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Pecan Commodity Workshop

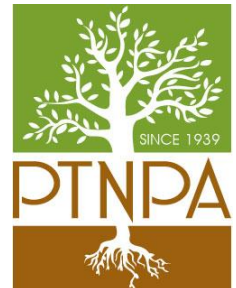
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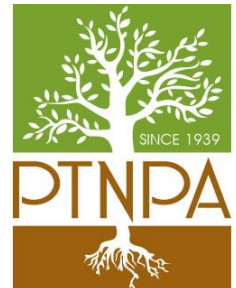
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Assumptions

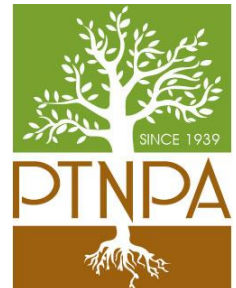
- ❖ USDA Crop Year: Oct 1 to Sept 30
 - ❖ Data directly relates to Crop Year (2011 data refers to the 2011 crop)
- ❖ FAS Crop Year: Aug 1 to July 31
 - ❖ FAS data relates to the year it is published and **not** the crop year (i.e. 2011 FAS data refers to the 2010 crop)
- ❖ Data on these slides correlate to crop year and not publication date



A Current State of Affairs

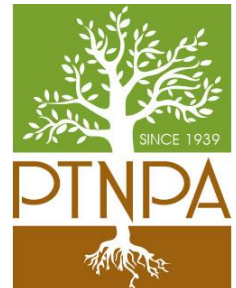
	2013	2014 (Est.)
Prior Year Carry-Out	175,003,000	171,626,000
US Crop	266,330,000	275,620,000
Mexican Imports to US	174,791,000	160,000.000
Total Supply	616,124,000	607,246,000
Carry-Out	171,626,000	109,000,000
Consumption	444,498,000	498,246,000

Note: Figures are expressed in pounds, inshell basis, and do not take into account US Inshell sent to Mexico for shelling. Meats are converted using industry standard 44% yield. 2013 Data Source: USDA NASS & FAS



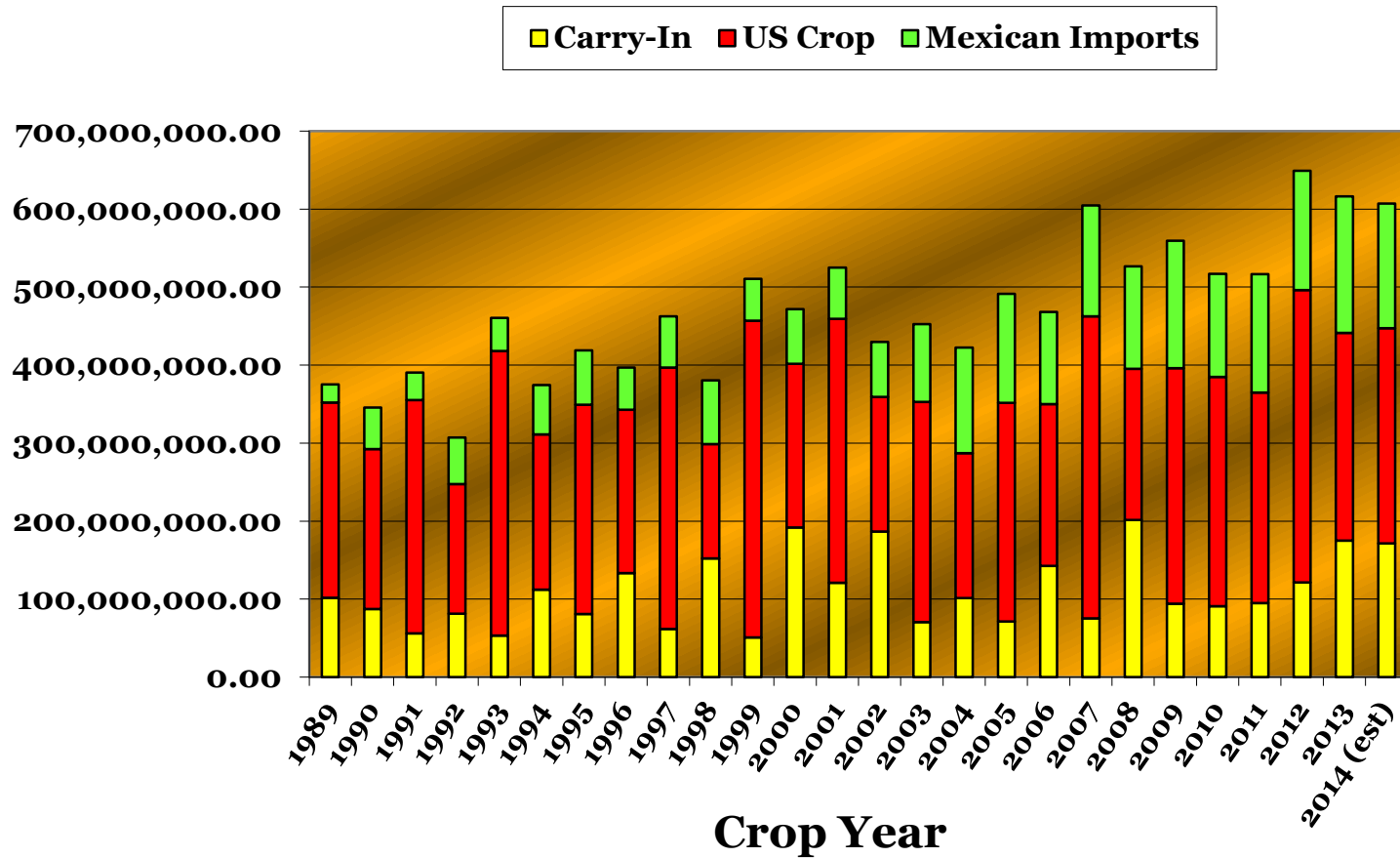
How Did We Get Here?

- ❖ Heavy Spring Rains in the Southeast
- ❖ Late Spring Freeze in the Southwest
- ❖ High Prices of Competing Nuts (Especially Walnuts)
- ❖ Disparity in Pricing of Pecan Pieces and Halves
- ❖ Cheap Meats from Mexico
- ❖ Cheap Prior-Year Prices on Natives



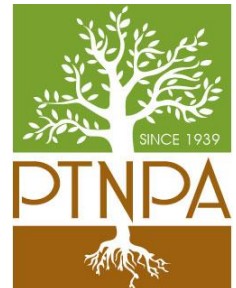
Domestic Supply

Pounds (Inshell Basis)

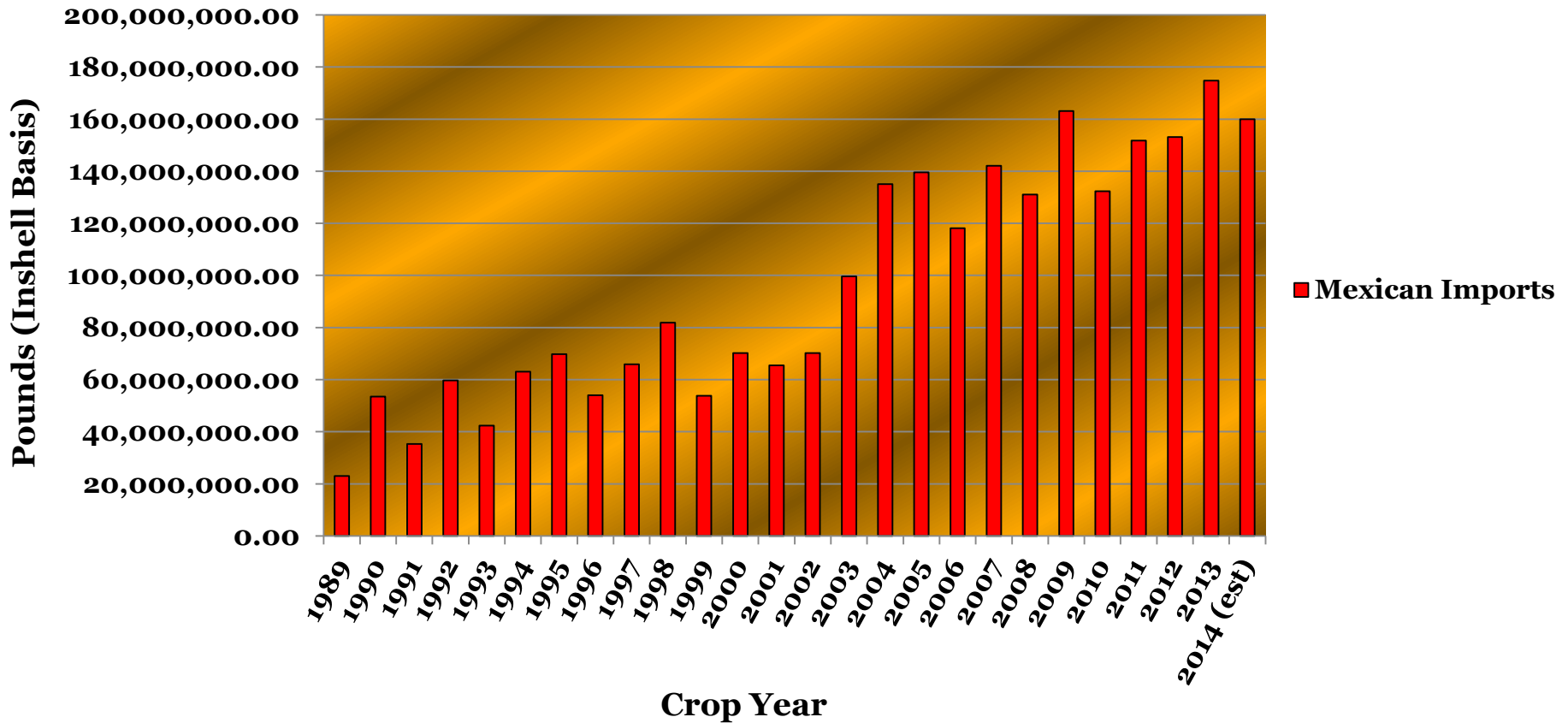


Source: USDA National Ag Statistics Service and Foreign Ag Statistics.

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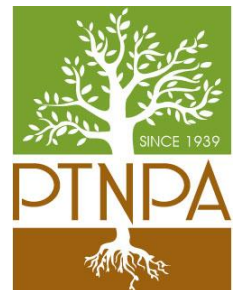
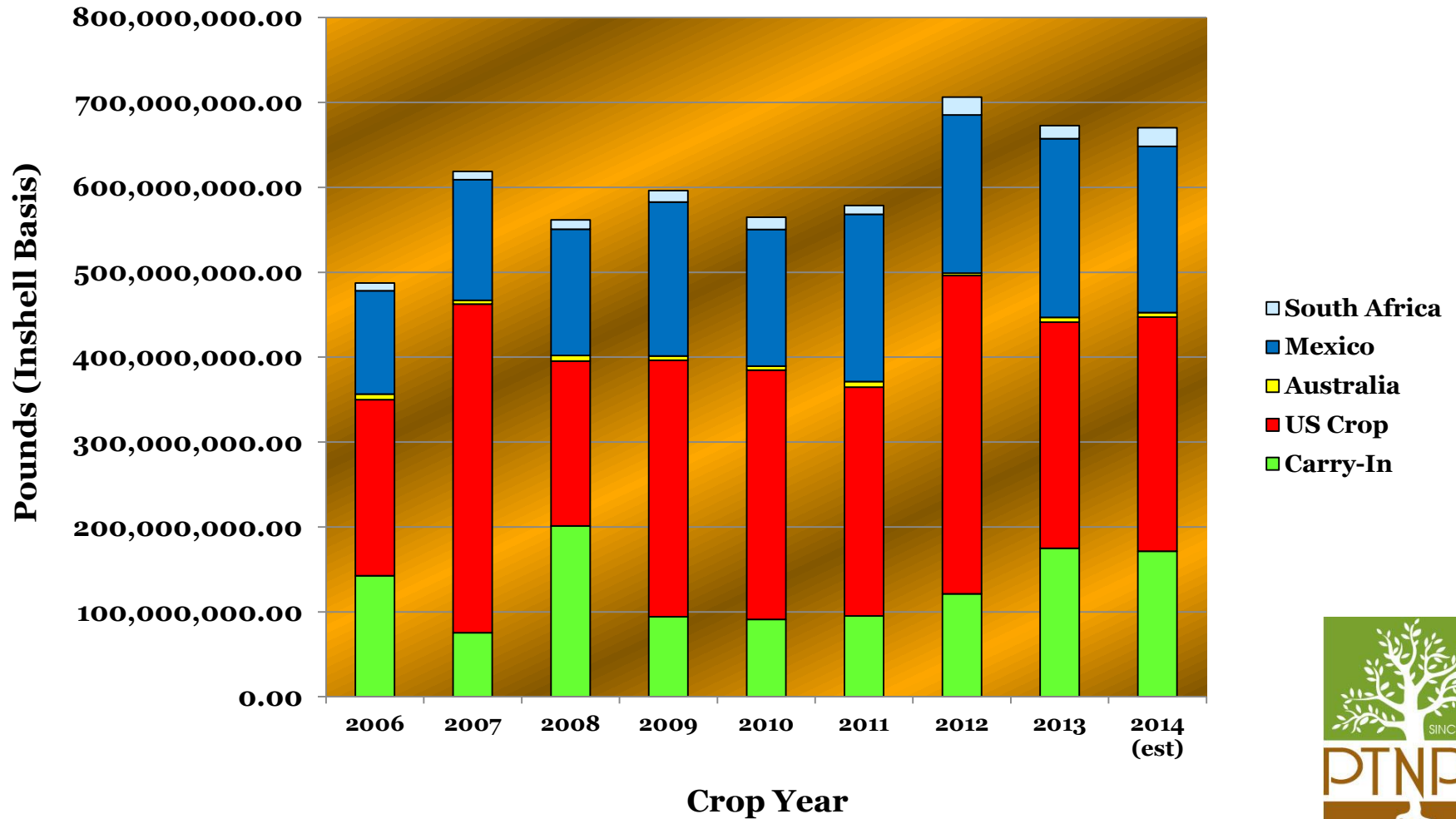


Mexican Exports to US

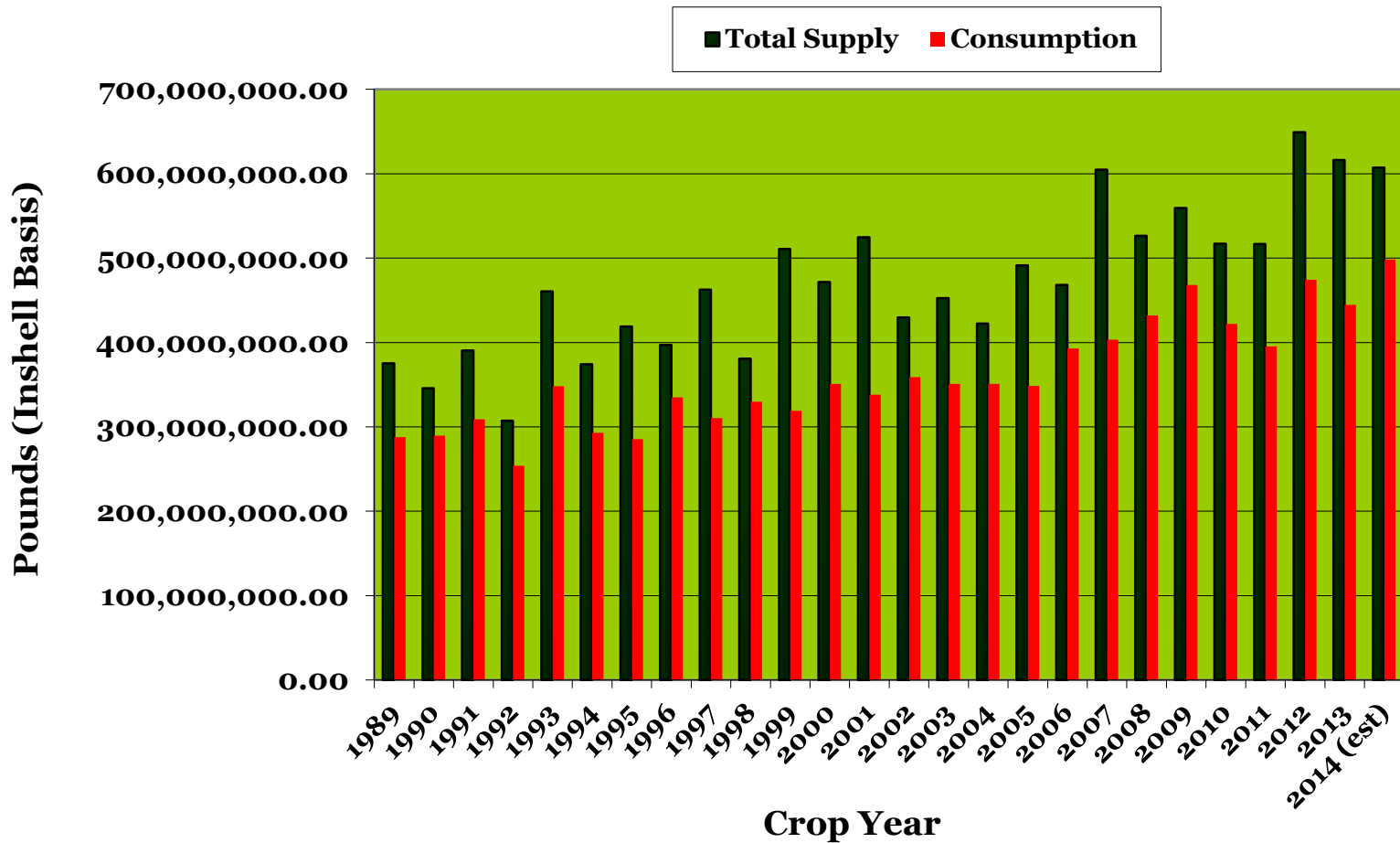


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World Supply

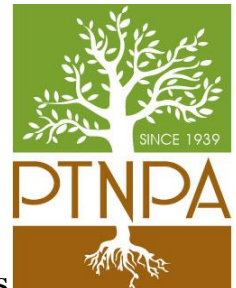


Supply vs Demand

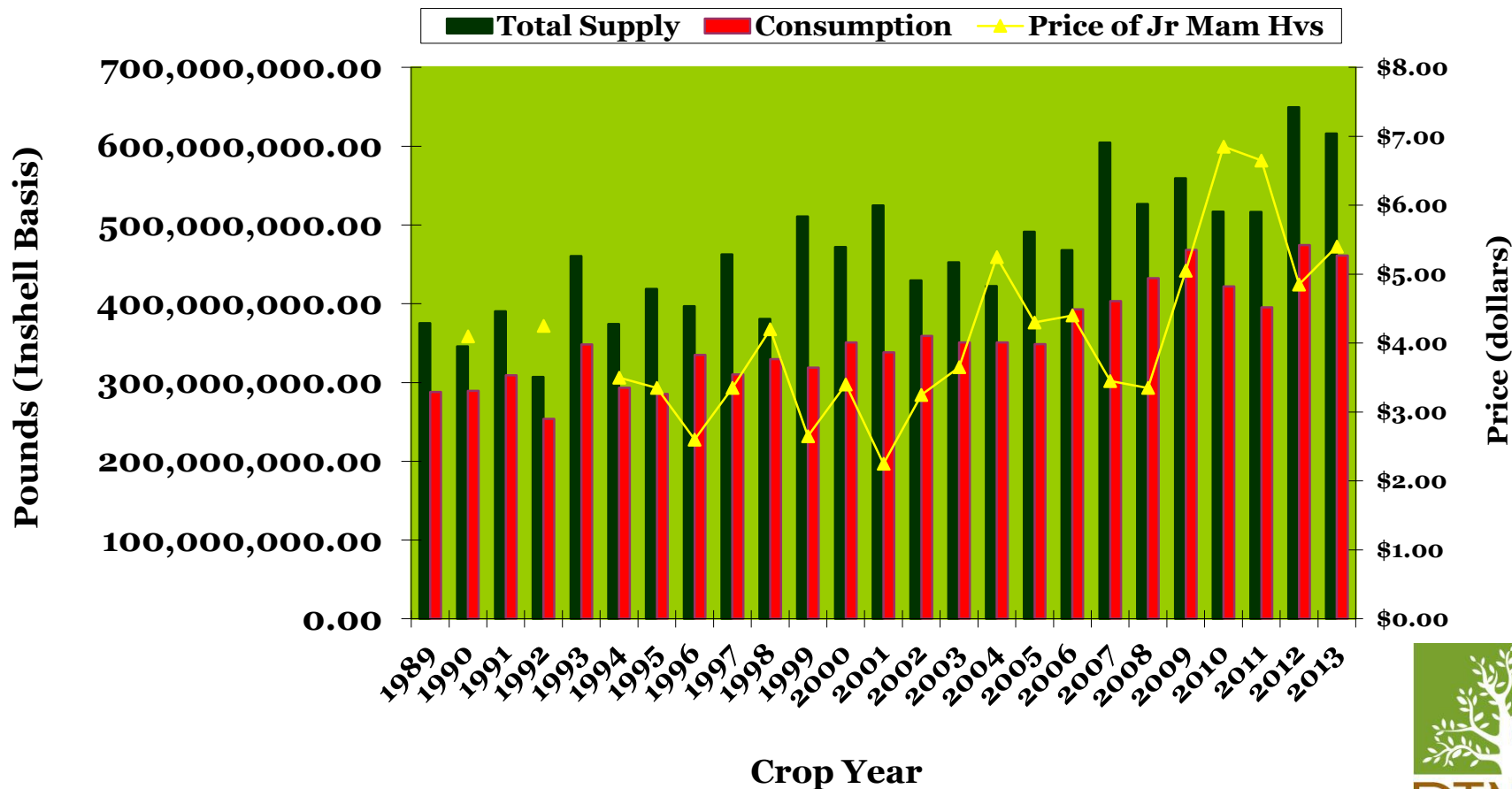


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Consumption vs. Supply vs. Price



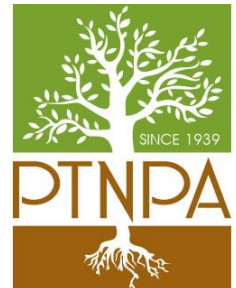
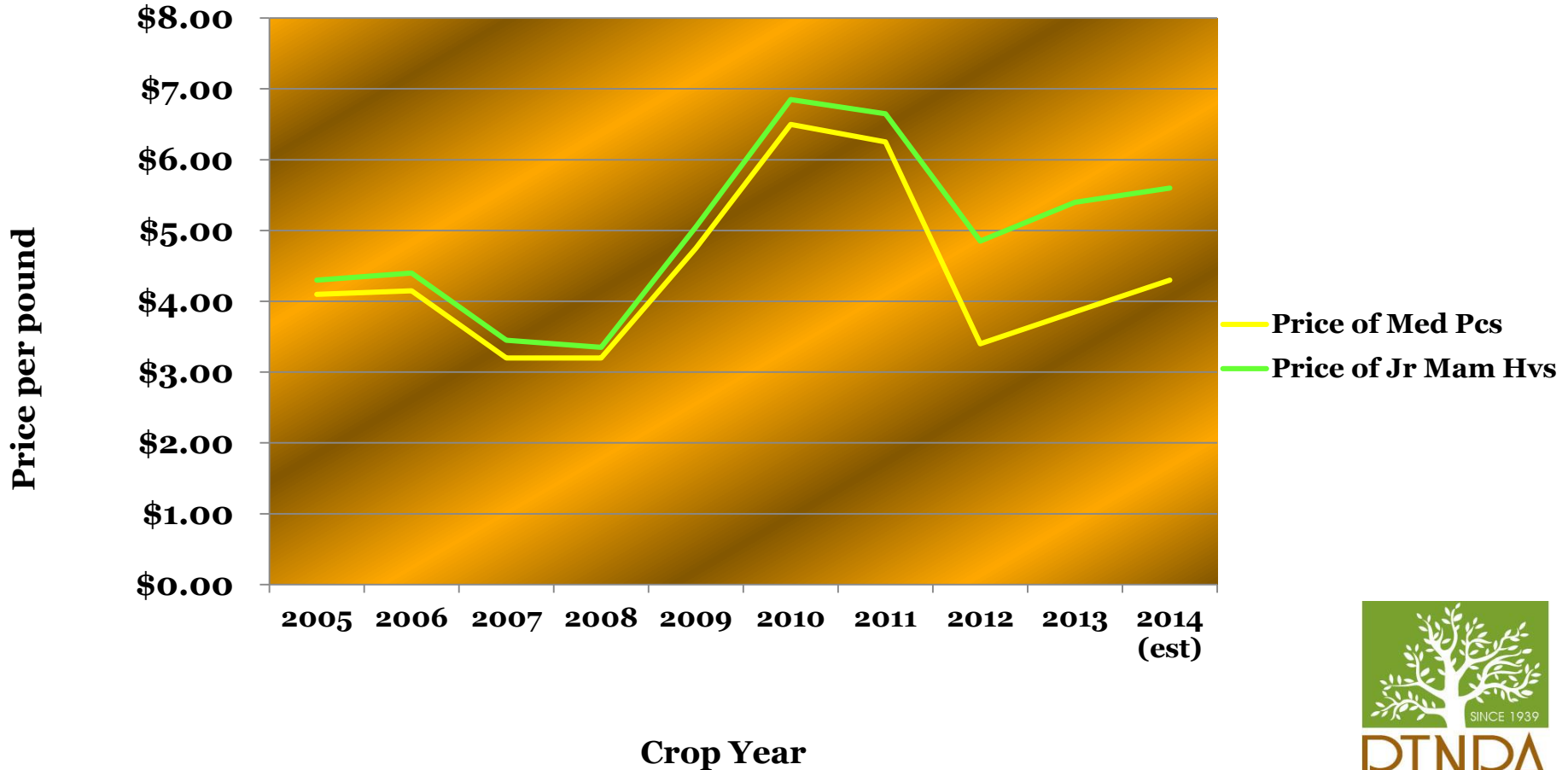
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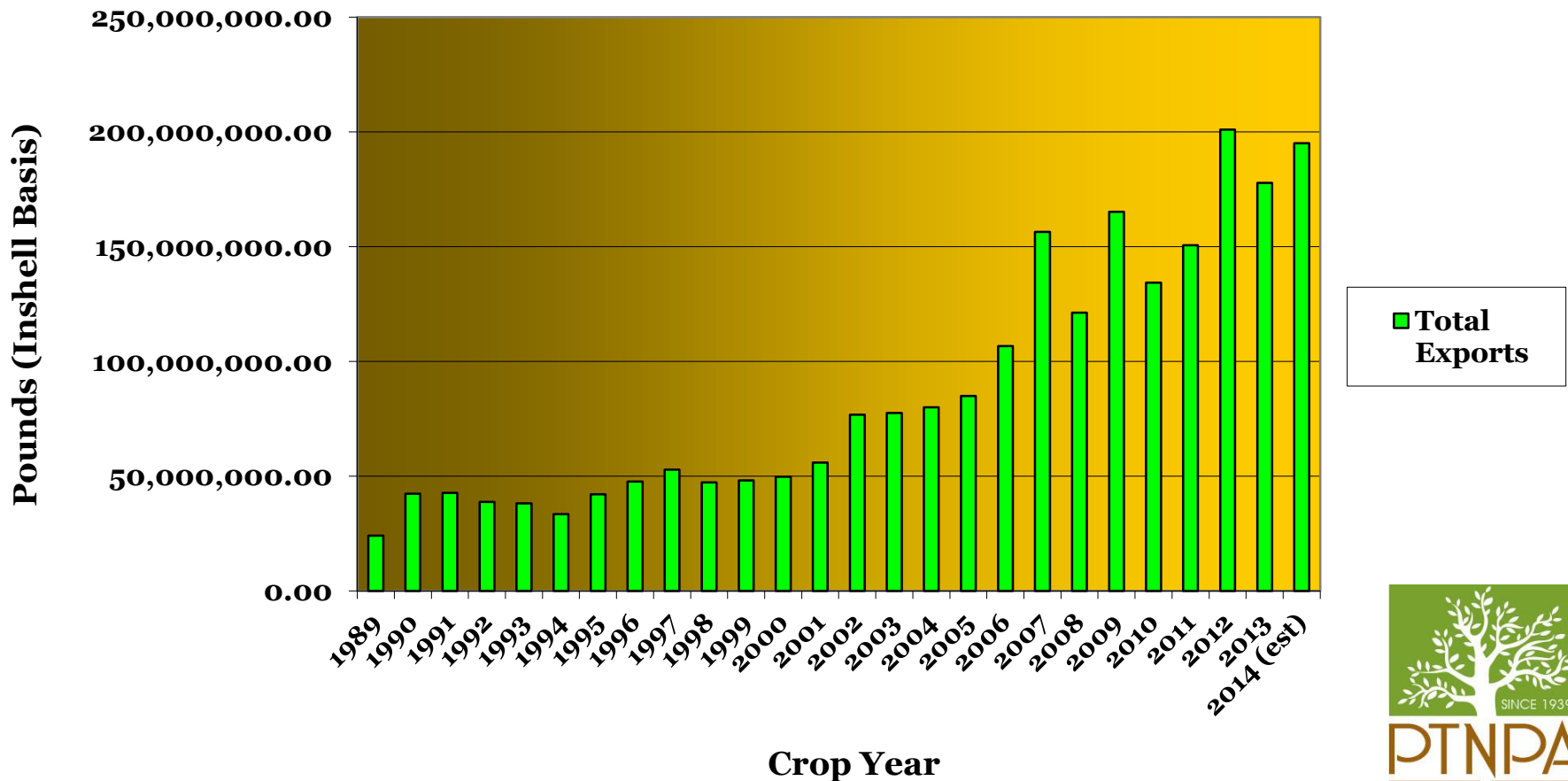
Prices are approximate January contract prices. (i.e. 2012 Crop prices are from Jan 2013 contracting)



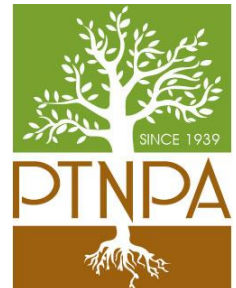
Price of Jr Mammoth Halves vs. Price of Medium Pieces



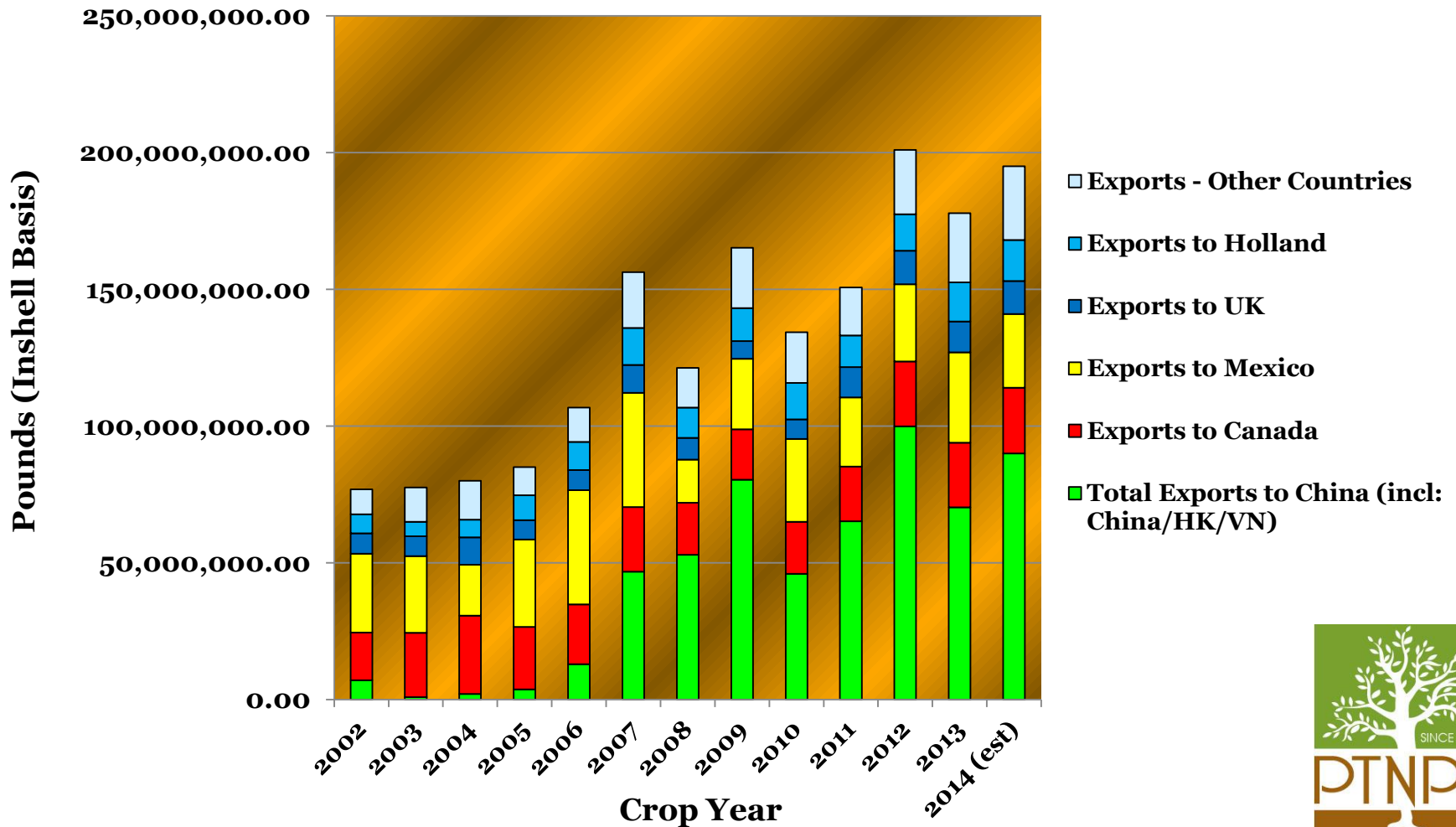
US Pecan Exports



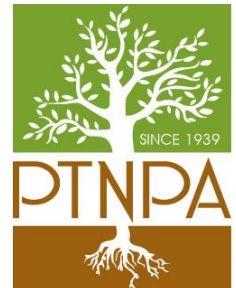
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US Pecan exports by country



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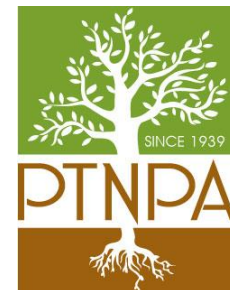


2013 Crop Year - US Pecan Exports by Country

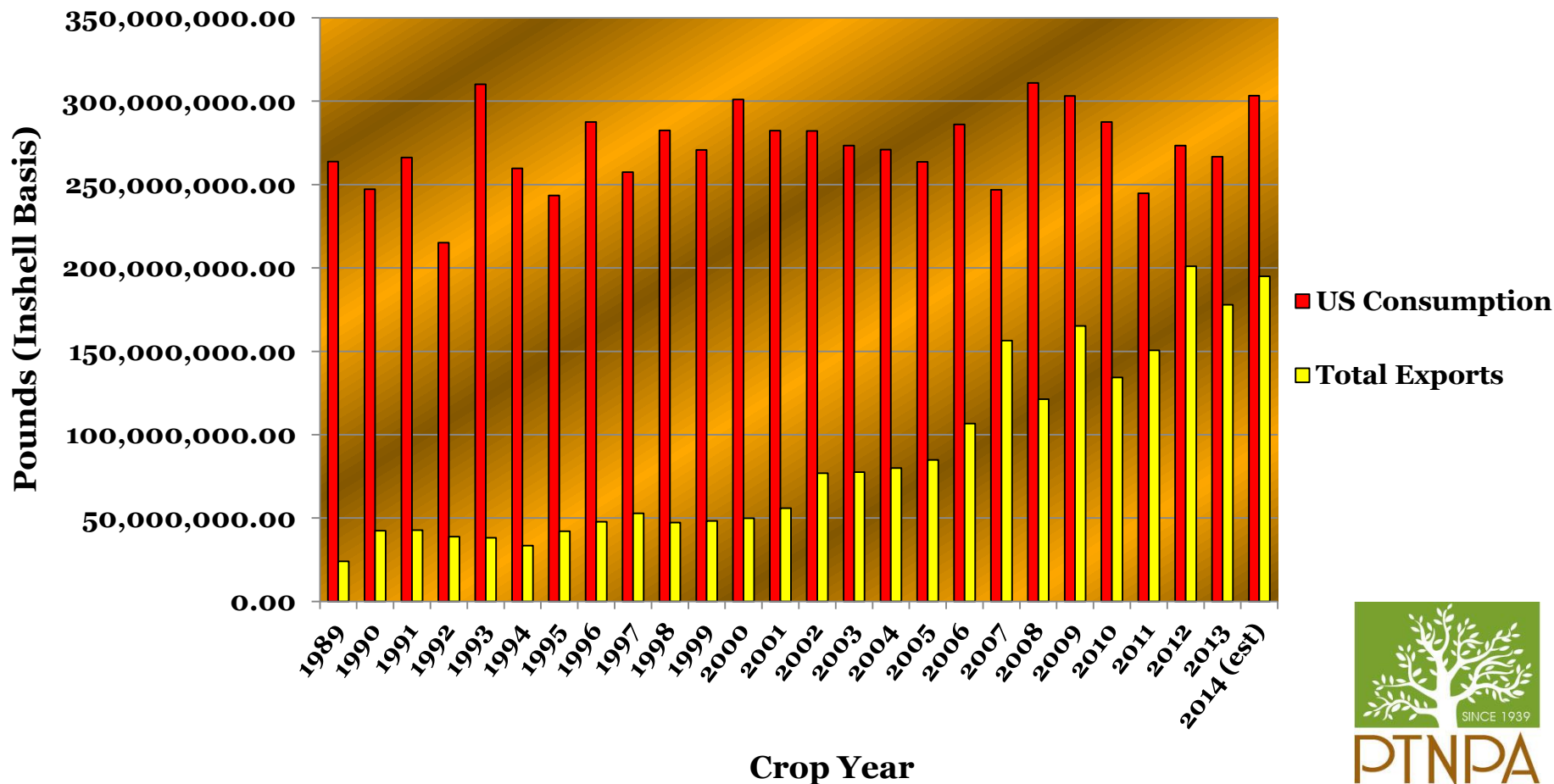
Country	2012 Crop Year	2013 Crop Year
China (China/HK/Vietnam)	99,897,667	70,257,269
Mexico	28,302,870	32,963,587
Canada	23,670,473	23,687,326
Holland	13,335,576	14,282,059
UK	12,191,063	11,309,645
Other Countries	23,555,458	25,332,126

Note: Exports are expressed in pounds, inshell basis. Meats were converted assuming industry standard 44% yield.

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US Pecan Consumption vs. US Pecan Exports



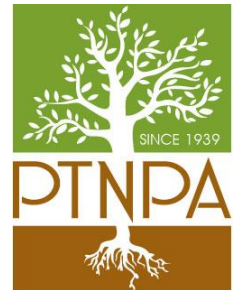
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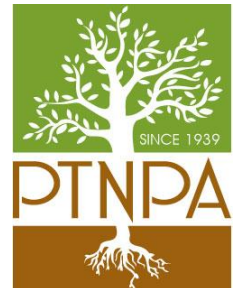
Industry Happenings

- ❖ Salmonella Prevalence Study
 - ❖ Completed 4 year study. Results-Levels on *inshell* pecans at or below levels of salmonella found on *shelled* almonds. Results submitted to FDA
- ❖ Tufts University Study
 - ❖ Study the impact of pecan consumption on heart disease in overweight people. Further document the high antioxidant levels in pecans & impact on other biomarkers of cardiovascular risk



Industry Happenings

- ❖ New Capital Infusion
 - ❖ National Pecan Co.
 - ❖ Purchases of Harrell Pecan & Tracy Luckey
- ❖ Possible Industry Marketing Order
 - ❖ American Pecan Board established May 2013
 - ❖ 2014-Industry meetings held
 - ❖ Jan 2015-Meet with FDA to consider specifics
 - ❖ Summer/Fall 2015-Present proposed Marketing order to Industry
 - ❖ Early 2016-Industry vote on order
 - ❖ Fall 2016-Implement order



Questions!!!

