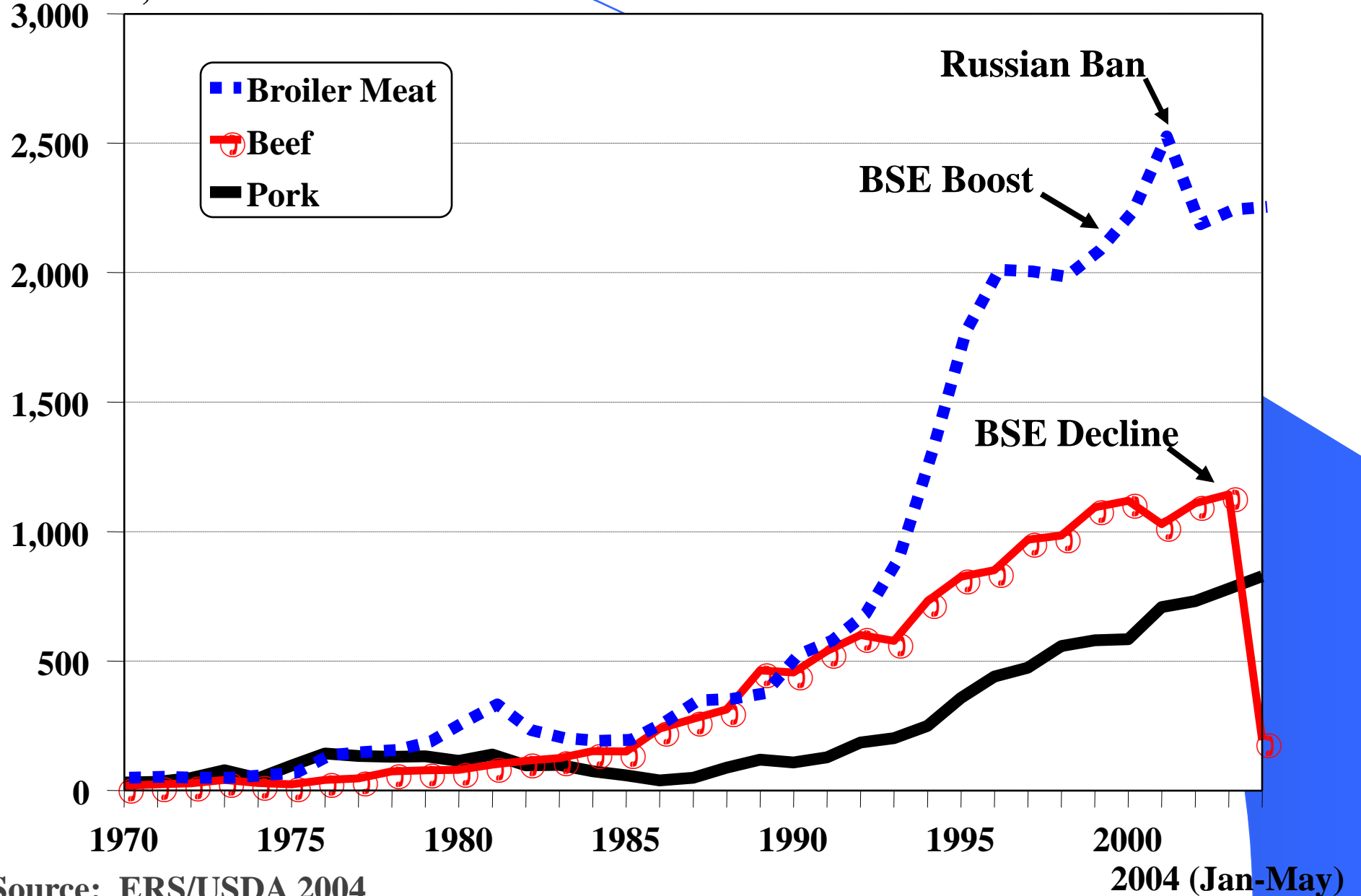
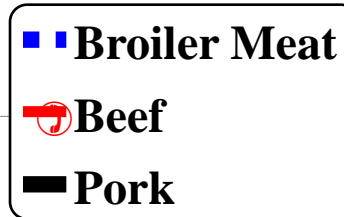


US Fed Cattle Futures, Nov 03-Jan 04



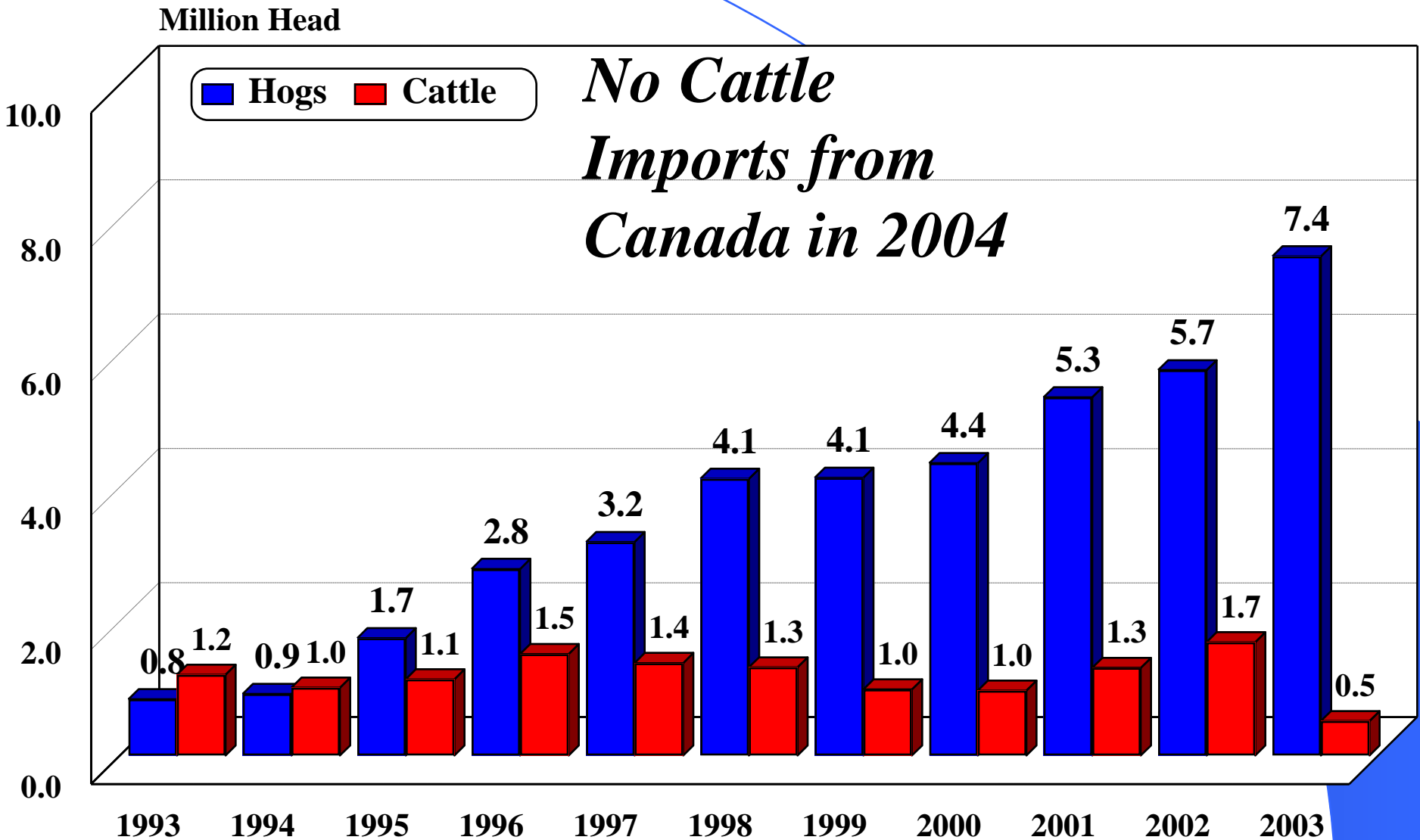
U.S. Meat Exports, 1970-May 2004

1,000 Metric Tons

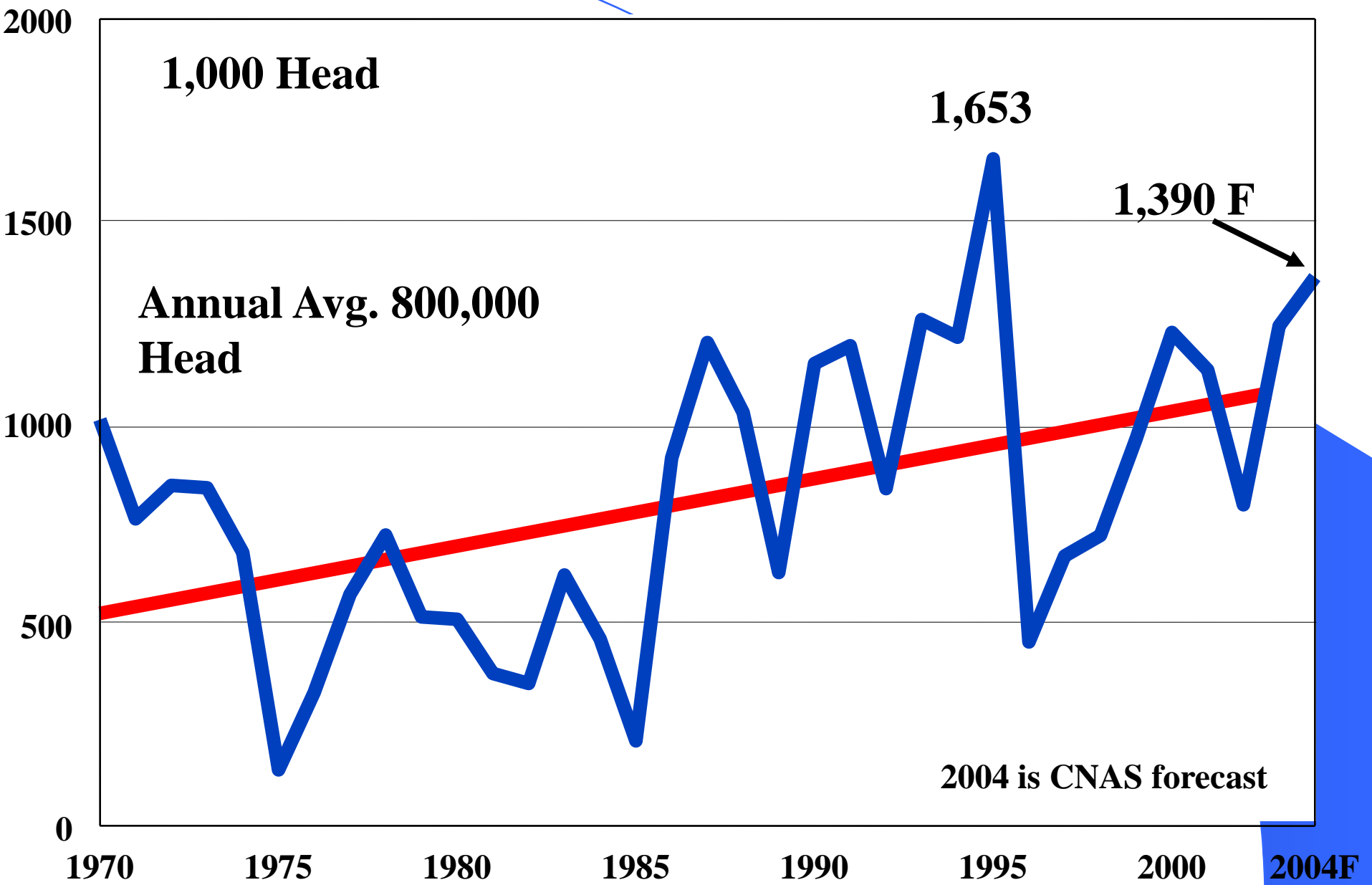


Source: ERS/USDA 2004

U.S. Cattle and Hog Imports from Canada



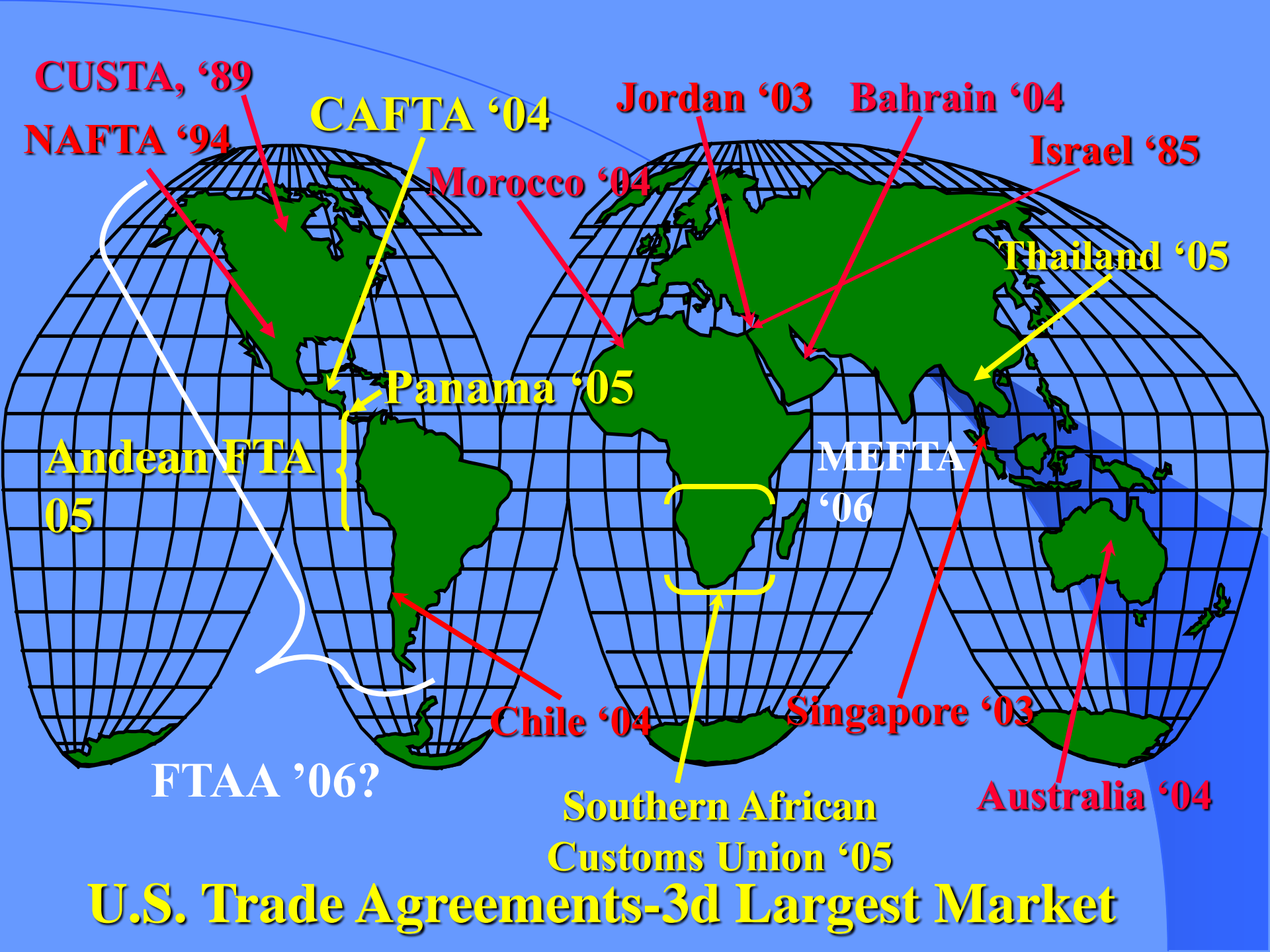
US Cattle Imports from Mexico



New Agreements

- U.N. Biosafety Protocol
 - United States Not a Member
- Trade Agreements: 8 Approved, 8 + Pending
- WTO Negotiations-Doha Round
- Trade Agreements w/Chile, Australia, Others





CUSTA, '89
NAFTA '94

CAFTA '04

Jordan '03 Bahrain '04

Israel '85

Morocco '04

Thailand '05

Panama '05

Andean FTA
05

MEFTA
'06

Chile '04

Singapore '03

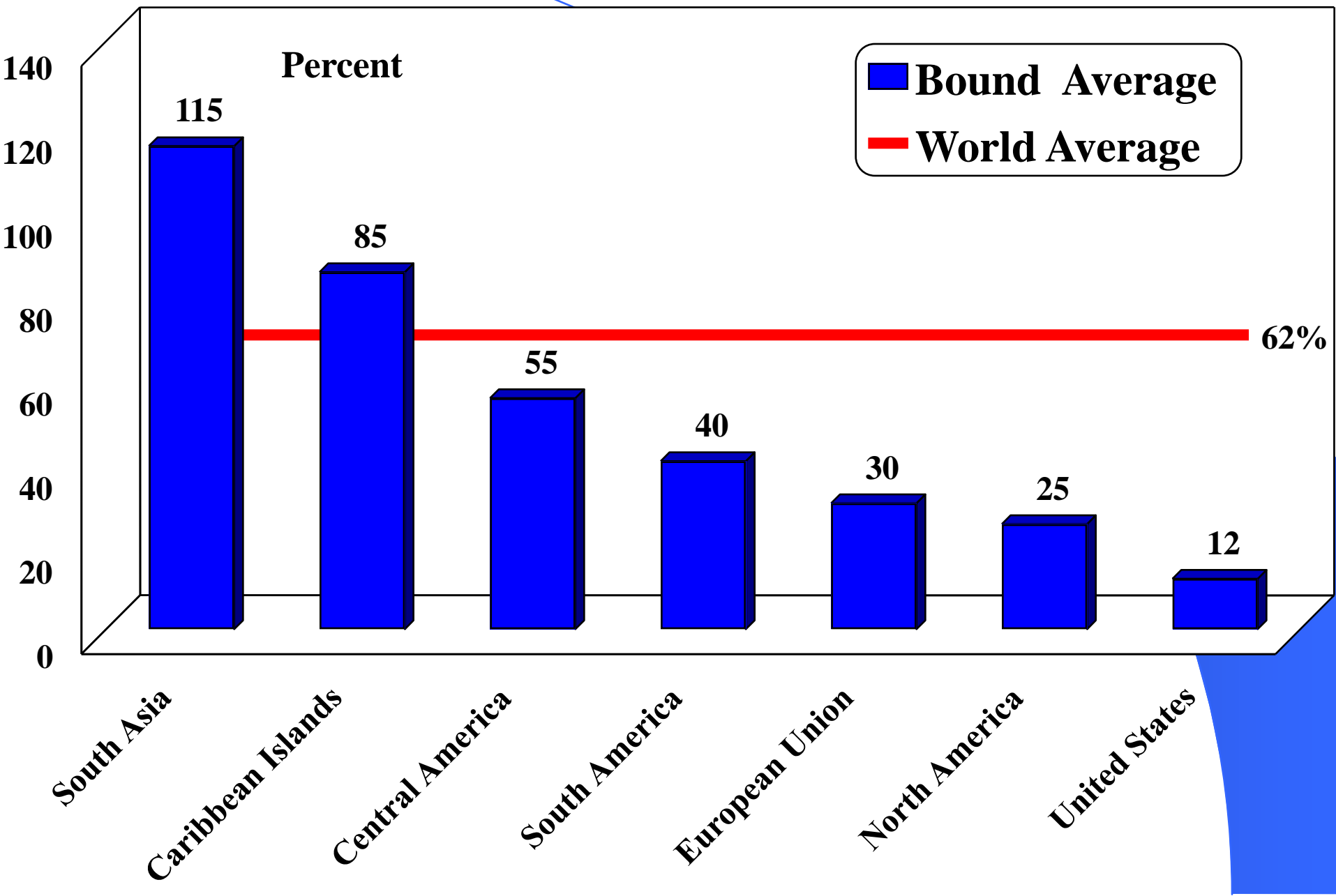
Australia '04

FTAA '06?

Southern African
Customs Union '05

U.S. Trade Agreements-3d Largest Market

World Average Agricultural Tariffs, 2000



Frankenfoods!



Jumping Genes!

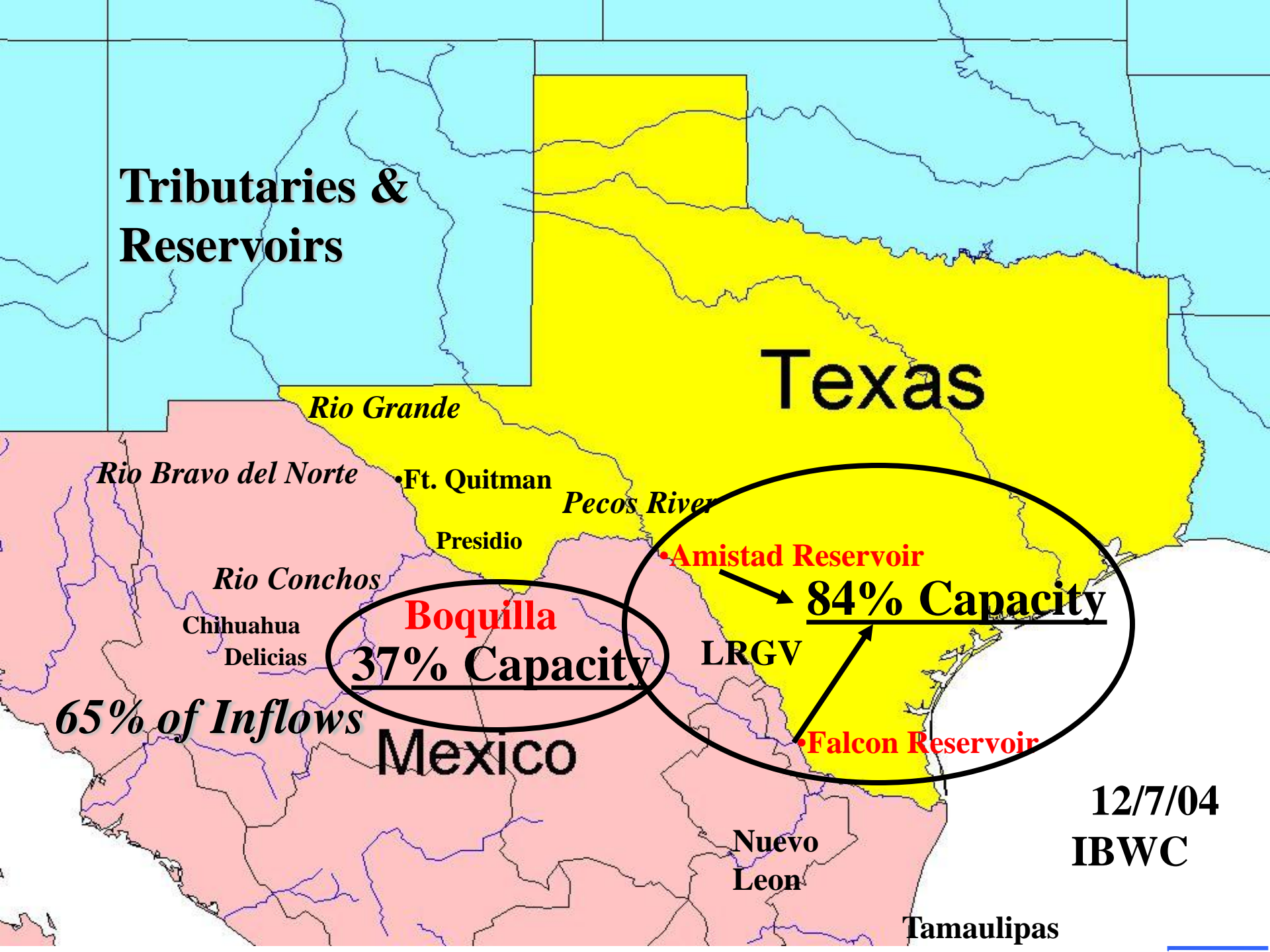


Disputes

- Mexico Transgenic Maize
- EU & China GMO Rules
- U.S./Mexico Water Dispute
- Anti-dumping Disputes, Mostly NAFTA (lumber & hogs)
- Canadian Cattle Lawsuit
- WTO Cotton Case Ruling Due March '05



Tributaries & Reservoirs



Implications

- Complex, Convoluteds Issues
- Degree of Trade Dependence Determines Potential Severity Disruptions to Trade
- Managing U.S. Borders Huge Job
- As Trade Agreements Implemented, Expect More Disputes
- WTO Cotton Case, Major Farm Program Implications
- U.S./Mexico Water Dispute Abated, Not Solved



Thanks!

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