

# Corn DDGS: A Feed Industry Perspective

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# Overview

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- DDGS: Supply
- DDGS: Use
- DDGS: Value
- DDGS: other factors
- Summary

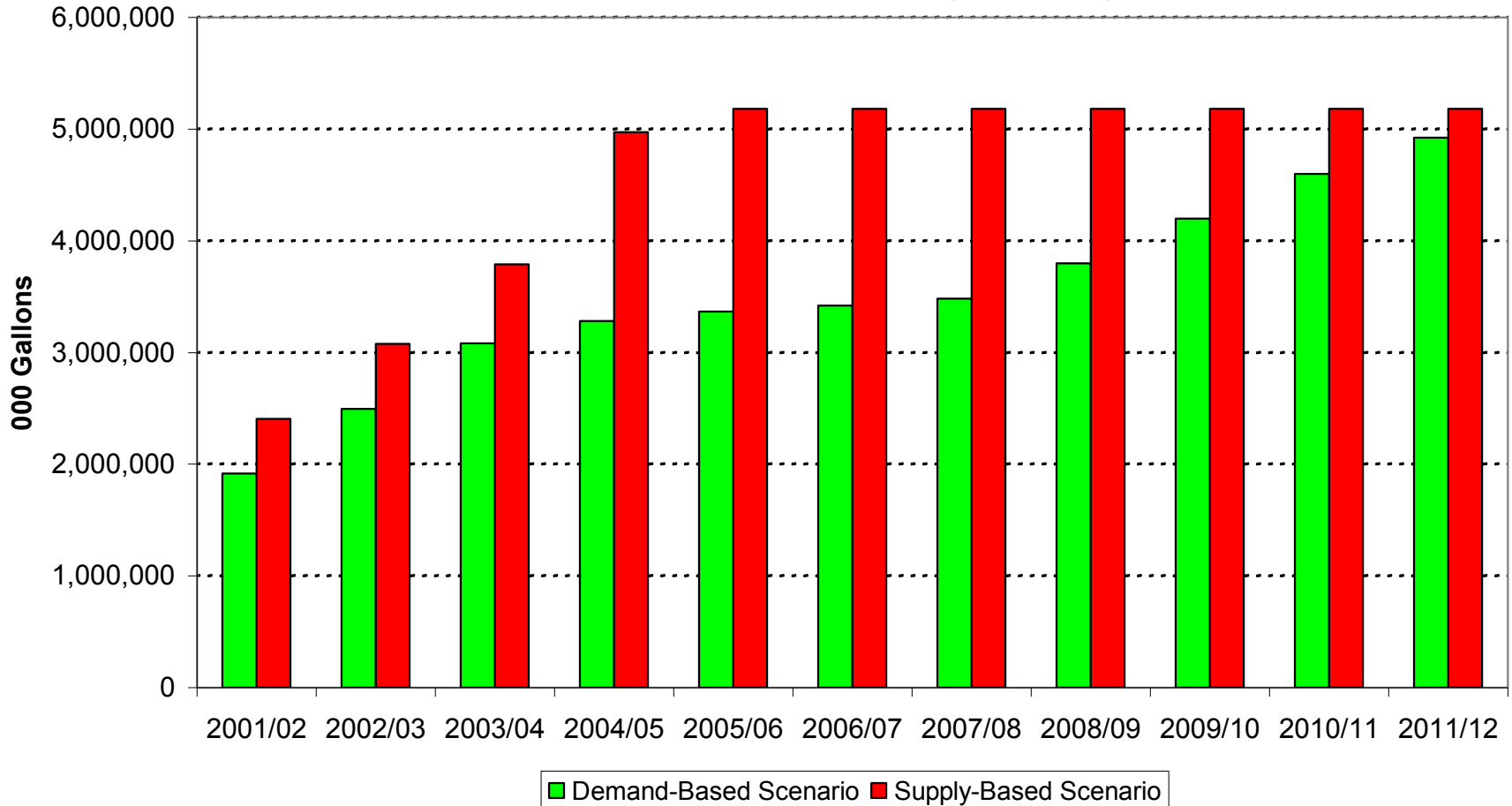
# DDGS Supply

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- Ethanol production expansion to 5 billion gallons.
- DDGS supply will grow to nearly 9 mmt per year.
- Increasing supply not driven by feed demand.
- “Biggest change to feeding animals since soybean meal.”

# Ethanol Volume Forecasts (Oct.-Sep. Crop Year)

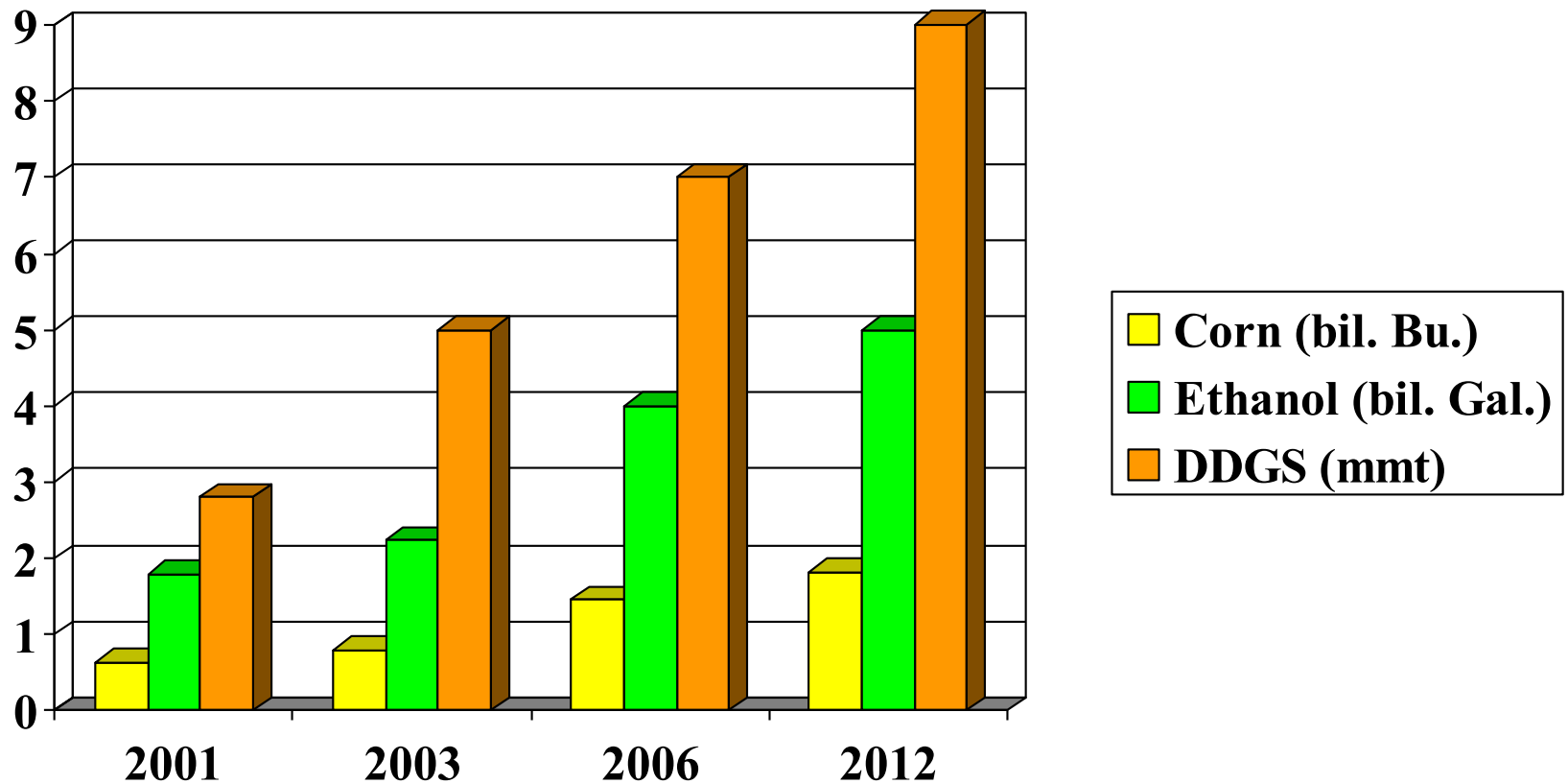
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Supply based on 2002 CA Energy Commission survey of U.S. ethanol capacity through 2005; static after 2005.  
Demand based on combination of MTBE bans in 19 states & Energy Bill including Renewable Fuels Standard

# United States Ethanol Outlook

Land O' Lakes 2002



# Using Corn Distillers Grains in Animal Feed

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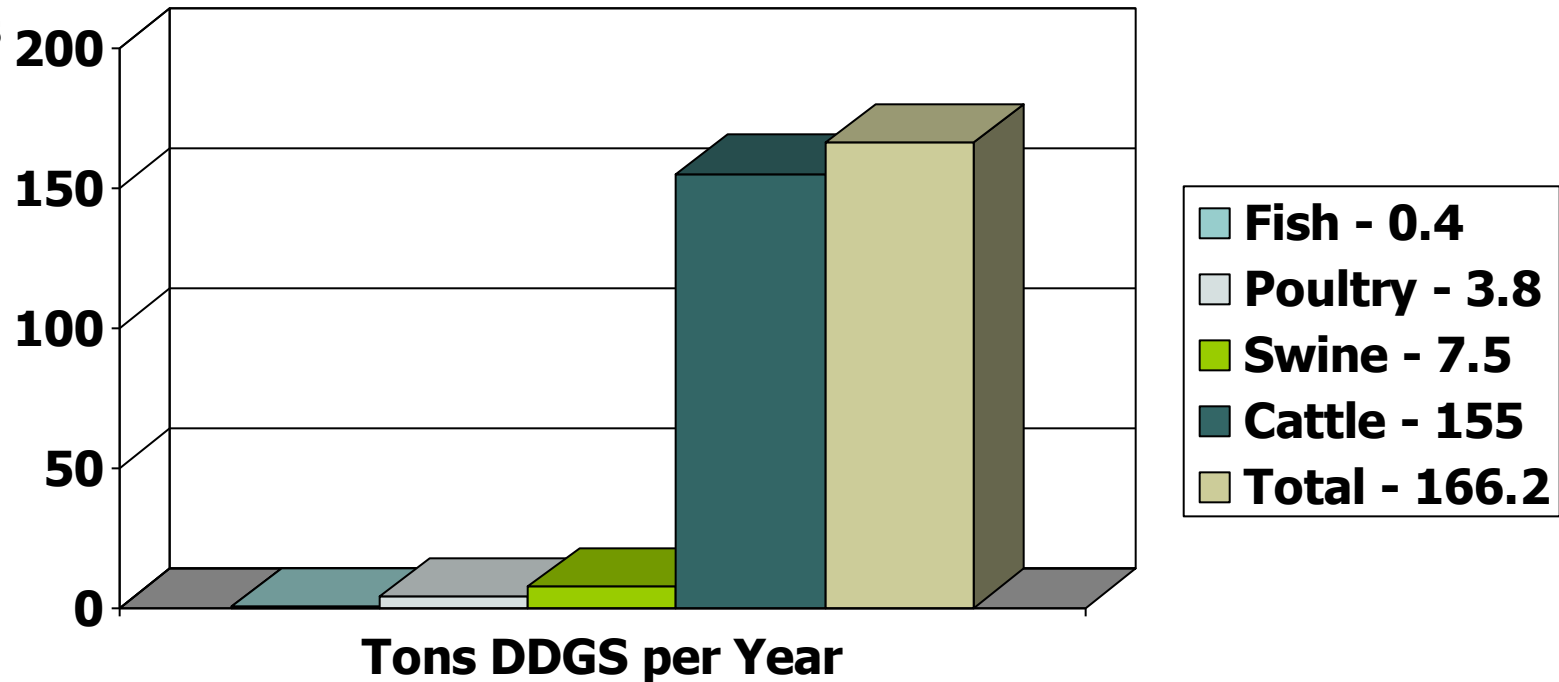
- How much can we use
  - Theoretically?
    - Good source of protein and energy for dairy and beef cattle.
    - Good source of protein, fiber, phosphorus, and energy for swine and poultry.
    - Formulate diet to maximize use of nutrients when economically advantageous.



# Maximum Theoretical, Potential DDGS Usage

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Million  
Tons



# Using Corn Distillers Grains in Animal Feed

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- How much can we use
  - Practically?
    - High phosphorus levels can limit use in areas where soil phosphorus level management is necessary.
    - Low lysine levels require amino-acid balancing, especially at levels of more than 10% of the diet for dairy, swine, and poultry.
    - High vegetable oil levels can have negative effects on feed intake and carcass characteristics.

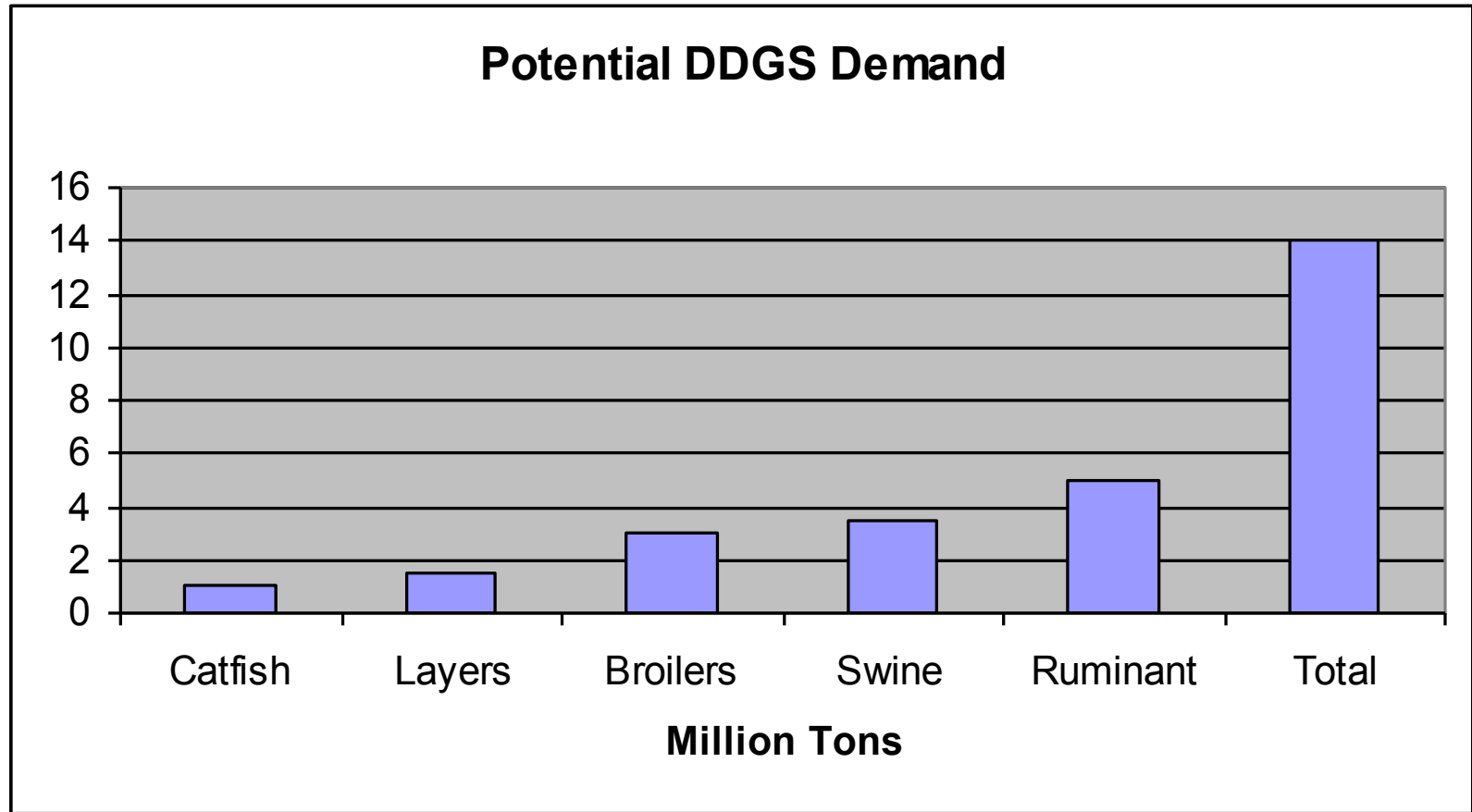
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- How much can we use
  - Practically?
    - Physical characteristics challenges; flow-ability, micron size, pellet strength, etc.
    - Nutrient variation results in limiting inclusion levels by nutritionist to minimize potential nutrient variation in finished rations.
    - Geography may limit timely access to dependable amounts of quality product.
    - Price compared to primary ingredients.
    - Price compared to other mid-protein ingredients.

# Potential use of DDGS

(Land O' Lakes 2002)



# **Corn DDGS Value...**

**...it depends on:**

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- **Nutrient concentration**
- **Nutrient digestibility or bio-availability**
  - **Energy**
  - **Amino acids**
  - **Phosphorus**
- **Physical properties of product**
- **Species**
- **Market price of competing ingredients**

# Value of DDGS:

## 1. Two Nutrient Profiles

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	DDGS (NRC)	“Golden” DDGS
ME, kcal/lb	1,282	1,452
C. Protein, %	27.7	26.9
C. Fat, %	8.4	9.7
Lysine, %	.62	.76
Dig. Lys., %	.29	.40
P, %	.77	.79
Av. P, %	.59	.63

# Value of DDGS:

## 2. Two Price Scenarios

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### ● Low Prices

- Corn = \$1.93/bu
- Hi-Pro SBM = \$163.50/ton
- L-Lysine.HCl = \$70/cwt
- No added fat

### ● High Prices

- Corn = \$3.05/bu
- Hi-Pro SBM = \$320/ton
- L-Lysine.HCl = \$200/cwt
- No added fat

# Value of DDGS:

## 3. Two Value Estimations

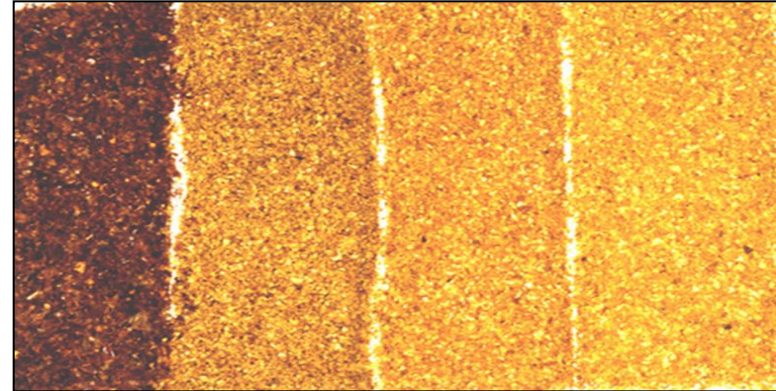
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	NRC DDGS	“Golden” DDGS
Shadow Price (low prices)	\$87.73	\$92.83
Shadow Price (high prices)	\$151.80	\$159.00
Amount Used (low prices)	106 lb/ton	165 lb/ton
Amount Used (high prices)	8 lb/ton	0 lb/ton
Price to use 200 lb/ton (low prices)	\$66.45	\$84.41
Price to use 200 lb/ton (high prices)	\$123.40	\$158.80



# Nutrient digestibility or bio-availability - Lysine

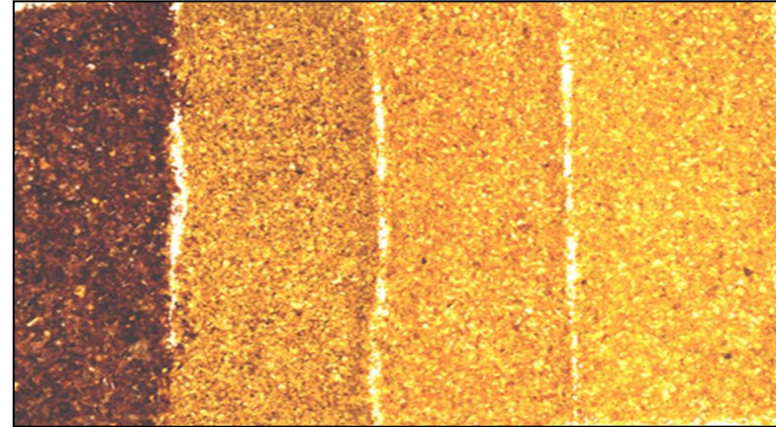
- Research published in 2003 correlates color (in terms of lightness and yellowness) to lysine digestibility.
- In turkey grower diets, DDG's with low or high (60% vs. 78%) lysine digestibility showed DDGS values of:



Ingredient/price	Low lysine DDGS	High lysine DDGS
Corn, \$1.74 / bu	\$85.60 / ton	\$95.60 / ton
Corn, \$1.96 / bu	\$90.80 / ton	\$100.00 / ton
Corn, \$2.97 / bu	\$114.00 / ton	\$120.40 / ton
SBM, \$165 / ton	\$90.80 / ton	\$100.00 / ton
SBM, \$174 / ton	\$94.40 / ton	\$104.20 / ton

# Nutrient digestibility or bio-availability - Phosphorus

- In swine grow/finish diets; available phosphorus is a significant part of value.
- Calculated value of DDGS with high to low available phosphorus at various corn prices:



<u>Corn/SBM</u>	<u>90% A. Phos.</u>	<u>80% A. Phos.</u>	<u>60% A. Phos.</u>
<u>\$2/\$250</u>	\$95.22	\$93.64	\$90.59
<u>\$2.5/\$275</u>	\$112.59	\$111.07	\$108.14
<u>\$3/\$300</u>	\$129.96	\$128.50	\$125.68

# Physical properties of product

Sent to a happy customer



Sent back from a not-so-happy customer

# Physical properties of product

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- **Bulk density – affects freight cost**
  - Range is 31 – 39 pounds/cu. ft.; could be 20% less weight shipped in a rail car or container.
- **Micron size – affects mixing and handling characteristics**
  - Matching finished feed is best for mixing.
  - Too small (talc powder) makes difficult to handle.
- **Pelleting –**
  - Pelleted DDGS would be easier to handle for shippers.
  - Adding DDGS to finished feed can result in poorer pellet quality and/or decreased through-put of pelleting machine.
- **Syrup balls –**
  - Generally, not related to reduced nutrition value.
  - If re-grinding required, adds cost, reducing value.

# DDGS Relative Value Differs Depending on Species

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## Assumptions:

- Corn                    \$2.00 / bu
- SBM                    \$175.00 / ton
- Urea                    \$360.00 / ton
- Non-ruminant diets corn/SBM
- Ruminant diets typical diets with competing by-products.

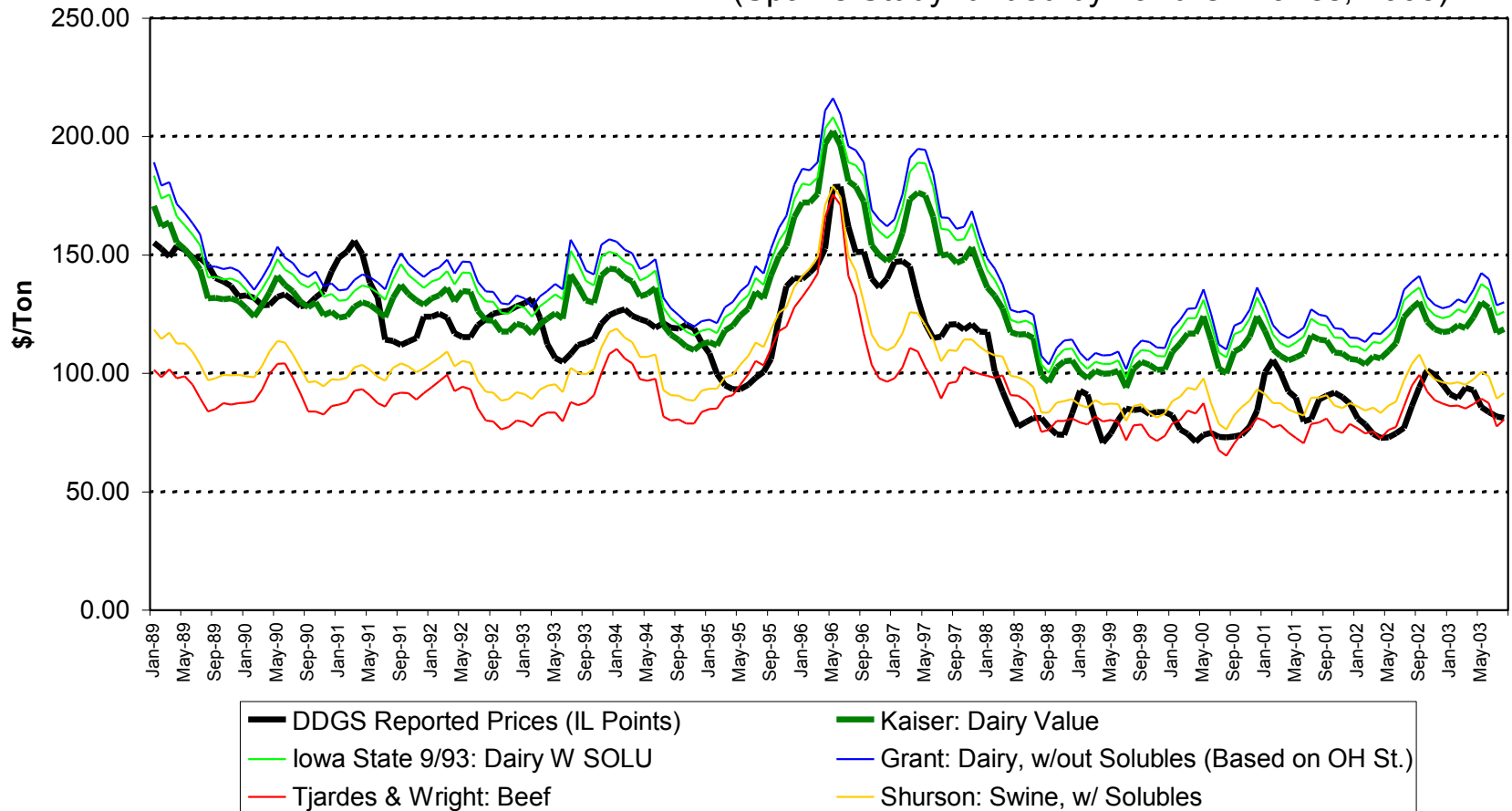
## Feed

## Dollars/ ton

Dairy Lactation	\$114.24
Poultry Finisher	\$100.09
Layer Diet	\$104.66
Swine G-F Diet	\$96.34
Beef Feedlot	\$108.00

# DDGS: USDA Reported Prices vs. Theoretical Nutritional Value

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# Value of By-Products for Beef



	Cost	DM%	NEg	CP%	Ratio
<b>Corn per bushel</b>	<b>\$3.05</b>	<b>88.0</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>9.5</b>	
<b>Hi Pro Soybean Meal per ton</b>	<b>\$320</b>	<b>89.0</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>53.4</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Feed Grade Urea per ton</b>	<b>\$490</b>	<b>99.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>75%</b>

100% DM		Maximum Value per Ton, delivered		
NEg	CP %	Energy	Protein	Total
Mcal/cwt		Value/ton	Value/ton	Value/ton

Commodity	DM %	NEg	CP %	Energy	Protein	Total
		Mcal/cwt		Value/ton	Value/ton	Value/ton
Corn Screenings	86	52	9.5	\$67	\$21	<b>\$88</b>
Corn Gluten Feed, Dry	90	63	20	\$85	\$47	<b>\$132</b>
Corn Gluten Feed, Wet	40	63	20	\$38	\$21	<b>\$59</b>
Cottonseed, Whole	91	72	23	\$98	\$54	<b>\$153</b>
Distillers Grains, Dry	88	66	28	\$87	\$64	<b>\$151</b>
Distillers Grains, Wet	30	66	30	\$30	\$23	<b>\$53</b>
Distillers Syrup	30	80	30	\$36	\$23	<b>\$59</b>

## Value of Using 200 lb Per Ton of Golden DDGS in Swine Feed

(~63% available lysine in DDGS)

Ingredient Prices	\$/ton	
Corn	\$ 108.89	\$ 3.05
Hi-Pro Soybean Meal	\$ 320.00	
Dicalcium Phosphate, 18.5%	\$ 380.00	
DDGS (Golden)	\$ 140.00	
Limestone	\$ 65.00	
Savings from using 200 lb DDGS	\$ 0.17	/ton
Break-Even Price for DDGS	\$ 141.65	/ton DDGS



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Limestone	\$ 65.00	
Savings from using 200 lb DDGS	\$ 1.22	/ton
Break-Even Price for DDGS	\$ 152.21	/ton DDGS

## DDGS: other factors.

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In poultry:

- 10% DDGS in diet maintains performance of layers, broilers, and turkeys.
- Can be used to produce darker yellow yolks
- Can be used to produce a yellowish fat and possibly breast meat (?)



# DDGS: other factors.

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In swine:

- 10% DDGS in diet in grow/finish and up to 40% of sow gestation diets.
- See less use in nursery and lactation diets
- Many producers report a “gut health” benefit



## DDGS: other factors.

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In beef cattle:

- Up to 15% DDGS in diet competes with other protein sources in value.
- Over 15% DDGS in diet competes with other energy sources in value.
- Reduces incidence of acidosis and associated problems.

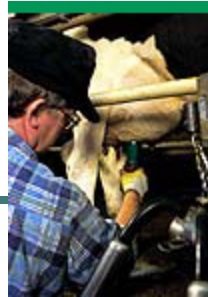
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In dairy cattle:

- Excellent protein source
- High by-pass protein.
- Replaces corn & soybean meal, not forage.
- Need to balance lysine.
- Reduces incidence of acidosis and related problems.



# Thank You

