

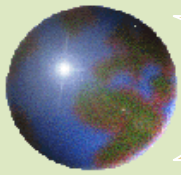
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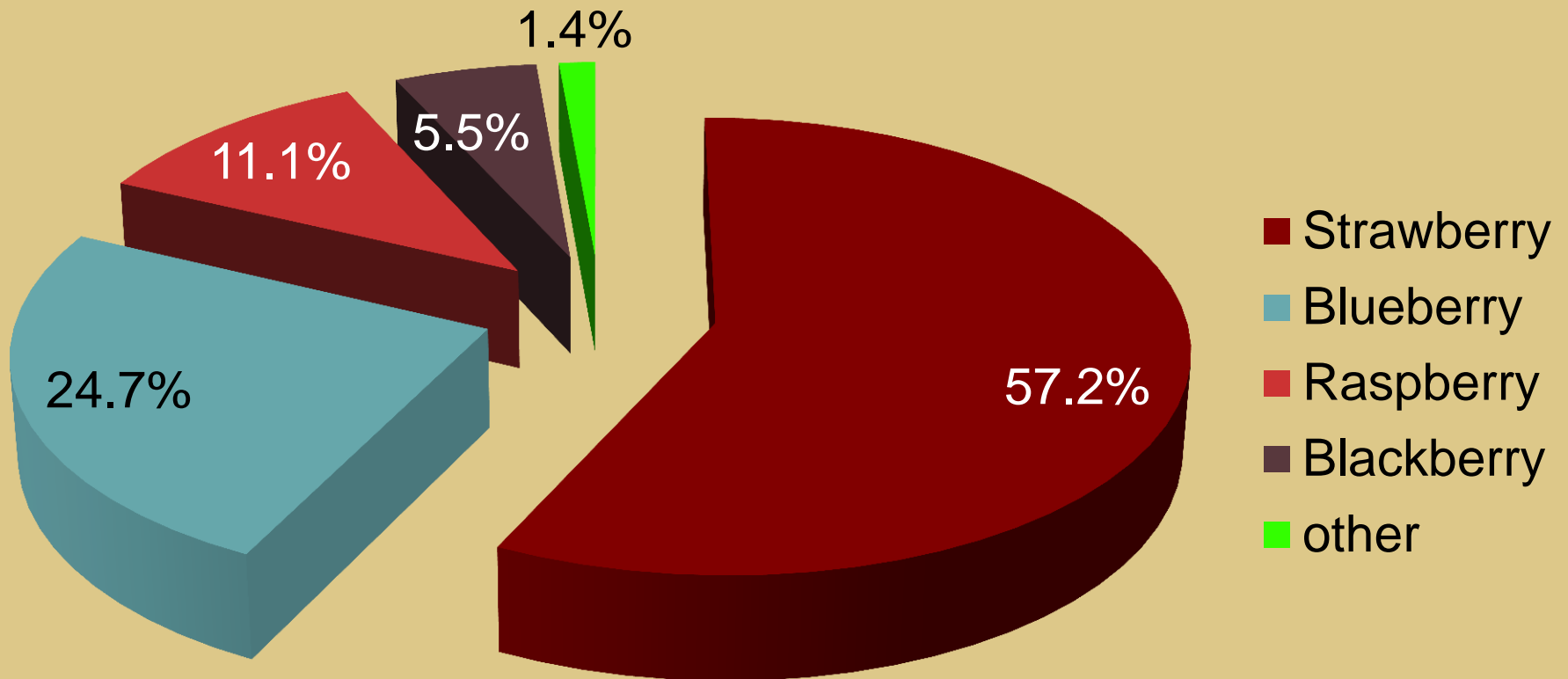
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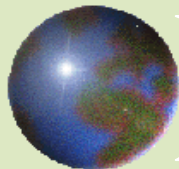
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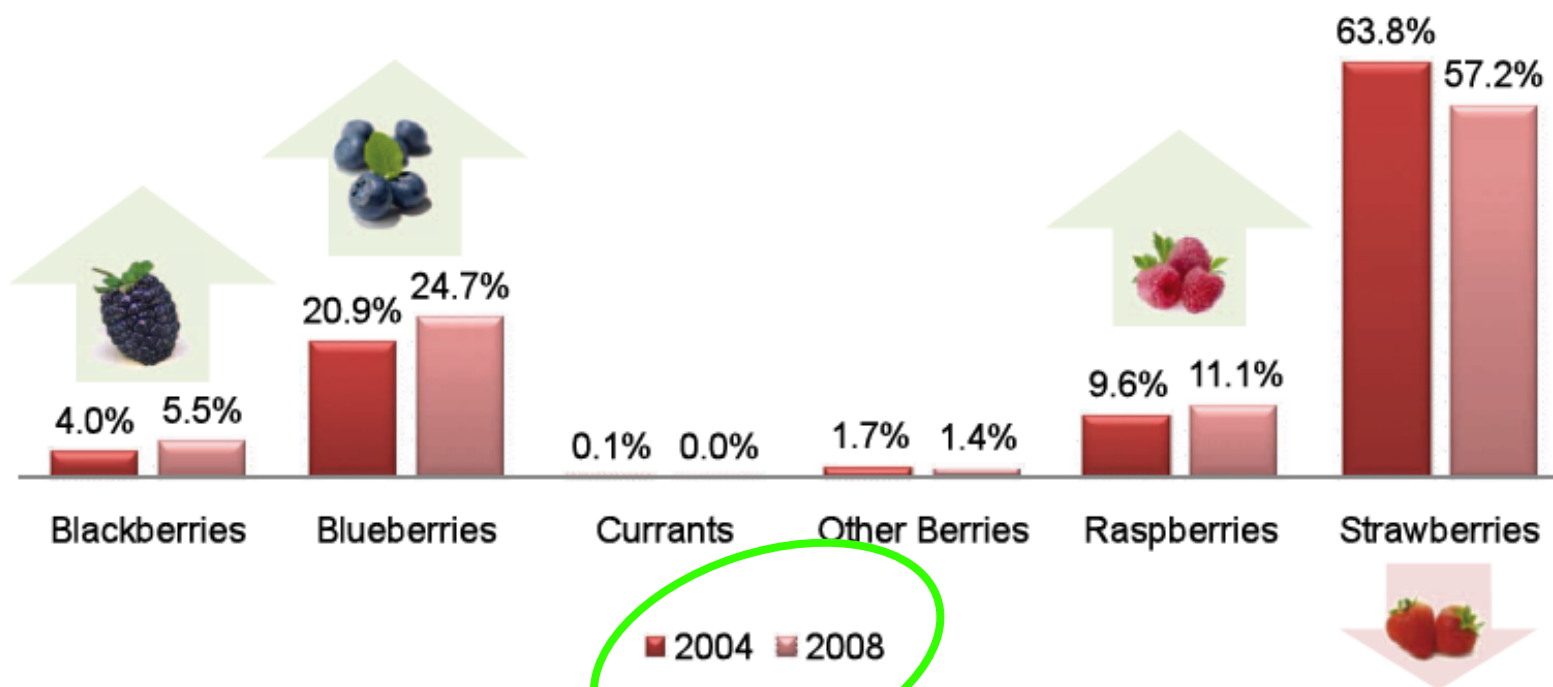


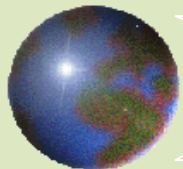




# Consumer demand for small fruits - US

**Subcategory Contribution to Total Berries  
2004 vs 2008**





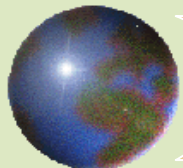
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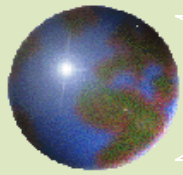
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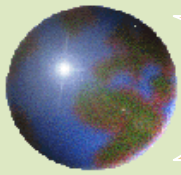


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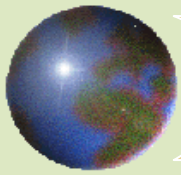






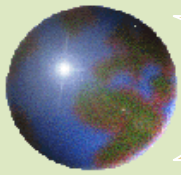
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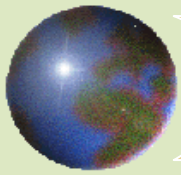
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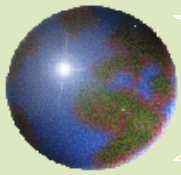


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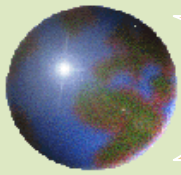


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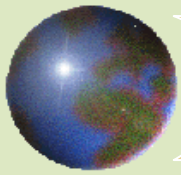
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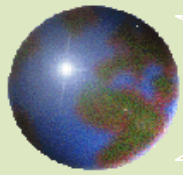
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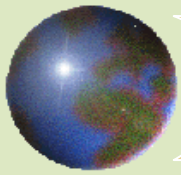




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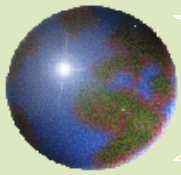
- *New varieties constantly with improved productivity and quality.
  - > need to be evaluated in specific environments especially with regard to the market*
- *Need for continuing research on variety development, cultural practices, pests / disease management.*
- *Use of field tunnels improves yield / quality during off season.
  - > not always justified*





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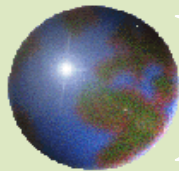
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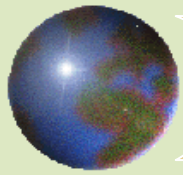




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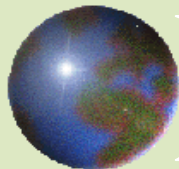




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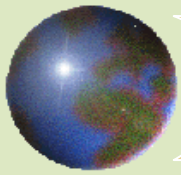




# Organic Berry Production

- *Growing demand in EU and concentrated effort among EU supermarkets*
  - > *more specialized market with premium prices*
- *Higher costs of production and more demanding management*
  - > *specialized skills and special research needs*
- *Important to have close connection with production and specialized post harvest handling and marketing.*



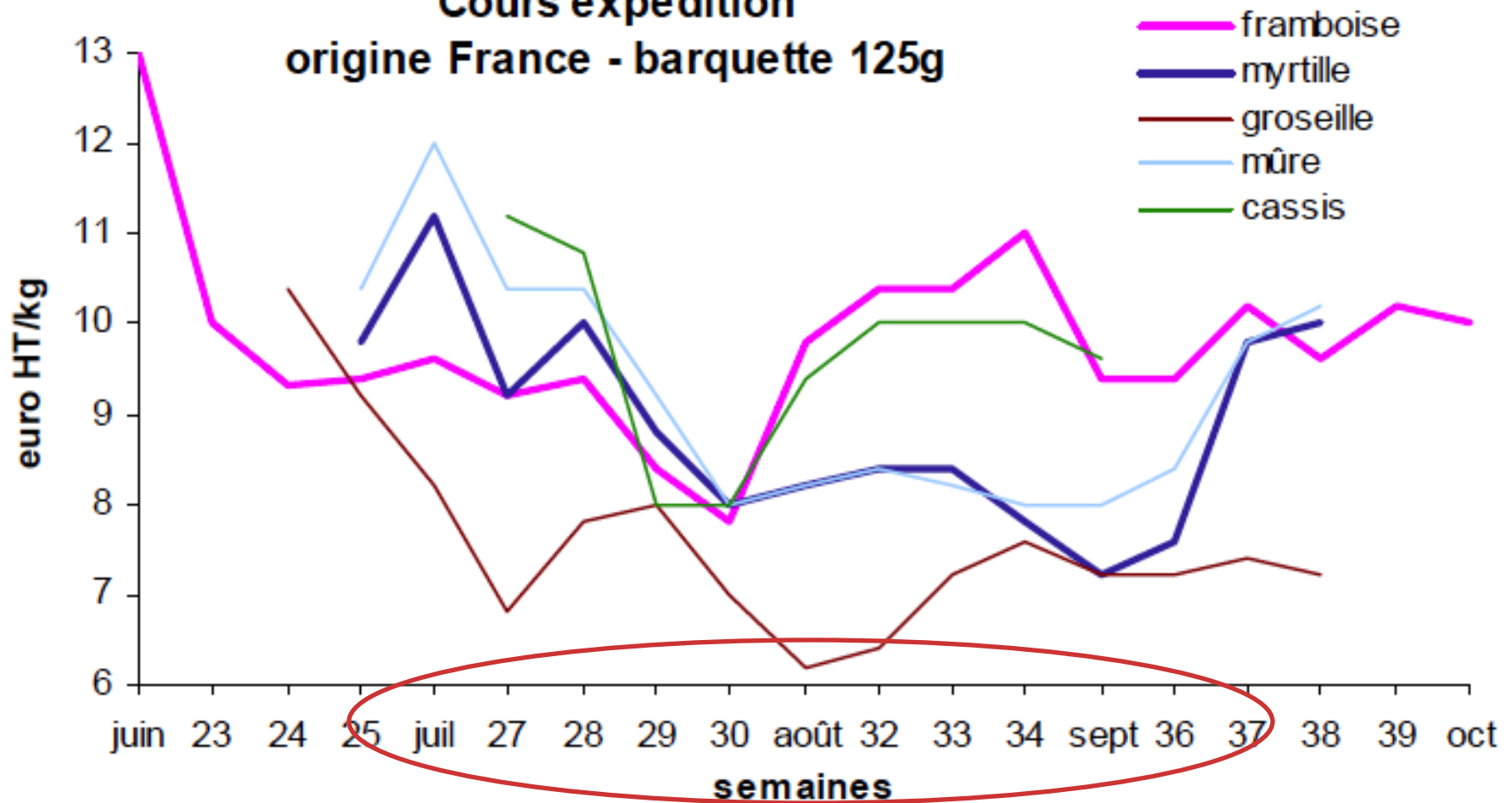


## *Current market sources for small fruits*

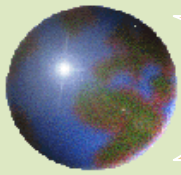
- *Growing market in EU supplied by Chile, Argentina, Mexico, South Africa, Spain + recently Morocco.*
- *Popular fruits in many areas of Europe where production limited to June and July.*
- *Mild climates and established market channels offer many advantages for Portugal.*

## 2010 France – wholesale price in domestic market

### Cours expédition origine France - barquette 125g

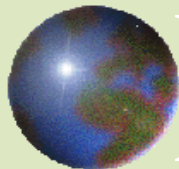






# *Blueberry situation*





# Blueberry nutraceutical value

## BLUEBERRIES A Handful of Health

Plump, juicy, and sweet, with vibrant colors ranging from deep purple-blue to blue-black and highlighted by a silvery sheen called a bloom, blueberries are one of nature's great treasures. Though miniature in size, they are also proof that, when it comes to health benefits, good things really do come in small packages.



### BLUEBERRIES ARE...

#### LOW IN FAT.

A one-cup serving contains only **80 calories** and virtually no fat.

#### FULL OF PHYTONUTRIENTS.

Research suggests that the phytonutrients in blueberries, called polyphenols, have antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties that may help lessen the inflammatory process associated with chronic conditions such as cardiovascular disease, cancer, and other age-related diseases.<sup>5,6,7</sup>

#### FULL OF DIETARY FIBER.

A handful of blueberries helps satisfy recommended daily fiber intake.<sup>2</sup>

Fiber helps keep the body regular, the heart healthy, and cholesterol in check.<sup>3</sup>

#### PACKED WITH VITAMIN C.

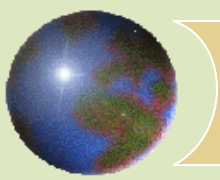
One serving delivers almost **25%** of one's daily requirement of vitamin C.<sup>2</sup>

**Vitamin C** aids collagen formation and helps maintain healthy gums and capillaries and a healthy immune system.<sup>3</sup>

#### AN EXCELLENT SOURCE OF MANGANESE.

**Manganese** plays an important role in bone development and in converting proteins, carbohydrates, and fats into energy.<sup>4</sup>





## NORTH AMERICAN BLUEBERRY CONSUMPTION

With blueberry production increasing to match rising levels of consumption, it's clear that more Americans are discovering just how good these Little Blue Dynamos are!

Total

283  
million lbs.

349  
million lbs.

414  
million lbs.

749  
million lbs.

853  
million lbs.

1995

2000

2005

2010

2011

15.5 oz.

17.8 oz.

20.2 oz.

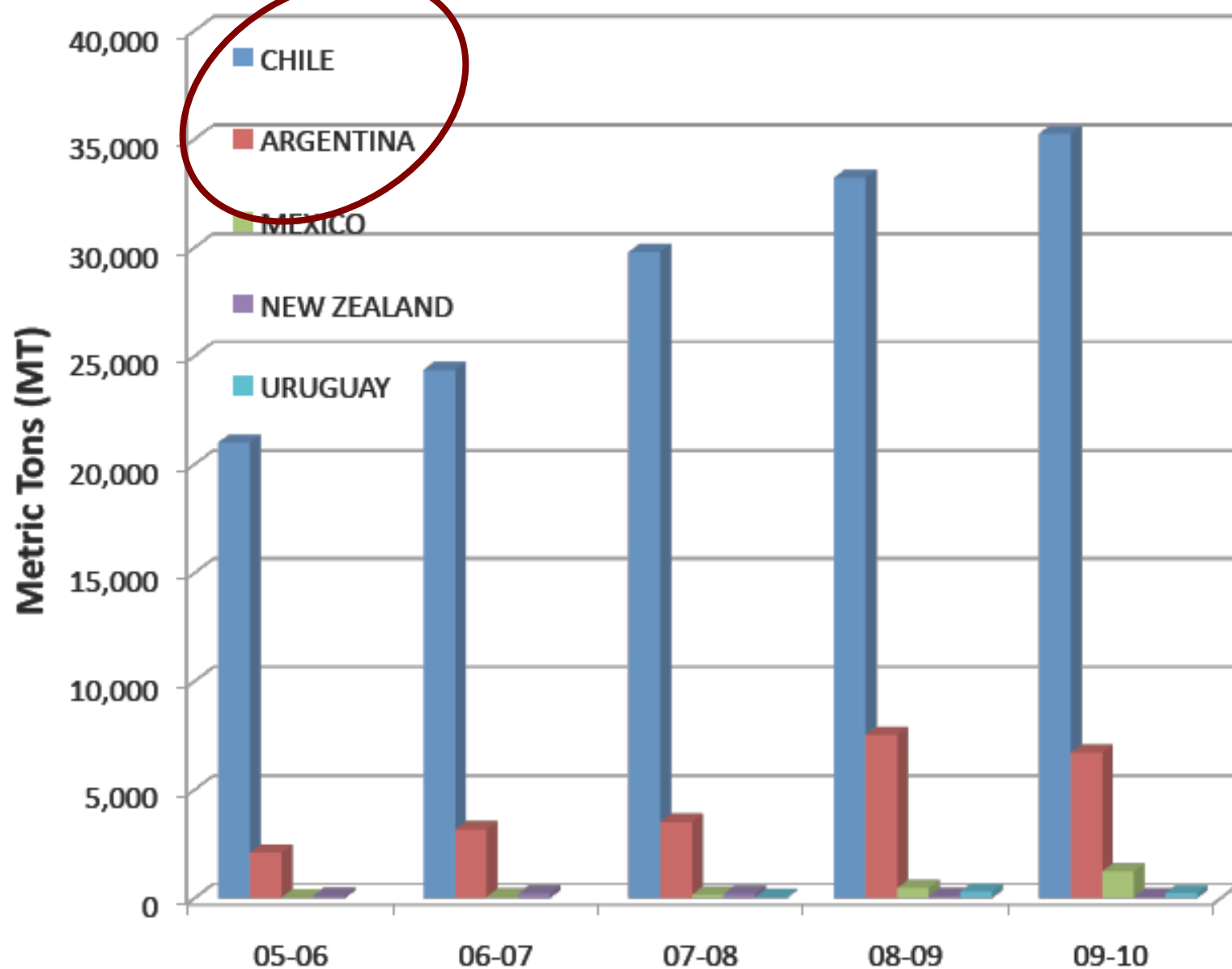
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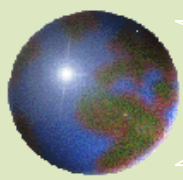
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Per Capita



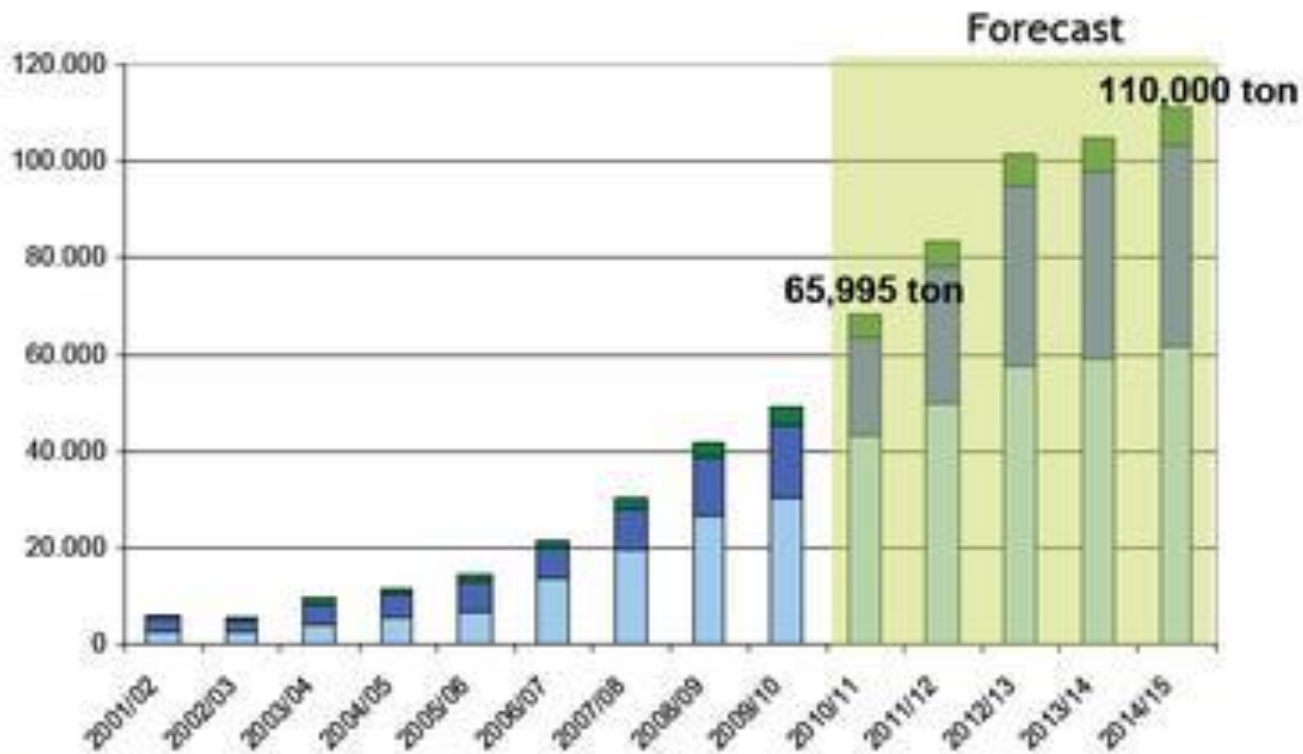
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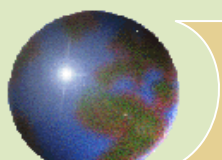


# Blueberry production and export - Chile

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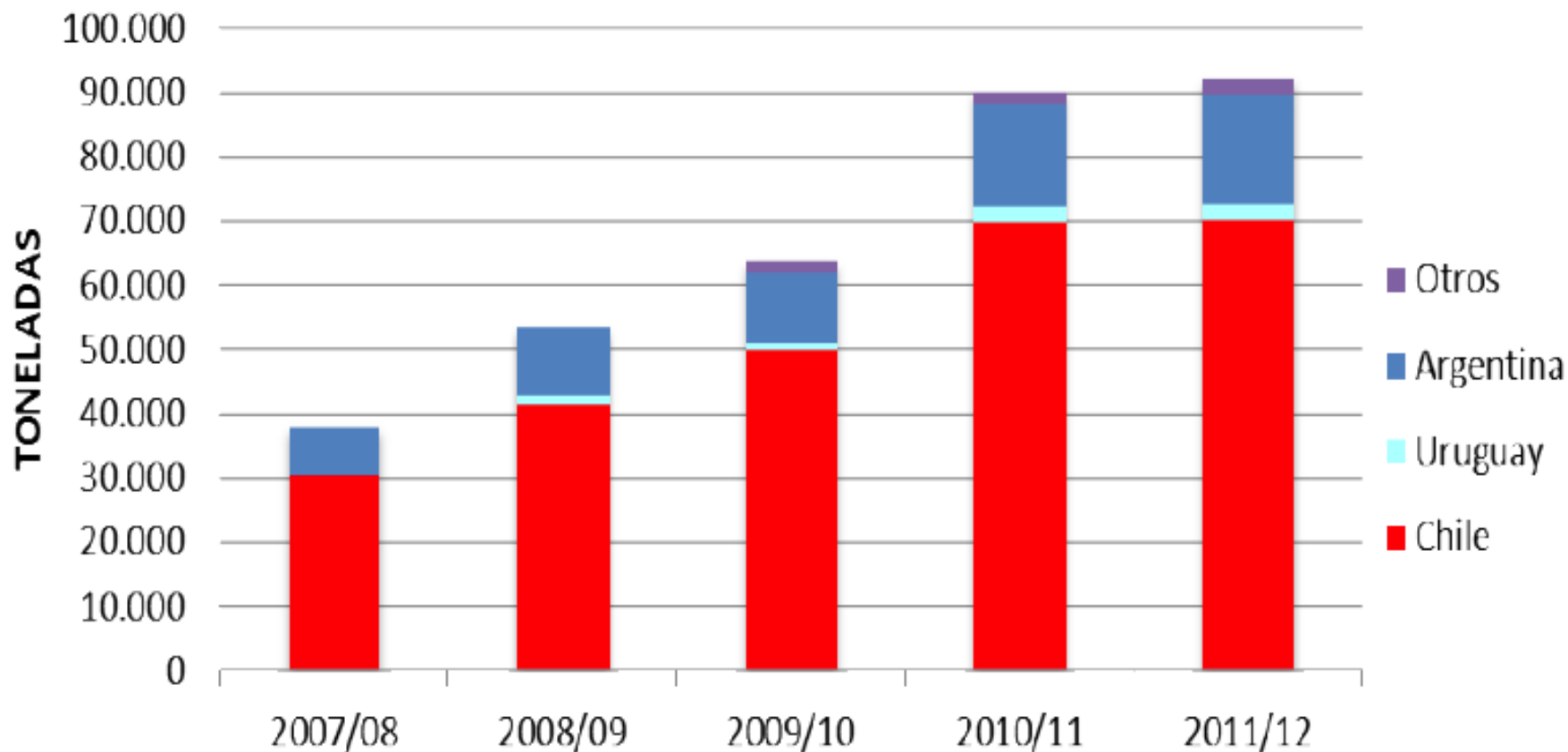




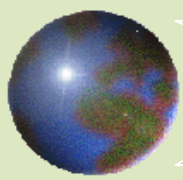


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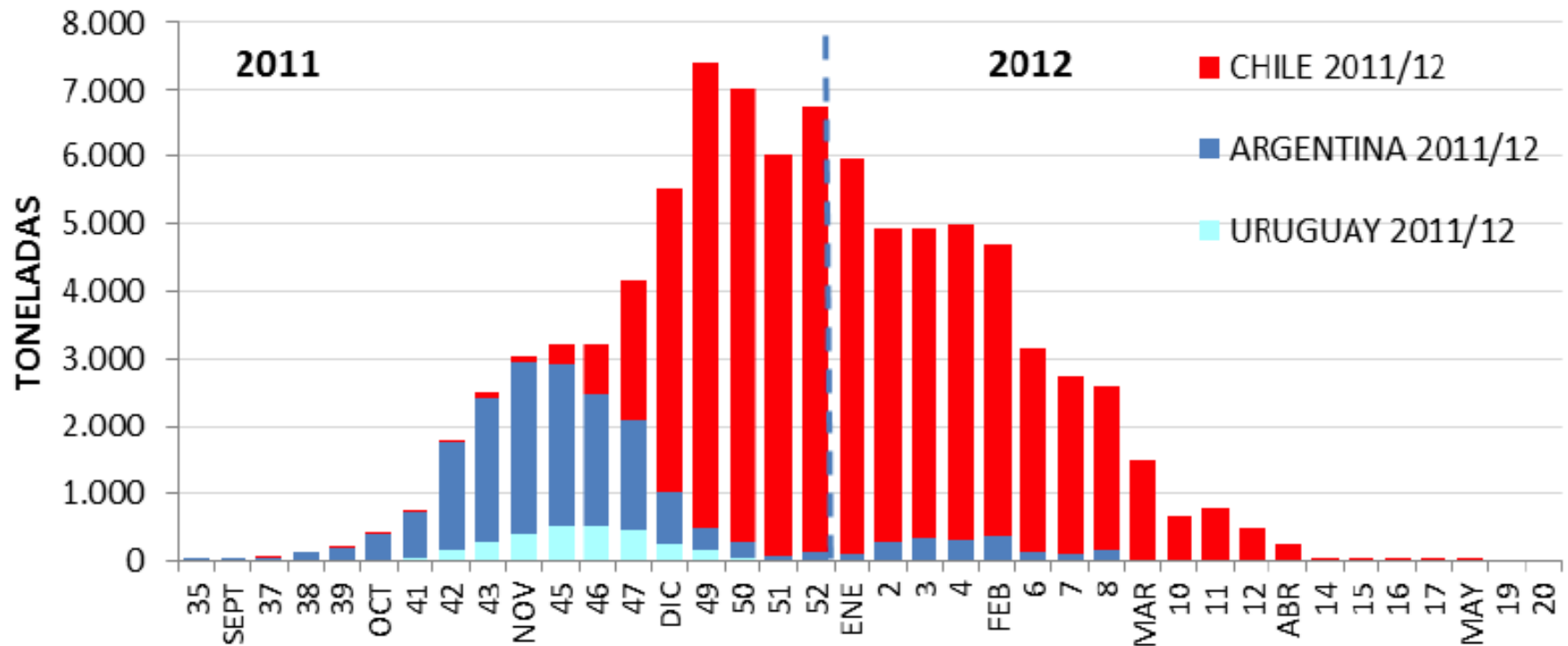


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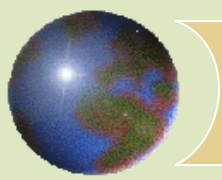


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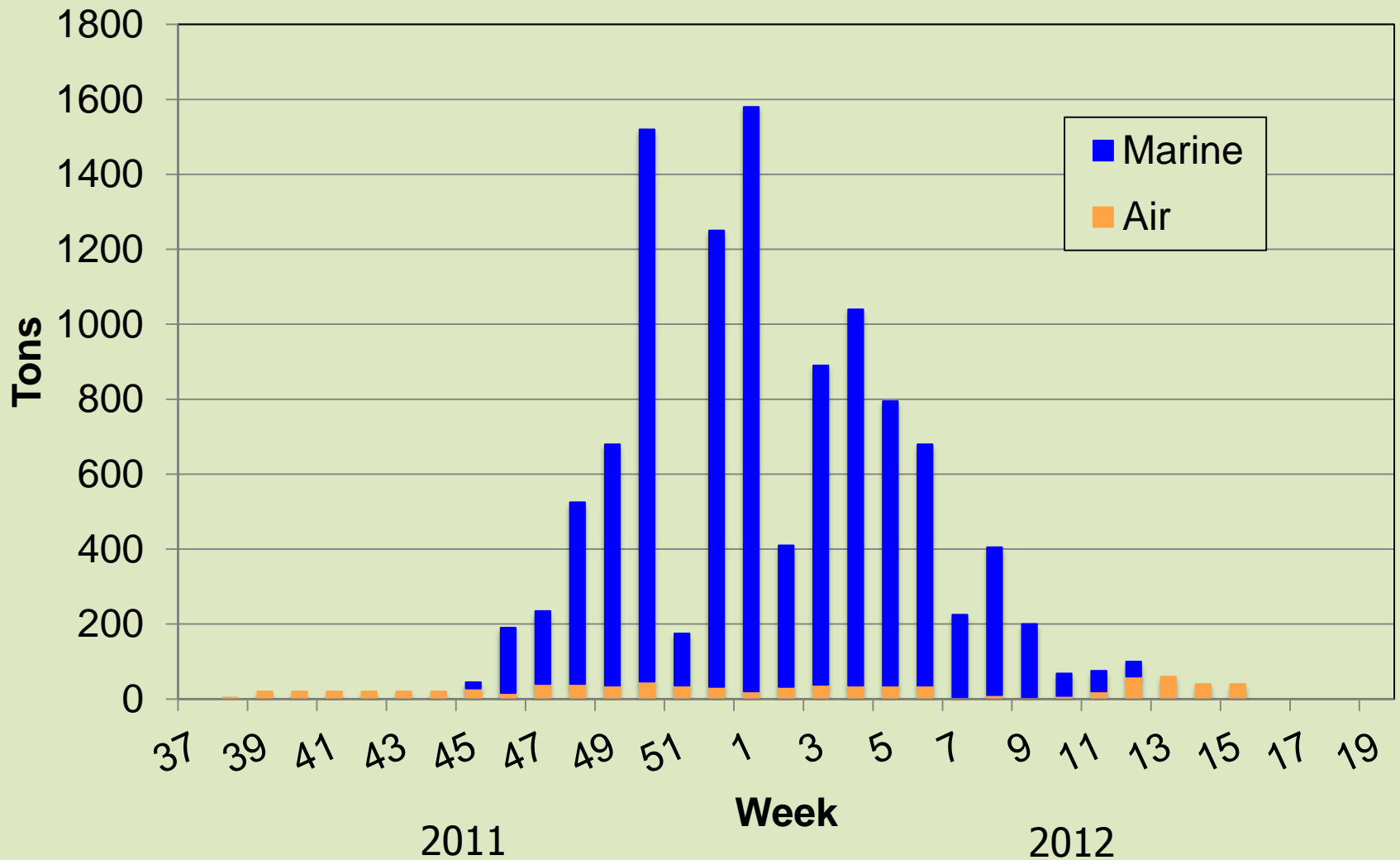
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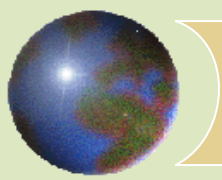
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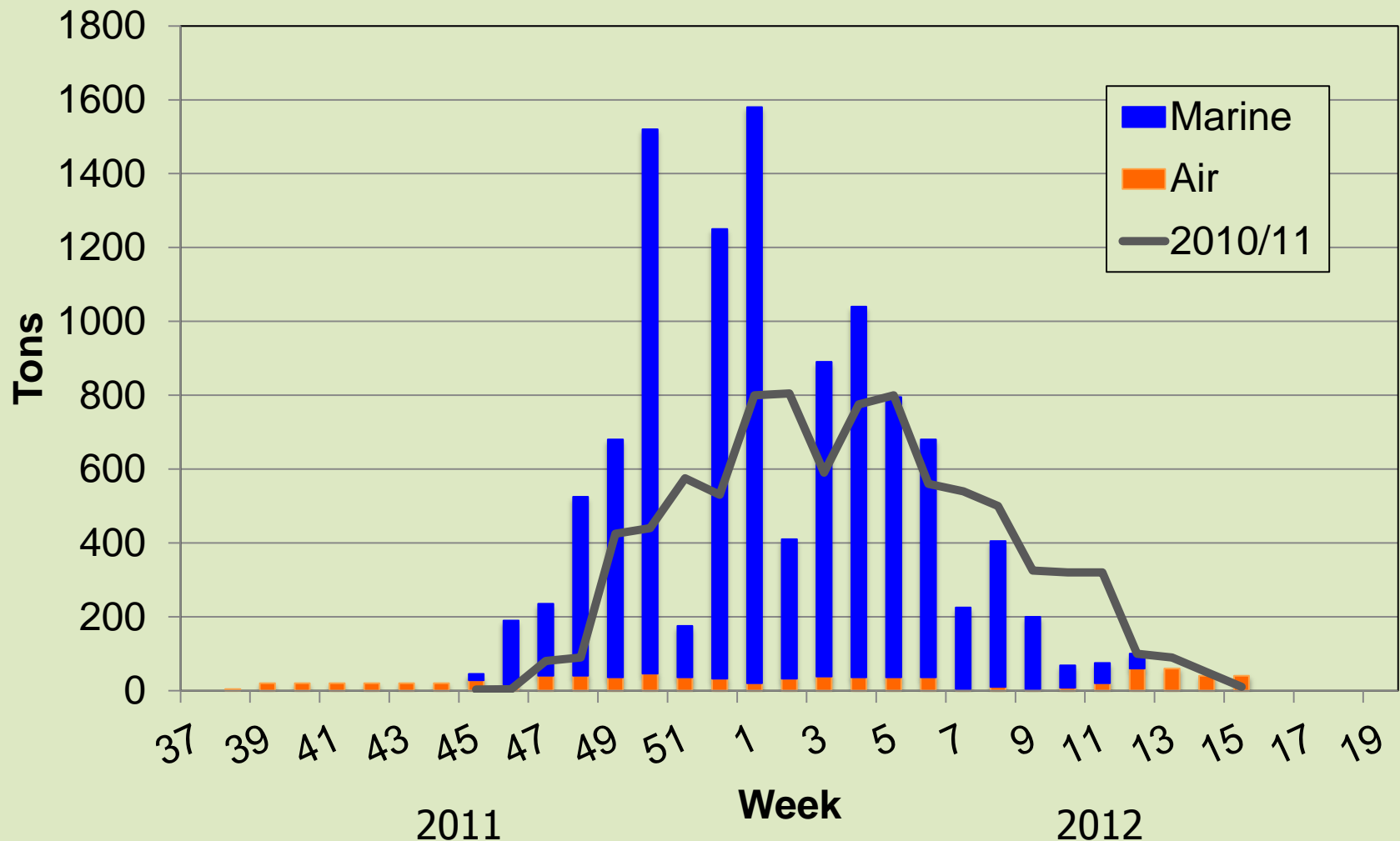
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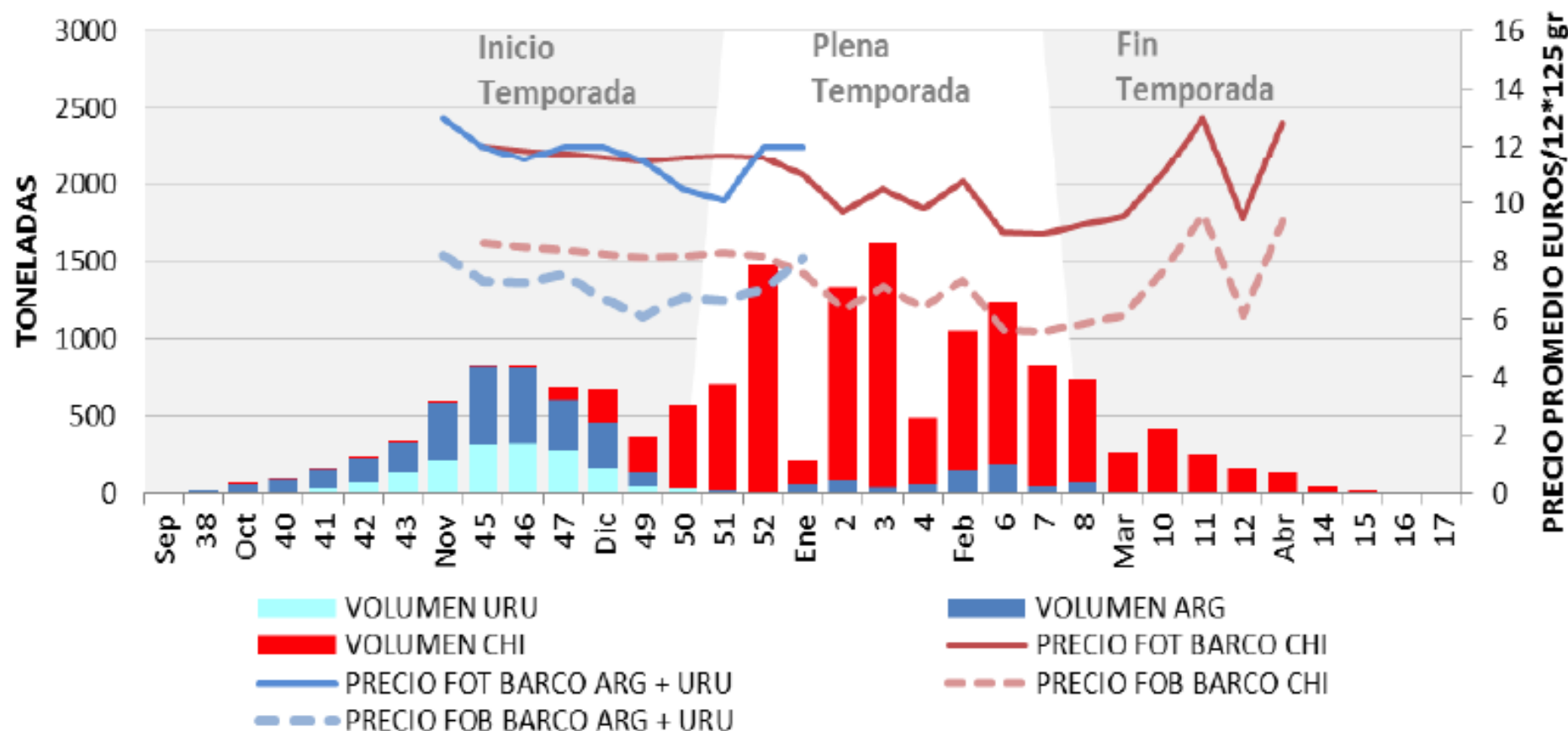


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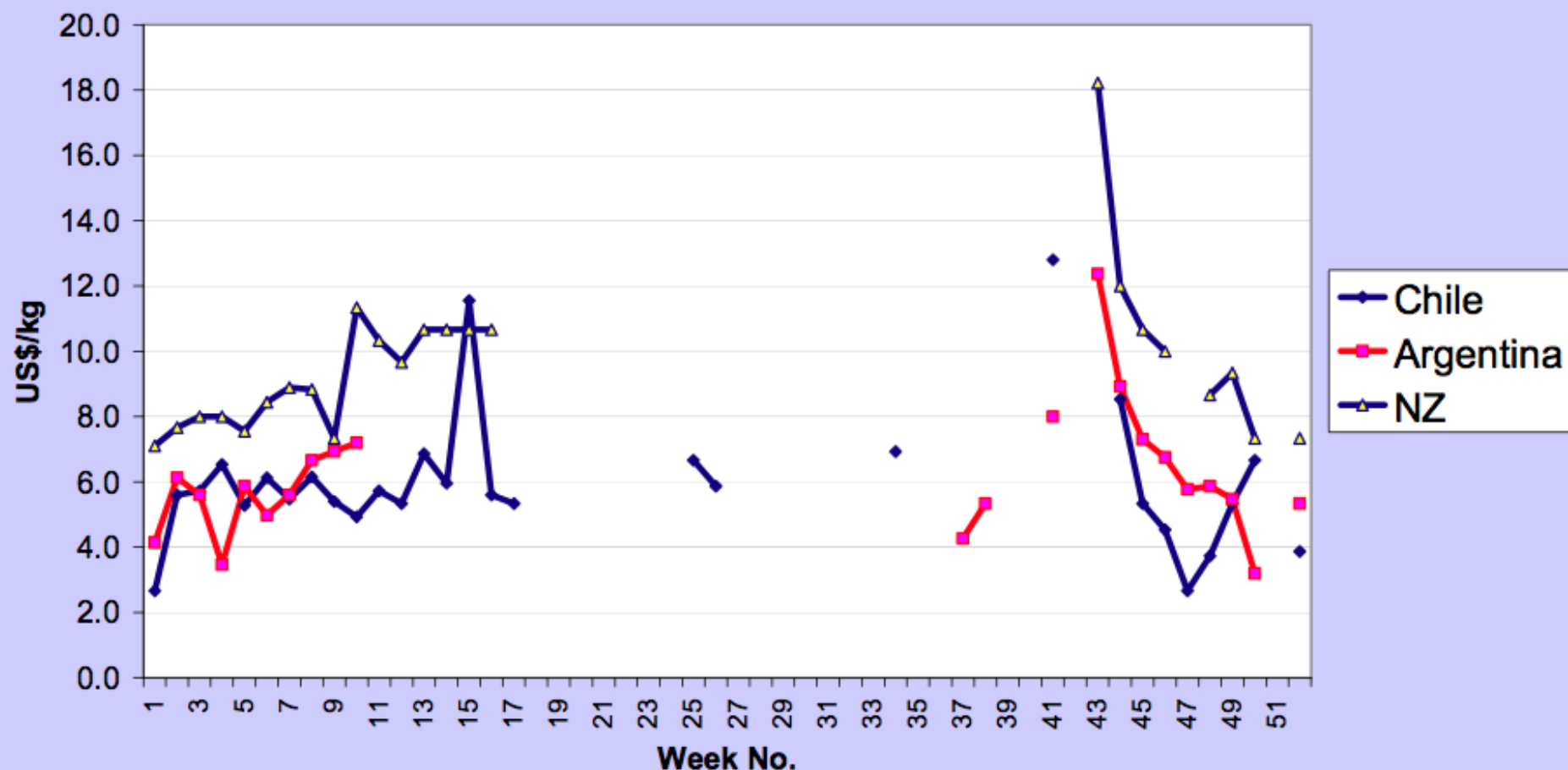
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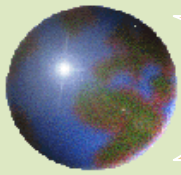
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2010/11	58.592	683	8.620	1.945	16	66	69.922
2011/12	54.862	816	11.363	2.884	98	79	70.102
% VAR	-6%	19%	32%	48%	513%	20%	0,3%

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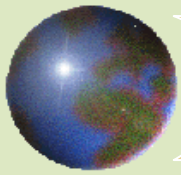




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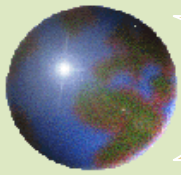
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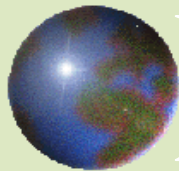
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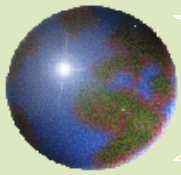
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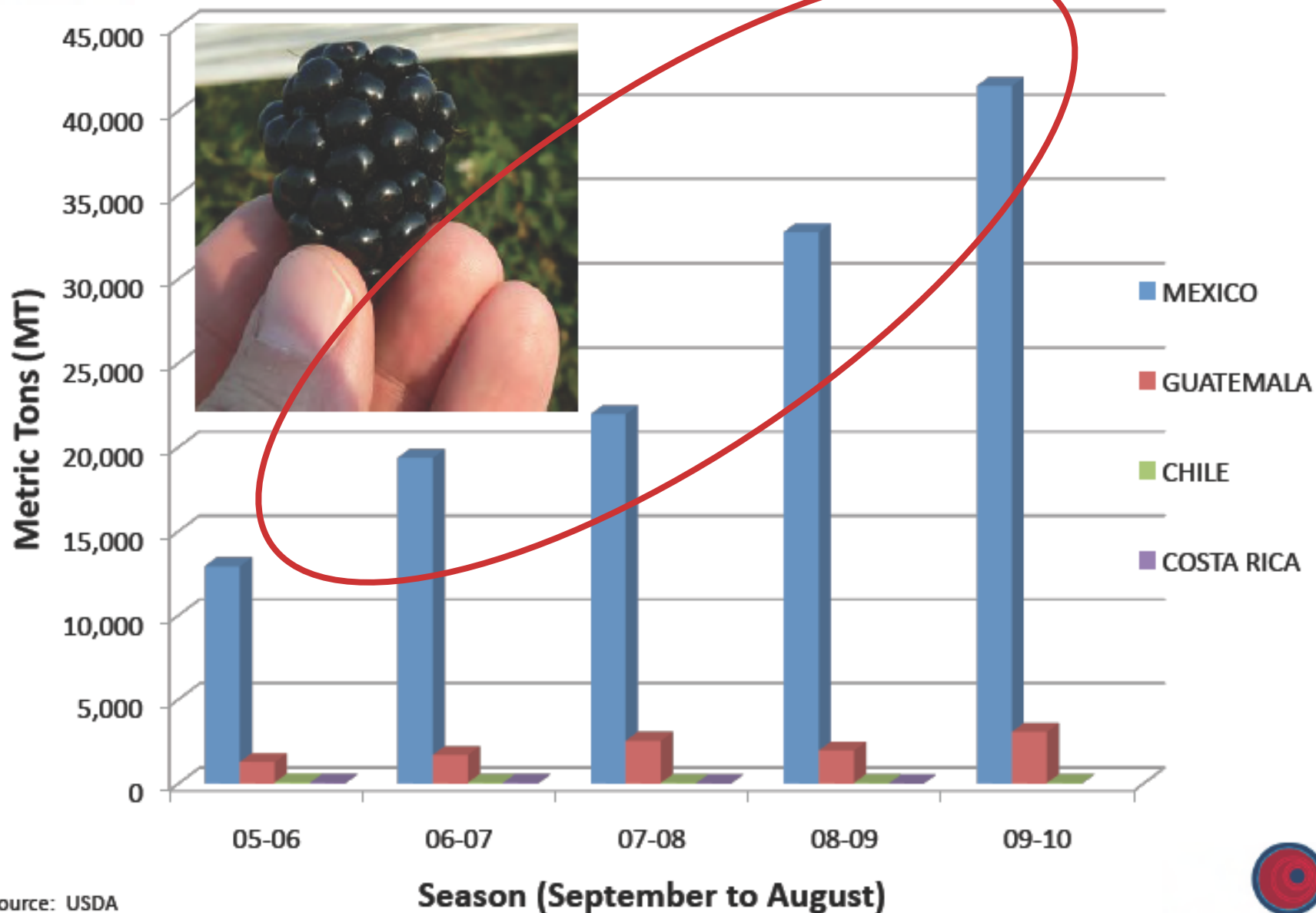


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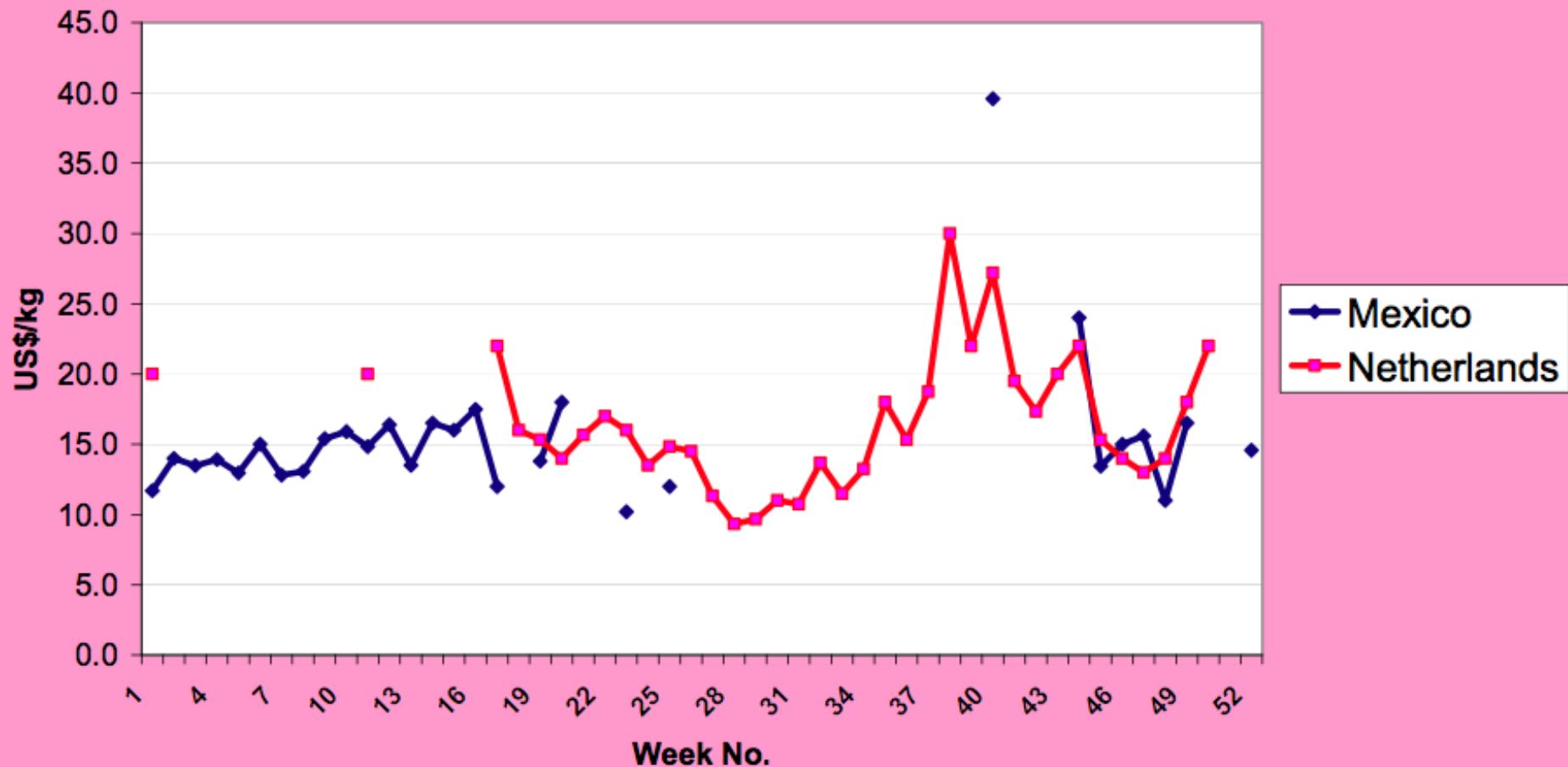
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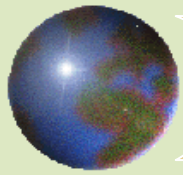
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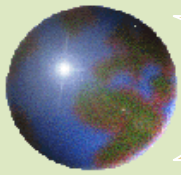
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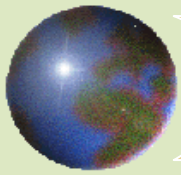
- *Considerable effort in recent years in improving production and management and breeding new varieties.*
- *10,000 ha of blackberries in MX and  
> expect to double in next 10 yrs.*
- >>> now 80,000 workers involved in berry production and marketing in Mexico.*





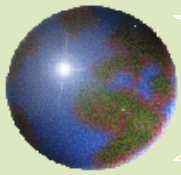
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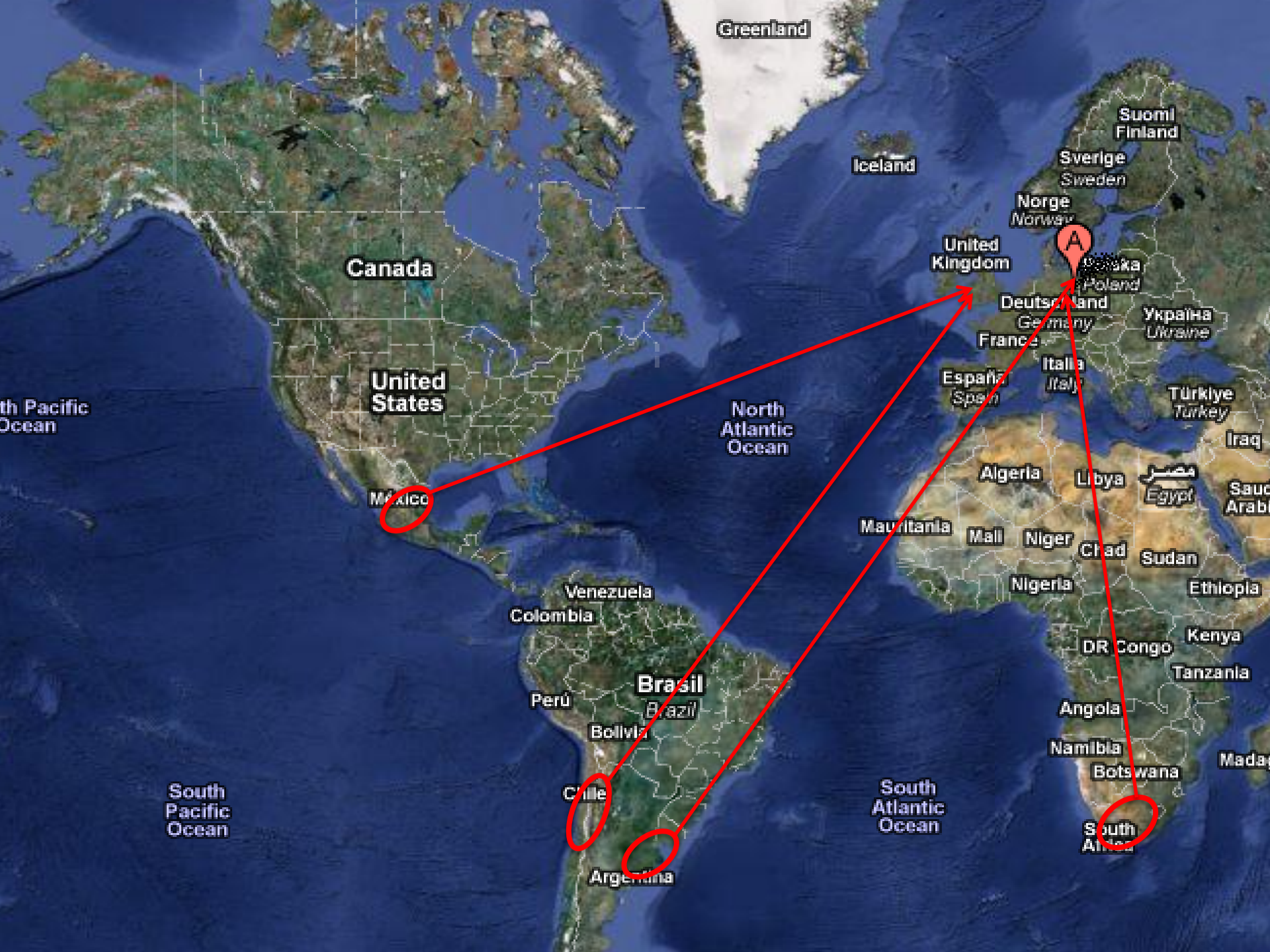
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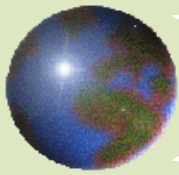






Overall, Chile and Argentina  
blueberry to EU = 15,000 > 20,000  
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8 Euro / kg

= ~ 160 Million Euros for Blueberries  
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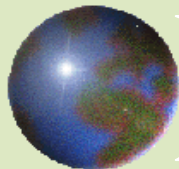


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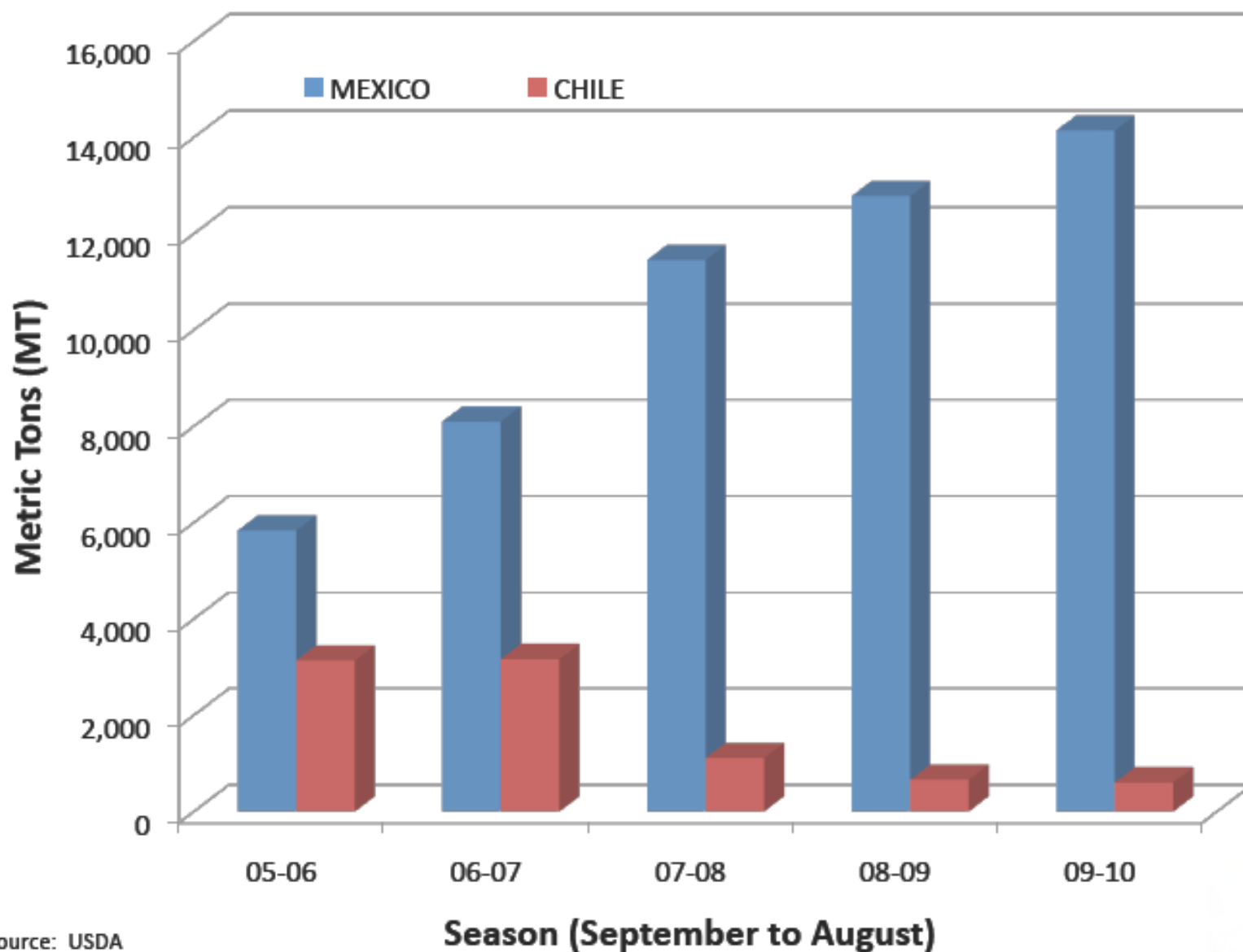
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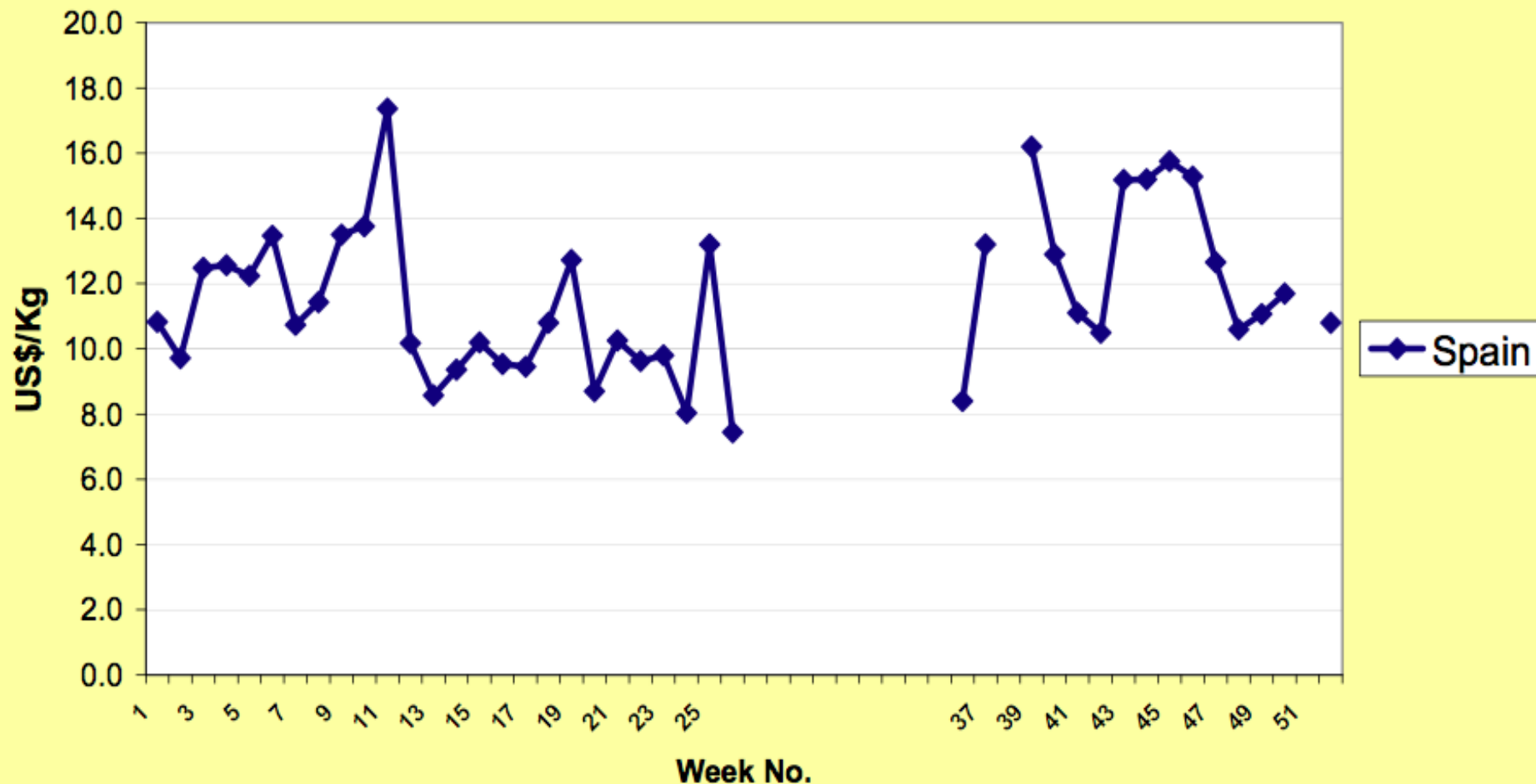
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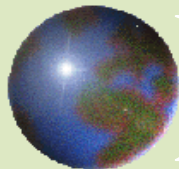


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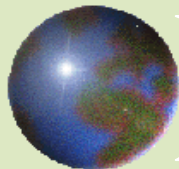
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*Seasonal area planted (ha) to strawberry and raspberry  
Huelva, Spain*

Season	Strawberry	Raspberry
2009/10	6.500	910
2010/11	6.400	943
2011/12	7.150	1320
% change	+11,7%	+40,0%

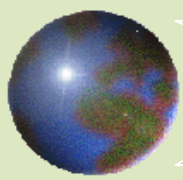




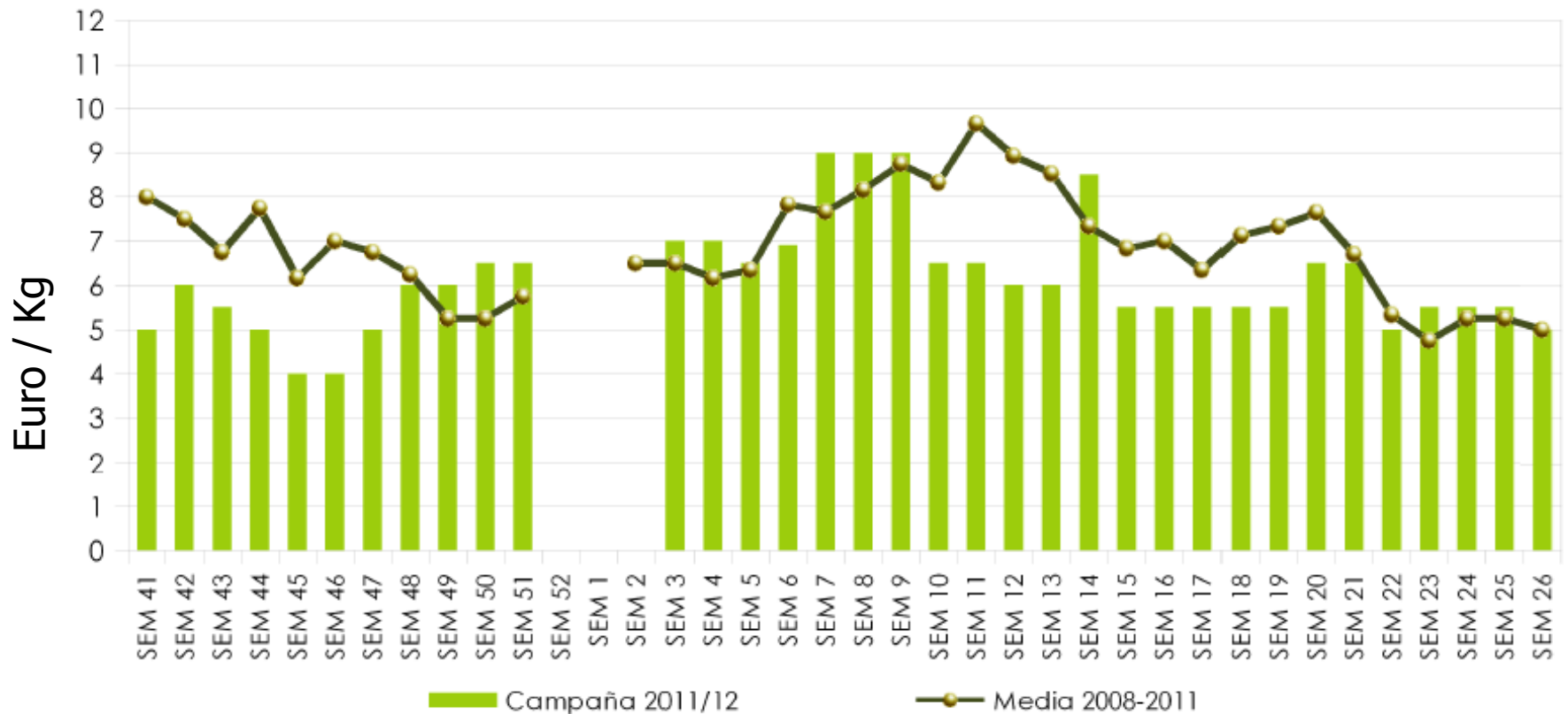
## *Seasonal strawberry and raspberry production (tonnes)* *Huelva, Spain*

Season	Strawberry	Raspberry
2009/10	264.355	8.250
2010/11	252.250	8.460
2011/12	280.000	12.091
% change	+11,0%	+42,9%

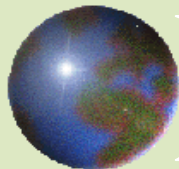
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## Weekly shipping point prices for raspberry - Huelva



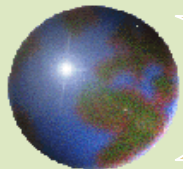
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## *Volume of fresh raspberry exports (ton) - Spain*

	<b>2011 / 12 Season</b>	<b>variation from average of last 3 seasons</b>
<b>Huelva</b>	11.829,8	+7,75%
<b>Andalucía</b>	12.205,8	+8,12%
<b>España</b>	12.824,2	+0,47%

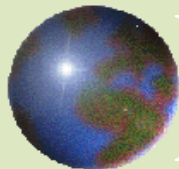
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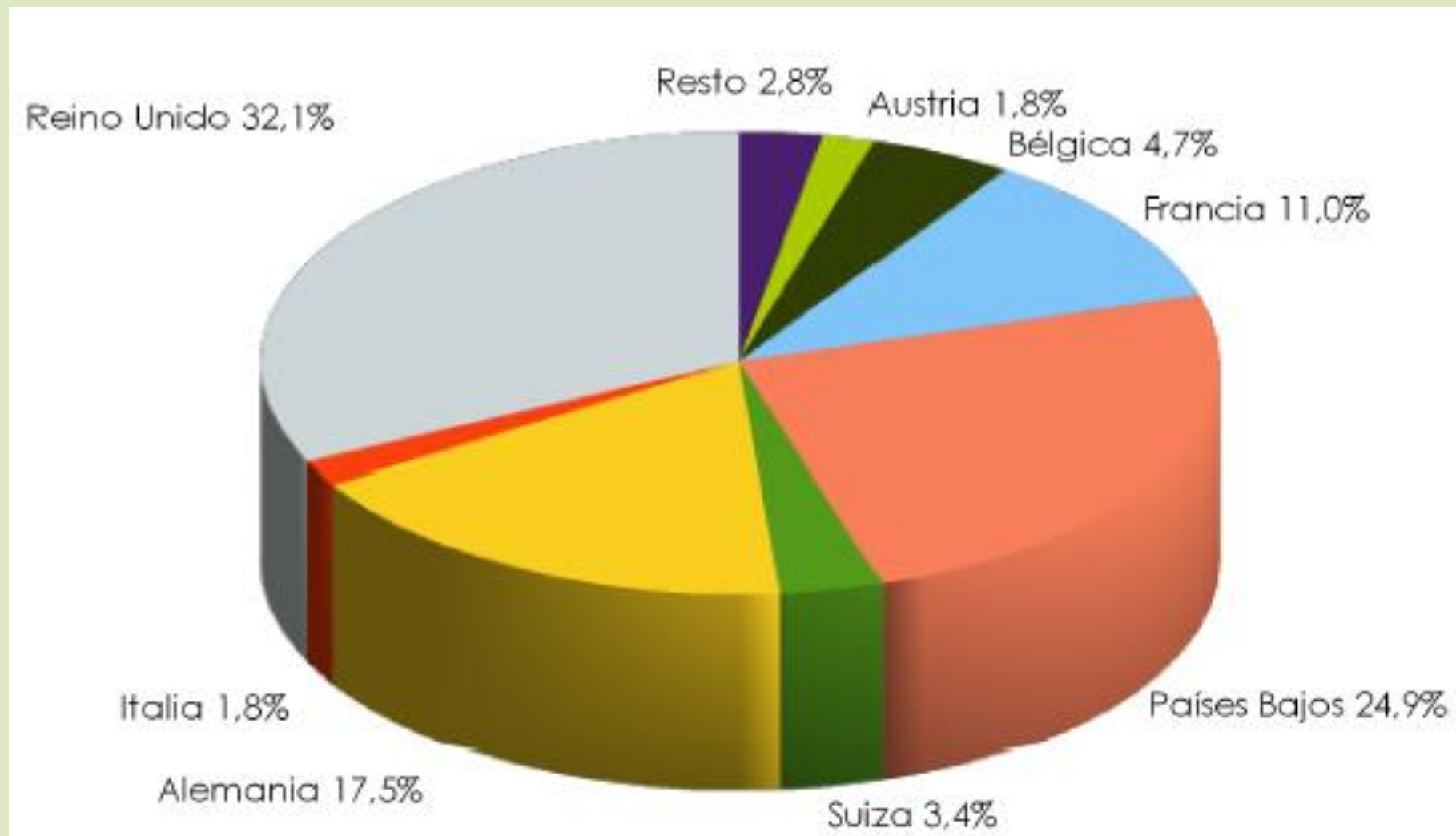
## *Value of fresh raspberry exports – Spain (000s Euros)*

<b>2011 / 12 Season</b>		<b>variation from average of last 3 seasons</b>
<b>Huelva</b>	92.583,7	+16,35%
<b>Andalucía</b>	96.232,1	+16,65%
<b>España</b>	101.091,5	+9,85%

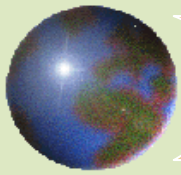
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## *Destinations of fresh raspberry exports from Huelva*

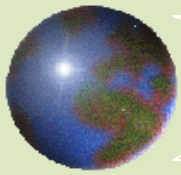


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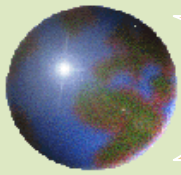
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