### International Sweetener Colloquium

## **Corn Sweetener Situation**

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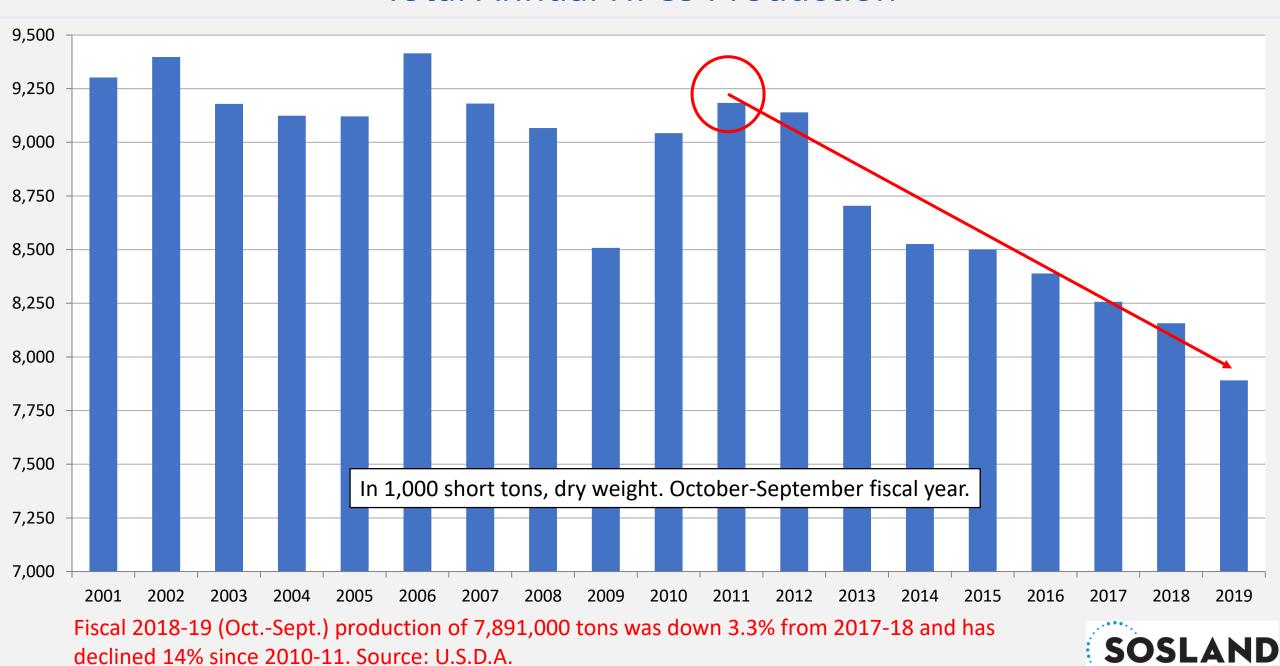


#### Corn Sweetener Market Overview

- Production continues multi-year decline
  - 42% HFCS leading way down
  - 55% HFCS decline slowed by bottlers and exports
  - Dextrose/Glucose joining in decline after years of increase
- Mexico remains key export outlet for U.S. HFCS
- Refiners continue to adjust (reduce) capacity
- Prices continue to edge higher

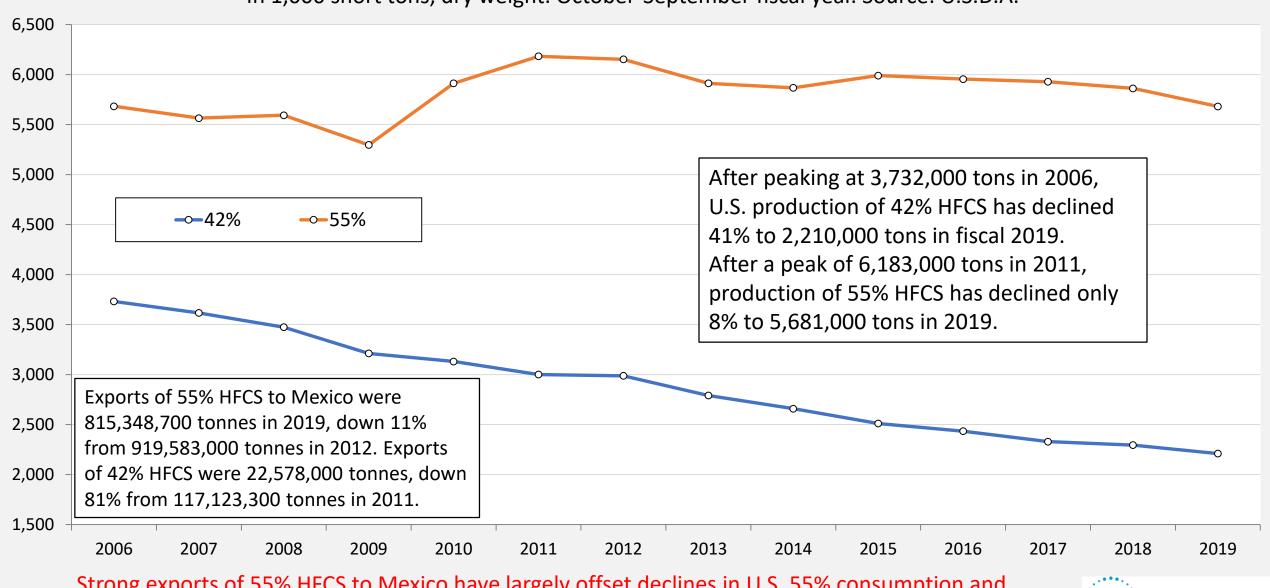


#### **Total Annual HFCS Production**



#### Annual 42% and 55% HFCS Production

In 1,000 short tons, dry weight. October-September fiscal year. Source: U.S.D.A.

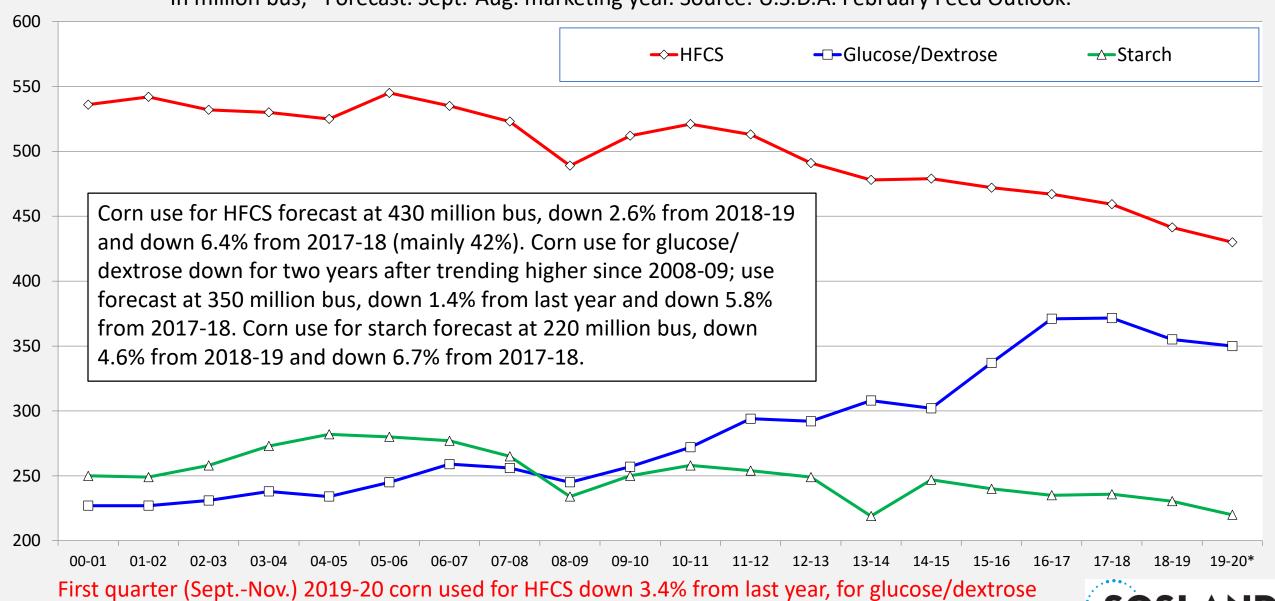


Strong exports of 55% HFCS to Mexico have largely offset declines in U.S. 55% consumption and allowed for fairly steady production.



#### Corn Used for Sweeteners

In million bus; \*Forecast. Sept.-Aug. marketing year. Source: U.S.D.A. February Feed Outlook.



down 3.5% and for starch down 4.7%.



#### **Corn Sweetener Prices**

Cents/lb or \$/cwt. NOTE: Prices shown reflect sales to small/med. users; large sales lower.

	42% HFCS Spot		
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	
Midwest	25½-26	25-25¾	
Northeast	27-27½	26½-27¼	
Southeast	271/4-273/4	26¾-27½	
South	26¾-27¼	26¼-27	
West	27½-28¾	27-28¾	

	55% HFCS Spot		
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	
Midwest	32¾-33¾	31¾-32¼	
Northeast	34¼-35¼	33¼-33¾	
Southeast	34%-35%	33¼-33¾	
South	34-35	33-33½	
West	34¾-35¾	33¾-35¼	

	Corn Syrup Spot		
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	
Midwest	36¾-37¼	35¾-36¼	
Northeast	39-39½	38-38½	
Southeast	39-39½	38-38½	
South	40-40½	39-39½	
West	41-41½	40¼-40¾	

New annual pricing for HFCS and regular corn syrup began Jan. 1 at levels about flat to up \$2 a cwt from 2019.

Forecast use of corn for corn sweeteners and starch in 2019-20 was unchanged from Jan. in the Feb. WASDE. (after being lowered in Jan.). Corn use for HFCS, glucose/dextrose and starch all continue to decline.

Higher prices based on less capacity, higher operational costs including labor, chemicals and maintenance, higher net corn costs and higher transportation costs incurred by refiners.

	Dextrose Spot		
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	
East	42-421/2	40½-41½	
Midwest	41-411/2	39½-40½	
South	43-431/2	41½-42½	
West	44-441/2	42½-43½	

New annual pricing began Jan. 1 for dry dextrose, also at higher levels. USDA forecasts lower use of corn for dextrose/glucose in 2019-20.

