

# Global soybean complex outlook 2019-20

**“trade policy trumps fundamentals”**

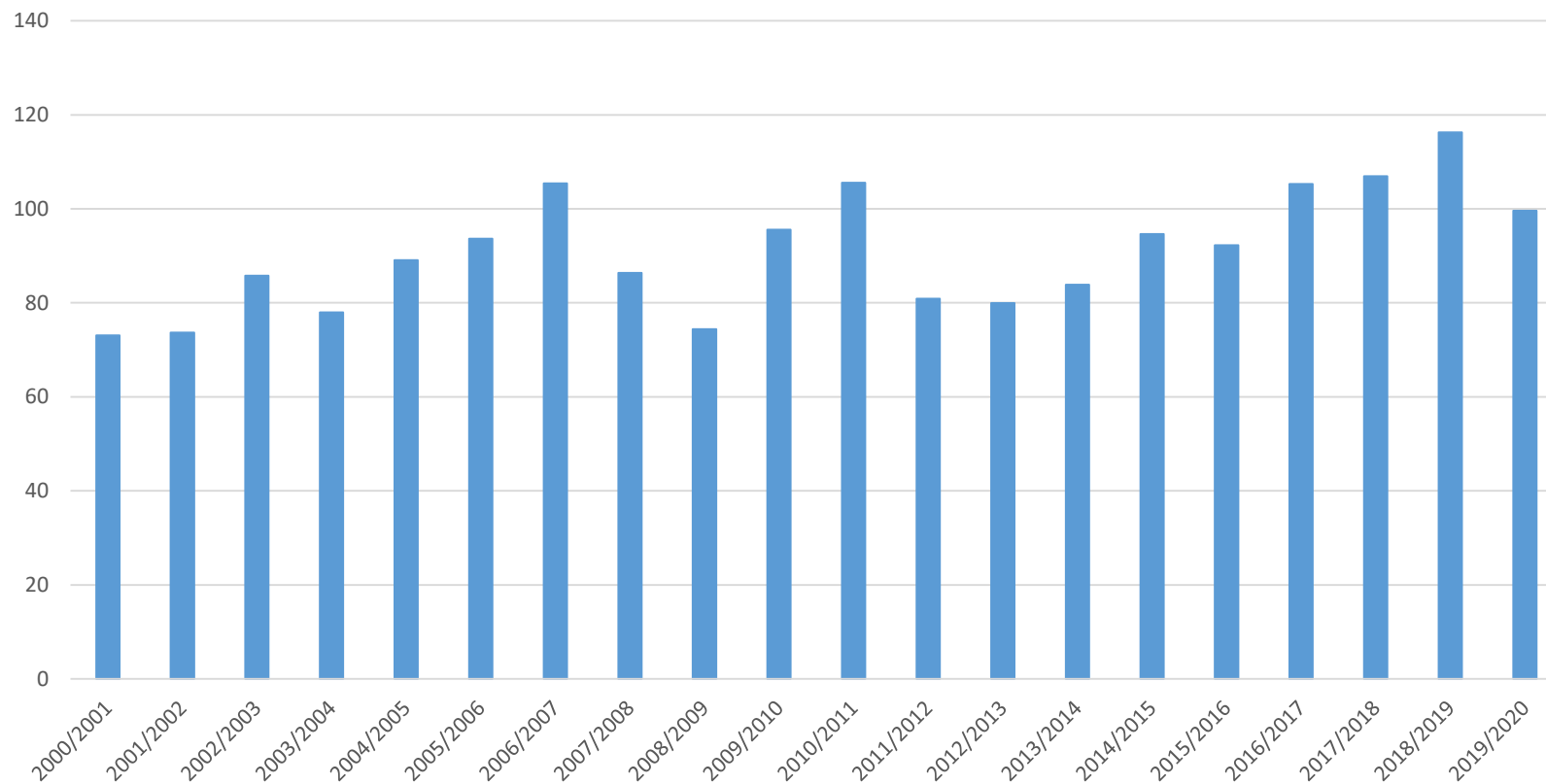
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## World soy supply cushion & the difference between now and previous years

World soybean supply cushion = 99.6 days



**World supply cushion = 99.6 days vs 116.1 days in 2018-19**

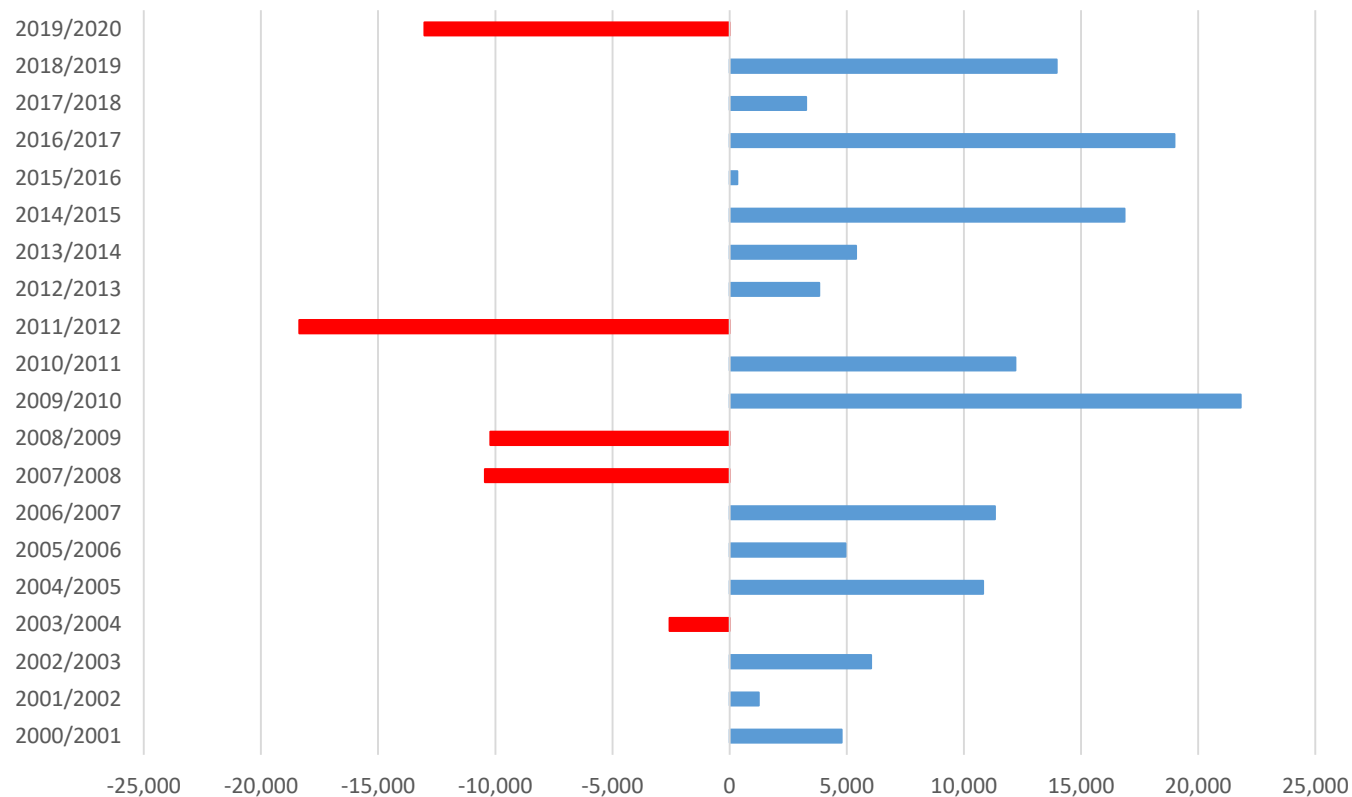
### Key points:

- Minor demand growth forecast for China
- Argentina returns to soybean monoculture
- Brazil weather – improving
- Rains on tap for Argentina

**Exportable supply cushion** – viewed more in a 60-55 day type scenario given where soybean stocks are located

## World soy production to fall 13MMT short in 2019-2020 ....

World soybean production vs consumption

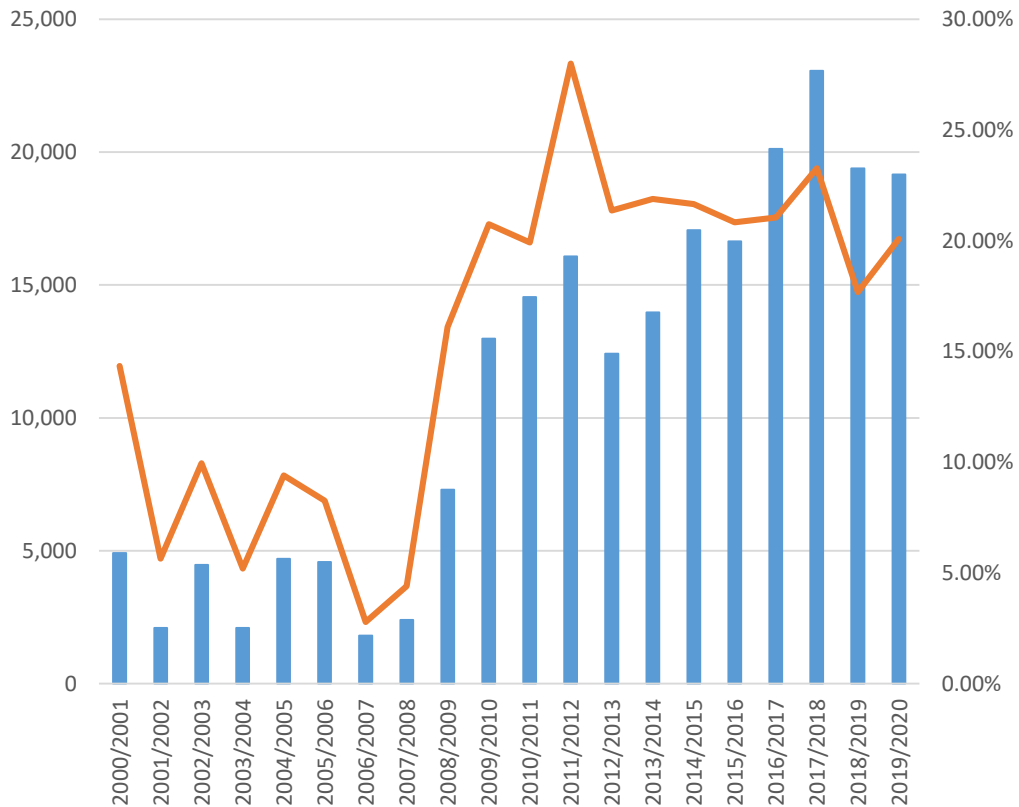


**World soy production is forecast to be 13MMT short of consumption forecasts** – the first time since 2011-2012. This is also with 200KMT growth in soy consumption by China

- **World demand** – forecast at +2.2%
- **China import demand** = 85MMT – too high?
- **China reserve buying** – with a building carry in the futures market and soybean prices at plus-decade low prices – does China move to build its domestic soy reserves?
- **South American production** – Brazil weather has improved. Rains in the forecast for Argentina. What happens to Argentina plantings for 2020-2021 with the return to a Peronist President (Kirchner 3.0) and export taxes on the grains

## ENDING STOCKS: the “never (rarely) export” + “tough to buy because of politics” storage tanks

China soy stocks - reserve building on tap for 2020?



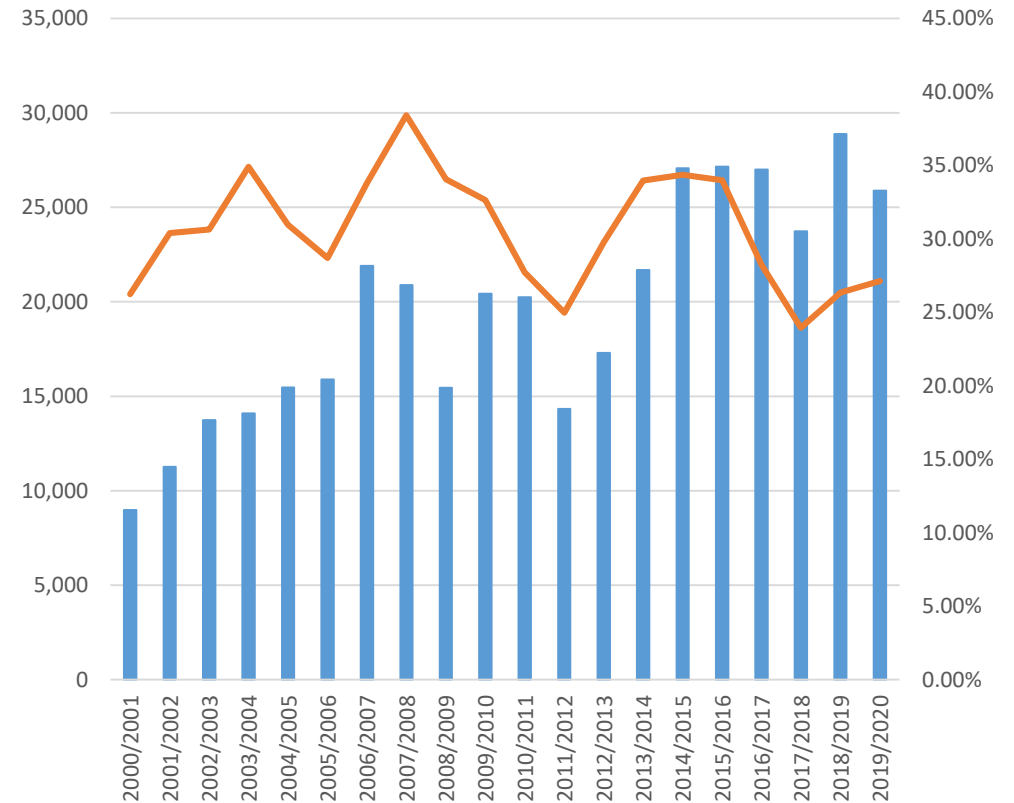
**MY2019-2020**  
supply cushion =  
99.6 days

**China holds 20%**  
= 20 days

**Argentina holds 27%**  
= ~27 days

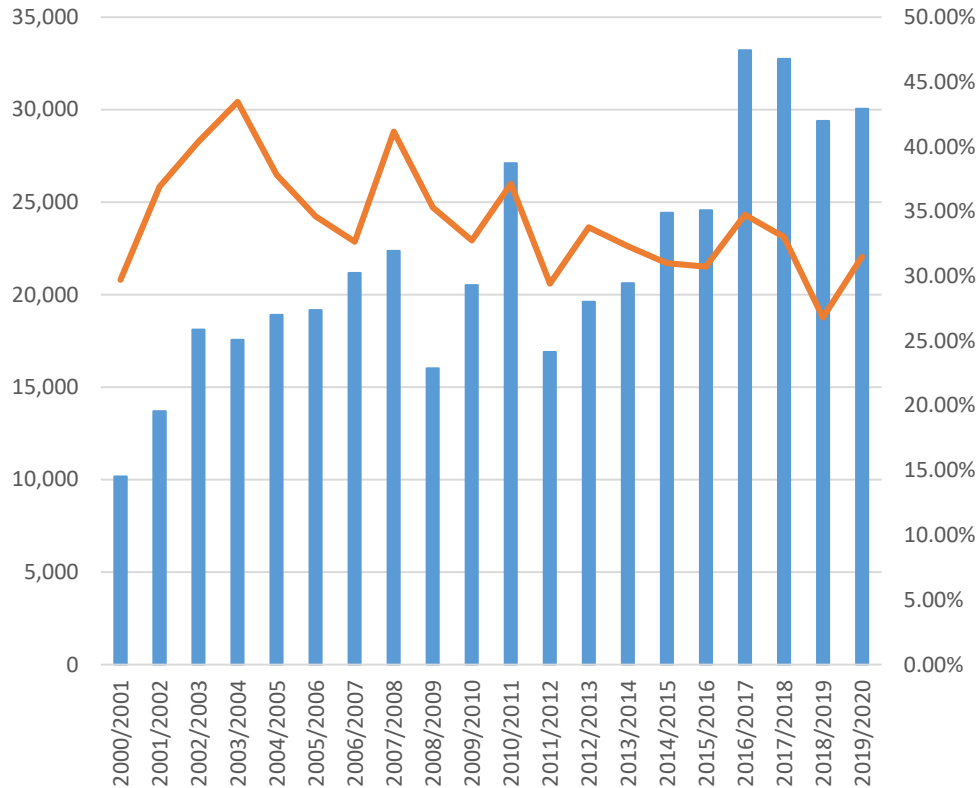
**Bottom-line –**  
the world  
soybean supply  
cushion is more  
in that 53 day  
range

Argentina soy stocks - return to Peron-Kirchner export tax



## ENDING STOCKS: the world's largest soybean exporter + U.S. "transition" to global storage tank

Brazil soy stocks - world's largest exporter to store 31%



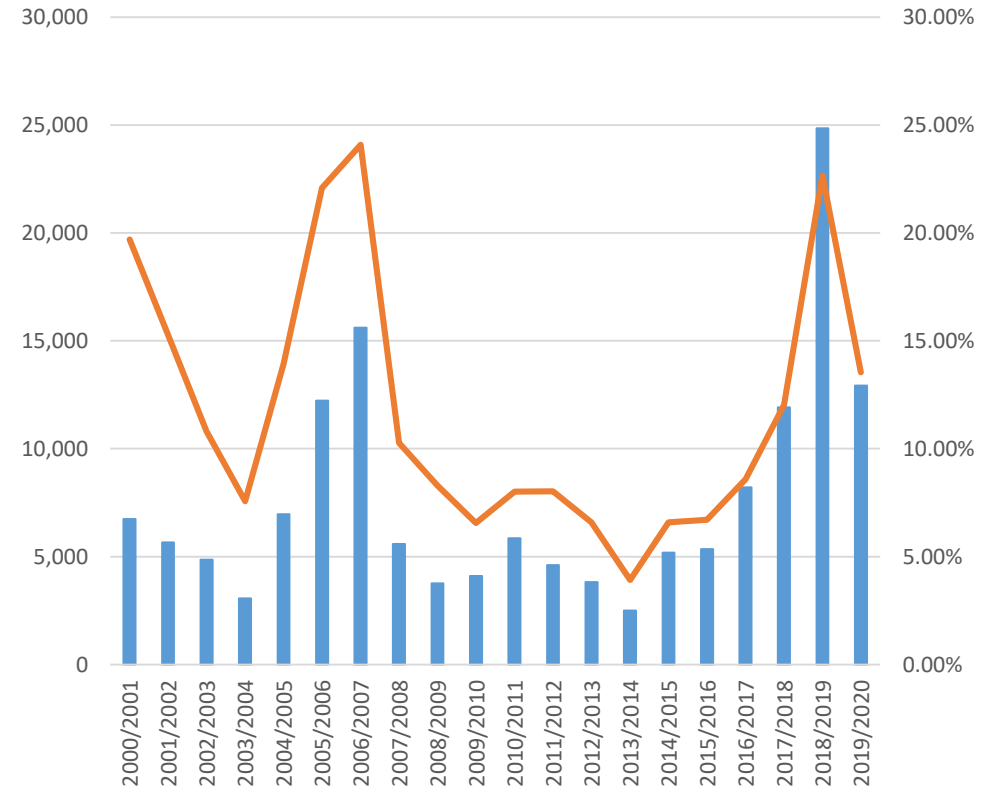
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**Brazil - the world's  
largest exporter +  
favored origin to  
China holds 31% =  
31.6 days**

**U.S. – 2<sup>nd</sup> largest  
exporter to store  
13.5% or 13.5 days  
– transparent  
backstop for world  
buyers**

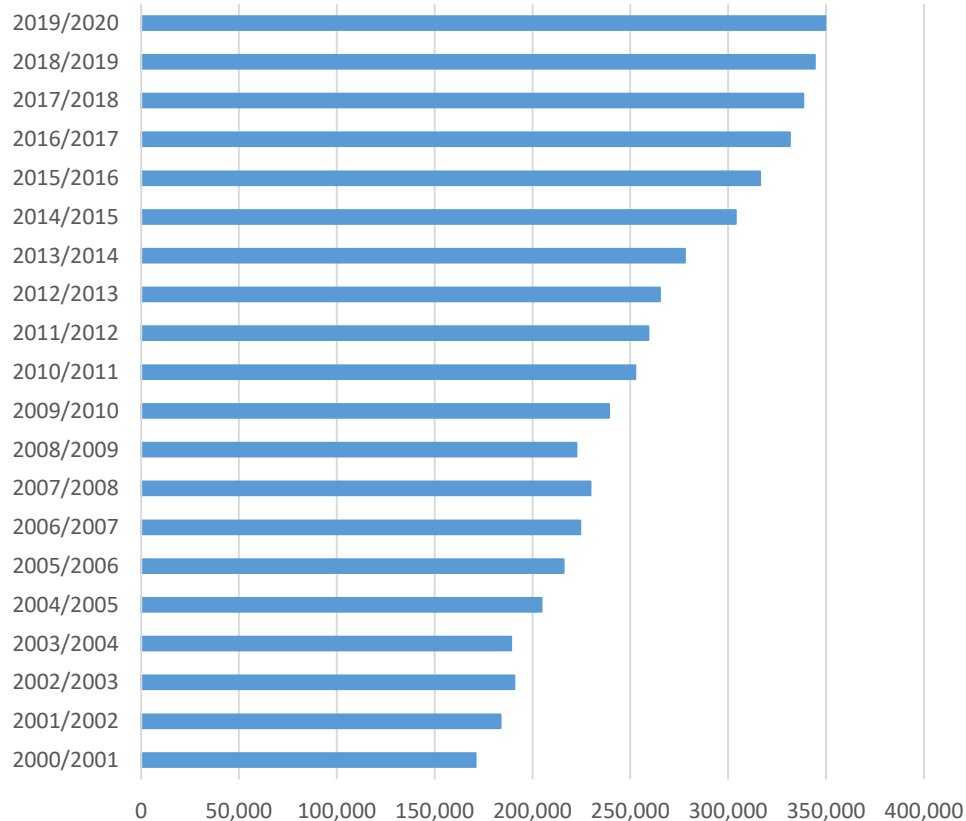
**2 exporters  
account = 45 days**

U.S. soy stocks - world's 2nd largest exporter to store 13.5%



## World soybean consumption closes in at 1MMT / day with minimal growth forecast for China

World soybean demand = 349.6MMT -or +1.6%

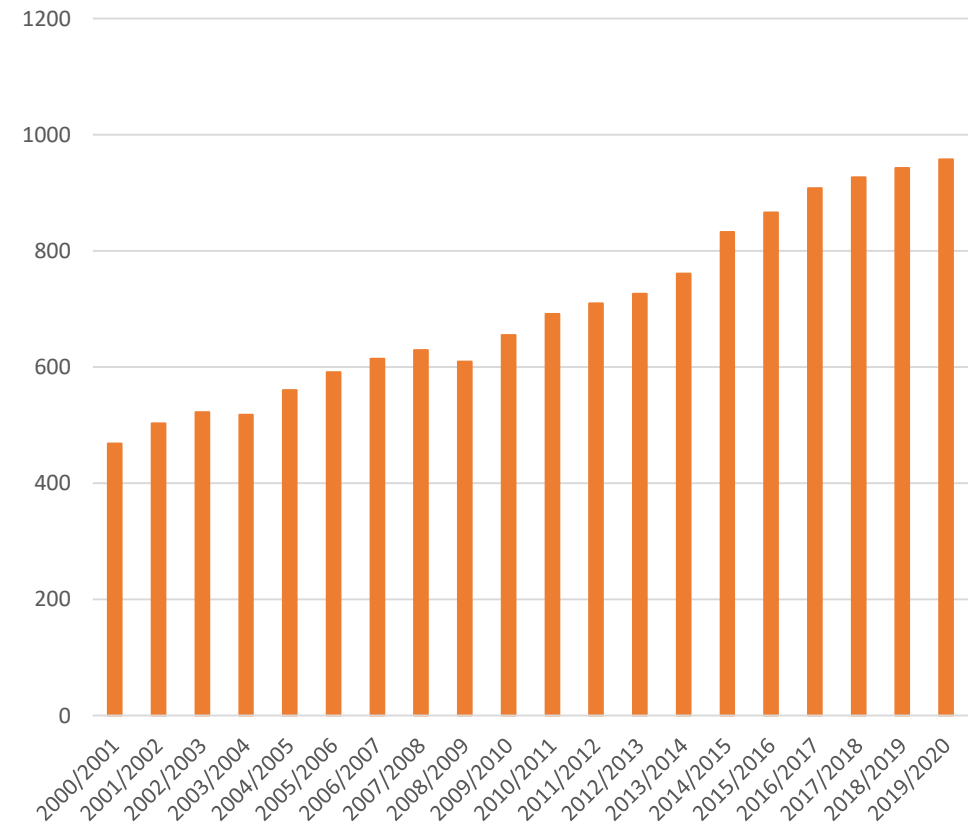


**World soybean consumption** at nearly 1MMT / day (957.8KMT / day)

**World soy demand** – led by the global dietary shift + increase in animal protein demand + \$\$

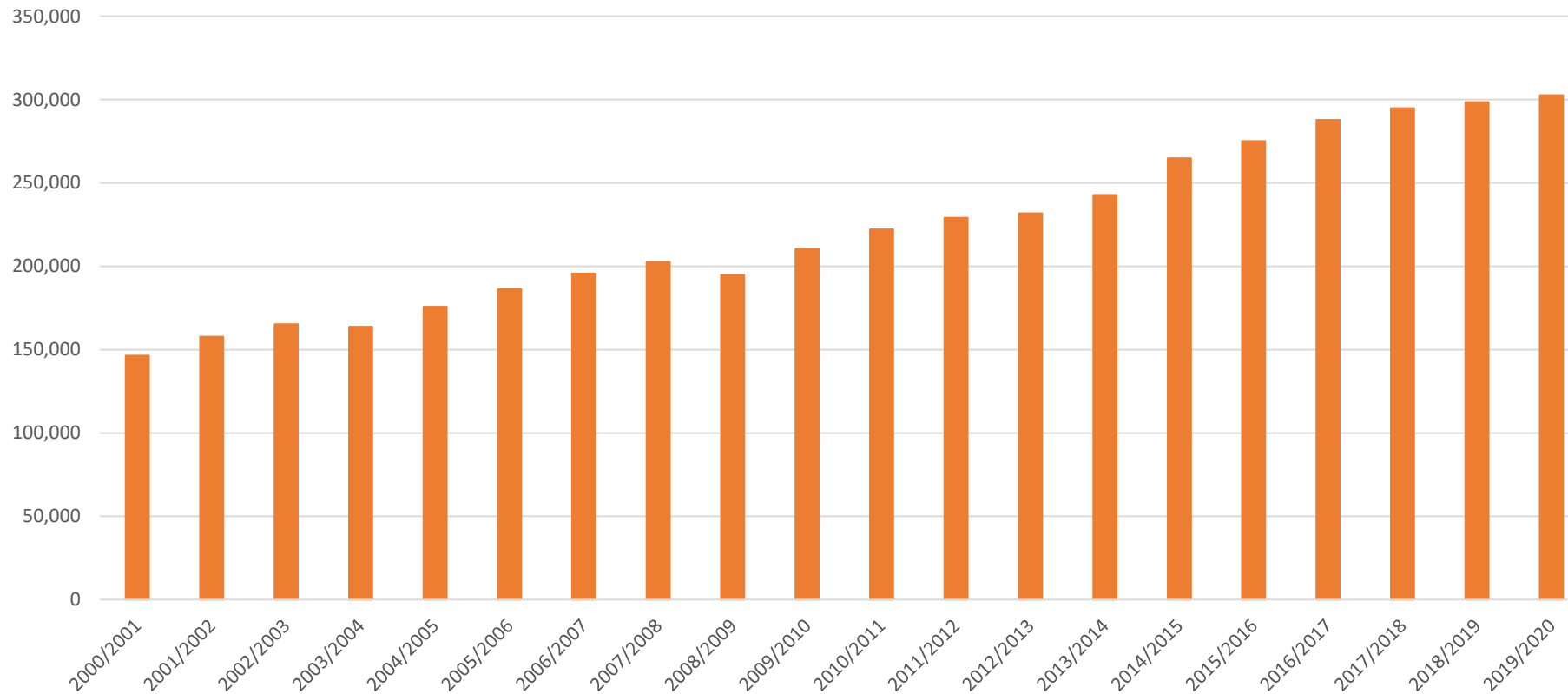
**China forecast** for “only” 200KMT demand growth in 2019-2020 vs 2018-19 (vs -4.3MMT decline LY). Compared to 2.8MMT & 7.6MMT the previous 2 years

World daily soybean consumption = 957.8KMT / day



## Global crush margins – challenging \$\$ environment versus last year

World soybean crush - flattening = 302.7MMT (+1.4%)



**Europe** – do they imports more soymeal or soybeans in 2019-2020?

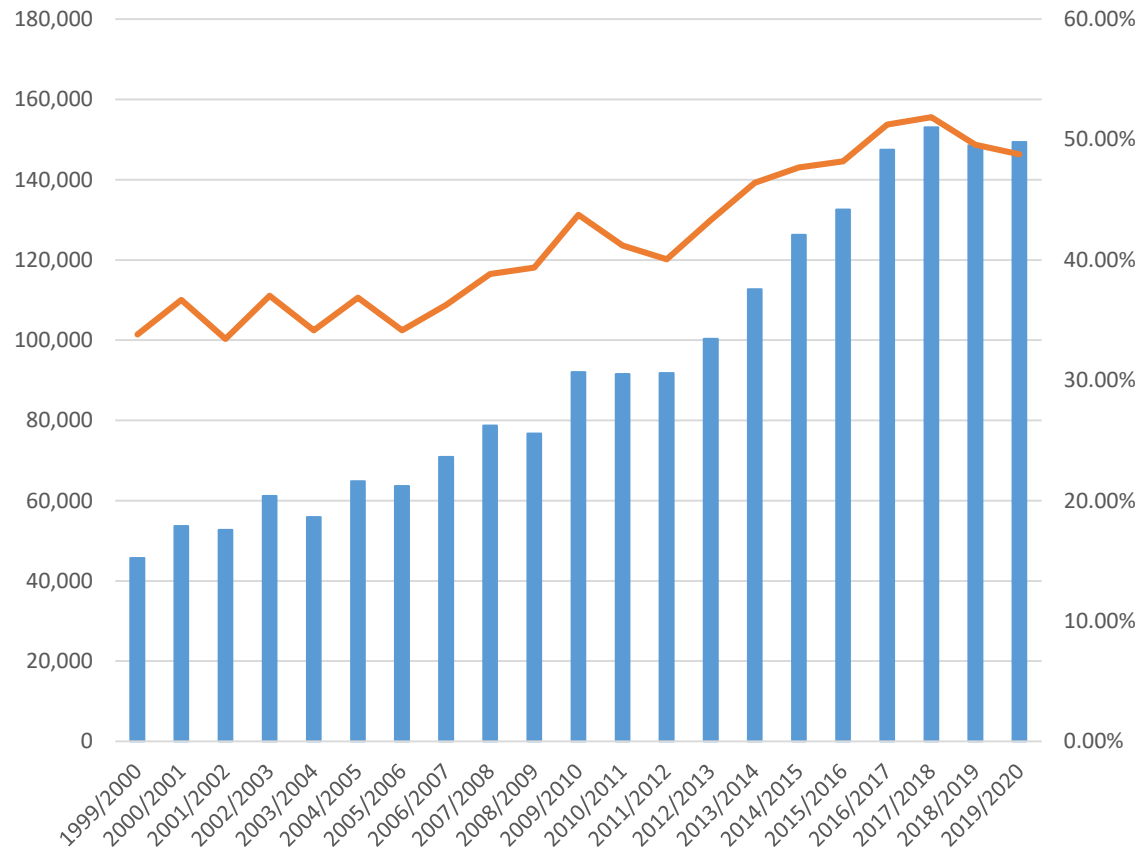
**U.S. soymeal demand** has benefited from weak crush margins in Brazil

**Argentina** – domestic origination for crush vs China soybean import demand

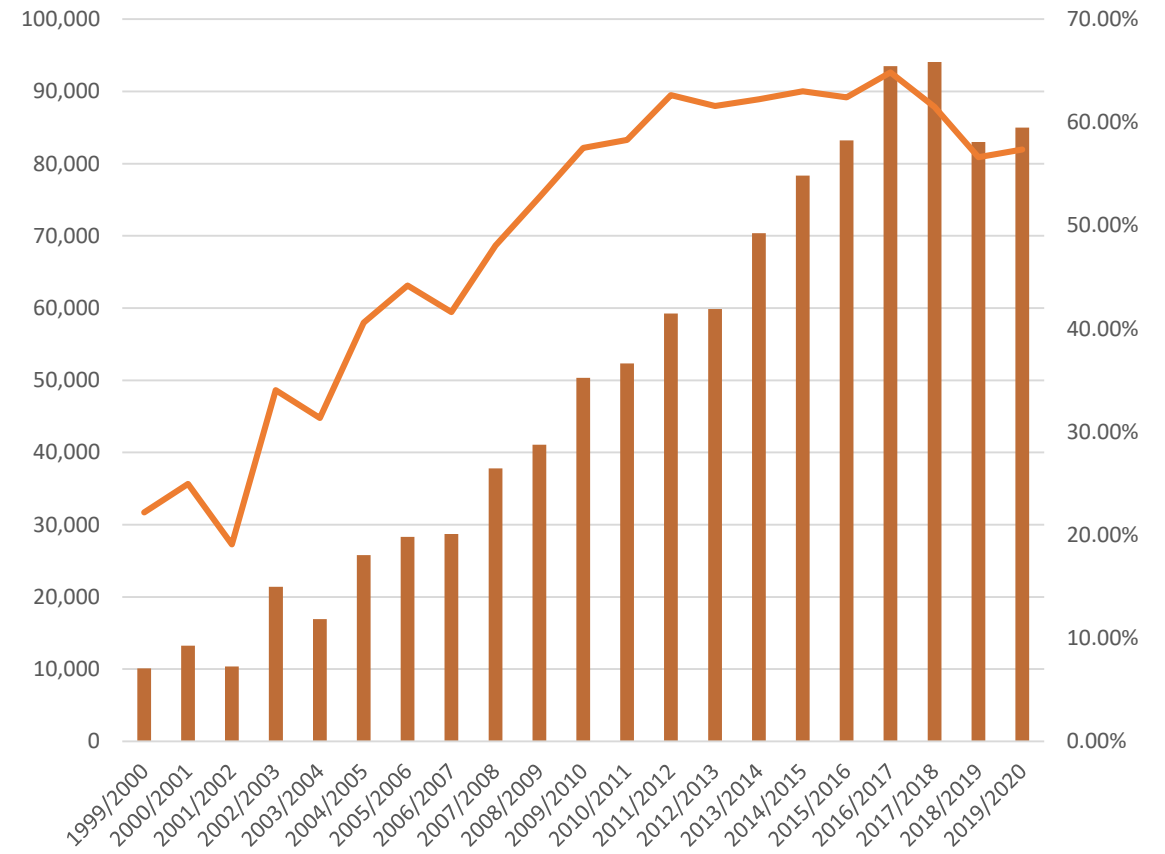
**China** crush margins – a challenge to “walk a fine line” between too much soymeal & not enough soymeal as ASF drives demand

## World soy exports – influenced by policy + Brazilian soy production + China soy import demand

World soybean export trade - % of world crush



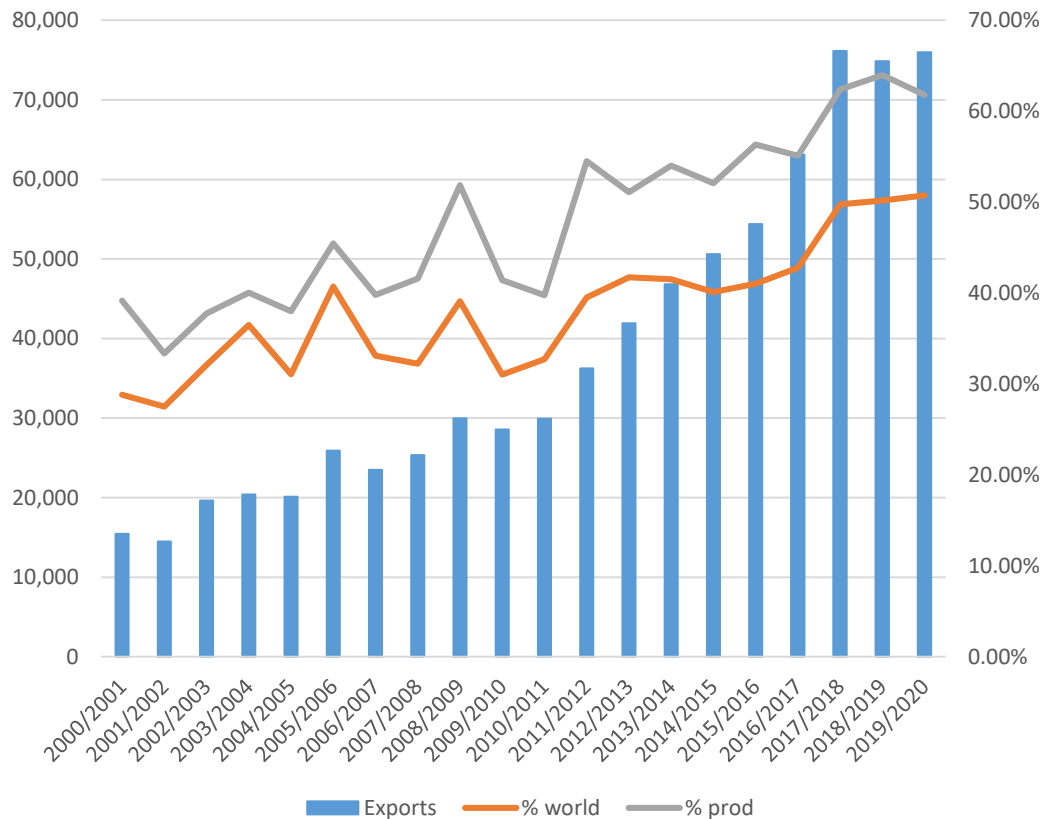
China soybean import demand - % world demand (57.4%)





## World soy exports – as goes Brazil production goes world trade flows

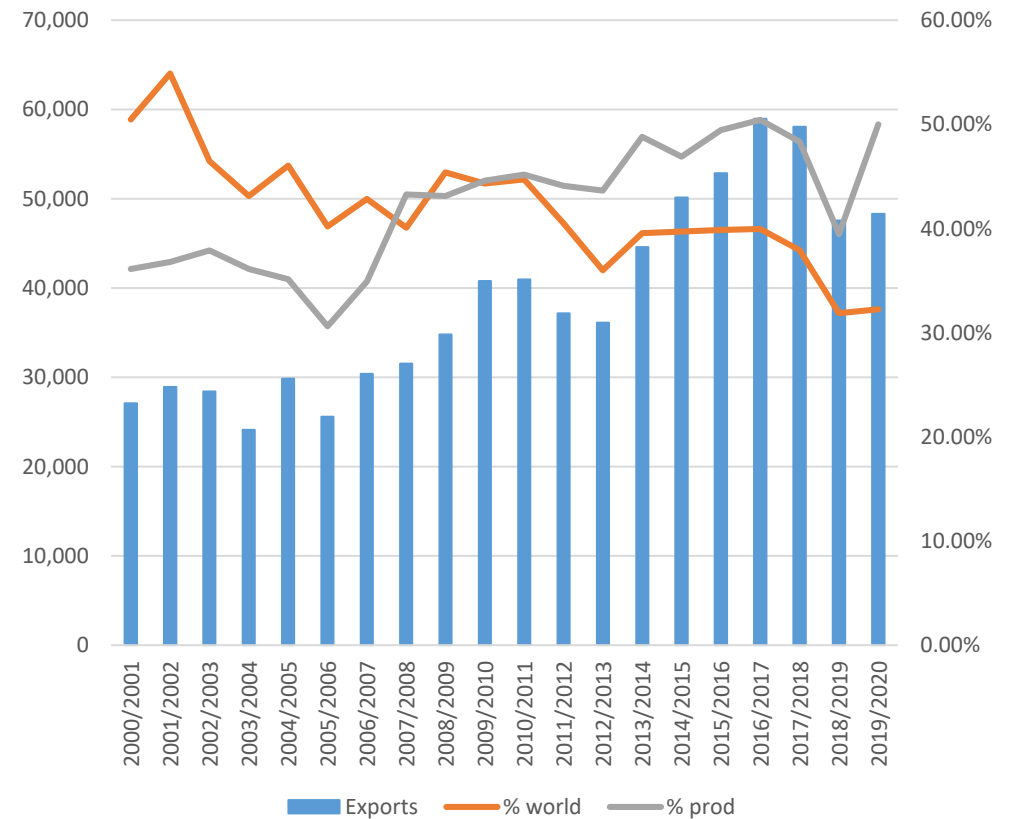
Brazil soy exports - % world trade - % of its production



**Brazil soy exports forecast = 76MMT (record = 76.1MMT). It exports over 60% of its production and accounts for 50% of world trade.**

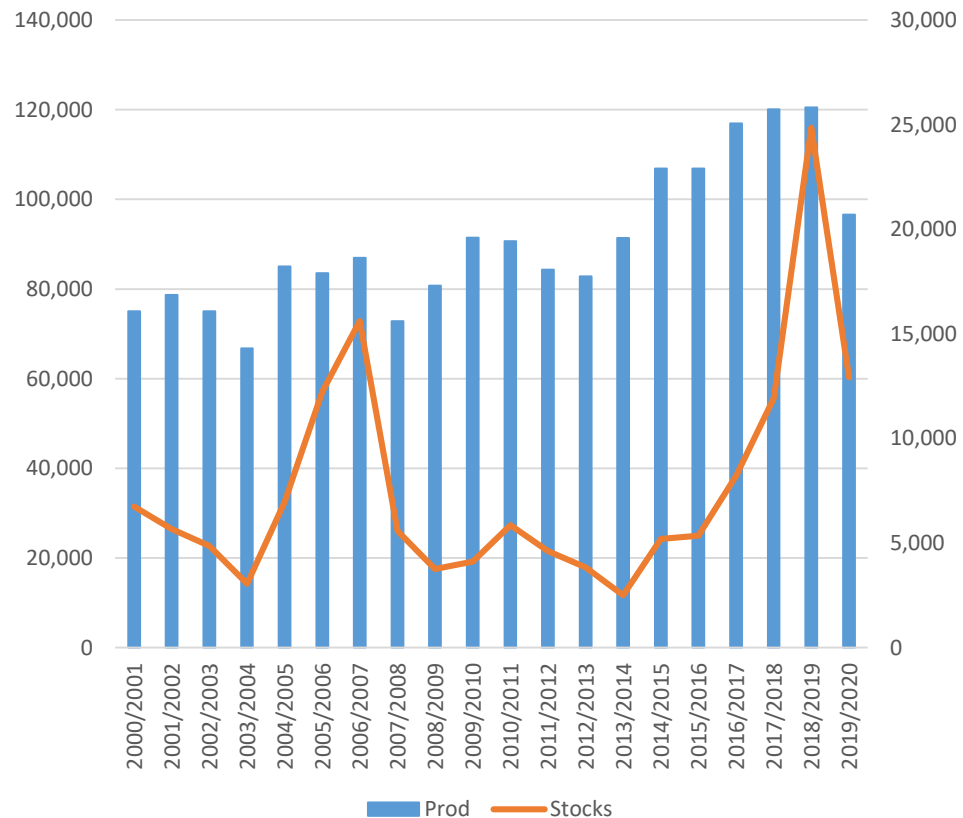
**U.S. soy exports forecast = 48.3MMT. It exports on average 46.5% of its production. It accounts for 32.2% (peak = 54.9% in 2001)**

U.S. soy exports - % world trade - % of its production

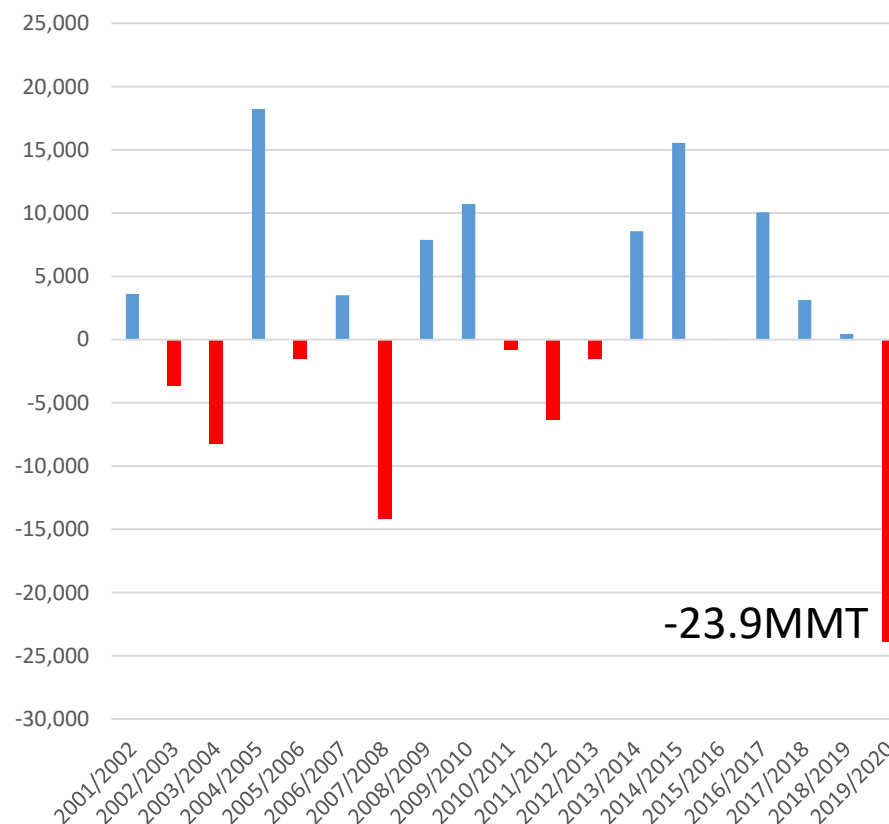


## SOYBEANS: U.S. ending stocks – will decline vs 2018-19 record but.....

U.S. ending stocks - decline due to production -> not demand



U.S. soy production - change year vs year



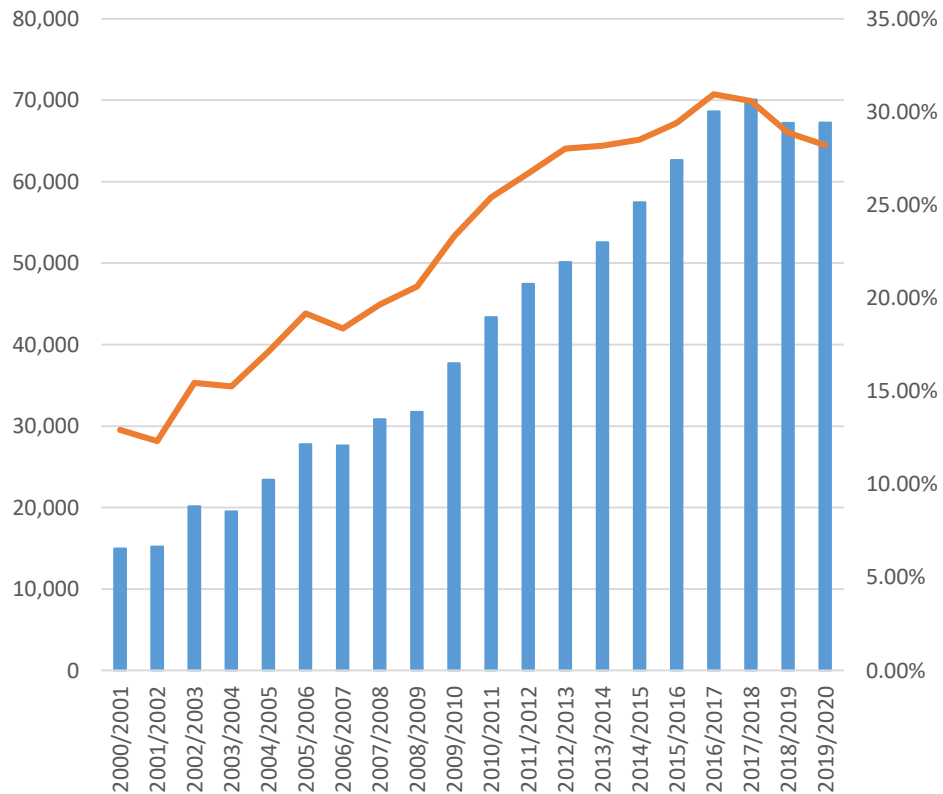
The U.S. storing more of world soybean stocks should be viewed by world importers and users as a positive feature for a supply source. **Similar to what we've seen in corn + wheat market / transitions.**

**KEY QUESTION** – what is the market willing to pay for the U.S. to store more of the world's soybeans rather than Argentina?

**COST OF DEBT?** Will the U.S. farmer be the first to capitulate and sell its on-farm stocks versus debt cost-financing constraints in 2019? This would be a bearish trigger

## AFRICAN SWINE FEVER: China recovers? Feed demand or finished animal or different protein?

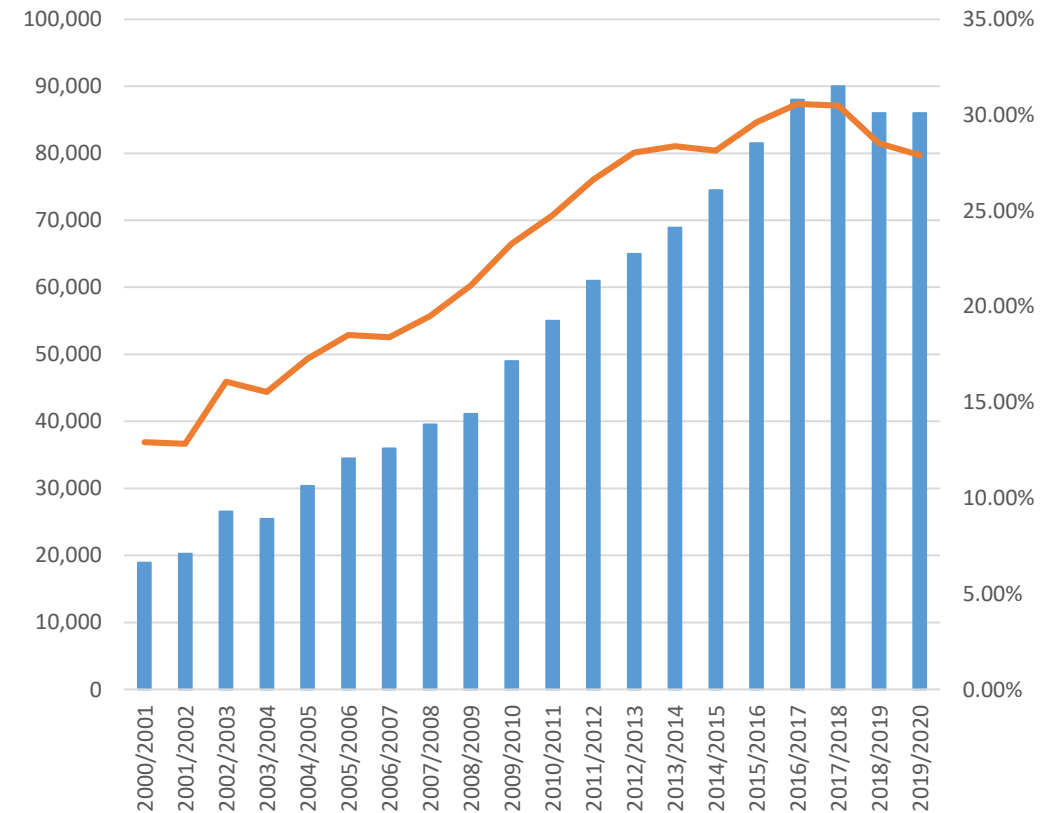
China domestic soymeal demand - % world SM demand



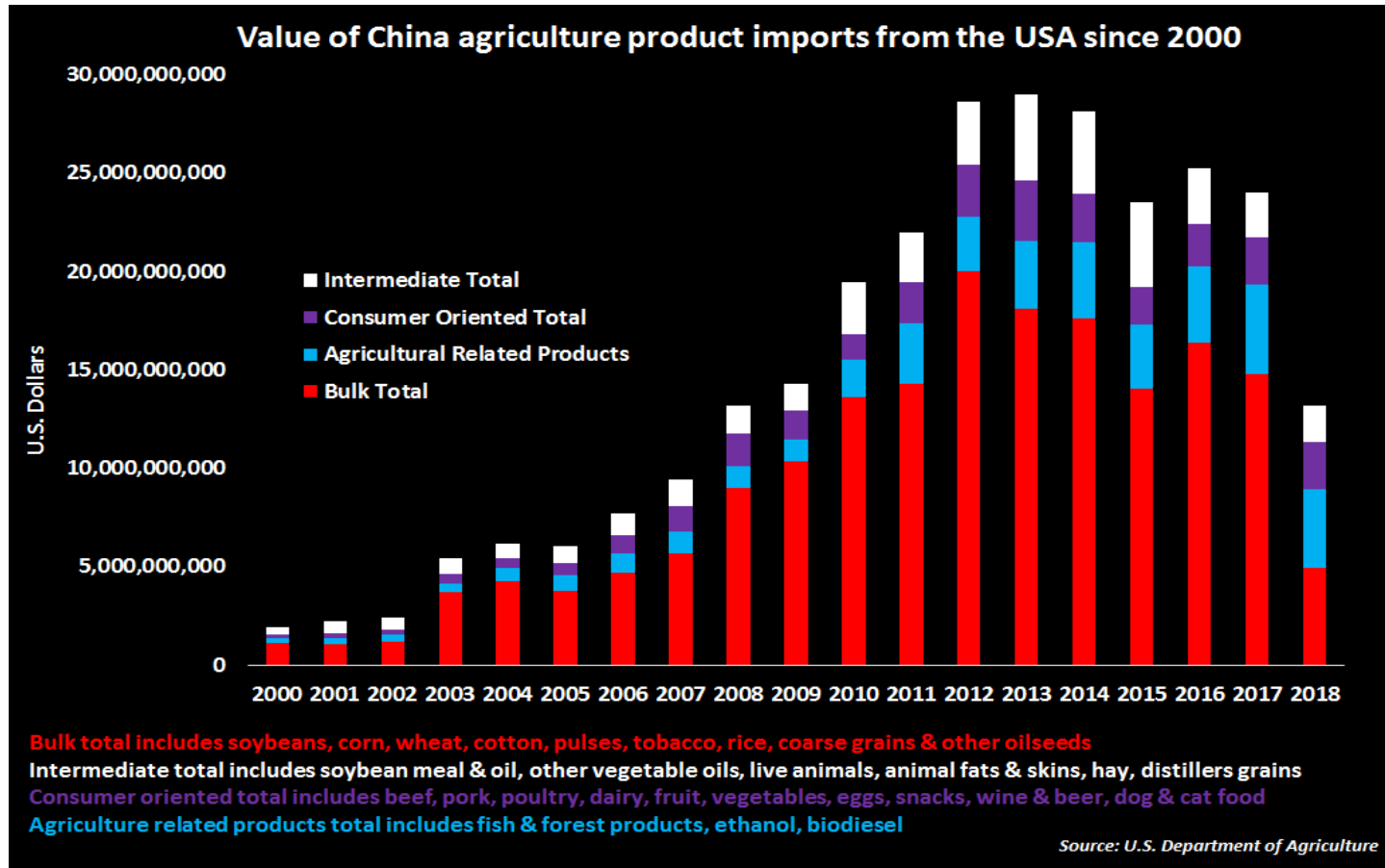
2019-2020 soymeal demand is forecast to contract in China (66.07MMT from 66.4MMT – peak = 70.1MMT in 2017-18)

**Bottom-line:** contracted demand projections risk is to upside of underestimating China demand than over-estimating

China soy crush demand = 84.5MMT (85MMT) - 27.8% world crush



## CHINA-U.S. AGRICULTURE TRADE ... trade policy battle of the world's 2 largest economies

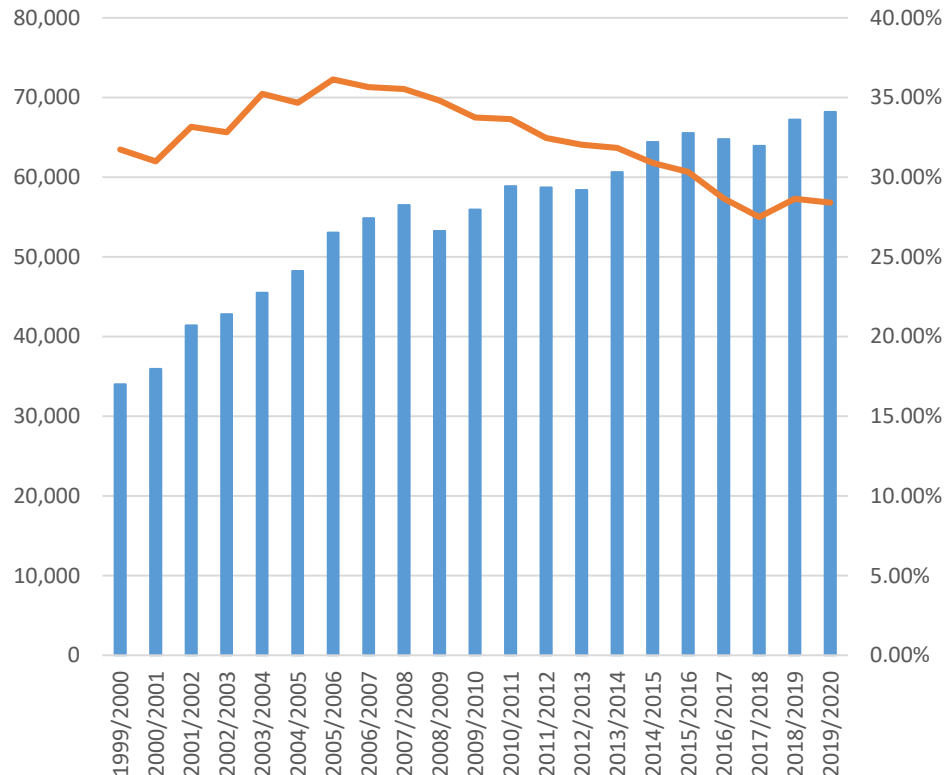


World import origination – continues to shift from the north to the south and back to the north

In this trade policy environment – everyone wants to minimize risk (e.g. back-to-back business. Minimal build of position in being long or short cash premiums

## WORLD SOYMEAL DEMAND: global protein dietary shift continues

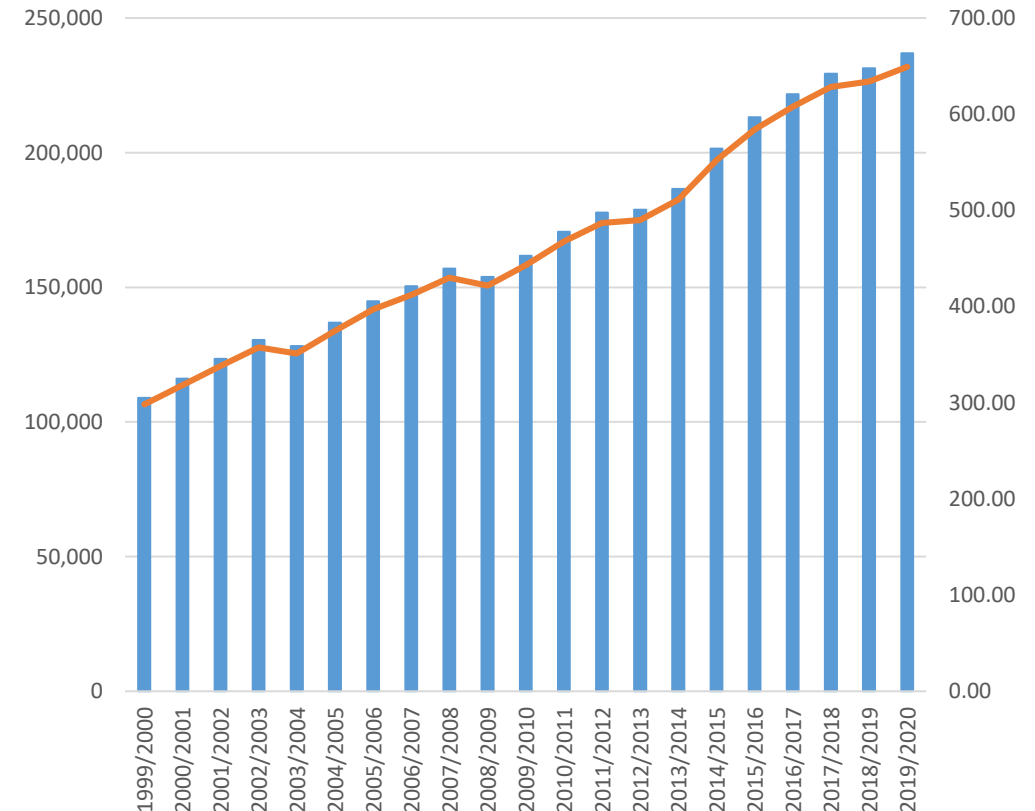
World soymeal export trade declines as % production as crush capacity expands



Protein-related growth since 2000:

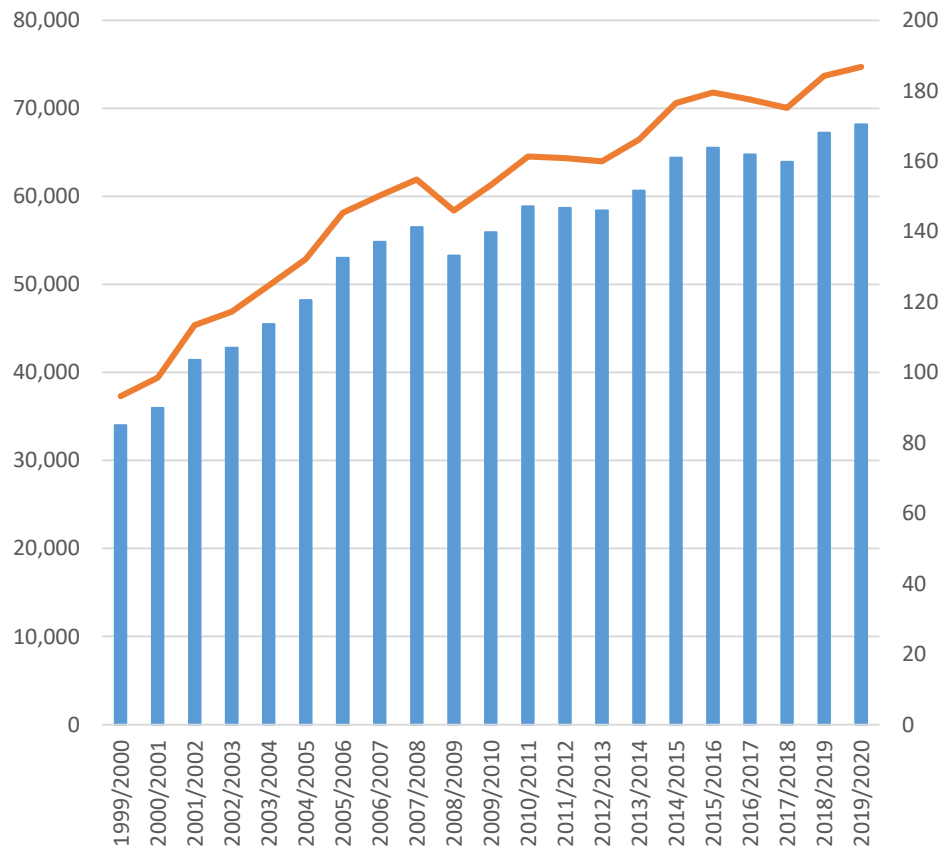
Corn +84.7%  
Wheat +28.6%  
Soymeal +103.5%  
Soy +106%  
Palm oil +231%  
Soy oil +118.7%  
Rapeseed +80.8%  
RSO +99.6%

World soymeal demand +2.4% y-o-y = 649.3KMT / day



## WORLD SOYMEAL SUPPLY: Argentina remains critical on the supply side

World soymeal exports - daily (KMT) shipped 184KMT

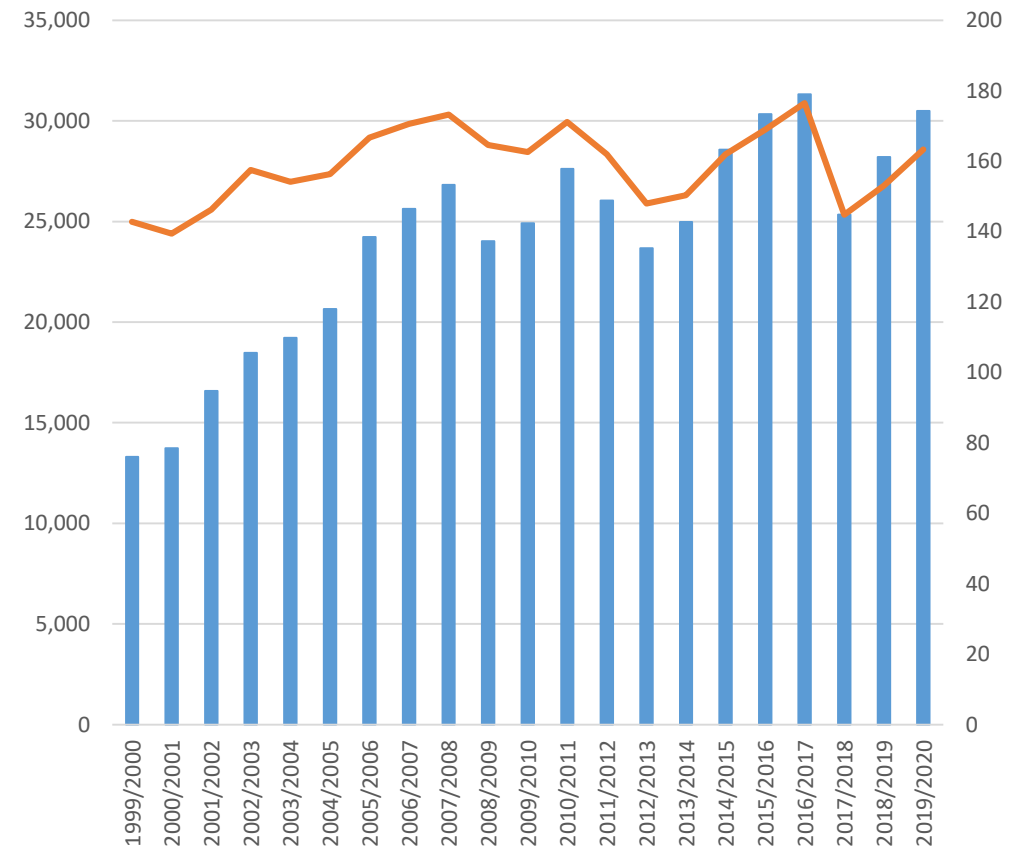


**2019-2020 world soymeal export trade forecast = 67.2MMT or 184KMT / day**

This as the world consumes 644KMT of soymeal every day

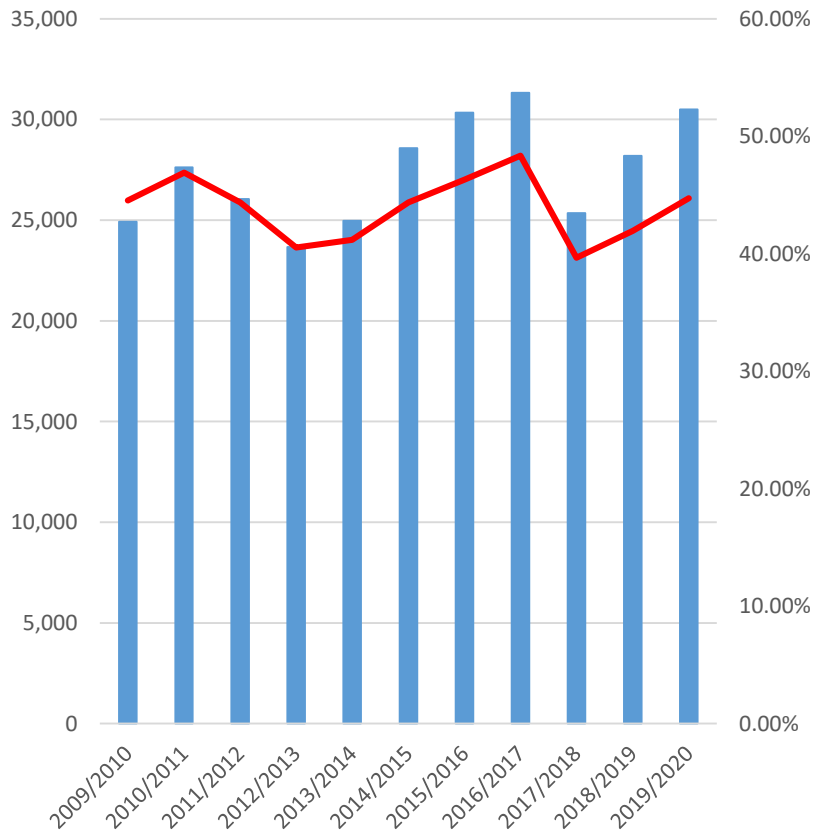
Argentina, Brazil and the U.S. account for the bulk of world soymeal trade

Argentina trades 83KMT / day (184KMT / day world total)

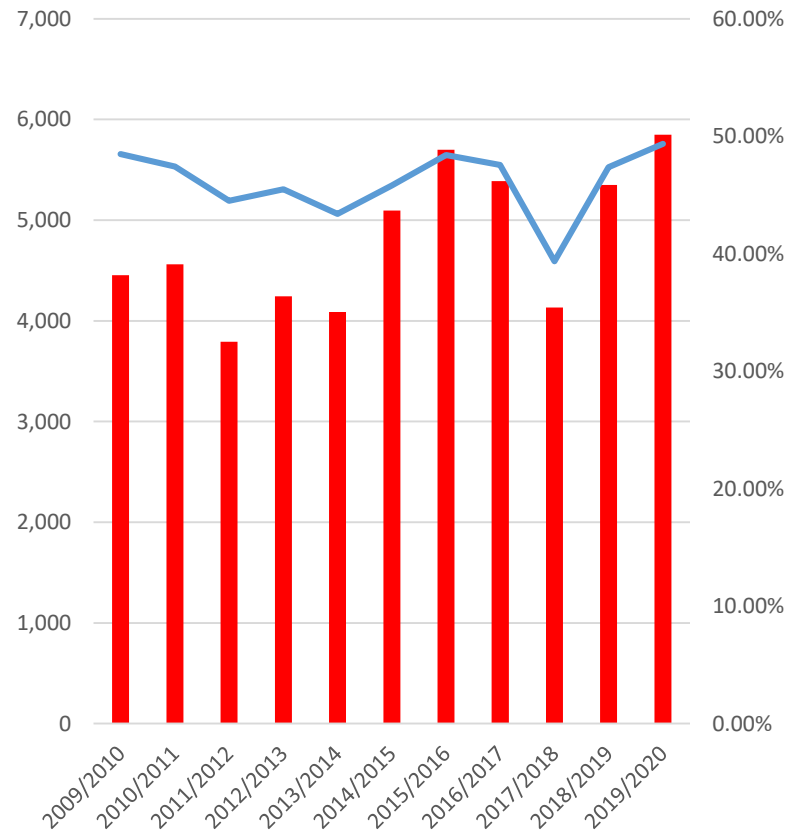


## Argentina faces unknown with the return of Peronism 10 December 2019

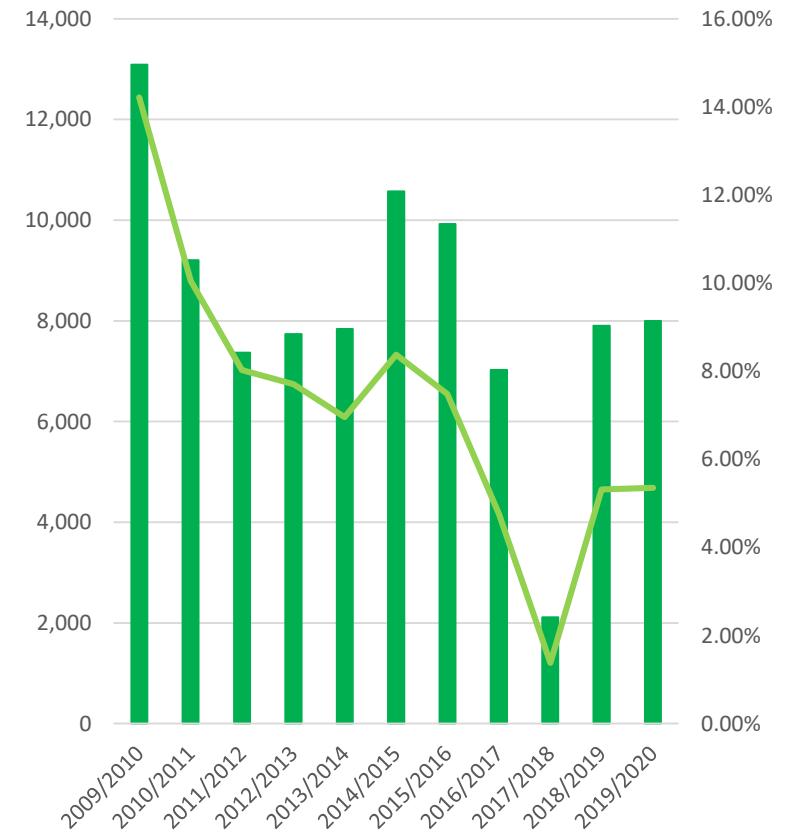
Argentina soymeal exports - 45%



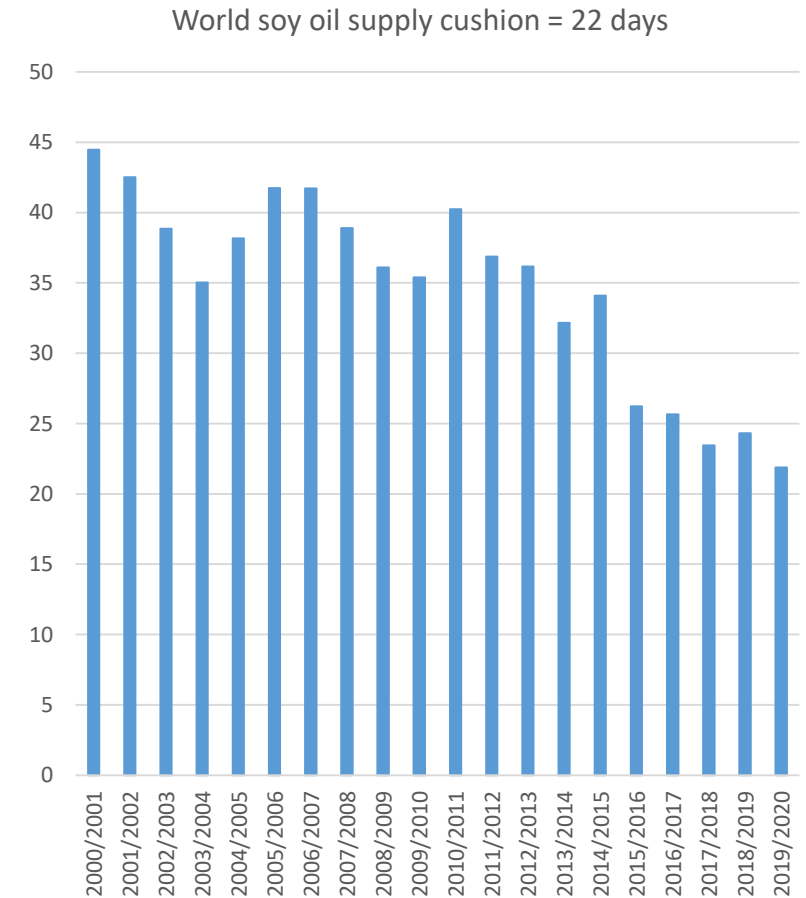
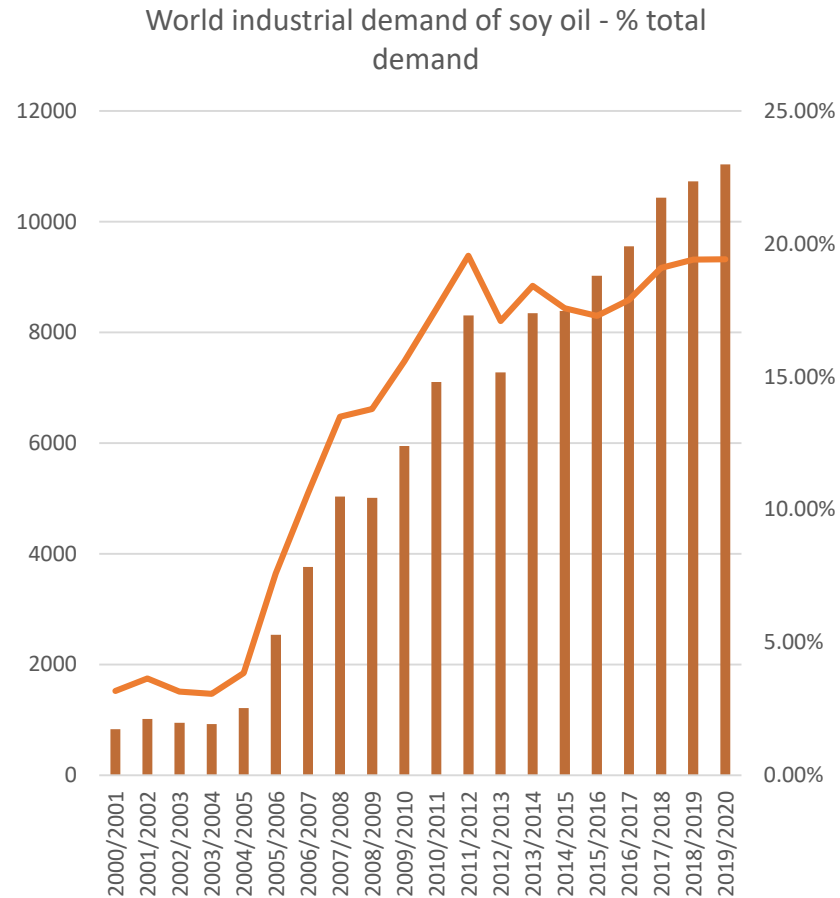
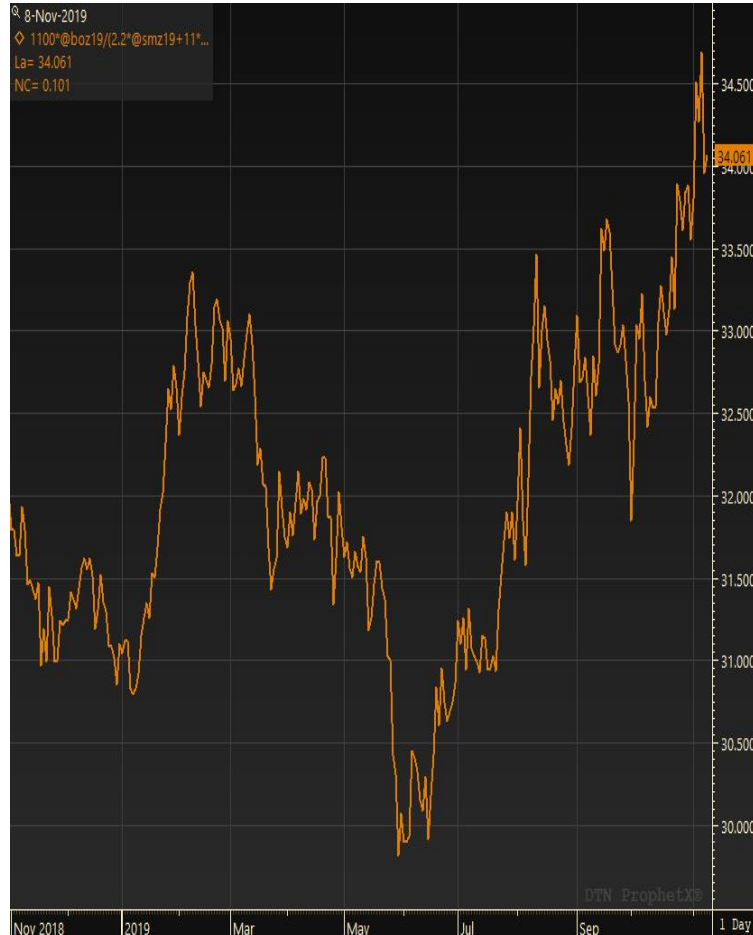
Argentina soy oil exports – 50.9%



Argentina soybean exports - 5.9%



## WORLD SOY OIL: biodiesel + China edible oil imports key demand drivers for 2019-2020





## Monthly soybean prices ... China-U.S. trade war dominates

### Soybeans

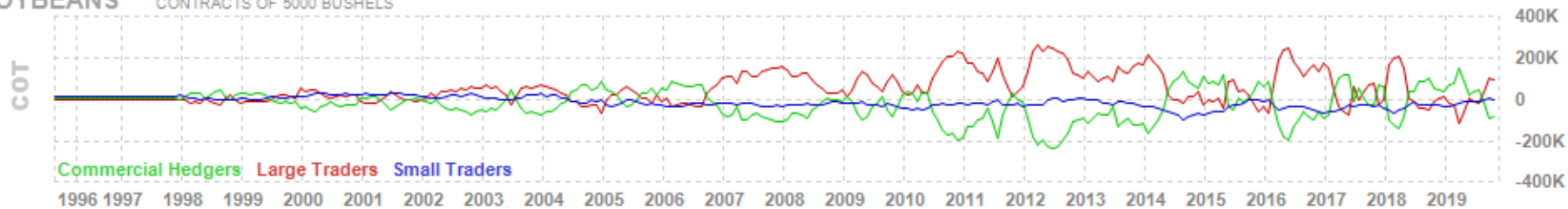
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-6.25 (0.67%) [finviz.com](#)



### SOYBEANS CONTRACTS OF 5000 BUSHELS



Soybeans back to decade-low prices

Funds – record short in May 2019 and now have built a minor long position with no trade deal and Brazil weather improving in November

USDA has no growth for China soybean crush

World soybean market under goes same transition / shape as world wheat and corn markets when it comes to Chicago futures and U.S. storage tank role

## Monthly soymeal prices – bouncing off multi-year lows – feed demand expands

### Soybean Meal

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-0.50 (0.16%) [@ finviz.com](#)



SOYBEAN MEAL CONTRACTS OF 100 TONS



Funds are short soymeal vs ownership of soy oil + soybeans

Brazil crush rates – remain a challenge (more SM to be consumed domestically)

World soymeal demand faces challenges of African Swine Fever

Argentina protein levels - challenge

ASF – does the consumer shift away from pork and towards other protein (eggs, poultry, aquaculture)?

U.S. soymeal export sales are off to a slow start to MY2019-2020 – forecast to decline 1.5%

## Monthly soy oil prices – driven higher by 2-year highs in palm oil

### Soybean oil

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### SOYBEAN OIL CONTRACTS OF 60000 POUNDS



Soy oil prices have been locked in a downtrend since 2011 – now consolidating

Bottoming price action in soy oil charts as the focus is on China + palm oil prices

World veg oil supplies show a decline in stocks for 2019-2020 with U.S. soy oil ending stocks to fall once again on biodiesel (questionable)

Brazil biodiesel program becomes “more interesting” given crush capacity constraints (poor margin environment) – greater shift to soybean exports versus domestic crush

Argentina politics is a major question mark for world soy oil values

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