



U.S. PECAN MARKET ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S NOTE



The **U.S. Pecan Market Analysis** is a monthly, analysis-focused supplement to the American Pecan Council's industry position survey. The report combines handler reported data with U.S. government statistics and market analysis to create a holistic picture of pecan markets.

The report features an executive summary outlining the overall market balance and the latest trends in pecan market fundamentals along with an array of graphs related to pecan supply, demand and international markets in an appendix.

Several graphs also contain links to data explainer slides, but please feel free to reach out if anything is unclear.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions on how to improve the report, please reach out to industry@americanpecan.com.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



PECAN MARKET ANALYSIS

Despite the season starting off with plenty of concerns around a weak harvest in the eastern U.S. potentially compounding historically low stocks, handler reported receipts and inventories have surged following the western harvest. Receipts in February came in virtually identical to the past two years, but an 8% revision in the January data combined with handler reported inventories now 7% above last year signal the tightness in supplies may be alleviating. Furthermore, domestic sales – both by our team’s domestic utilization calculation and handler reported sales – are lagging prior year levels by 65% and 31%, respectively. Still, on the bullish side of the equation, imports from Mexico remain at historically low levels, while exports have noticeably improved to start 2026. Finally, on the data front, after several months, U.S. Census data is back on schedule. Meaning, in addition to this month’s report including both January and February import and export data, several other aggregate charts, including domestic utilization and aggregate supply and demand measures (see pages 15-17), are also now fully caught up with APC data.

RECEIPTS

In contrast to a surge in January receipts, which were revised higher since the publication of last month’s Market Analysis, February receipts were much more modest, falling 2% year-over-year. With 238 million lbs. of pecan receipts recorded through February, marketing YTD receipts are holding near the 5-year average but are 10% higher than last year’s level.

INVENTORY

While both APC and USDA data are showing inventories rising seasonally, there is a noticeable variation in the year-over-year comparisons. The biggest discrepancy is with in-shell inventories, wherein APC handlers are reporting stocks sitting 6% above last year, while USDA Cold Storage trails 2025 levels by 5%. Most likely, USDA is simply lagging as a result of the better-than-anticipated harvest during the seasonal peak.

DOMESTIC DEMAND

The most recent data continues to suggest that domestic sales are under pressure as handler sales and utilization both trail last year significantly. In fact, handlers reported the lowest monthly volume of domestic sales since April 2023. While not welcome news, they are sliding during the seasonal trough of consumption rather than over the holidays, limiting some of the overall impact.

GLOBAL MARKETS

In contrast to the rest of this month’s data, the trade stats for January and February were clearly bullish. U.S. pecan exports increased for two straight months – a welcome change of pace after declining 14 out of the last 15 months. At the same time, imports continue to fall. At just under 88 million lbs. on an in-shell basis, U.S. imports are at the lowest point since 2008/09 through this point in the season.

GRAPH OF THE MONTH



MARKET INSIGHTS

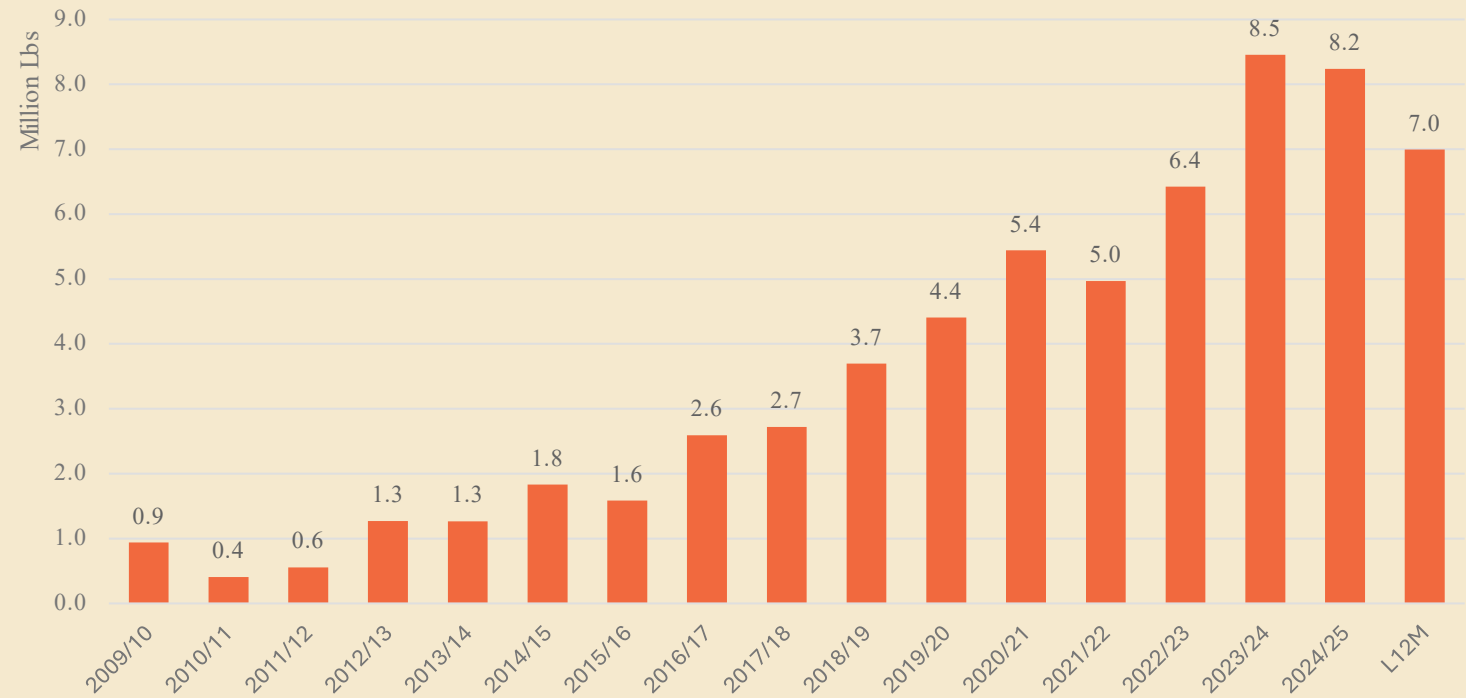
With the effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz, U.S. pecan exports to the Gulf States will undoubtedly be heavily impacted, if not completely halted, until the conflict is resolved. Over the last two seasons, the U.S. exported the equivalent of 8 million lbs. of in-shell pecans to members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) – most of which went to Saudi Arabia and UAE. In fact, the GCC accounted for 7% of U.S. pecan exports last season.

With shipping to the Gulf of Arabia largely confined to just the port of Muscat in Oman and Jeddah in the Red Sea, freight to the region has soared. The price of a 40-foot dry box from Rotterdam to Jeddah has soared from \$1,355 the week before the conflict began to over \$5,000 as of the last week in March, according to Drewry.

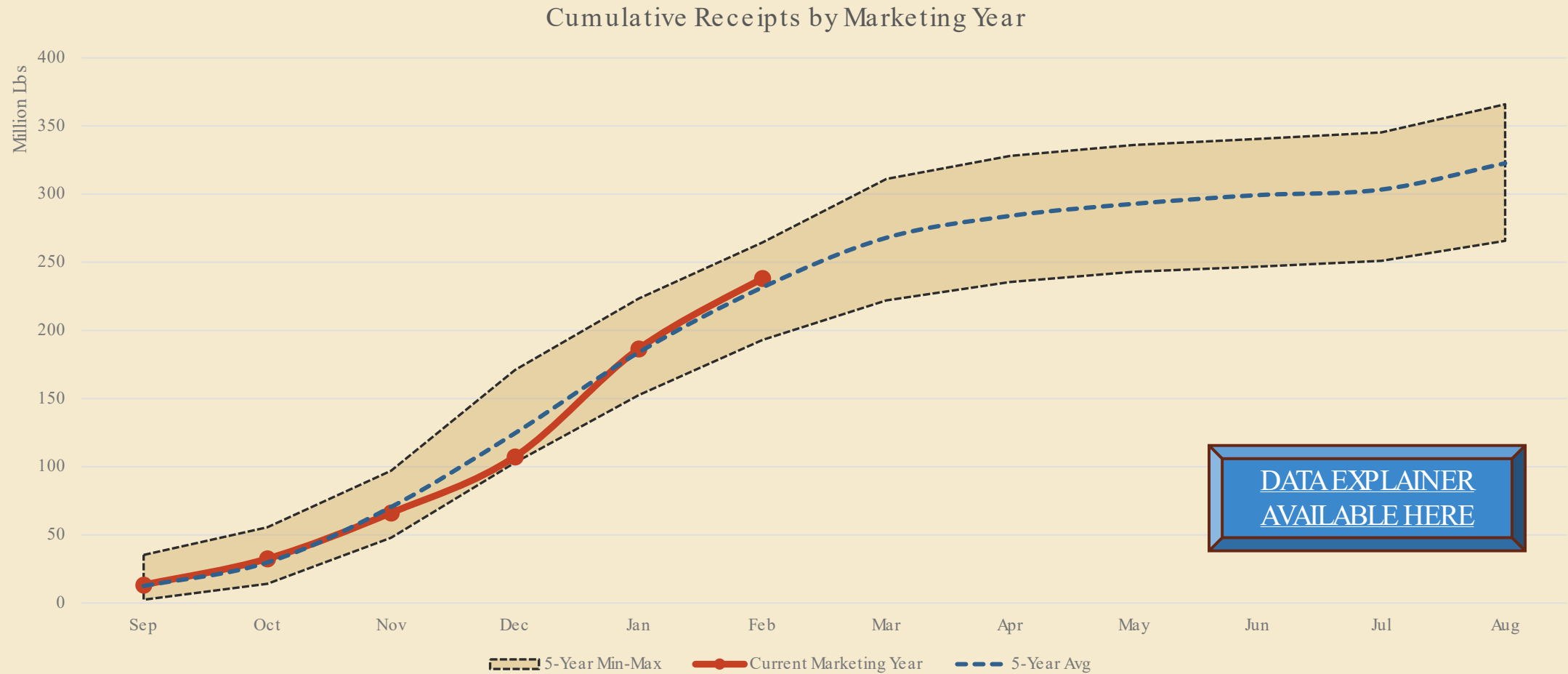
Looking ahead, a significant portion of U.S. pecan exports will be stalled by the rapid rise in freight, insurance and simply the inability to reach customers so long as the strait remains closed. While not a massive loss to global pecan consumption, the loss of demand is still bearish, particularly as other producers, including Mexico, ship to the GCC as well. Just as importantly, some of the other effects of the conflict may turn out to be particularly pernicious to pecan growers – most notably, the rising cost and limited availability of fertilizer.

Export Impact of the Strait of Hormuz Closure

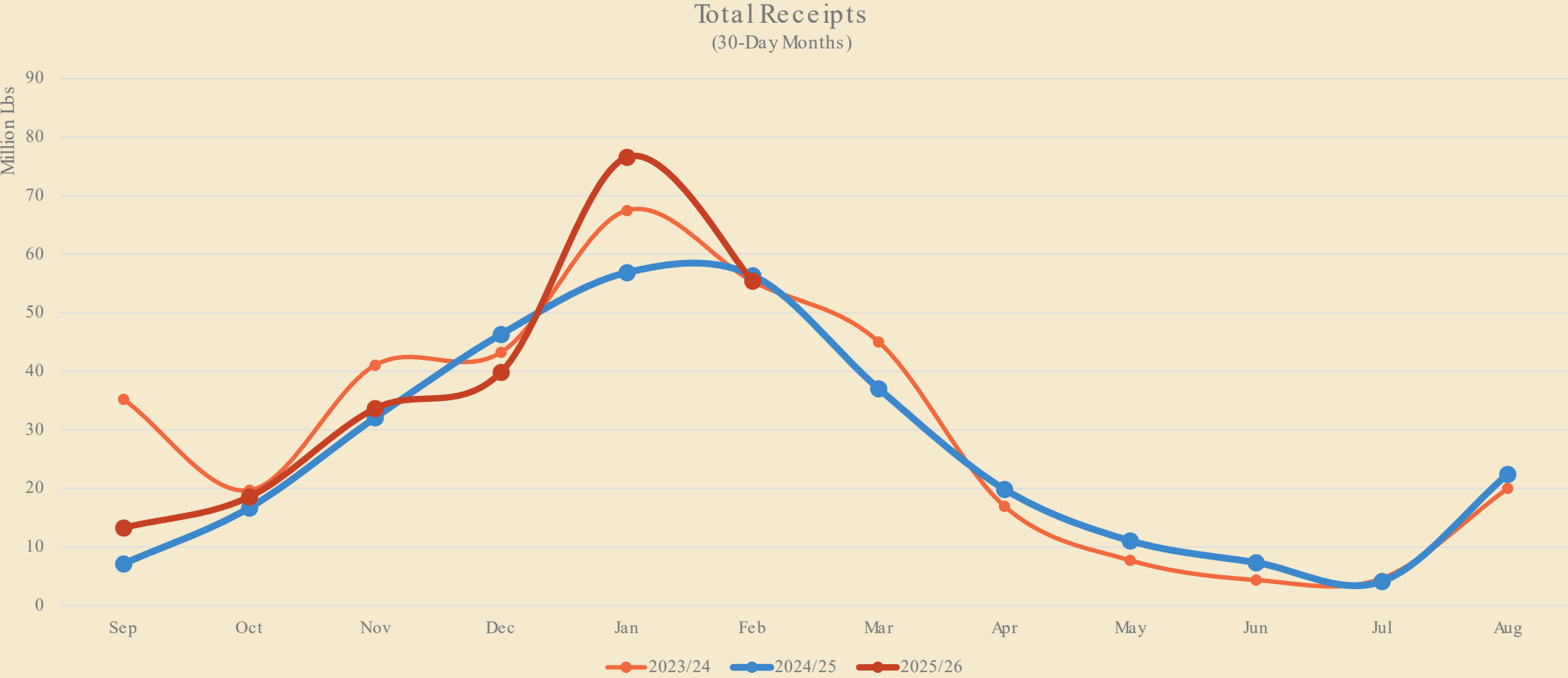
U.S. Pecan Exports to GCC by Season
(In-Shell Basis)



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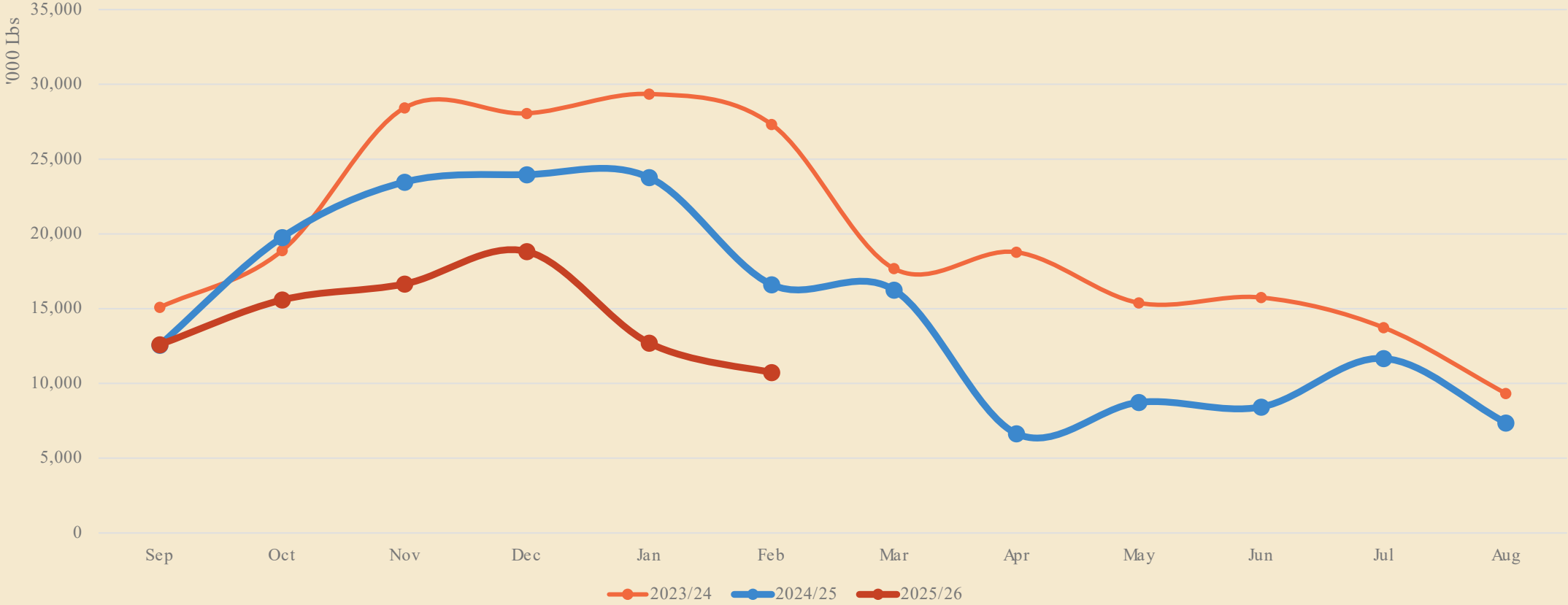


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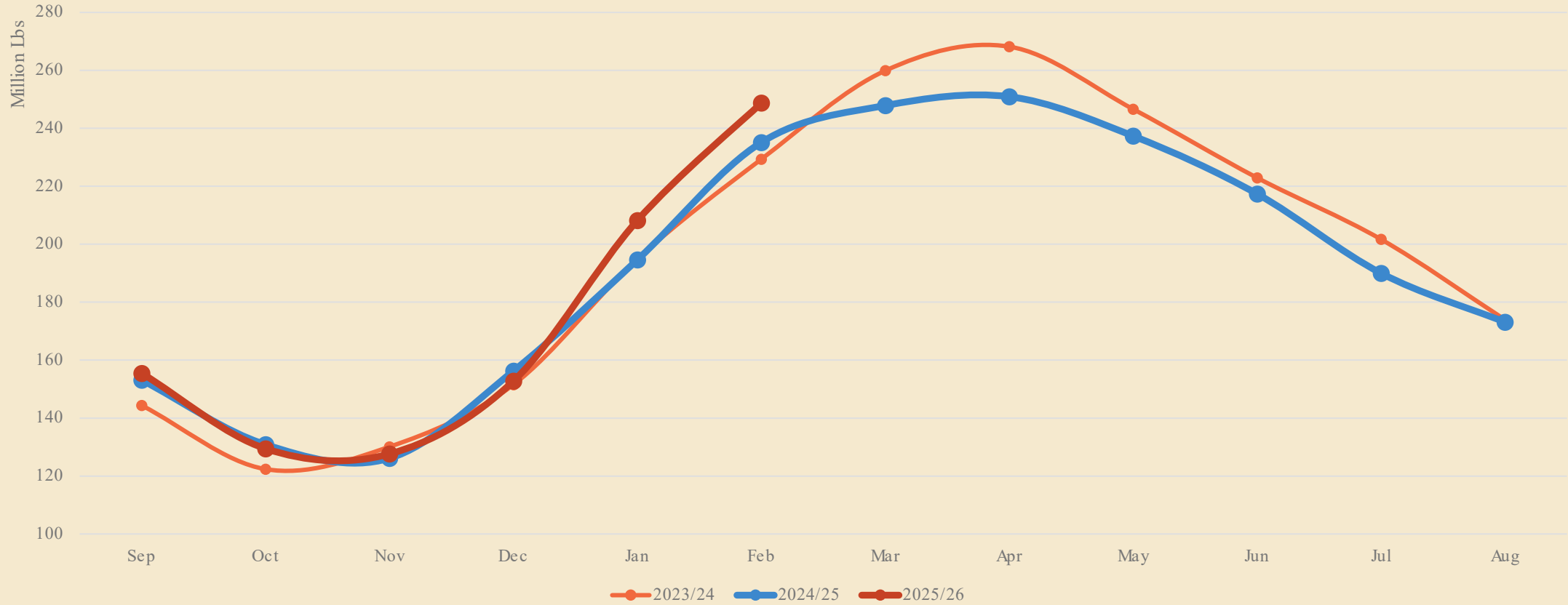
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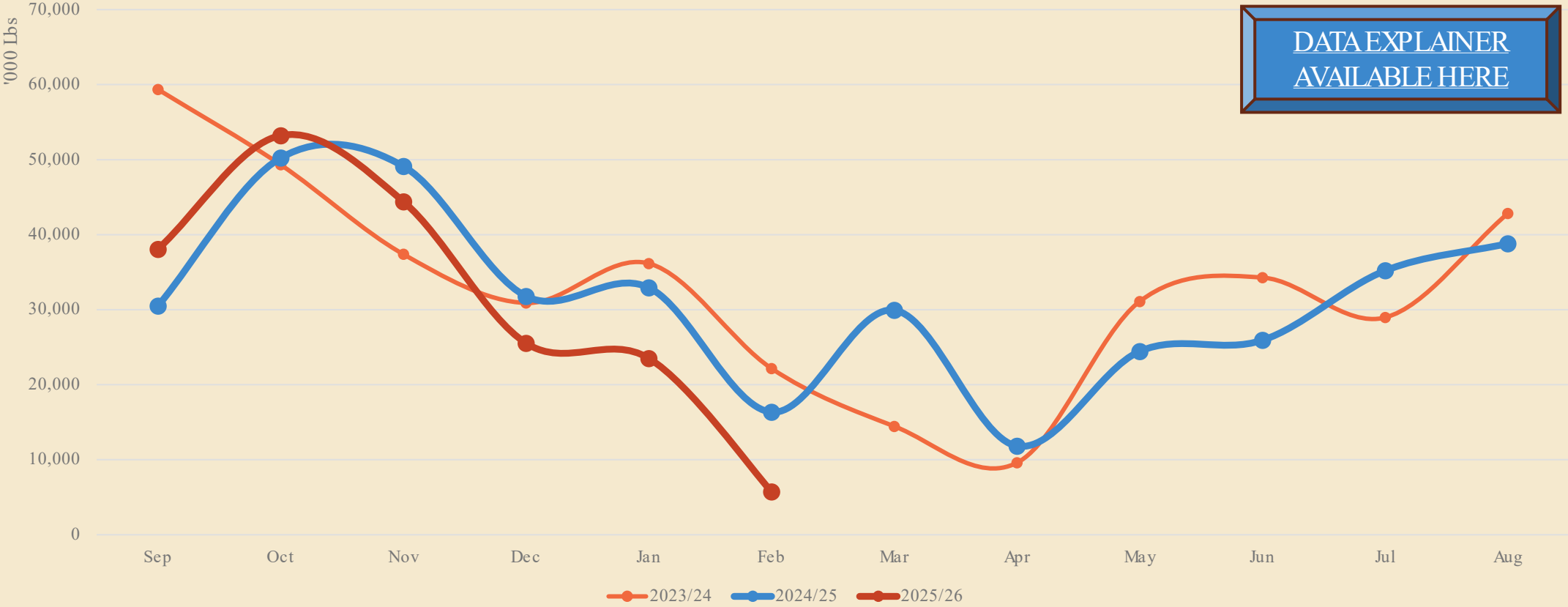
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DOMESTIC UTILIZATION

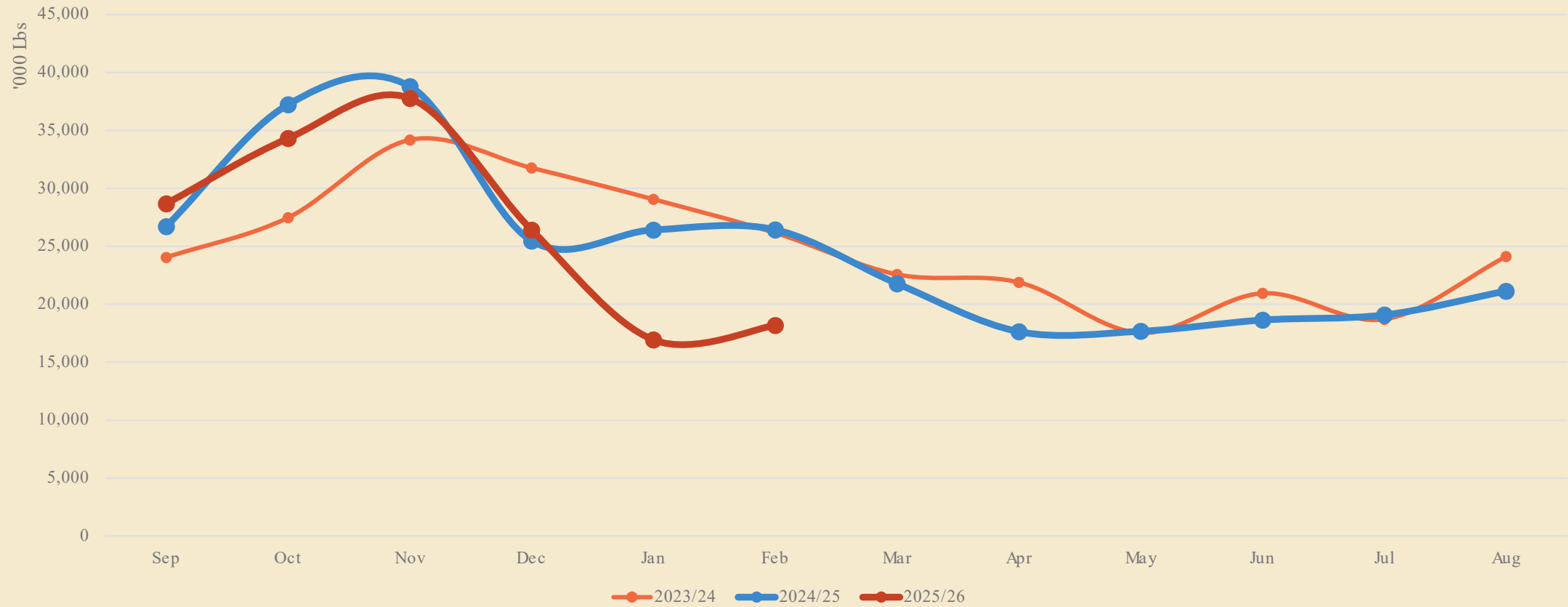
Estimated Total Domestic Utilization
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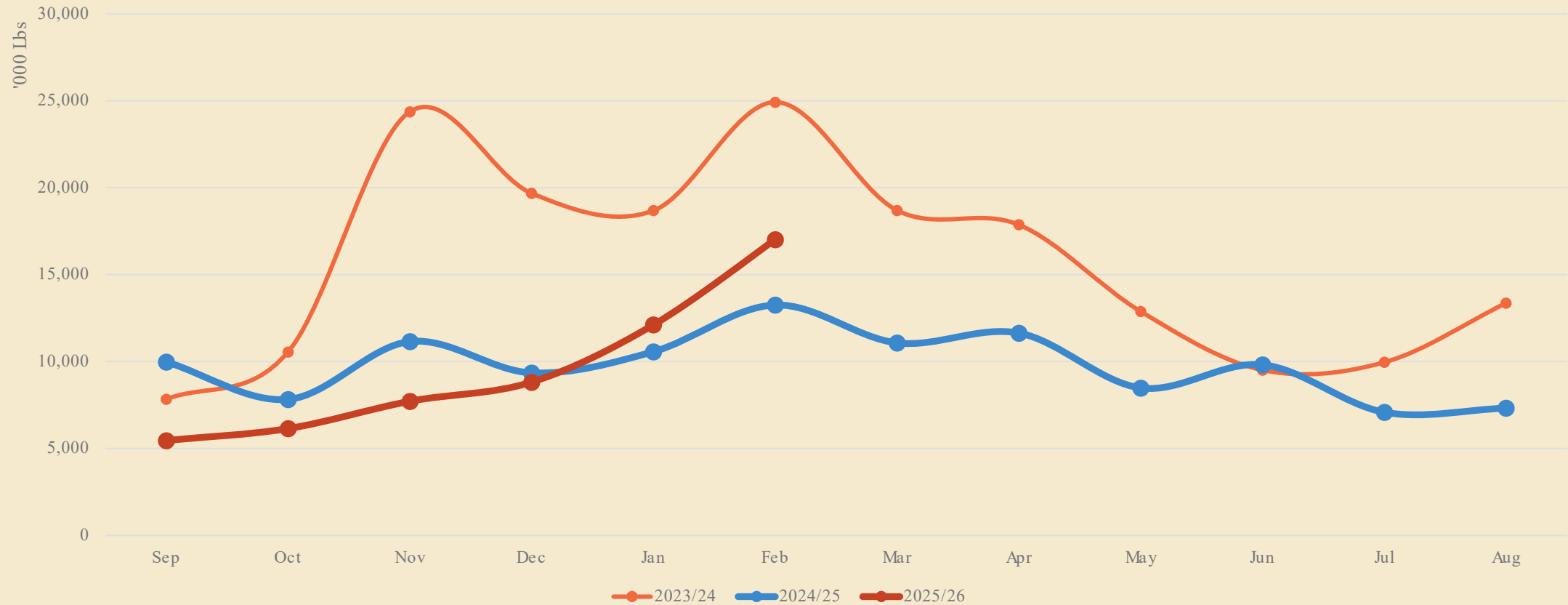
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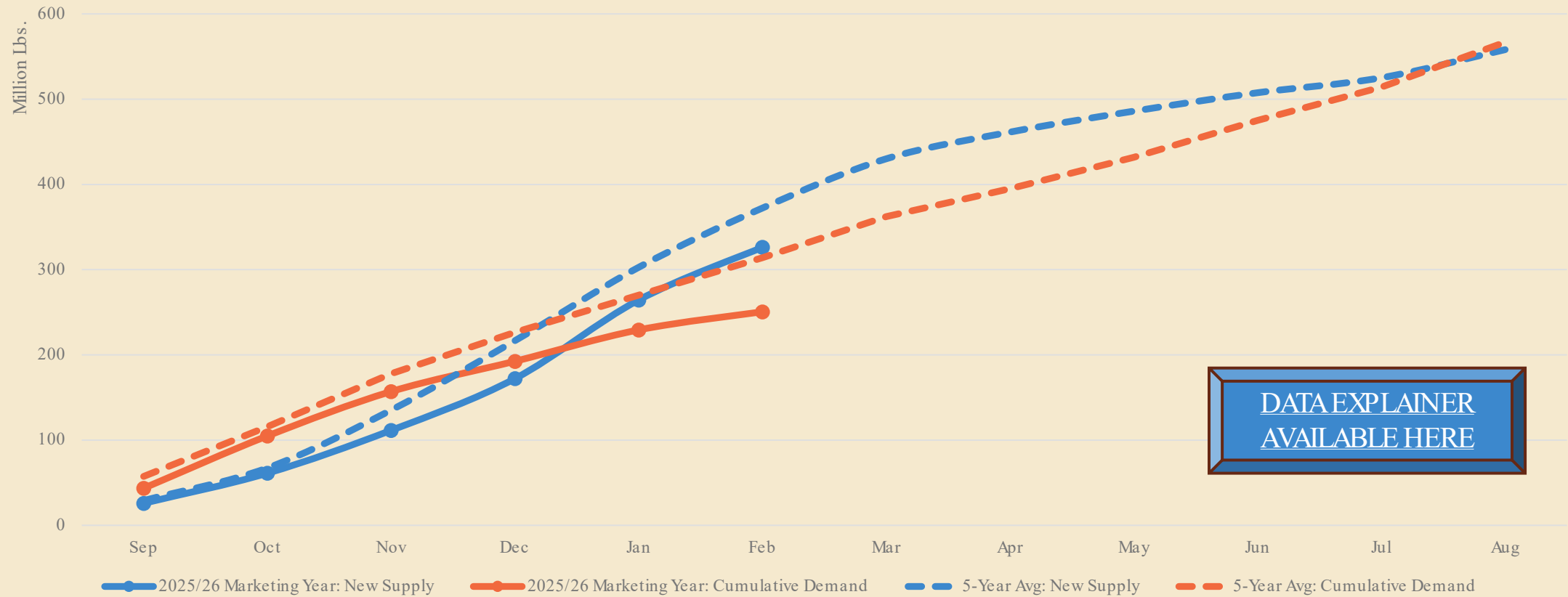
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NEW SEASON'S SUPPLY AND DEMAND

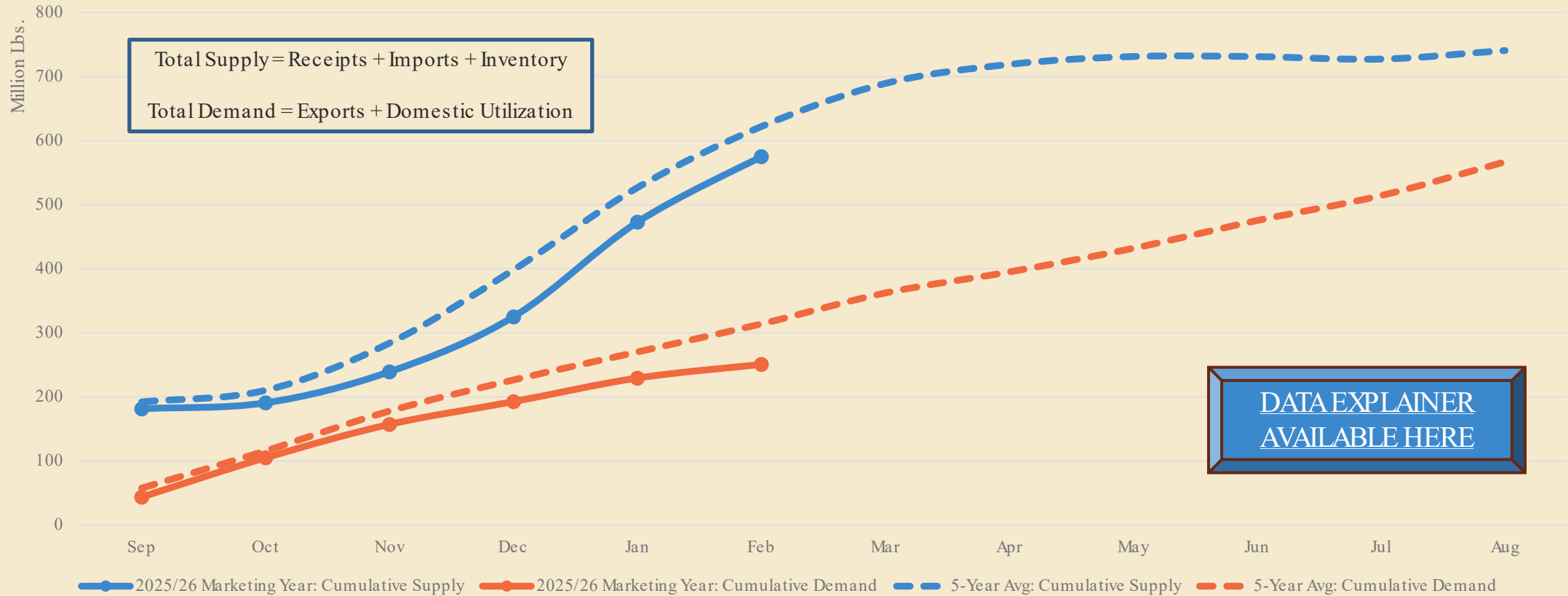
Cumulative New U.S. Pecan Supply and Demand
(Handler+Census Data)



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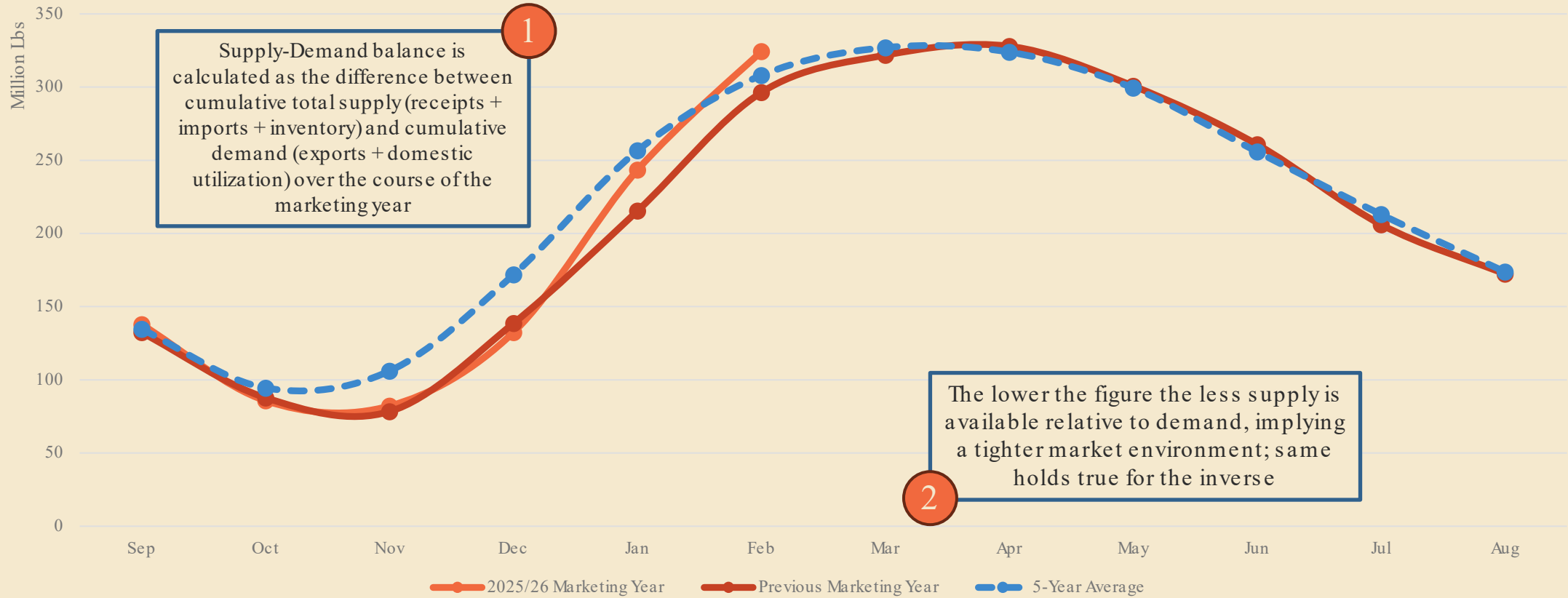
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Cumulative U.S. Pecan Supply and Demand
(Handler+Census Merged Data, Total Supply Incl. Inventory)



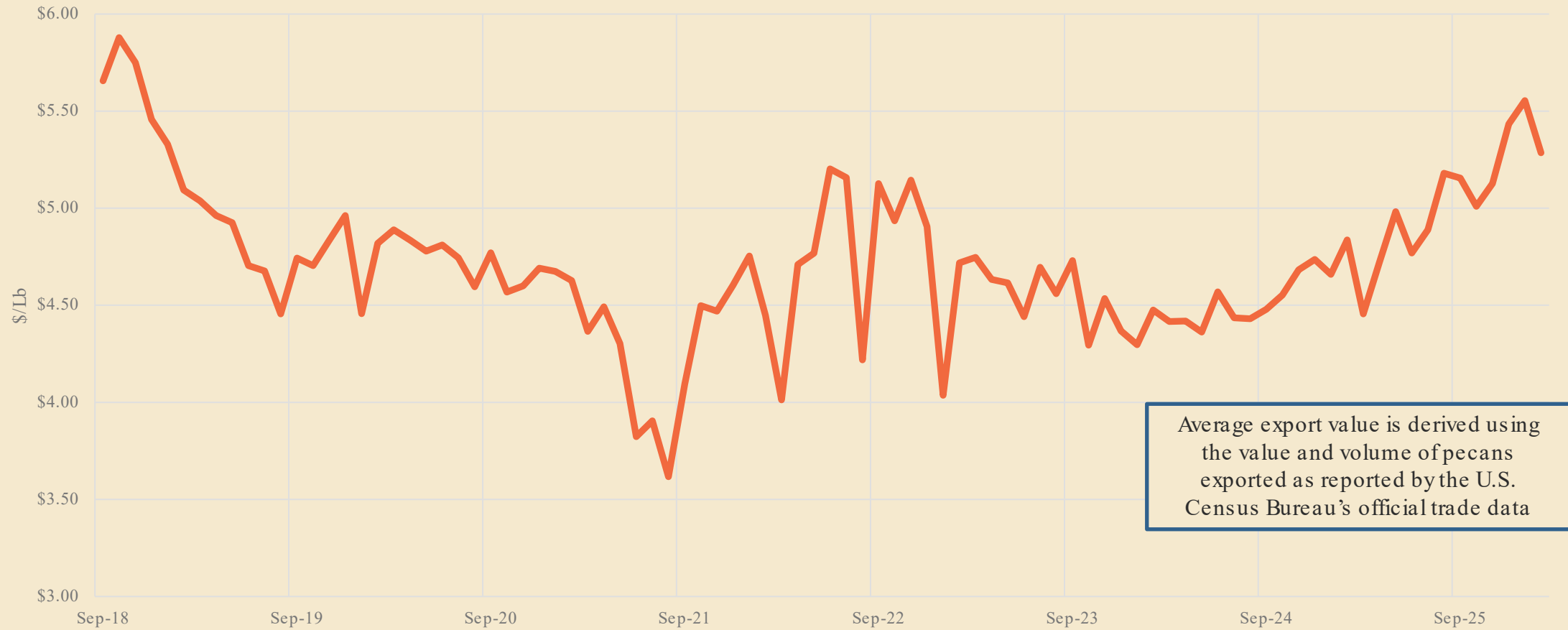
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PECAN EXPORT PRICES

Average Export Value of U.S. Shelled Pecans

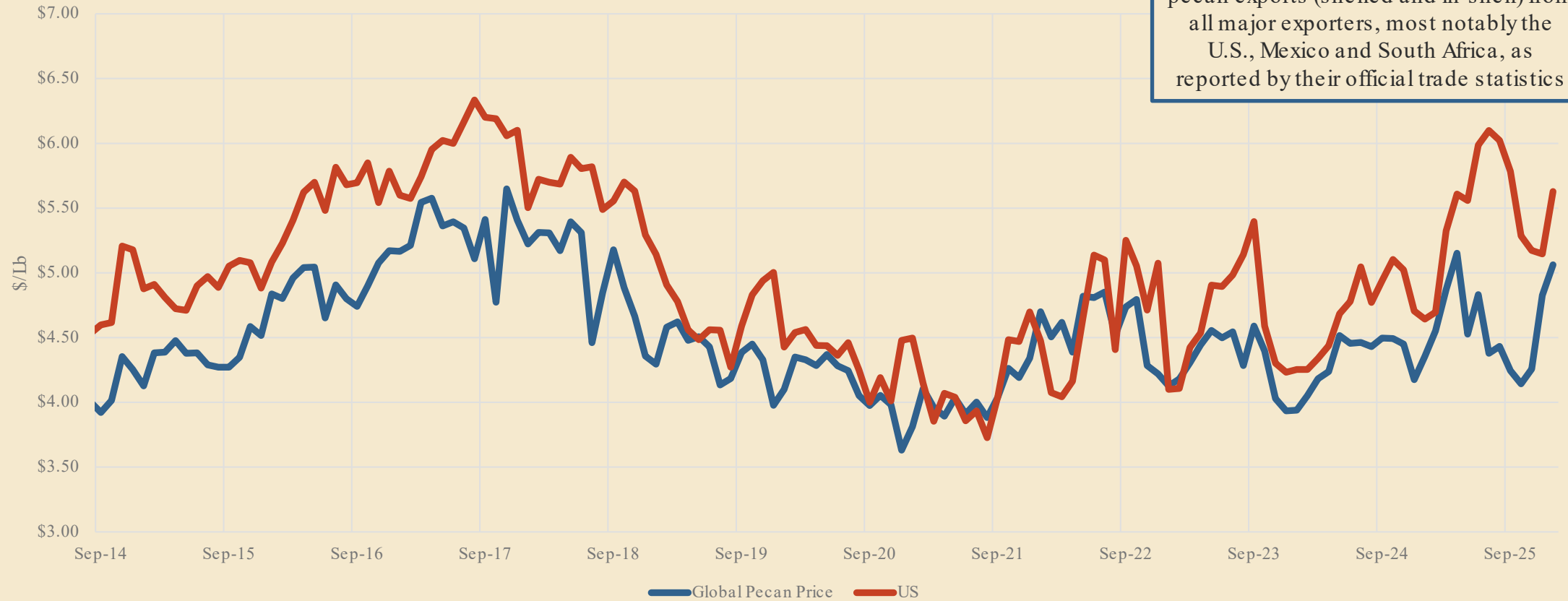


Average export value is derived using the value and volume of pecans exported as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau's official trade data

PECAN EXPORT PRICES

Average Pecan Export Prices
(Price per Point)

The global pecan price reported below is the aggregated average unit value of all pecan exports (shelled and in-shell) from all major exporters, most notably the U.S., Mexico and South Africa, as reported by their official trade statistics



HANDLER DATA: FEB 2026

YOY %Δ

YOY Vol. Δ

Trending

RECEIPTS

[GRAPHS](#)

51.74 Mil Lbs

-2%

-0.9 mil lbs



IMPORTS

[GRAPHS](#)

2.95 Mil Lbs

+41%

+0.9 mil lbs



DOMESTIC
SHIPMENTS

[GRAPHS](#)

16.97 Mil Lbs

-31%

-7.7 mil lbs



EXPORTS

[GRAPHS](#)

6.94 Mil Lbs

+7%

+0.5 mil lbs



INVENTORY

[GRAPHS](#)

248.7 Mil Lbs

+6%

+13.6 mil lbs



USDA DATA: JAN & FEB 2026

YOY %Δ

YOY Vol. Δ

Trending

JAN IMPORTS	GRAPHS	13.12 Mil Lbs	-47%	-11.4 Mil Lbs	↘
FEB IMPORTS	GRAPHS	10.02 Mil Lbs	-35%	-5.5 Mil Lbs	↘
JAN EXPORTS	GRAPHS	12.52 Mil Lbs	+15%	+1.6 Mil Lbs	↗
FEB EXPORTS	GRAPHS	15.89 Mil Lbs	+28%	+3.5 Mil Lbs	↗
FEB INVENTORY	GRAPHS	239.97 Mil Lbs	-4%	+11.1 Mil Lbs	↗

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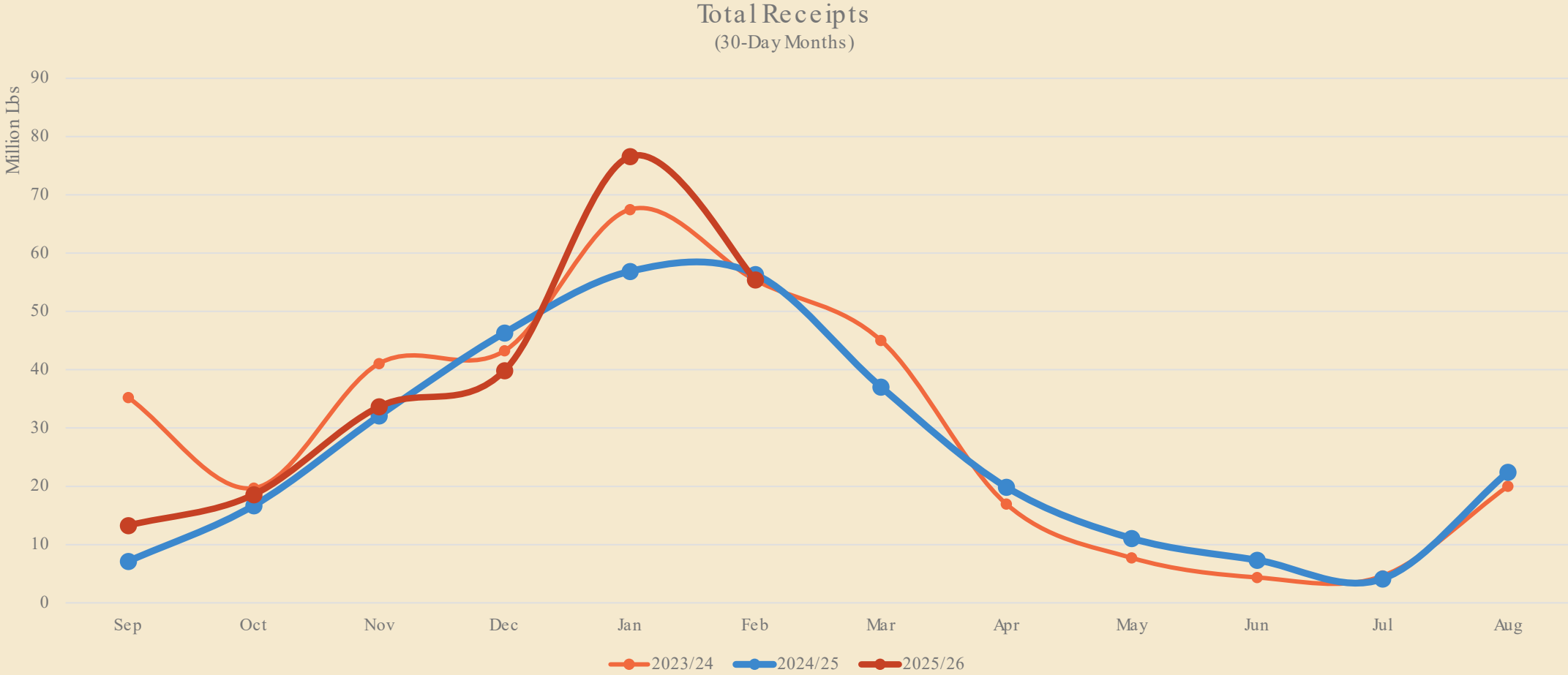
PECAN SUPPLY



HANDLER RECEIPTS

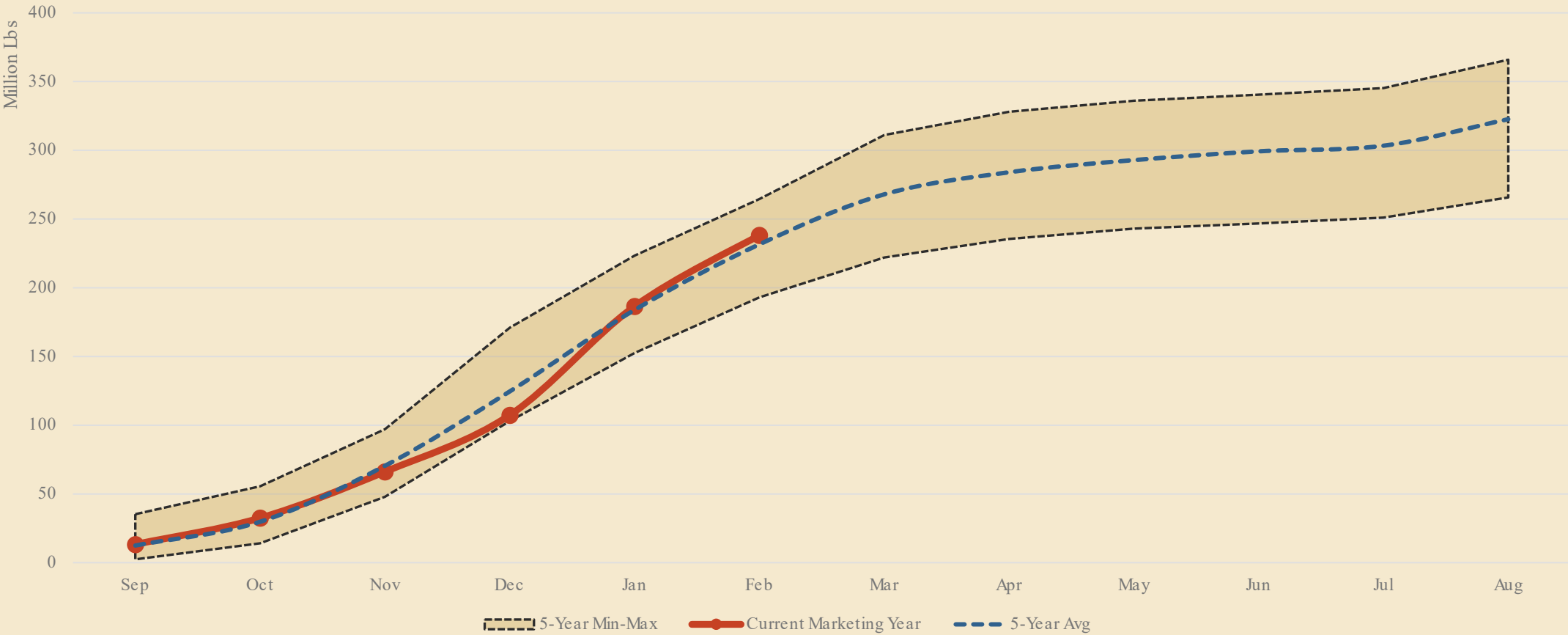


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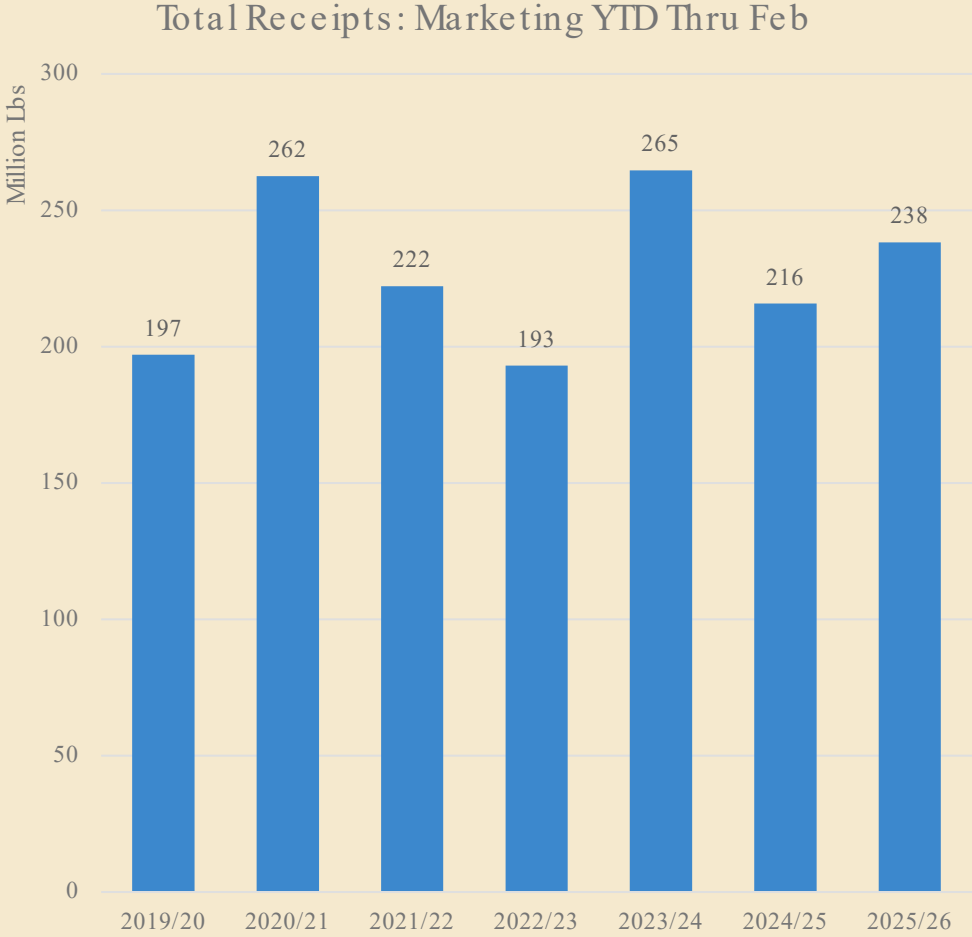
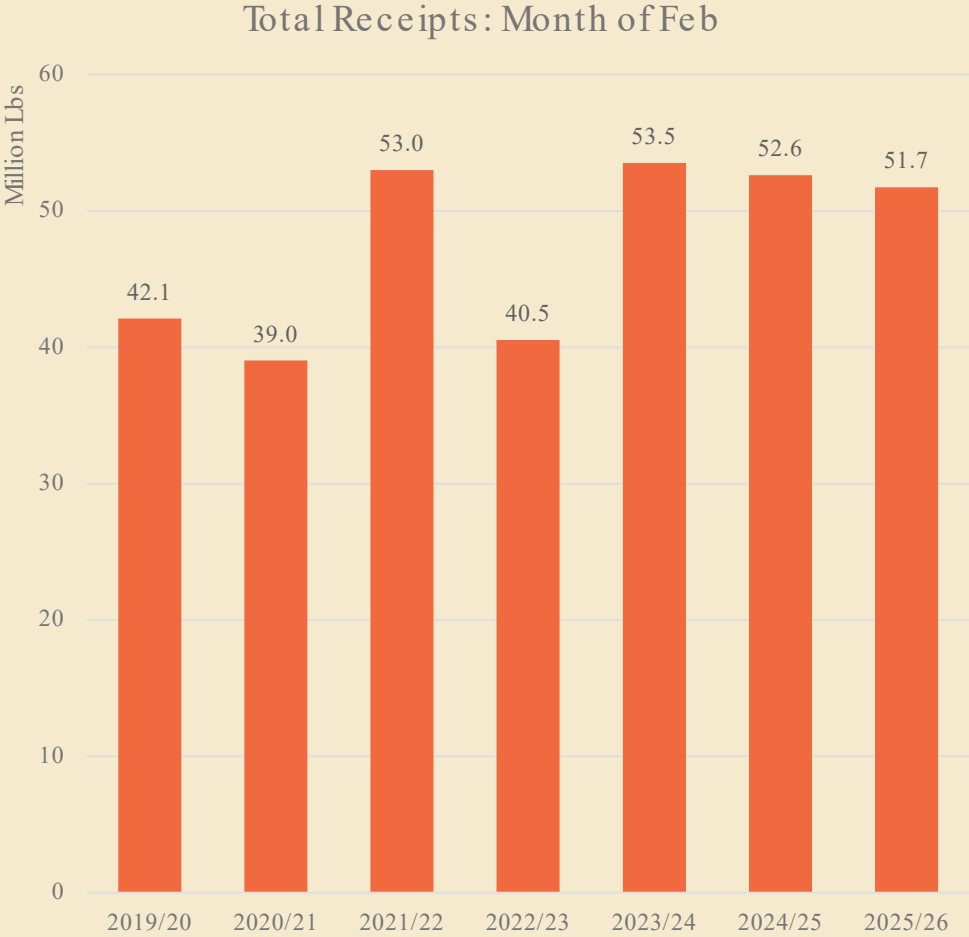


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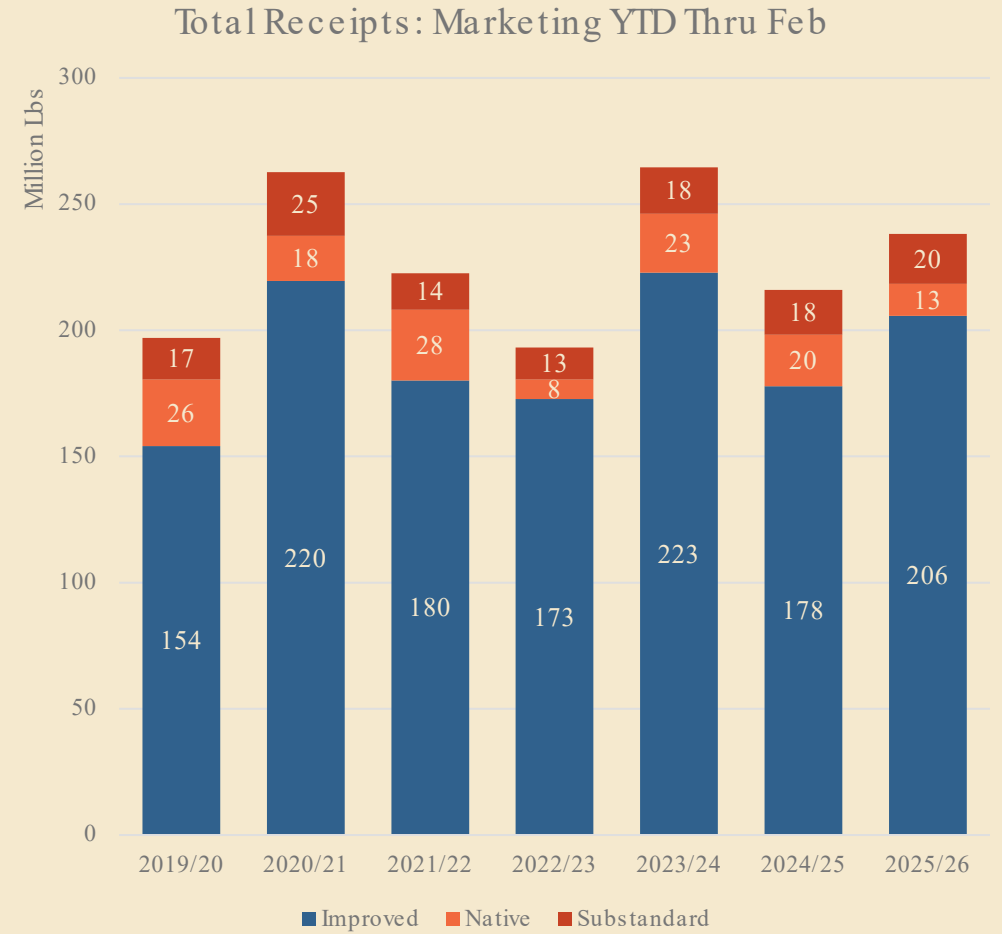
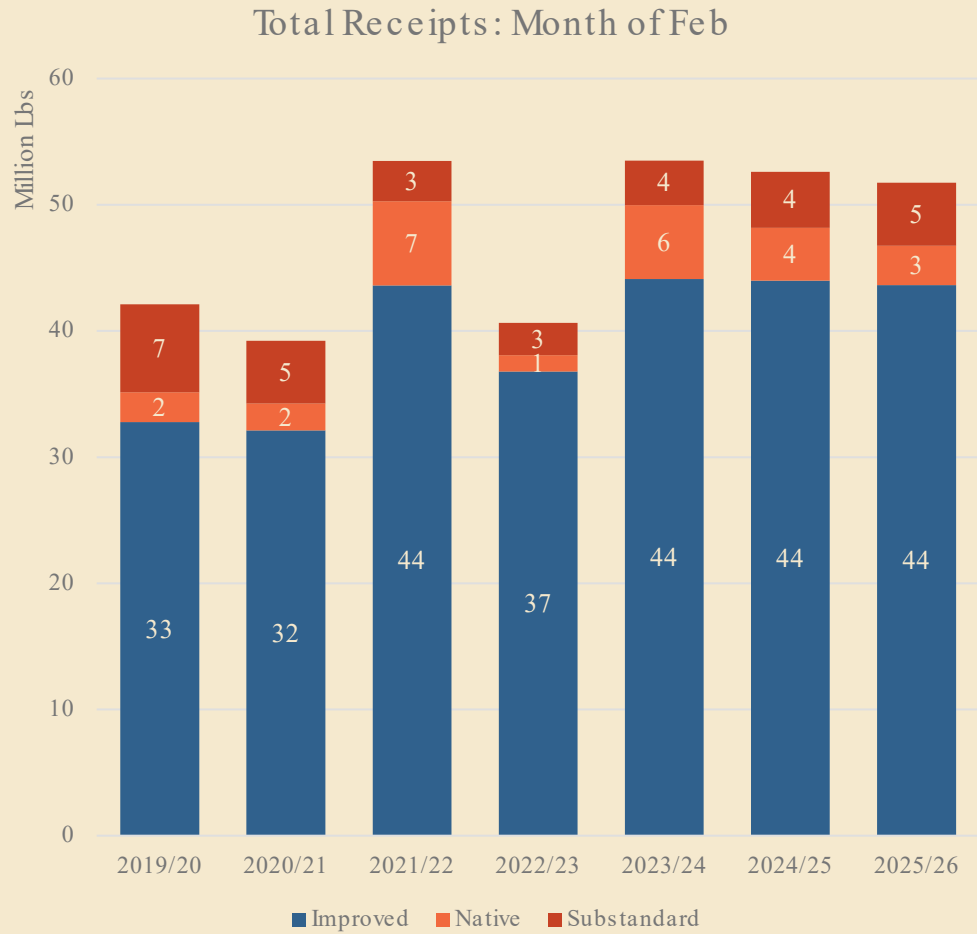
Cumulative Receipts by Marketing Year



TOTAL RECEIPTS



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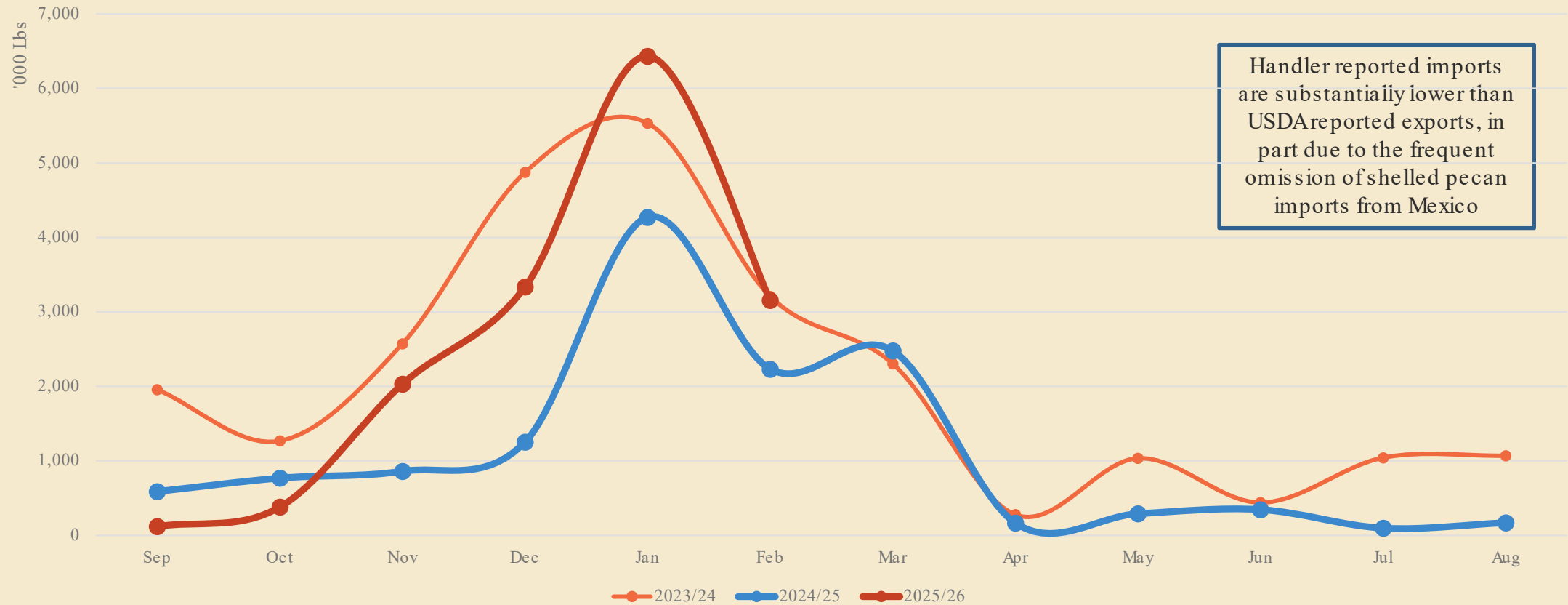


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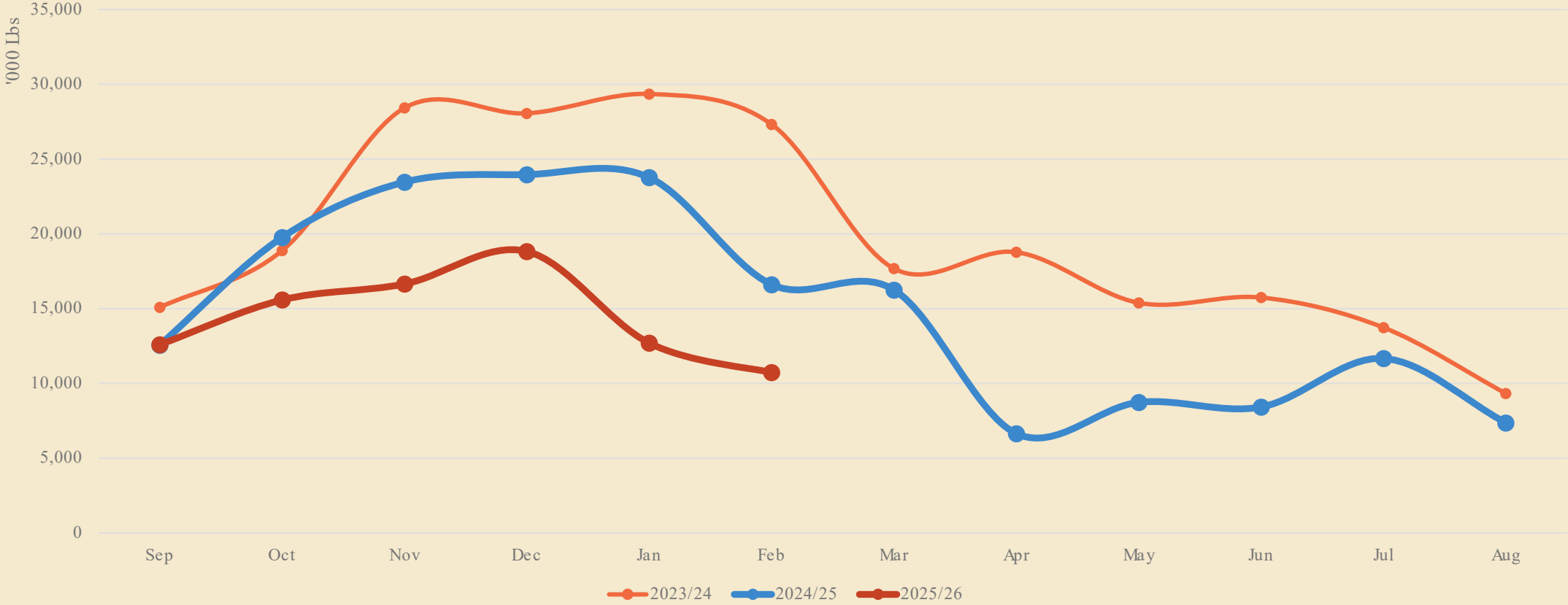
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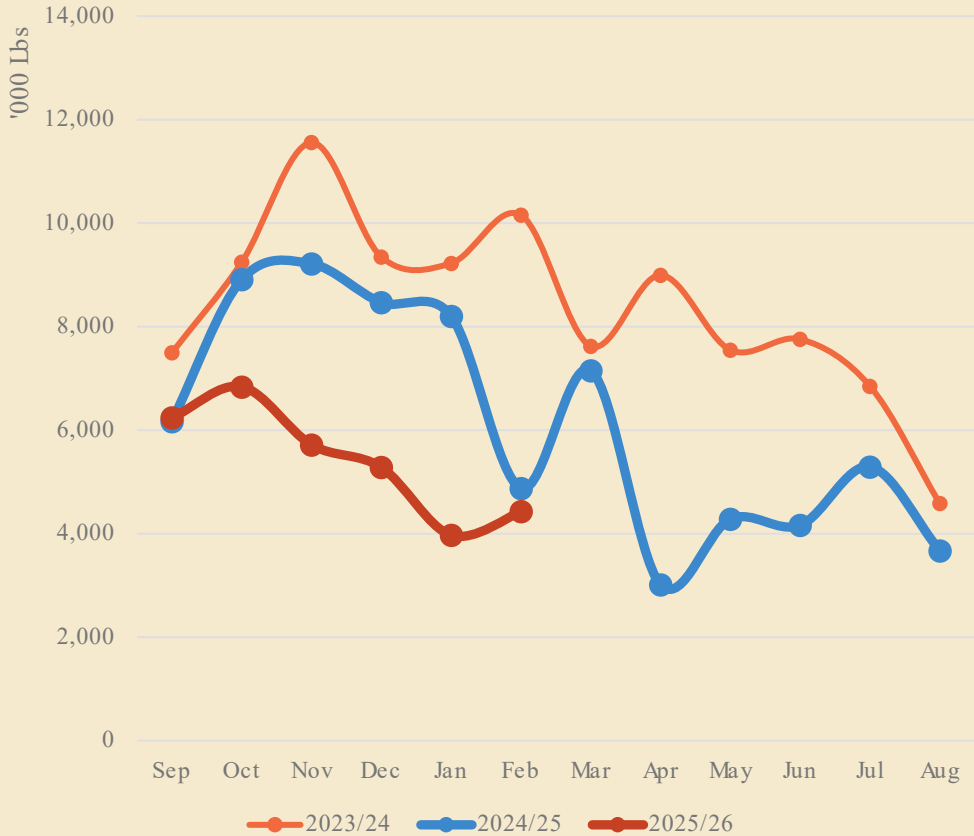
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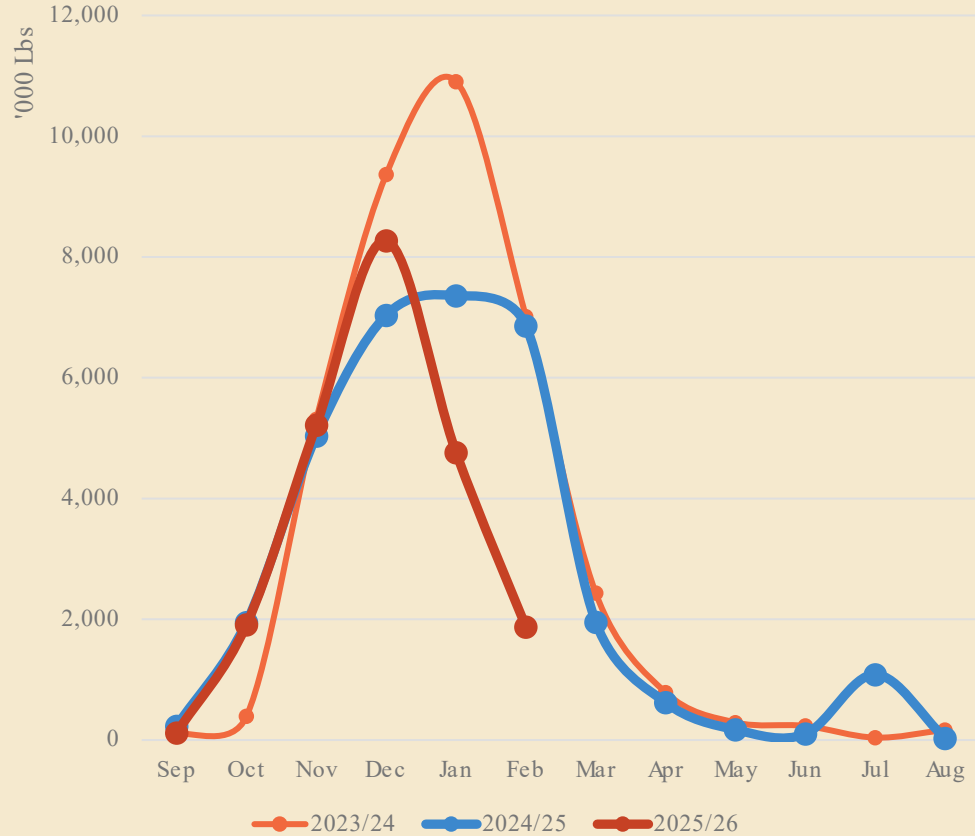


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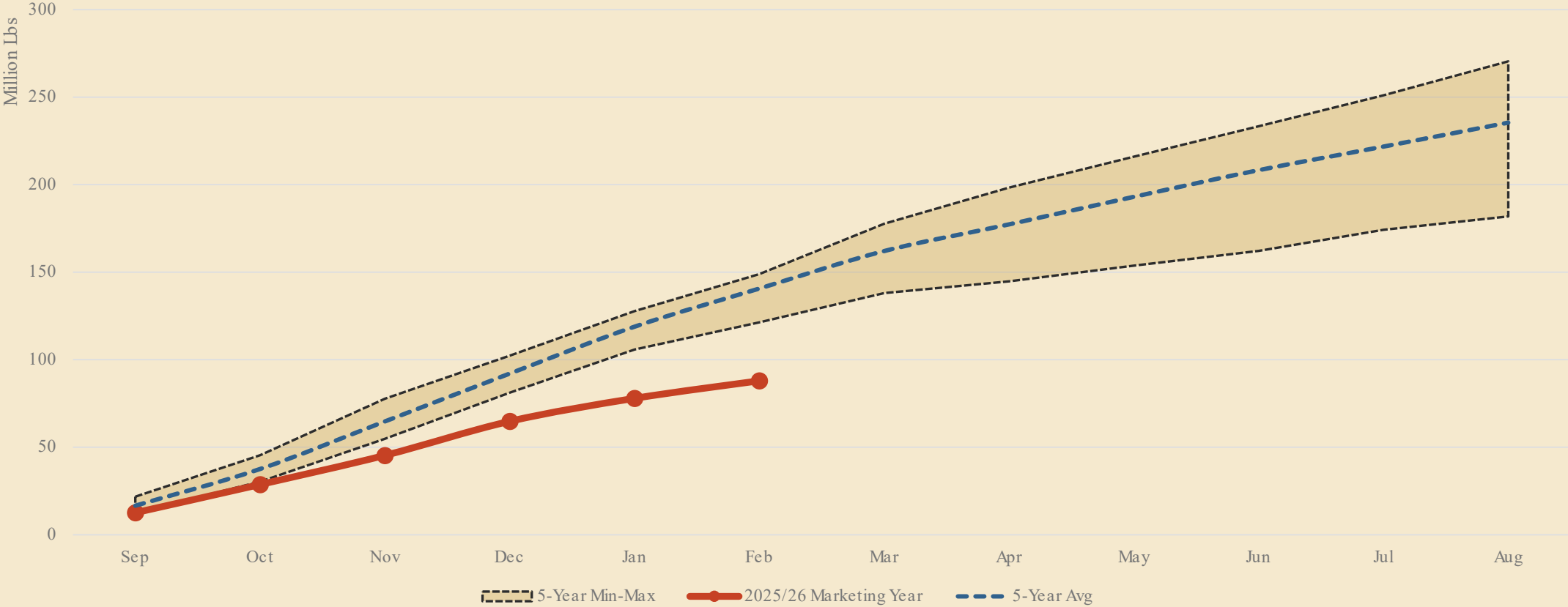


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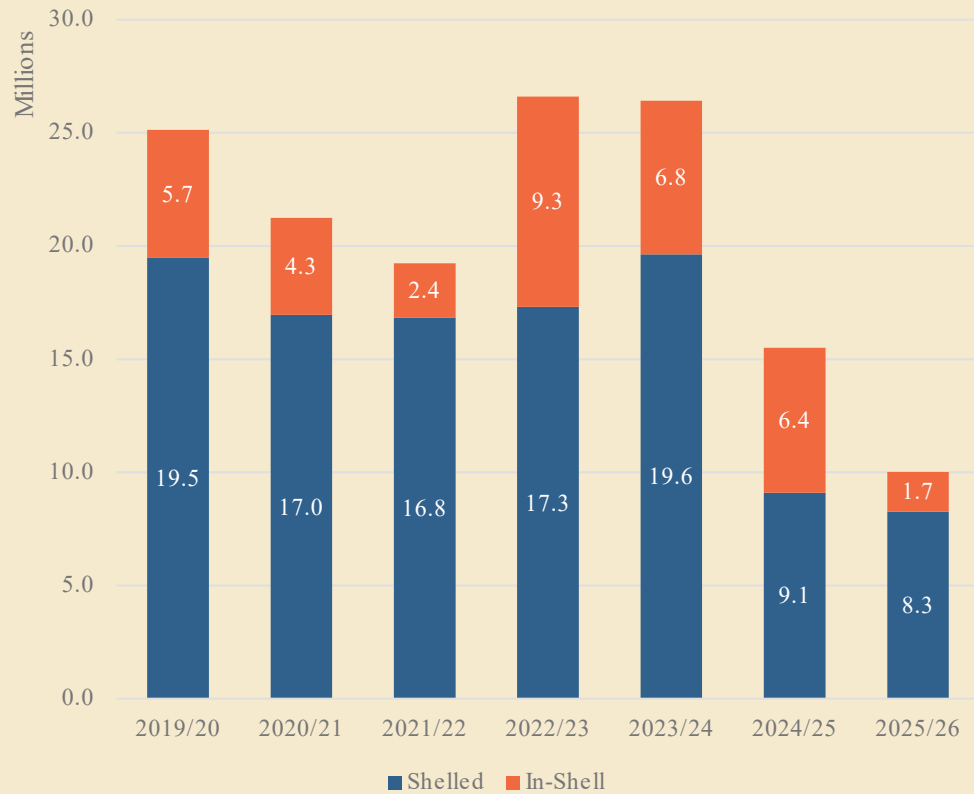
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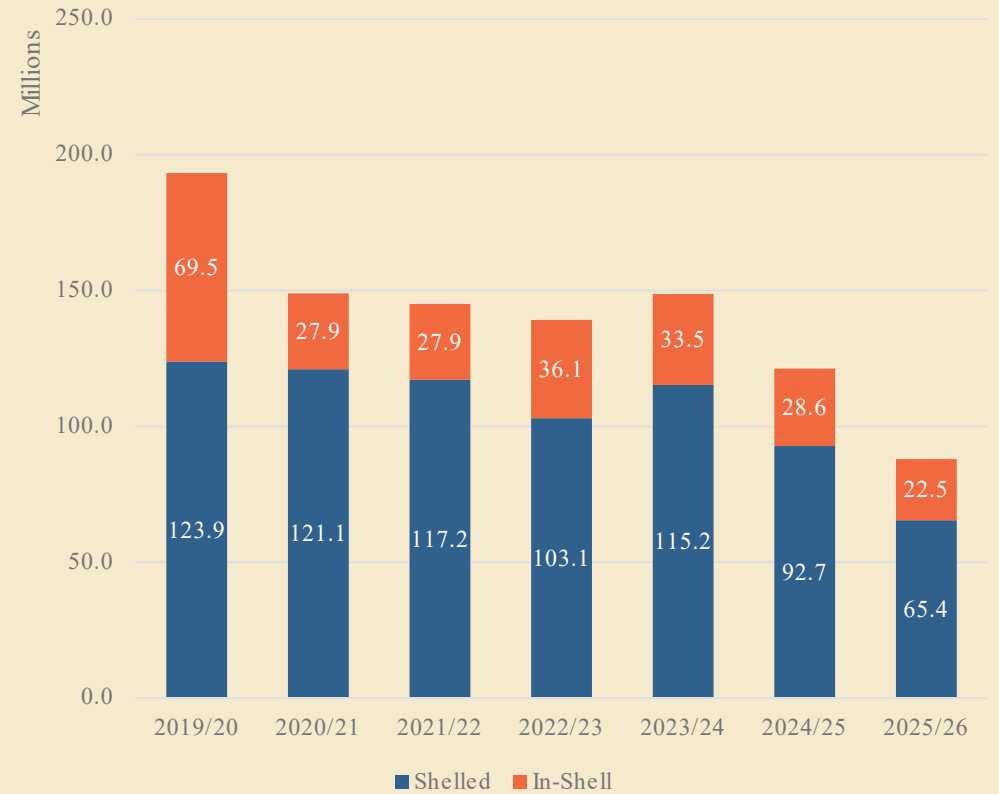


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U.S. Census Reported Pecan Imports: Month of February
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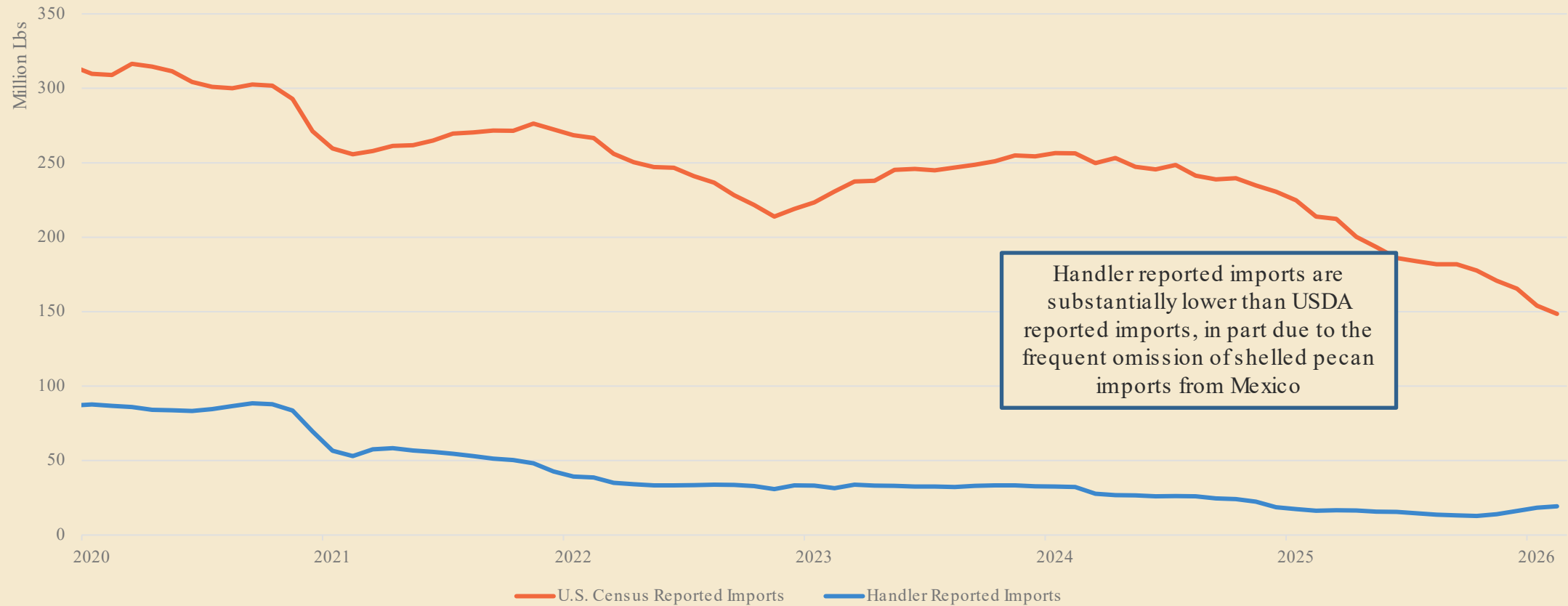


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(Total In-Shell Basis)



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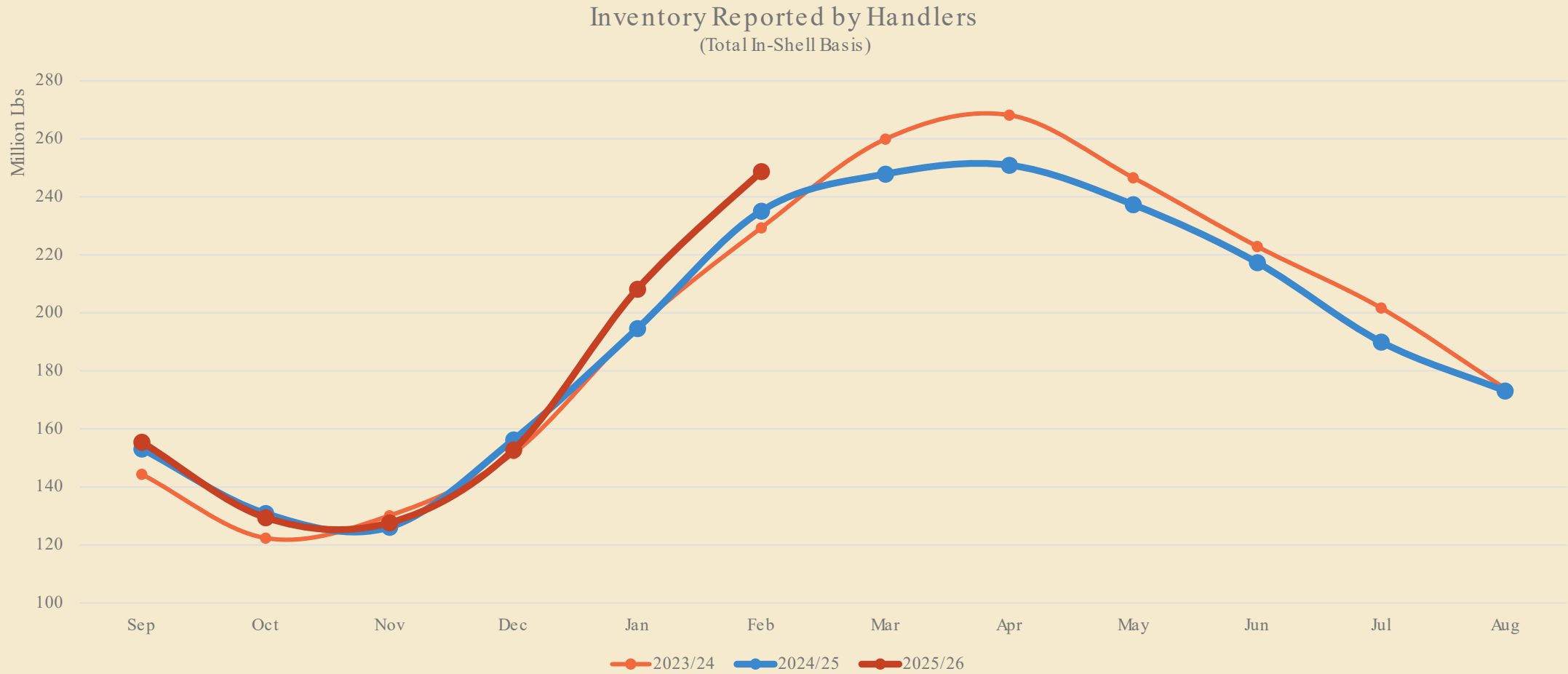
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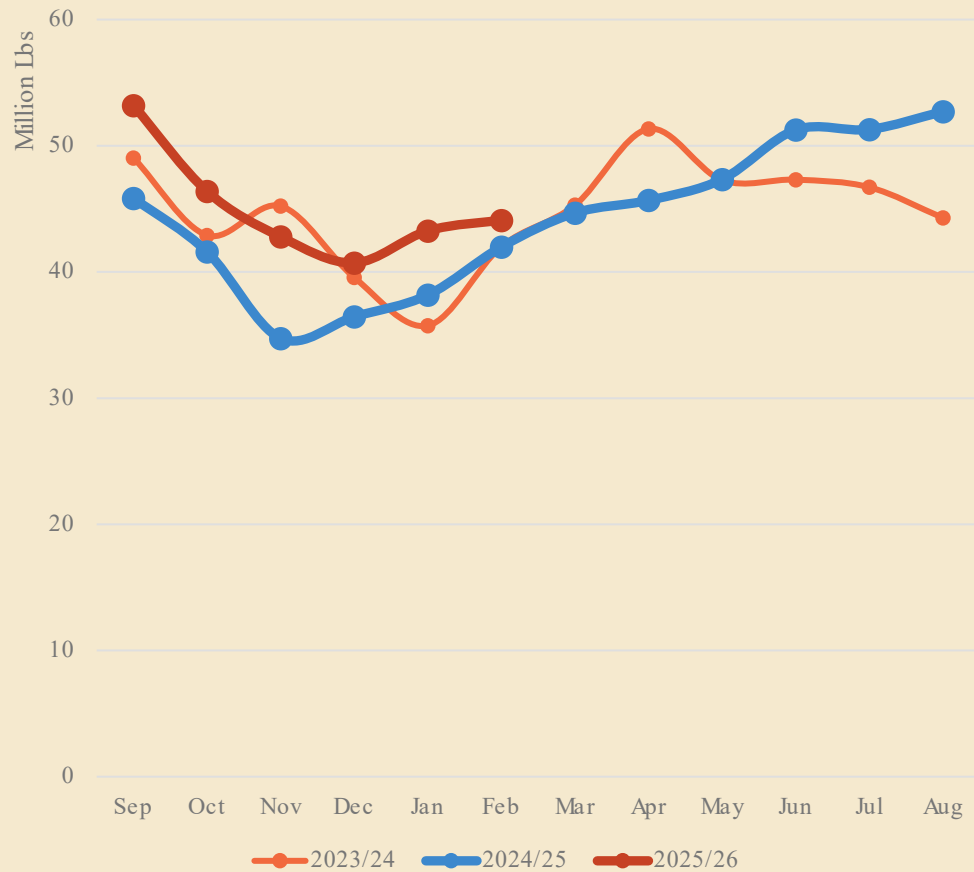


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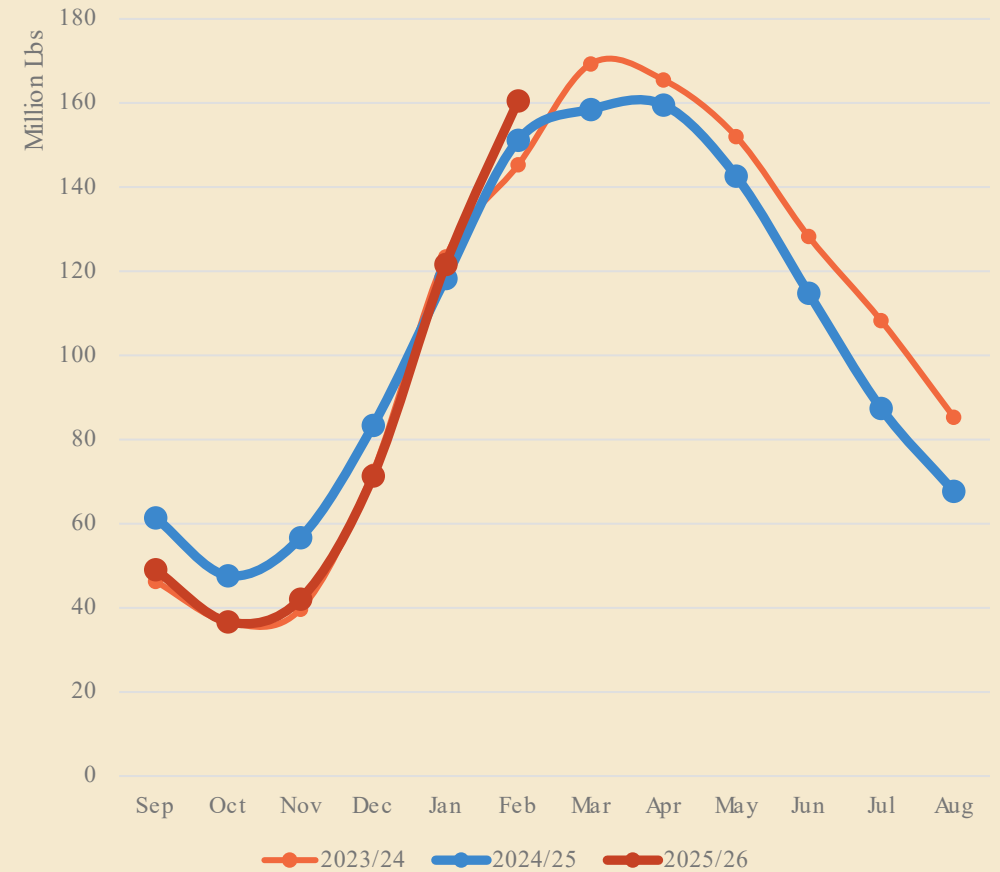


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Inventory Reported by Handlers: Shelled Meats

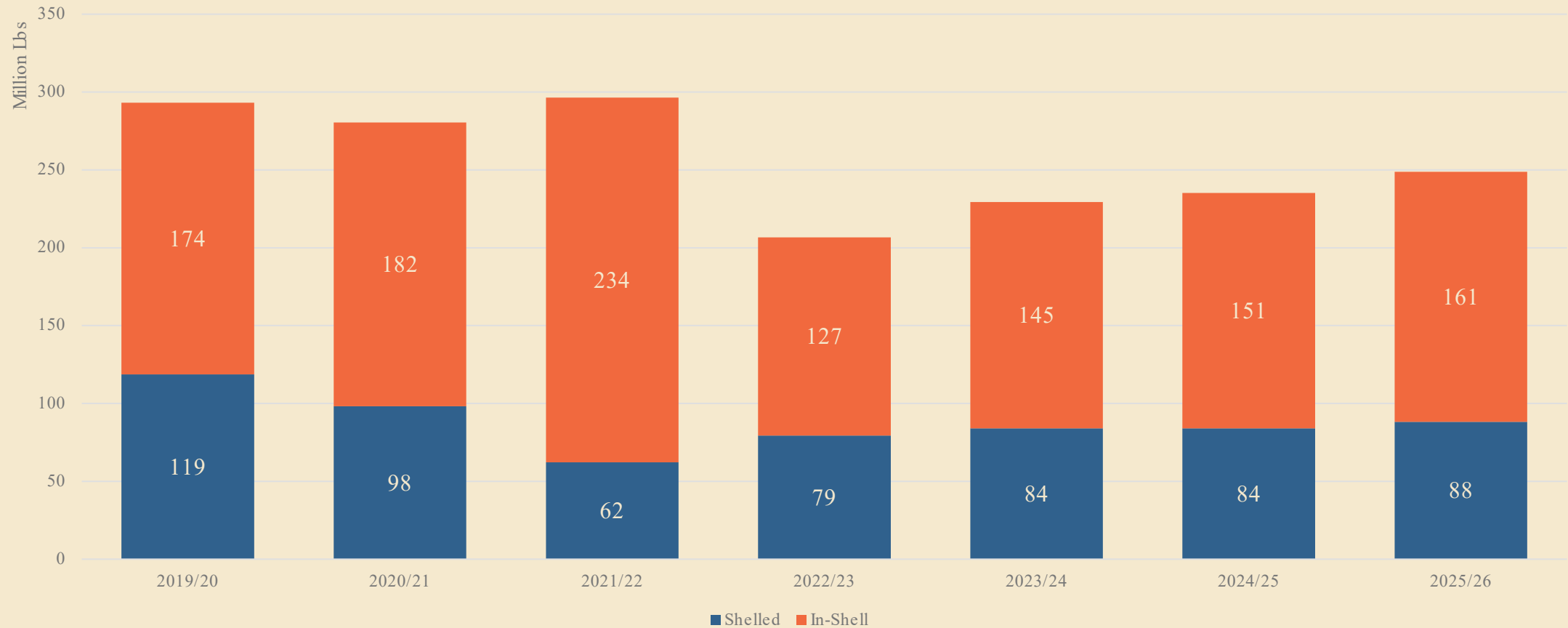


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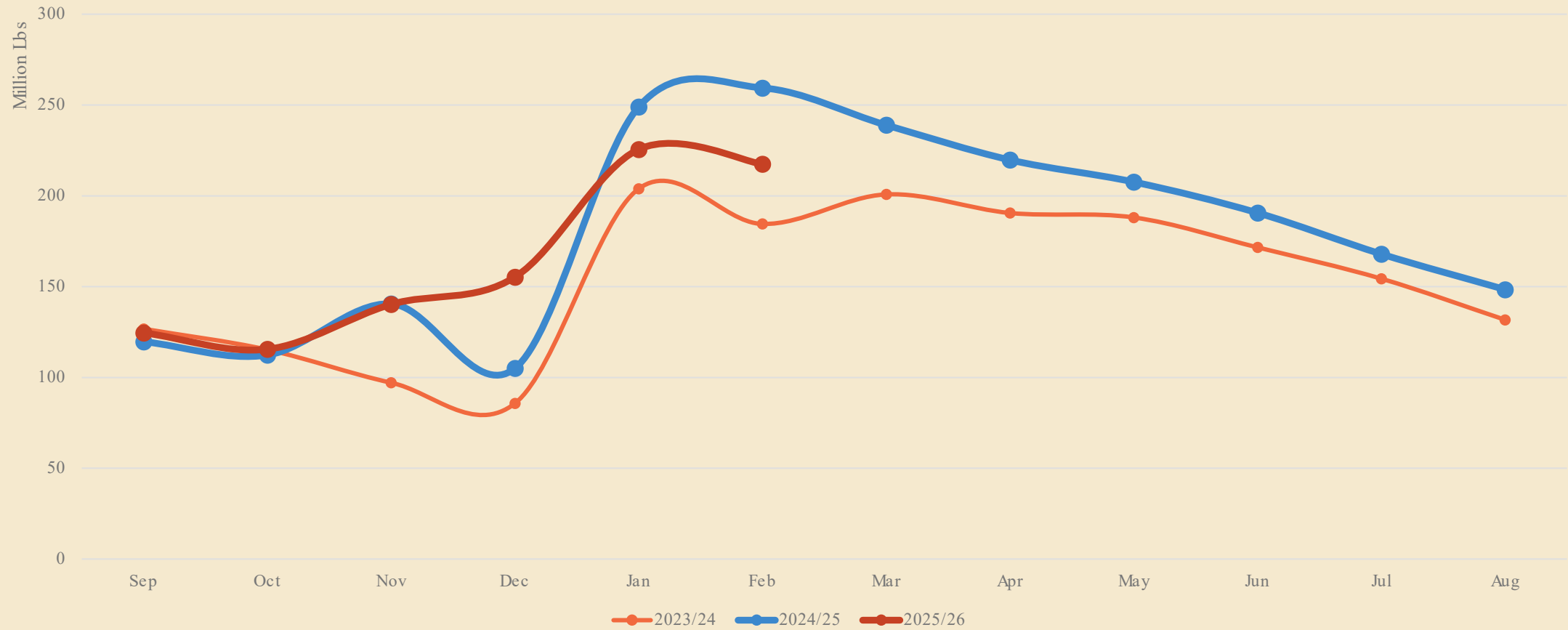
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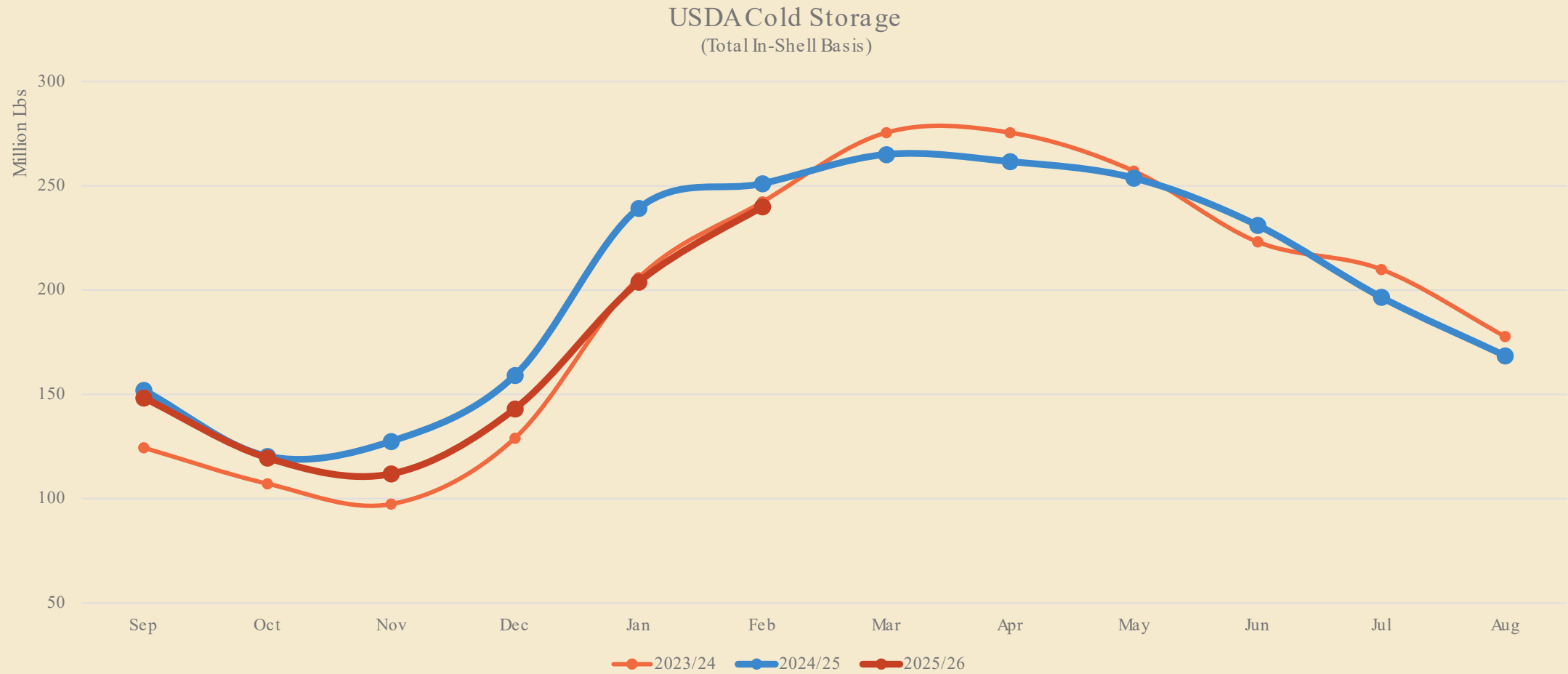


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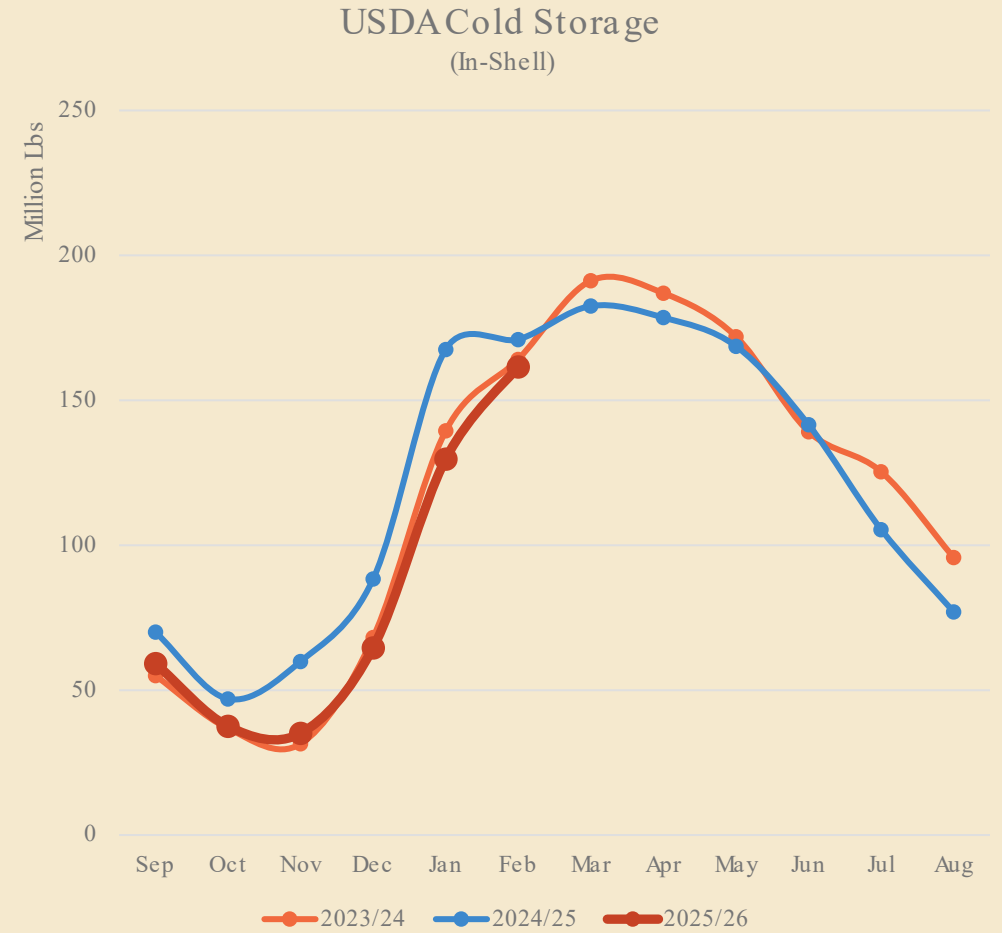
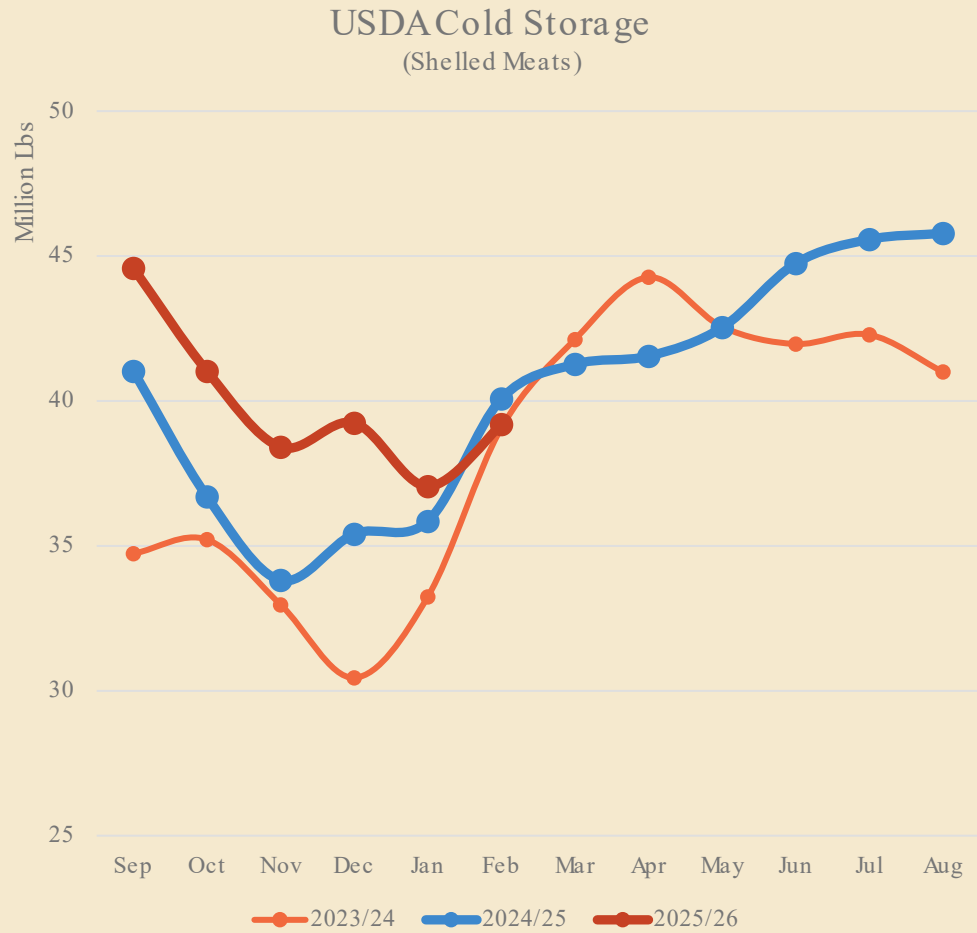
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USDA COLD STORAGE



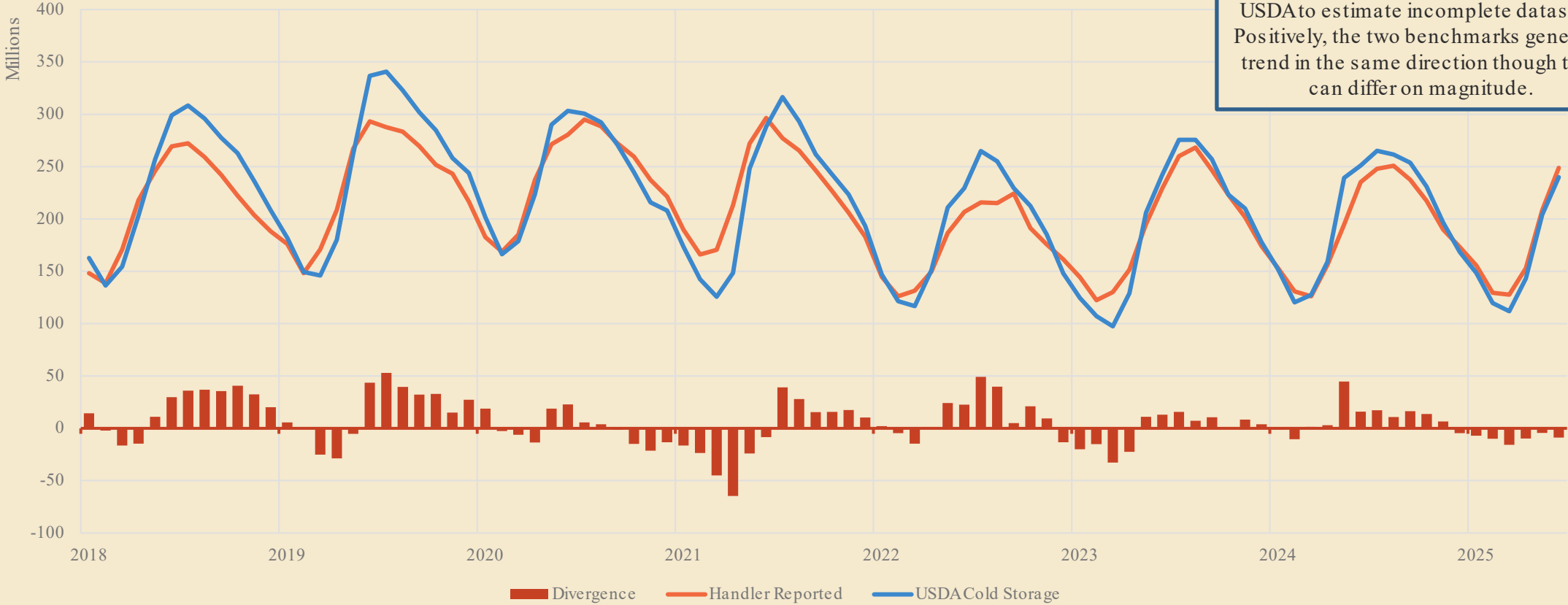
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HANDLER V. USDA COMPARISON

Pecan Inventory: Handler & USDA Cold Storage
(Total In-Shell Basis)

Handler and USDA reported inventories differ on account of different data sources and the use of modelled data by USDA to estimate incomplete datasets. Positively, the two benchmarks generally trend in the same direction though they can differ on magnitude.



PECAN DEMAND

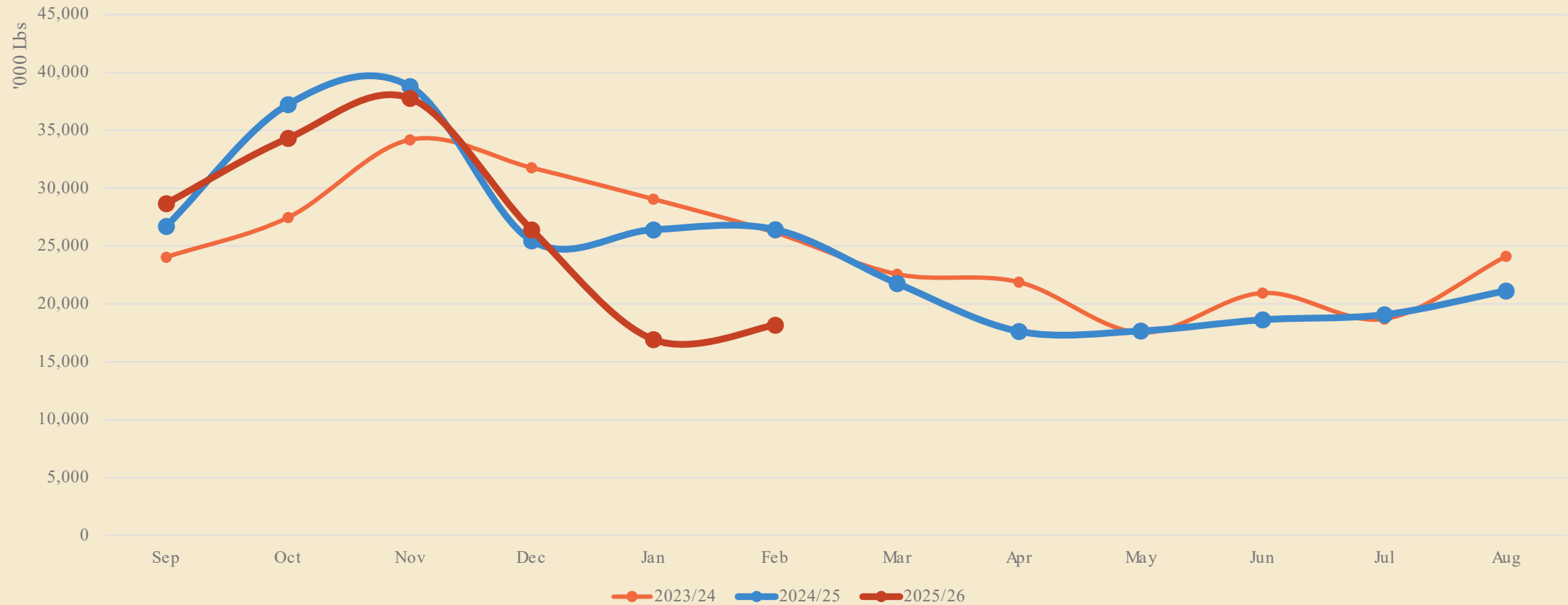


DOMESTIC SALES



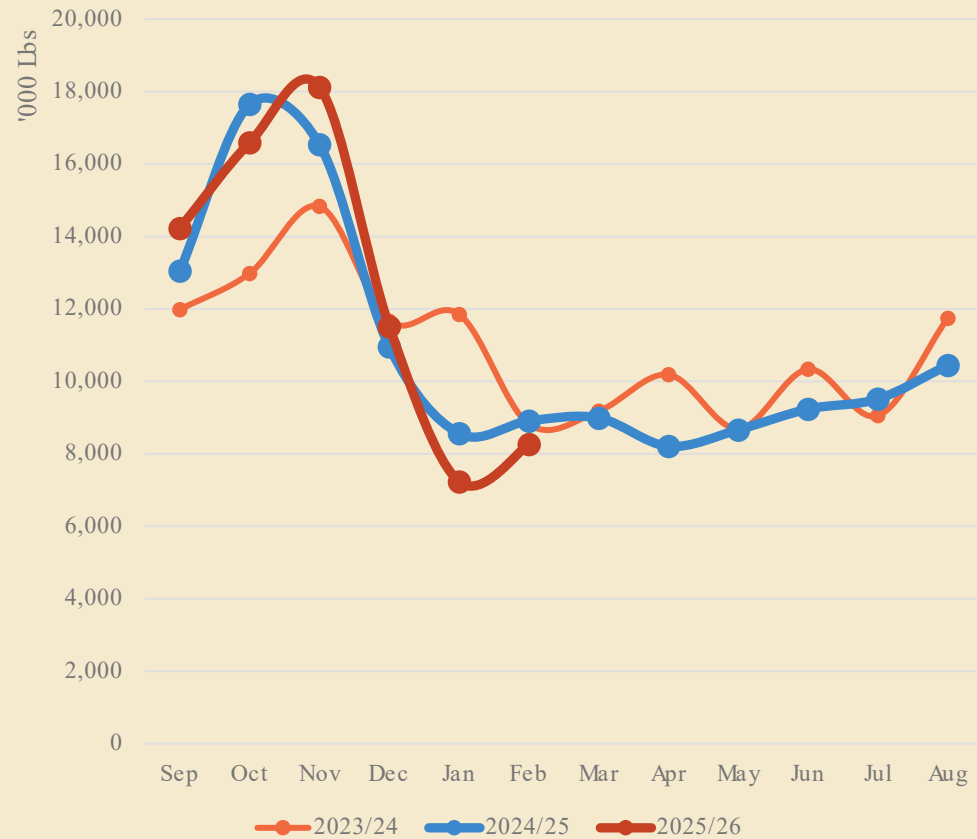
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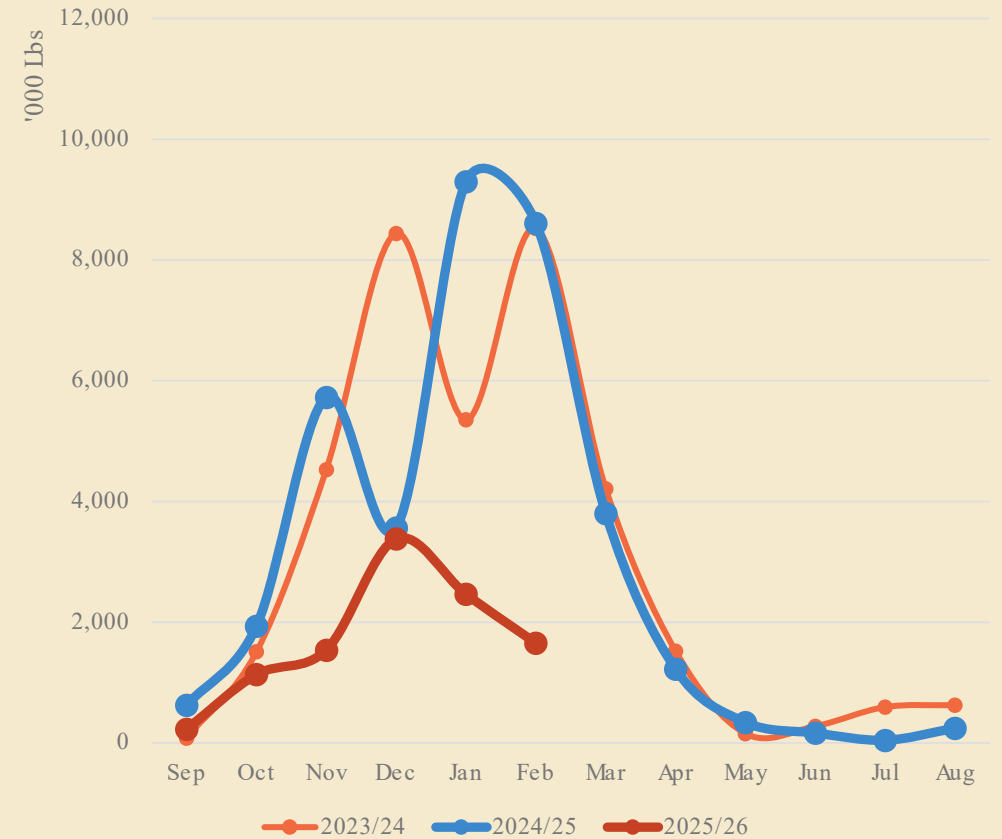


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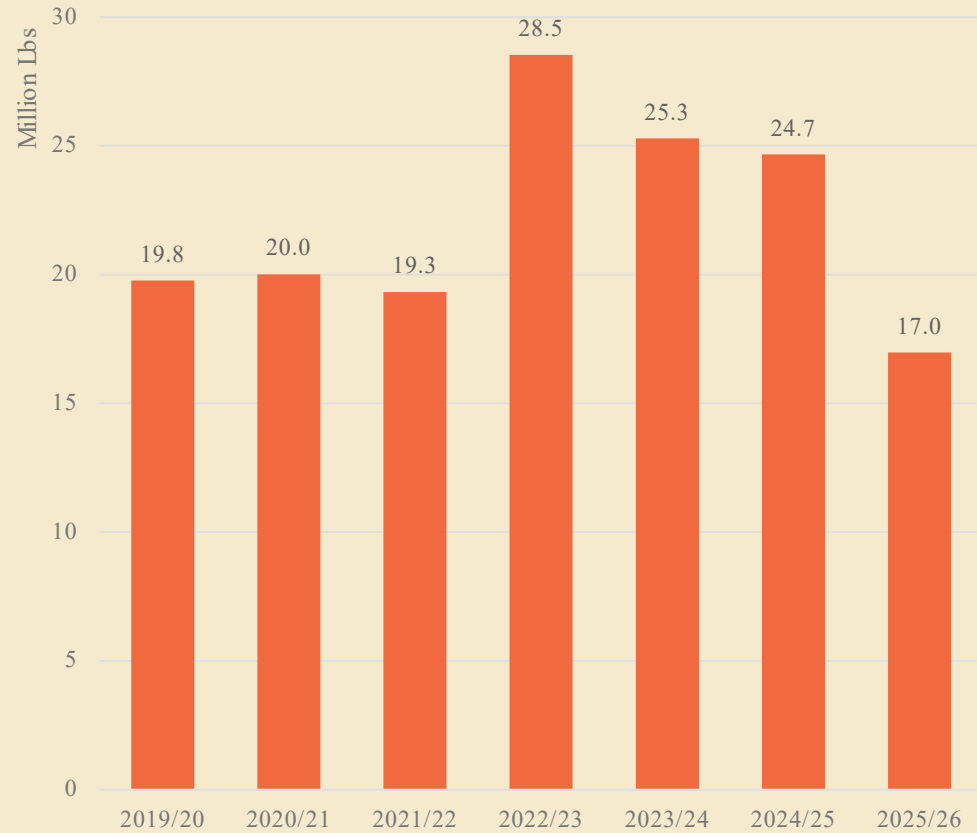


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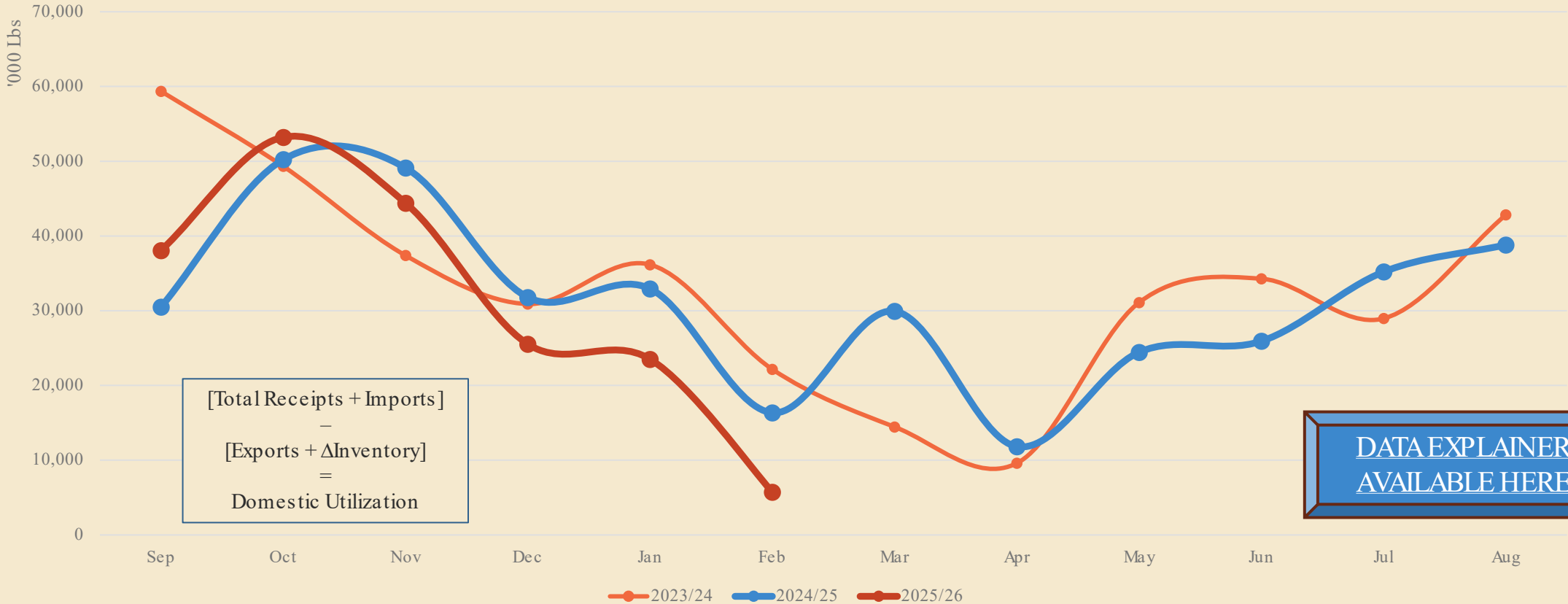


Handler Reported Domestic Shipments (Total In-Shell Basis): Marketing YTD Thru Feb



EST. DOMESTIC UTILIZATION

Estimated Total Domestic Utilization
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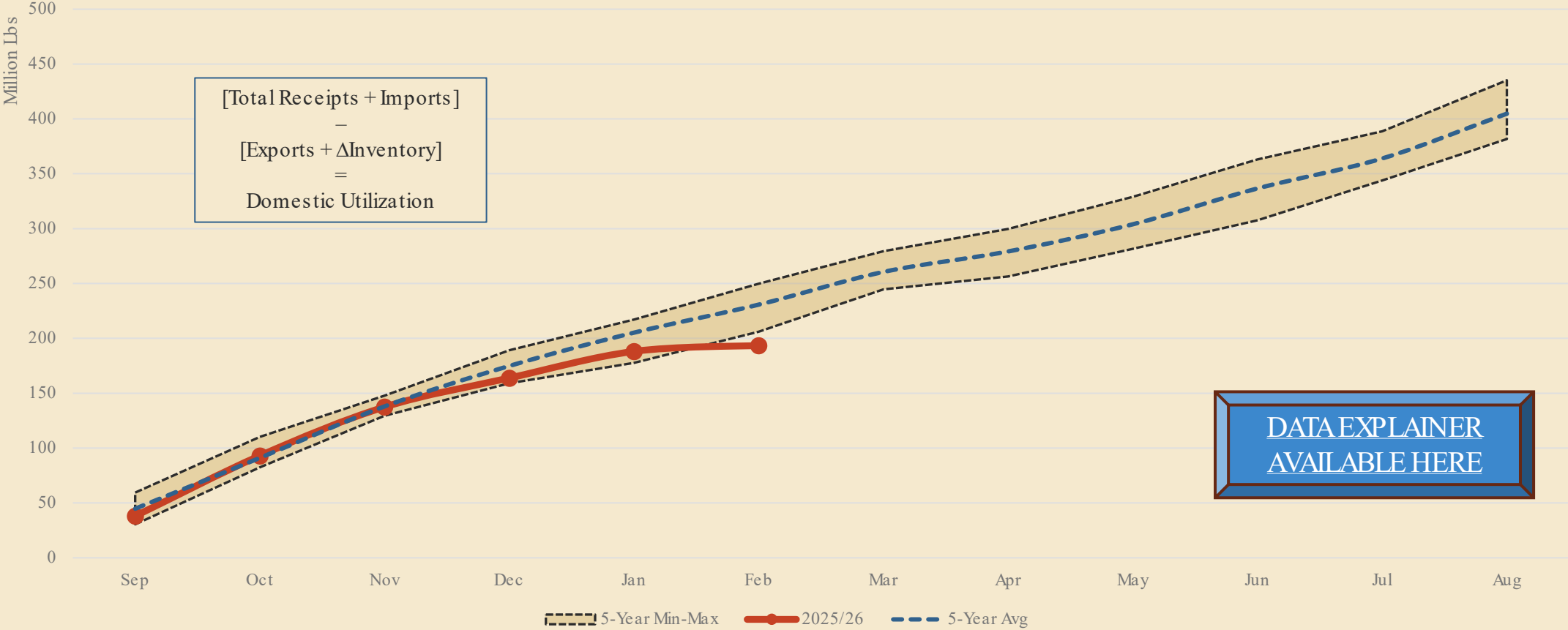


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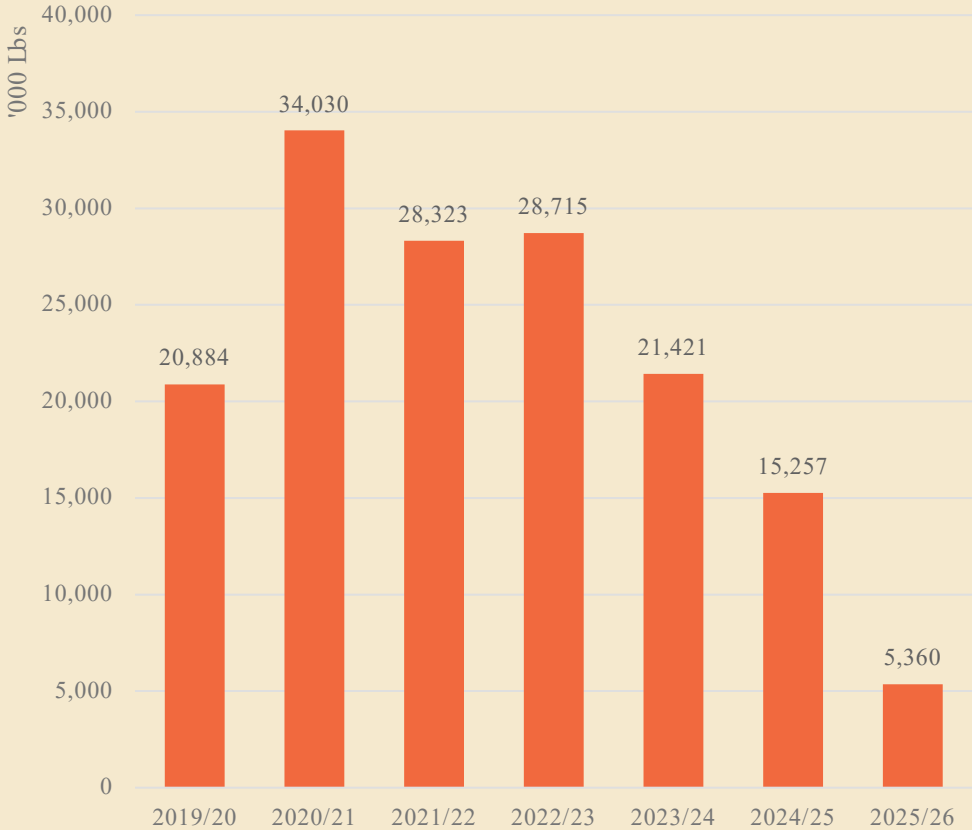
Cumulative Adjusted Domestic Disappearance (Total In-Shell Basis) by Marketing Year



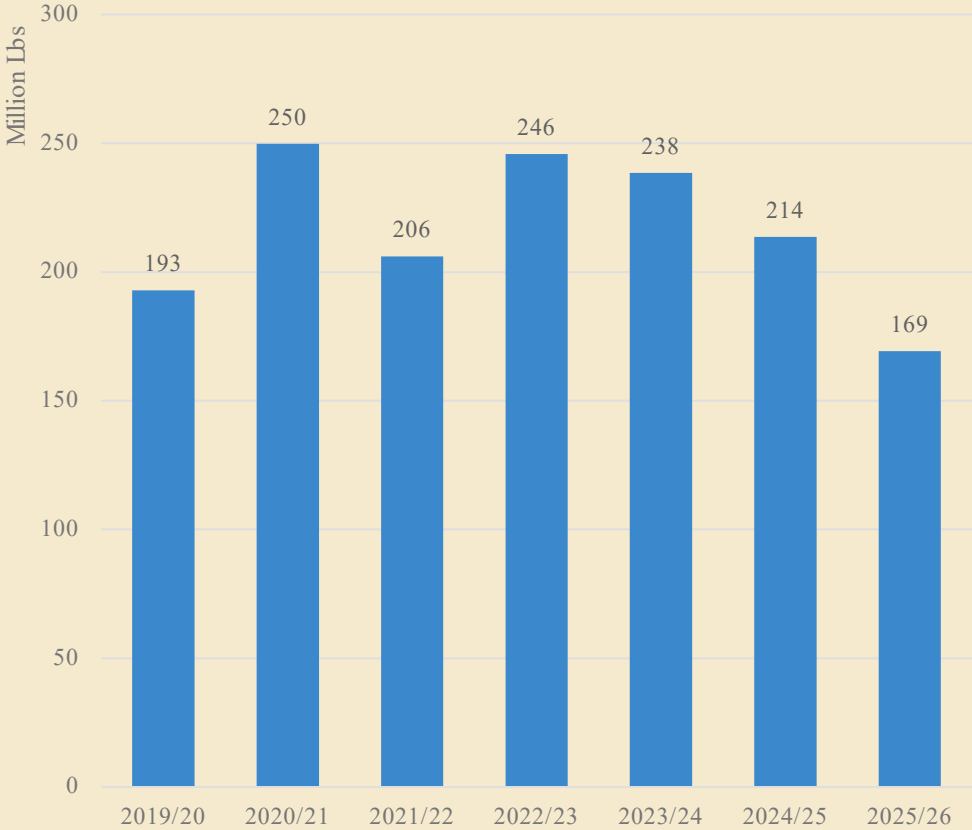
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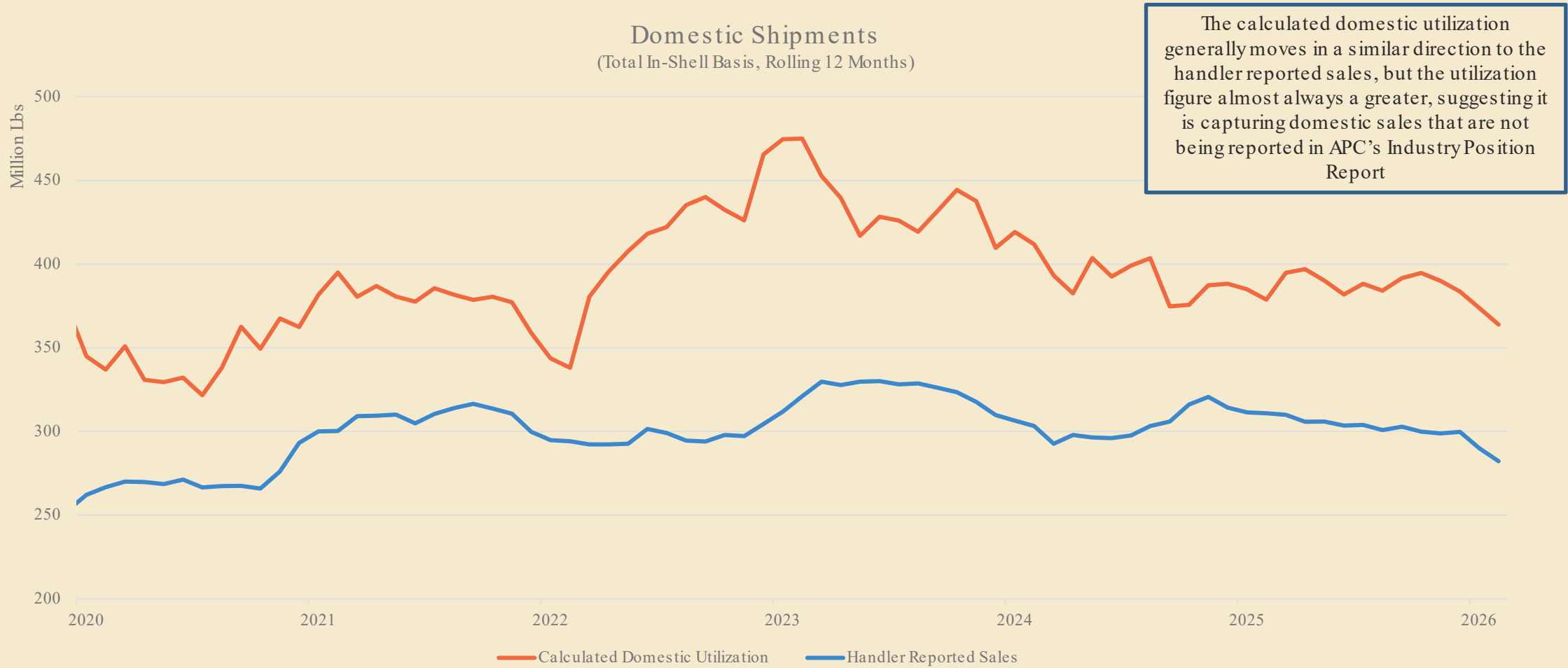
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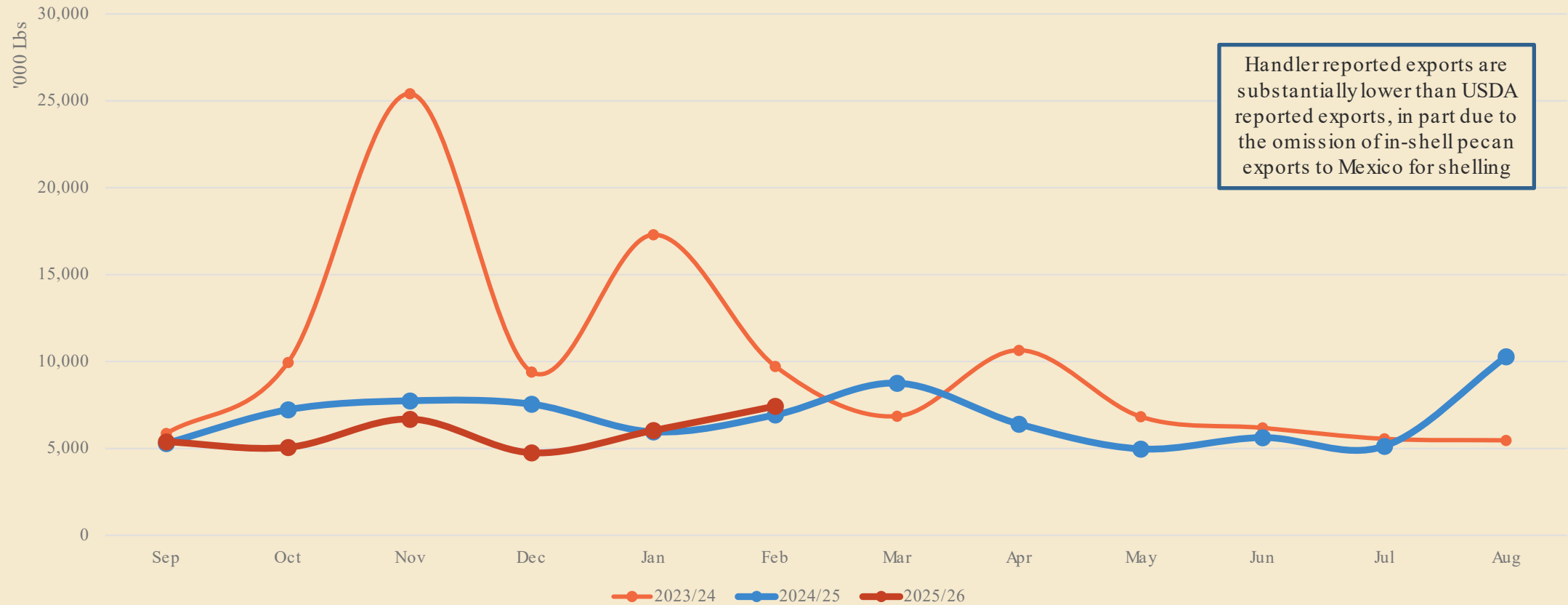


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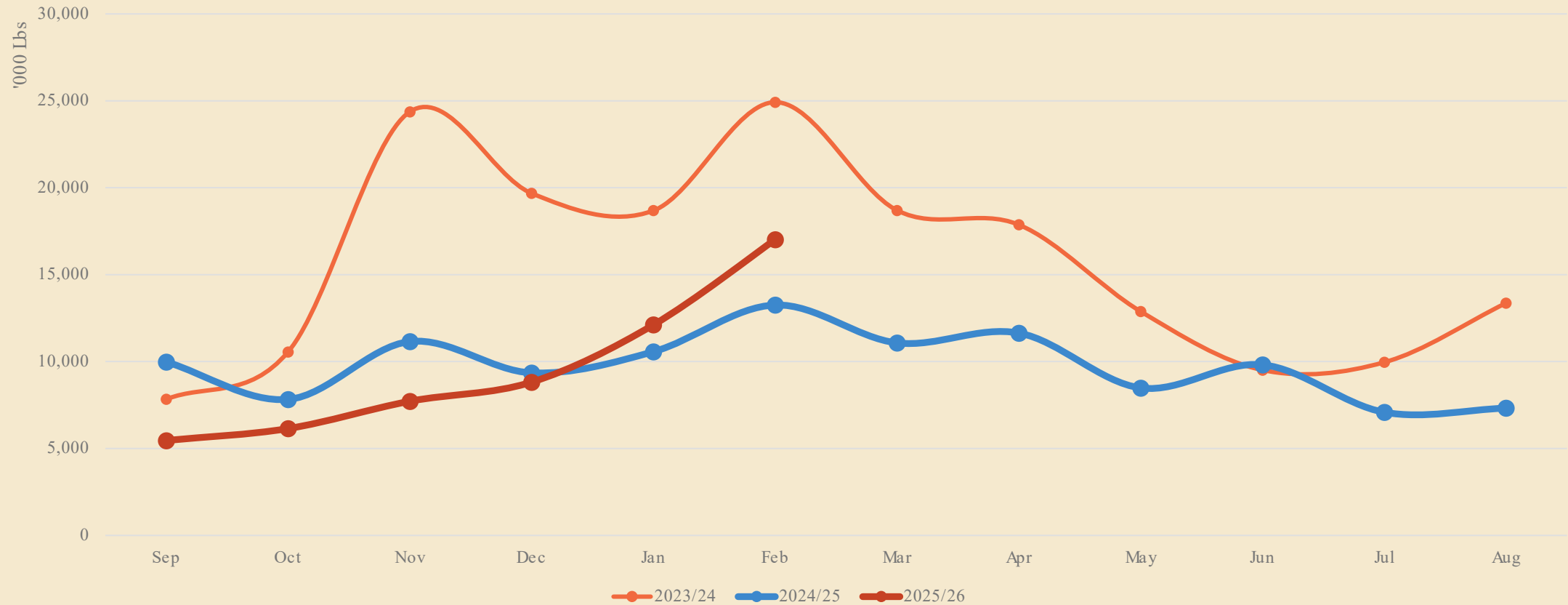
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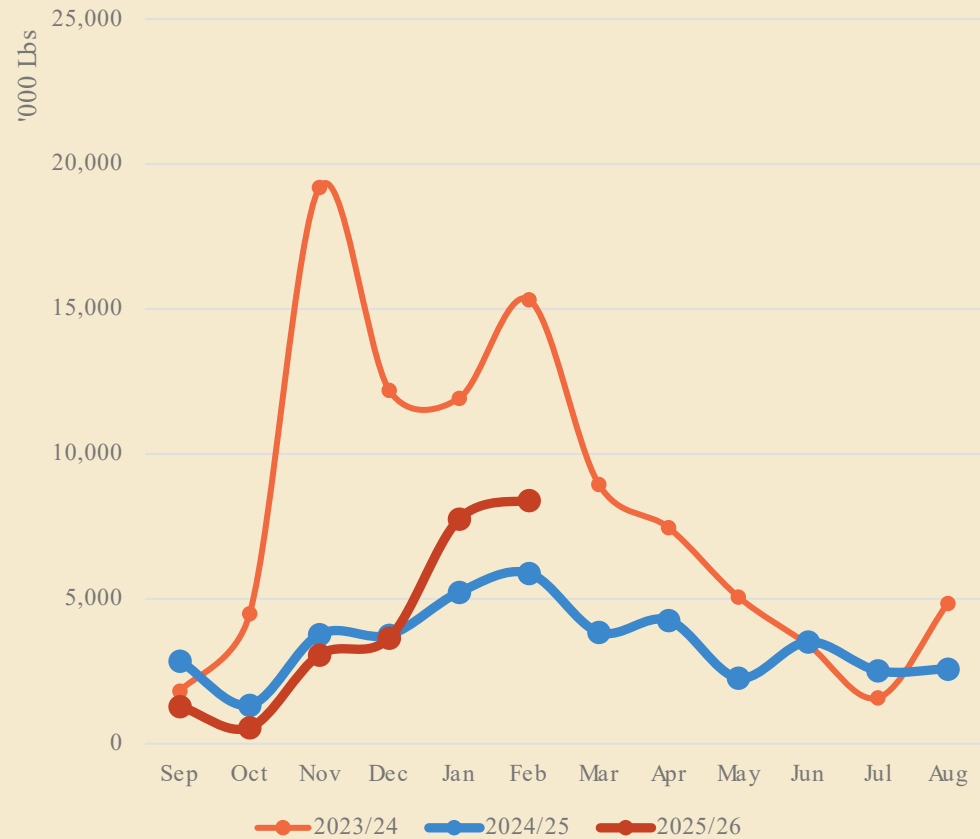
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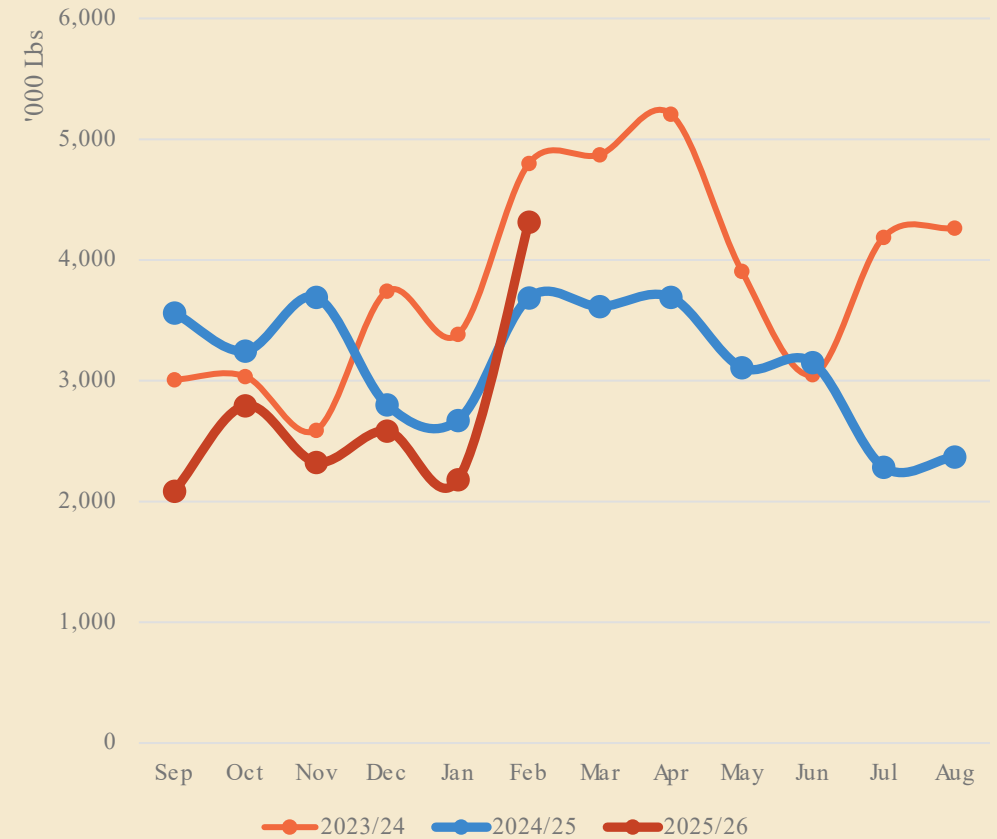


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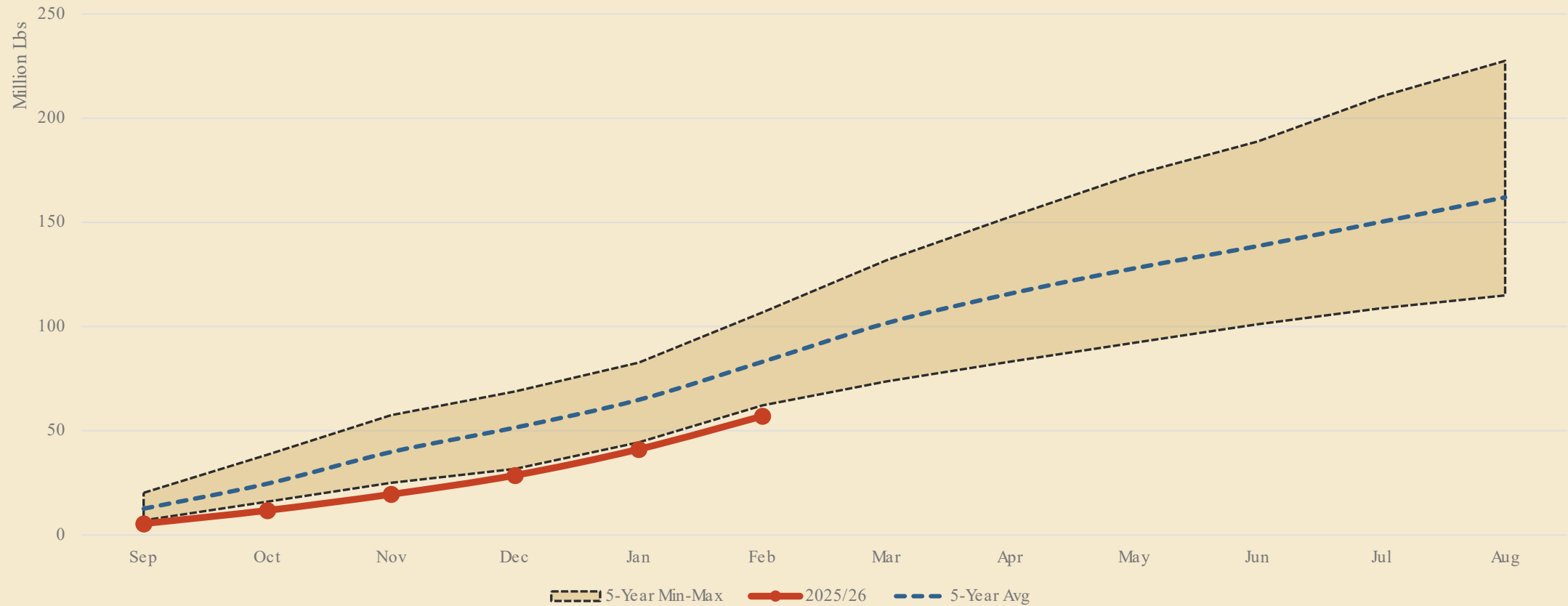


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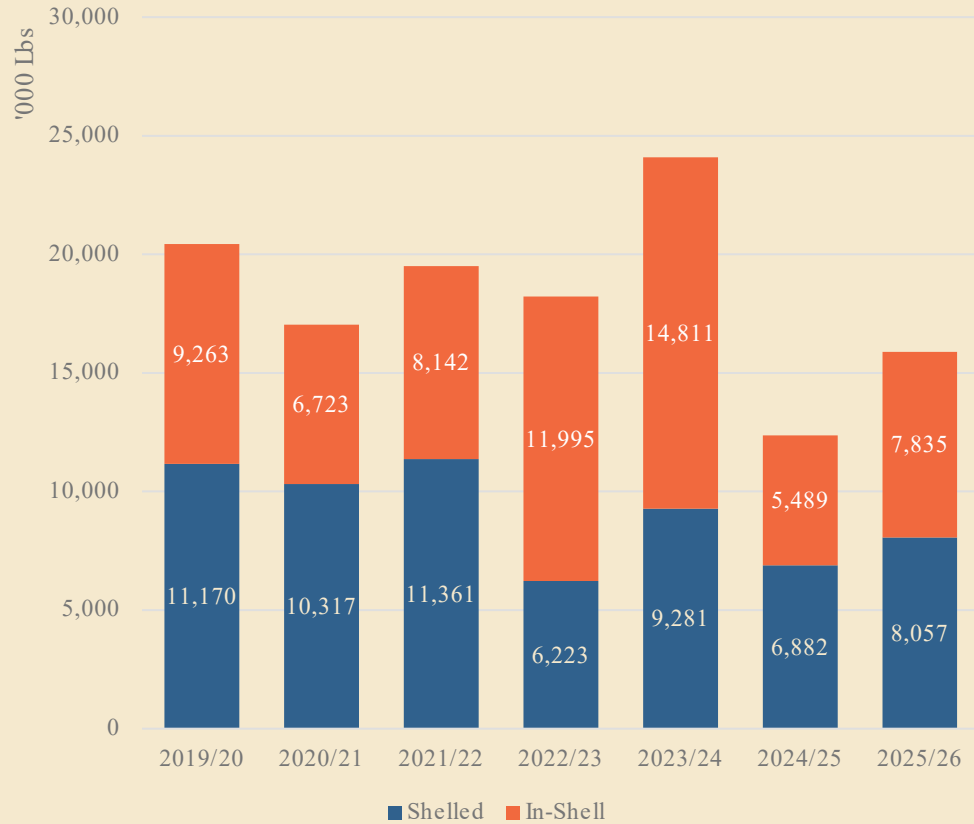
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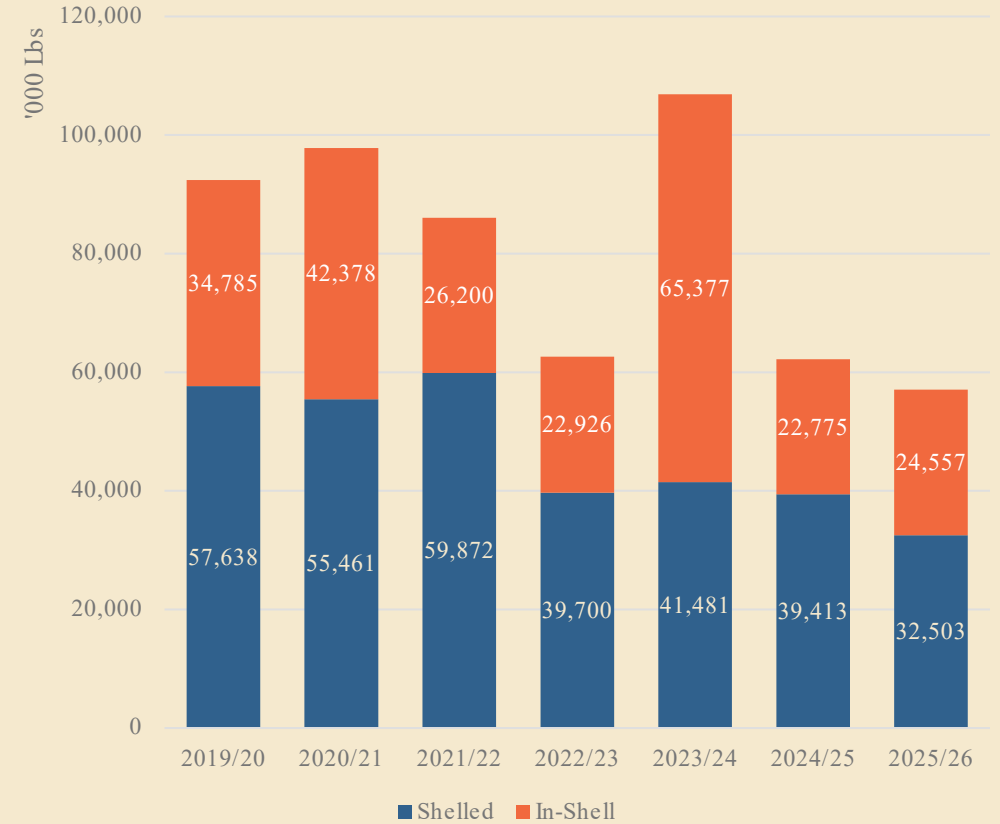


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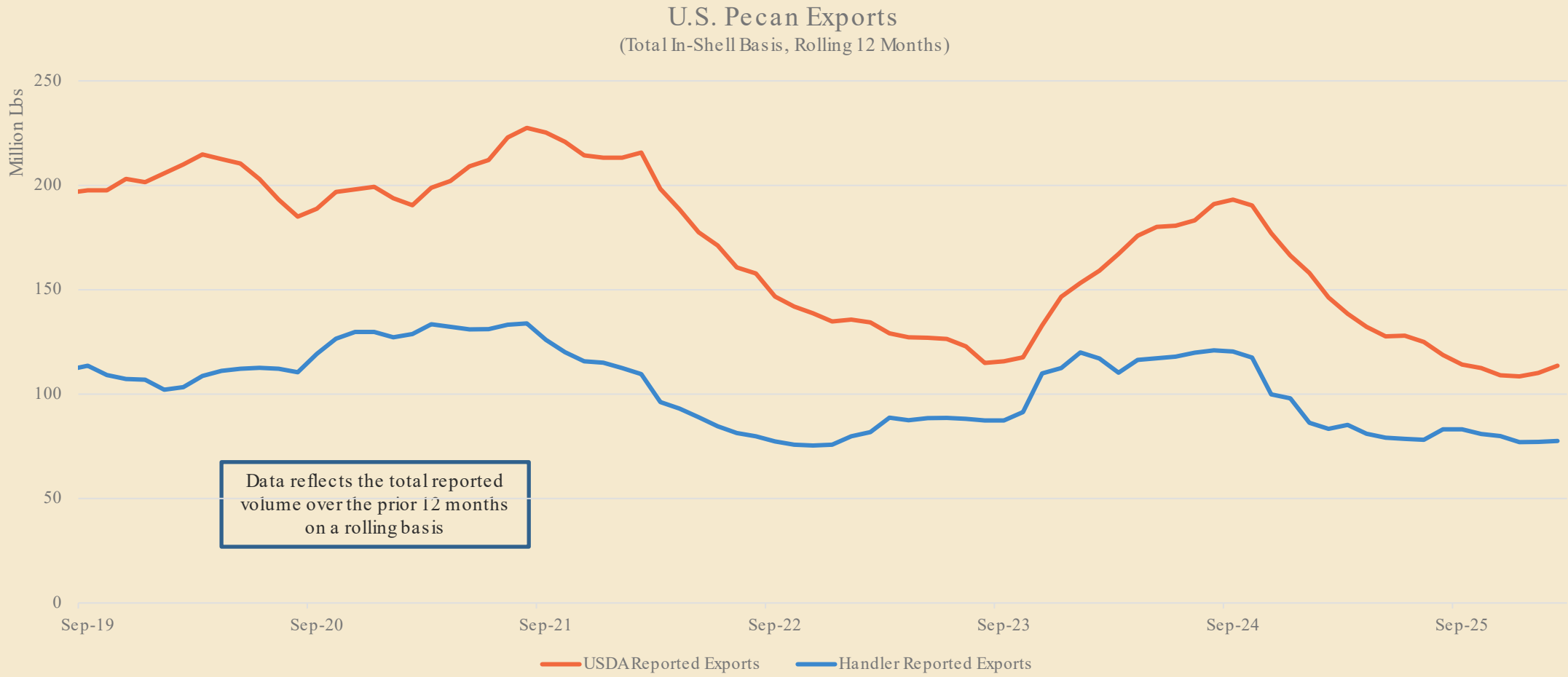
Exports Reported by USDA - Total In-Shell Basis:
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HANDLER V. U.S. CENSUS EXPORT COMPARISON

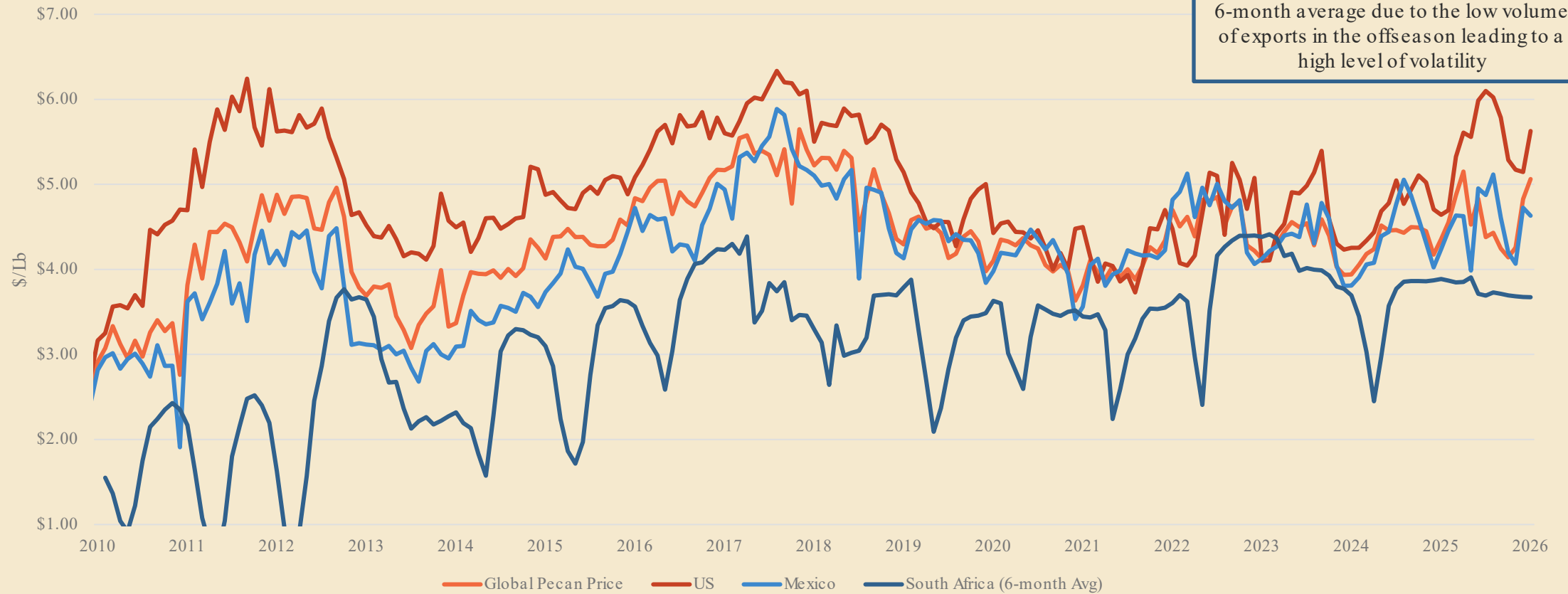


GLOBAL MARKETS



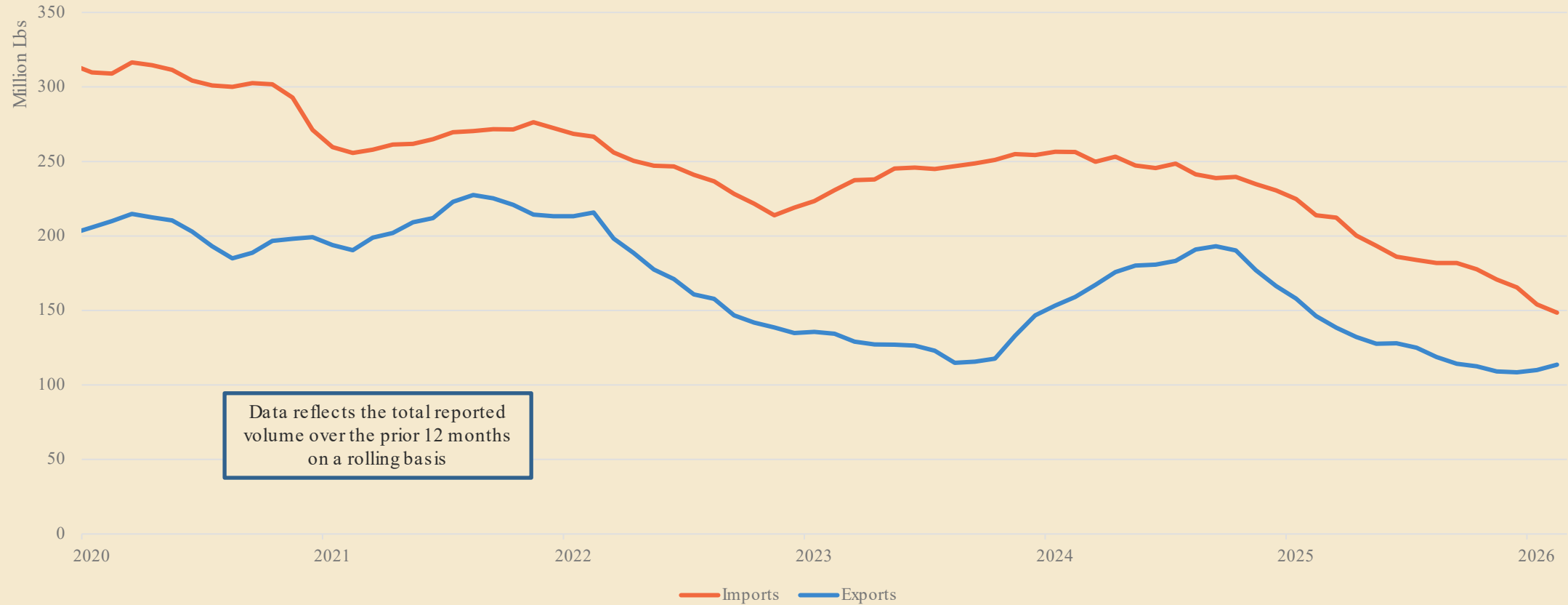
EXPORT PRICE COMPARISON

Global Pecan Prices by Supplier
(Est. Price per Point)



U.S. CENSUS REPORTED TRADE BALANCE

U.S. Census Reported Pecan Trade Balance
(Total In-Shell Basis, Rolling 12 Months)



U.S.-MEXICO PECAN SHELLING TRADE

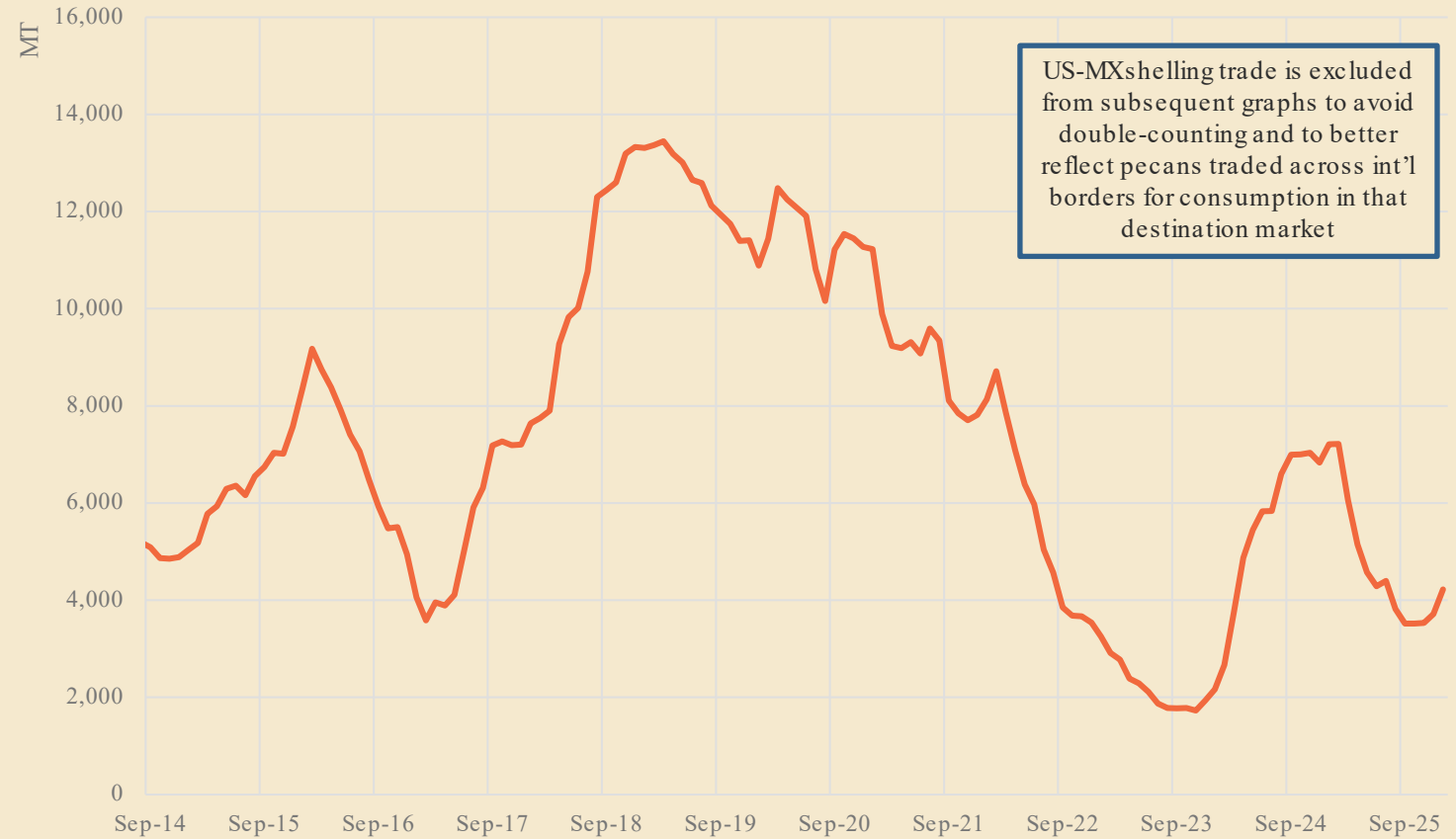


MARKET INSIGHT

The graph of the right is an estimate of the trade of U.S.-grown pecans sent to Mexico to be shelled before returning to the U.S. The estimate is calculated by the tracking U.S. exports of in-shell pecans to Mexico and shelled exports of pecans to the U.S.

The trade of U.S. pecans to be shelled in Mexico is likely one of the reasons why APC's reported import and export volumes diverge substantially from those reported by the U.S. Department of Census.

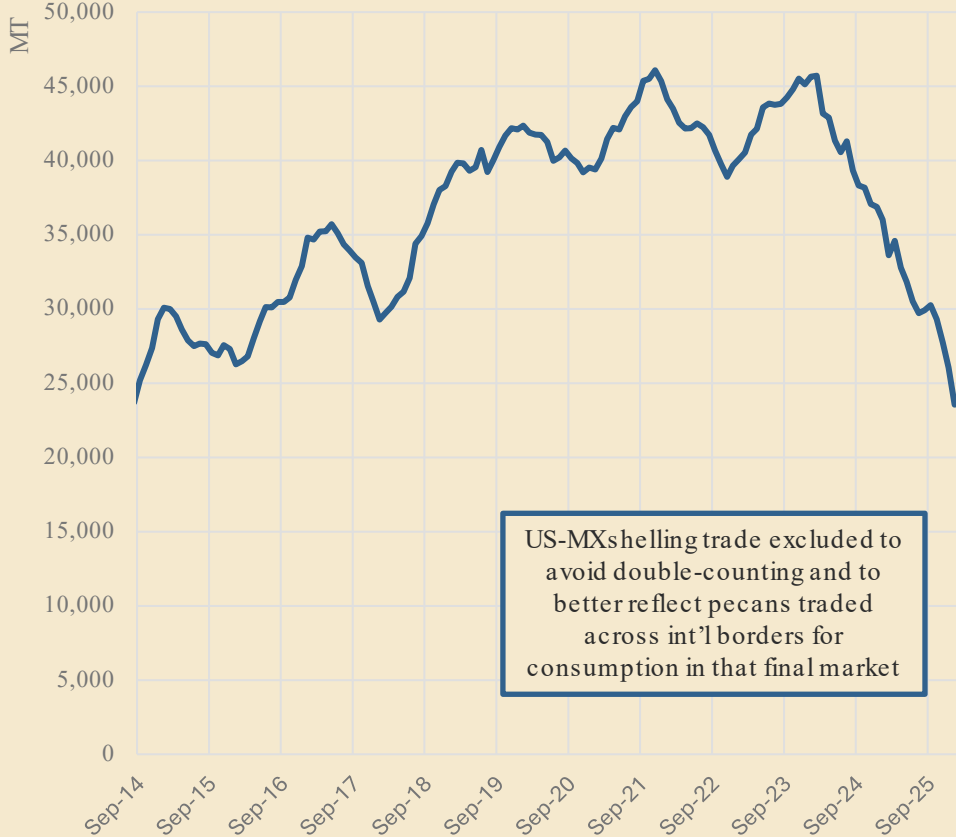
U.S.-Mexico Shelling Trade
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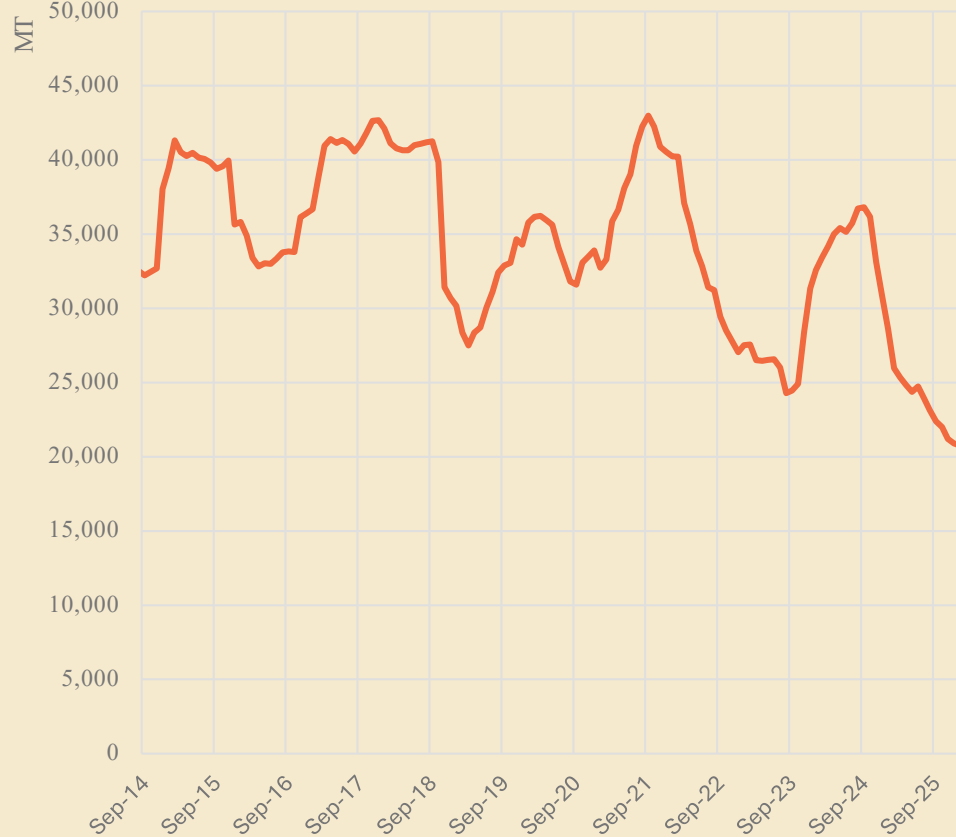
EXPORTS ADJUSTED FOR SHELLING TRADE

Mexican Pecan Exports to U.S.
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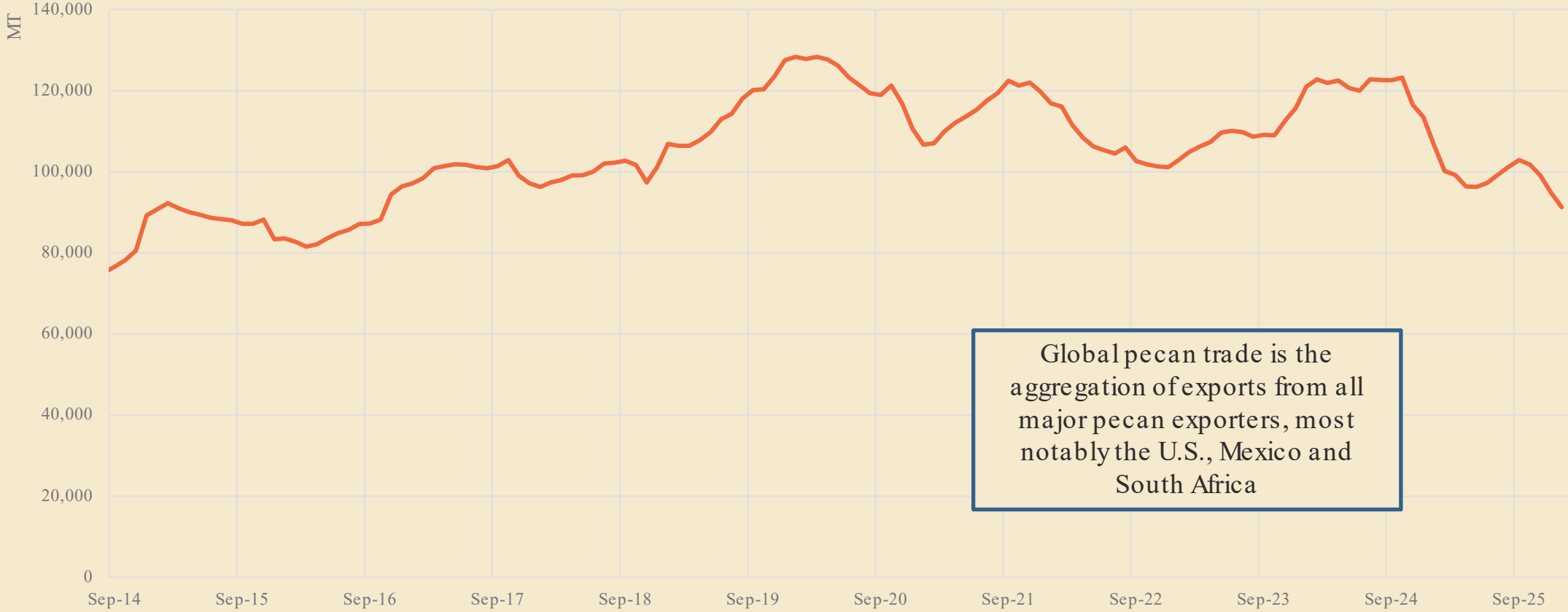
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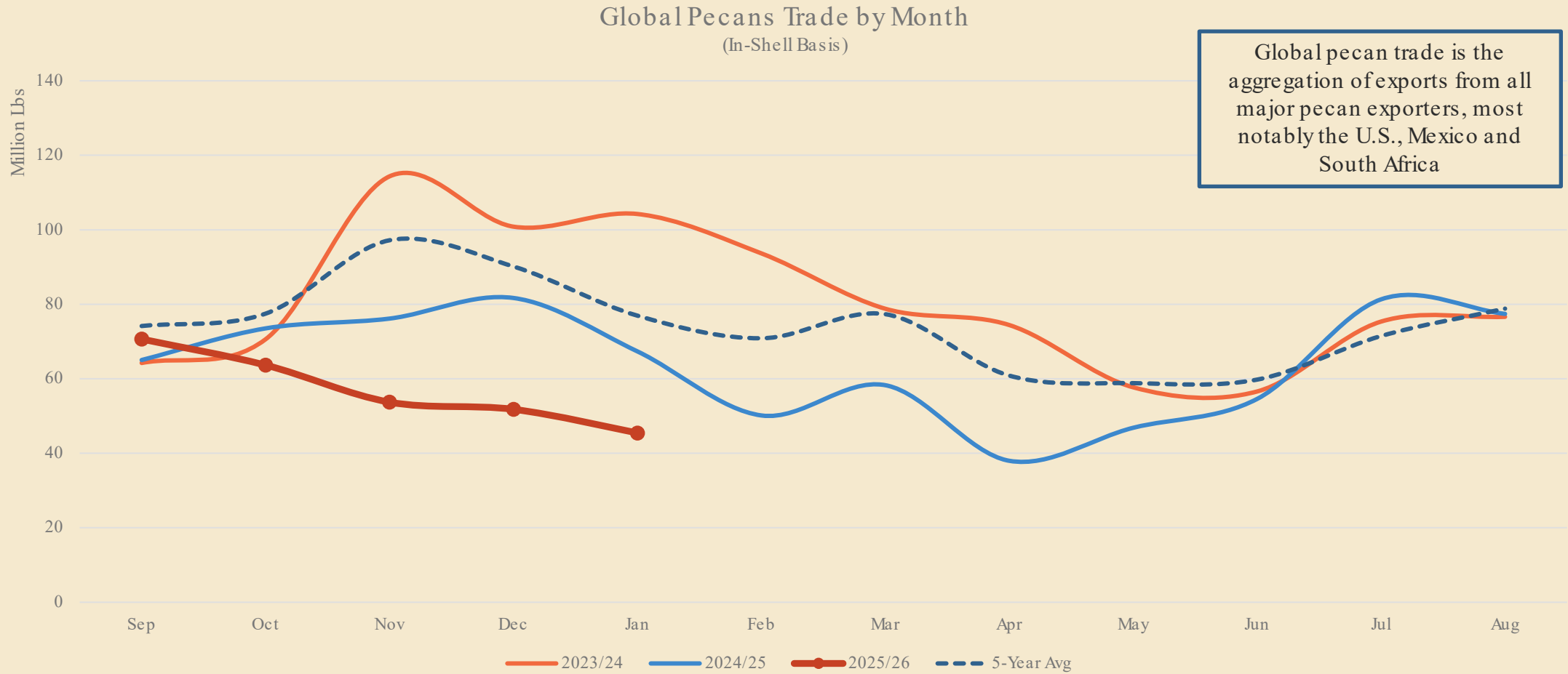
Global Pecan Trade

(Minus U.S.-Mexico Shelling Trade, Rolling 12 Months, Kernel Basis)



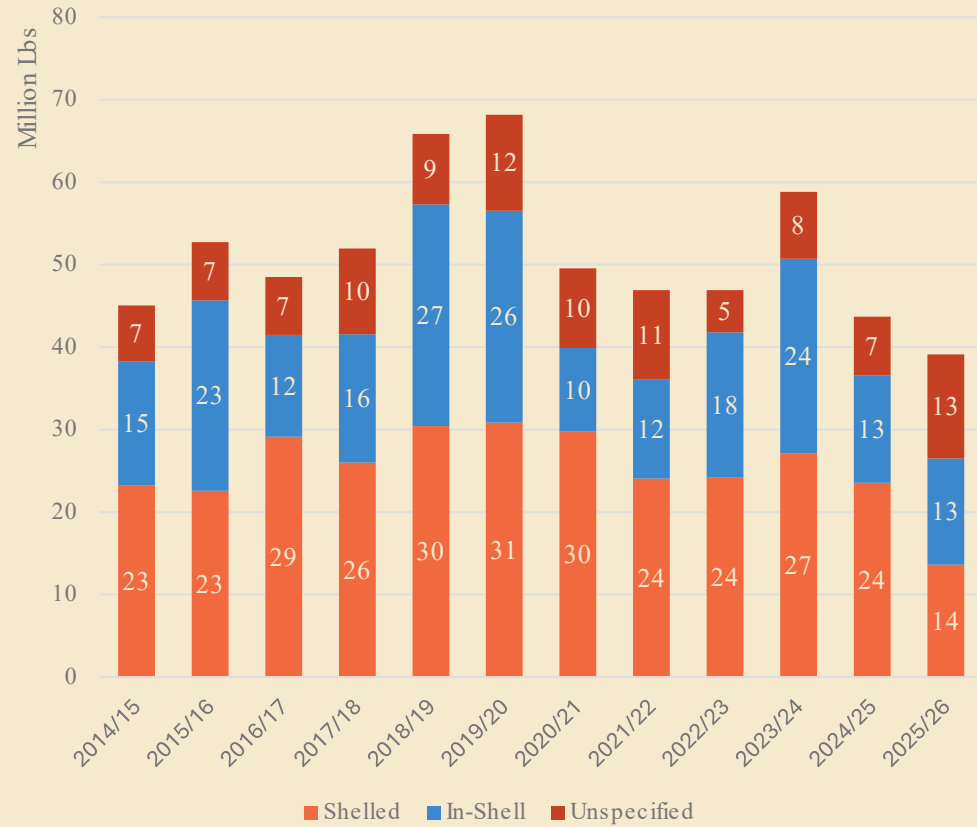
Global pecan trade is the aggregation of exports from all major pecan exporters, most notably the U.S., Mexico and South Africa

GLOBAL PECAN TRADE

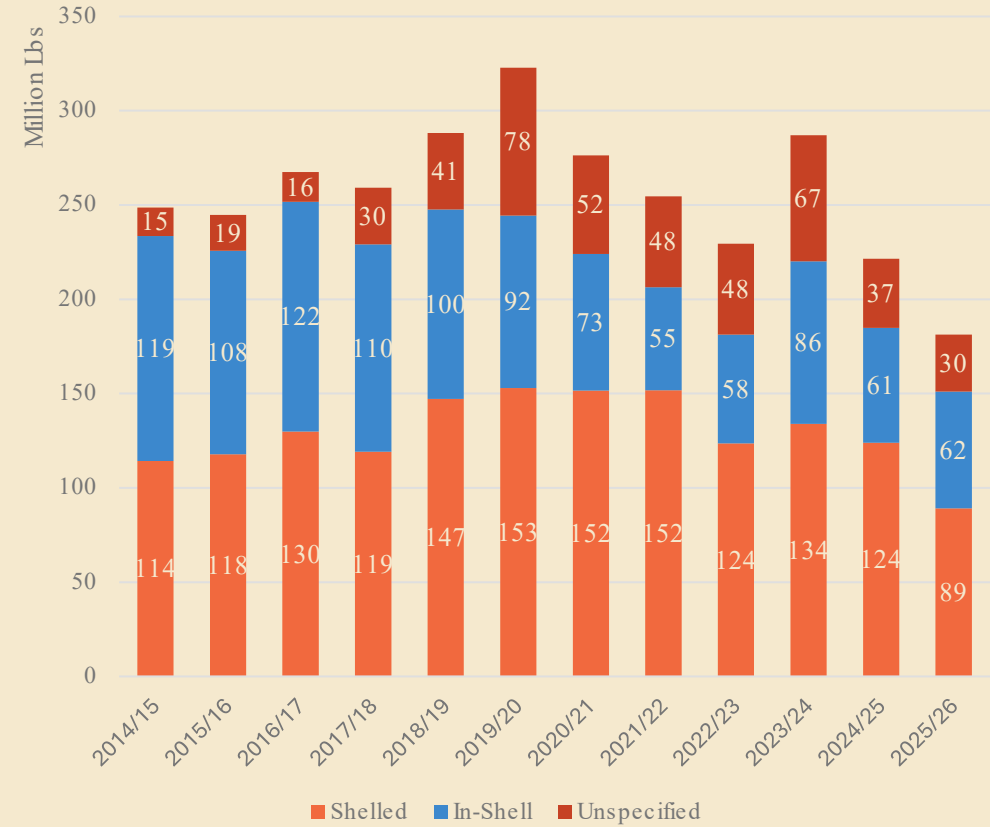


GLOBAL PECAN TRADE

Global Pecan Trade: Month of Jan (In-Shell Basis)

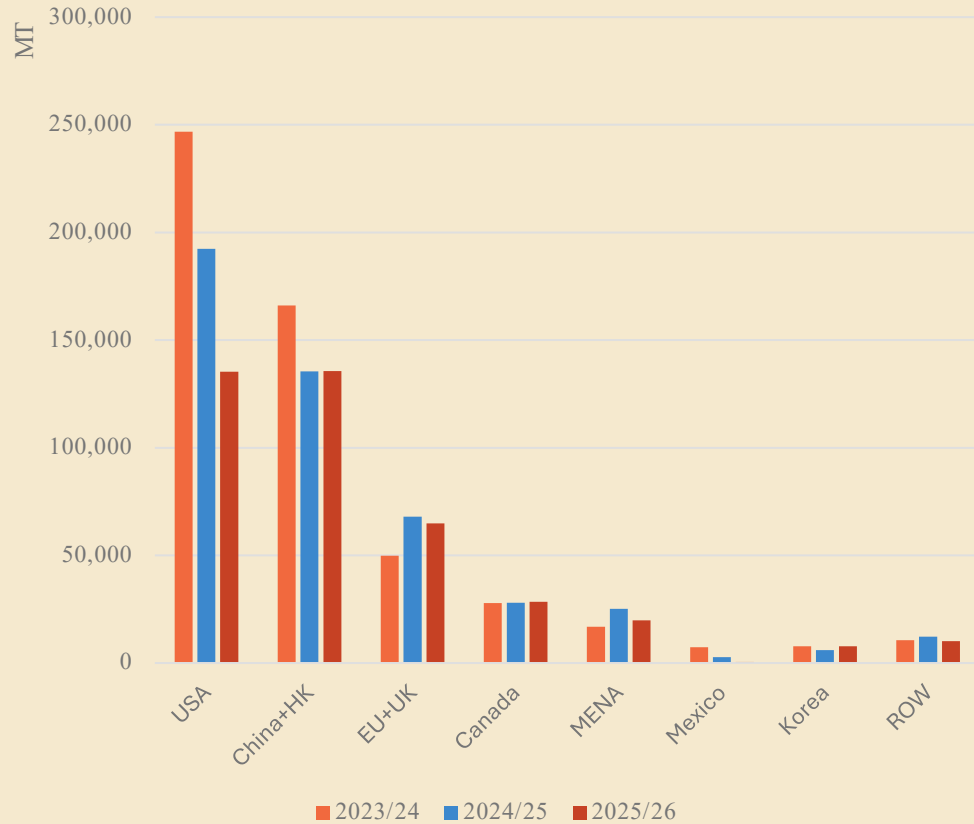


Global Pecan Trade: Marketing YTD thru Jan (In-Shell Basis)

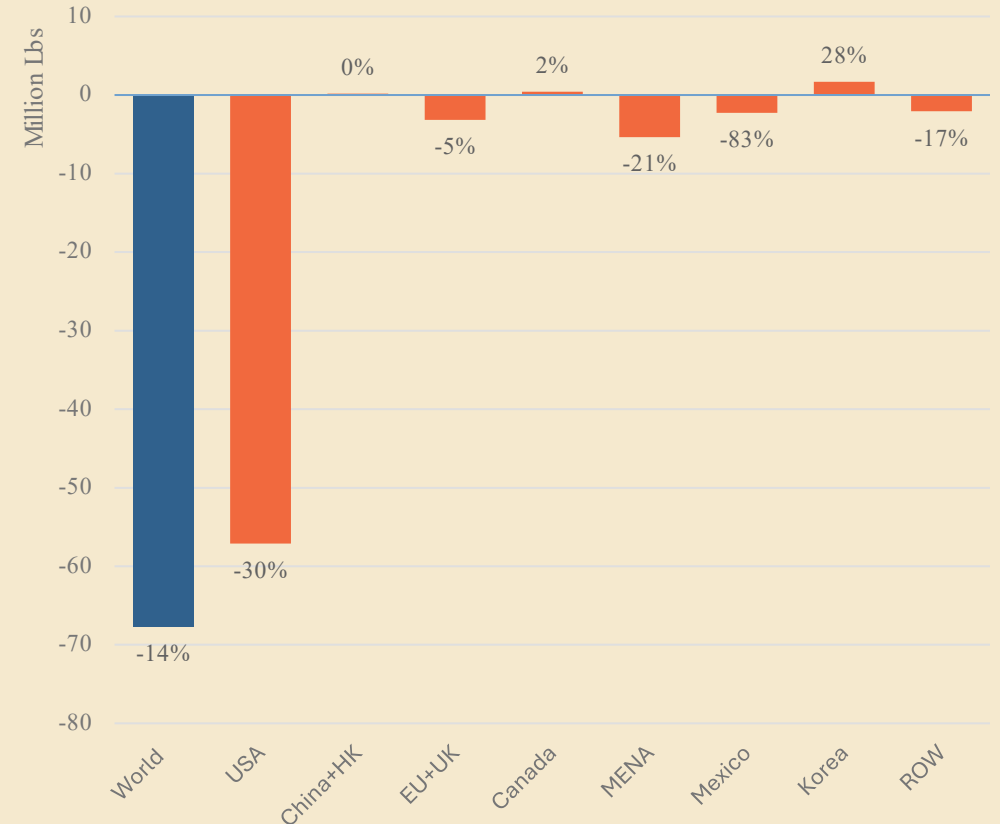


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Global Pecan Trade (Excl. US-MX Shelling Trade): Last 12 Months Ending Jan

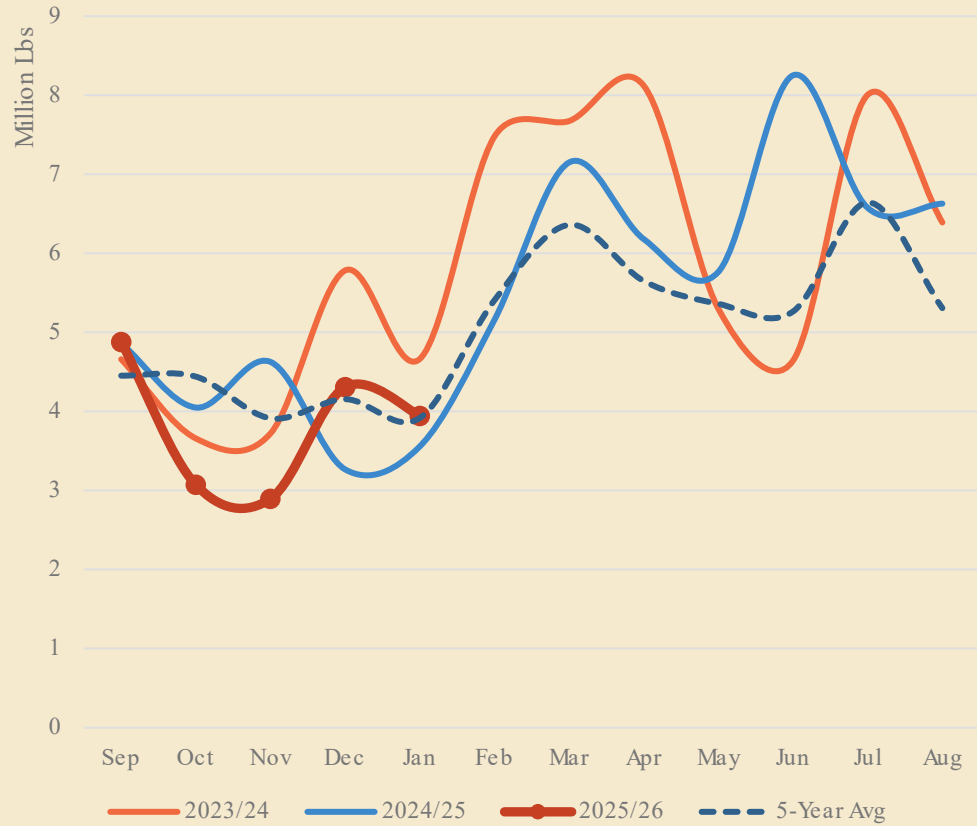


YOY Change in Global Pecan Trade by Region: Last 12 Months Ending Jan 2026

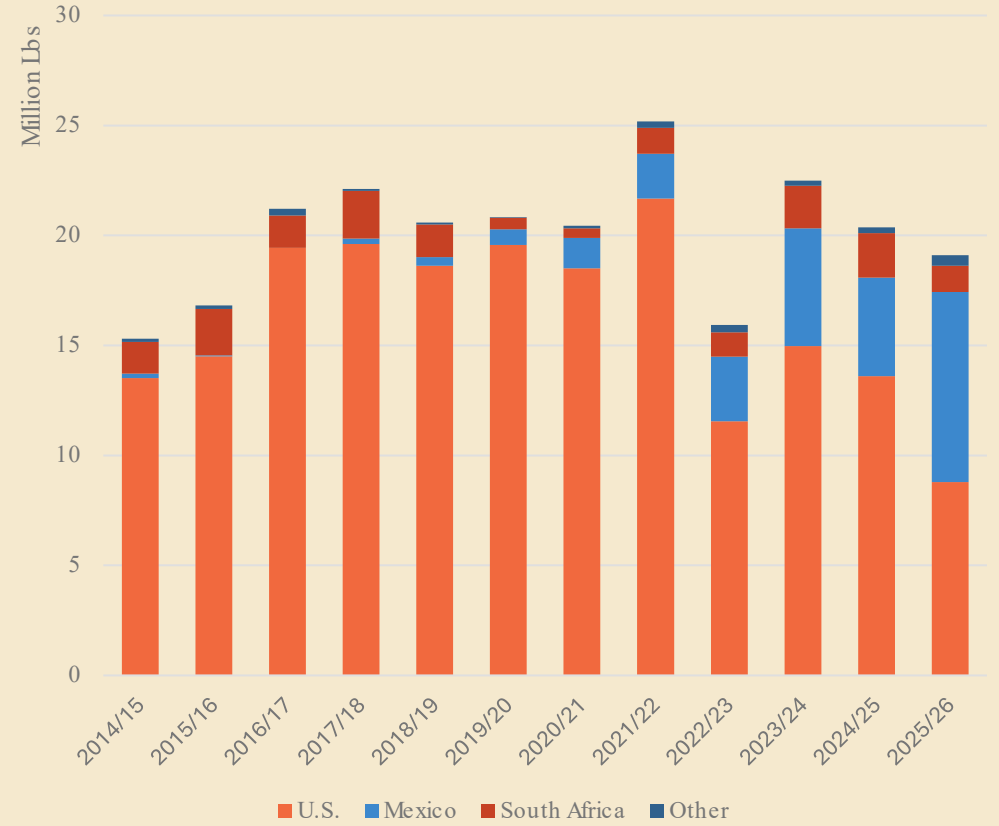


GLOBAL PECAN TRADE TO EU+UK

Global Pecans Trade to EU+UK by Month, In-Shell Basis

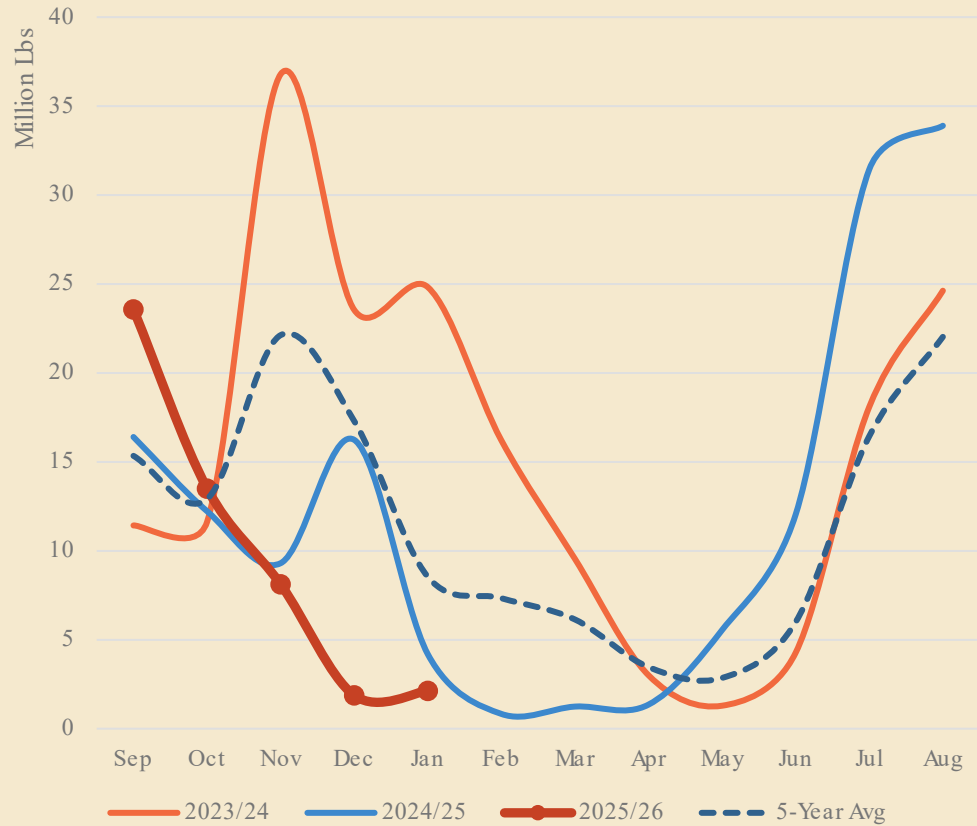


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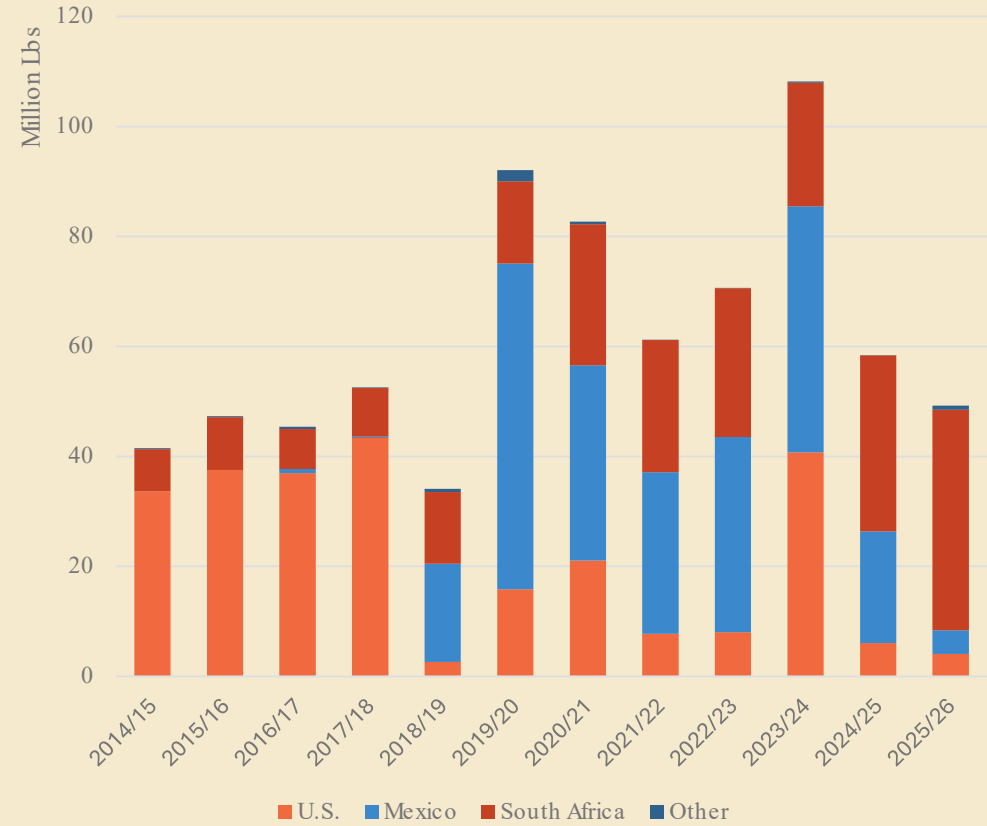


GLOBAL PECAN TRADE TO CHINA+HK

Global Pecans Trade to China+HK by Month, In-Shell Basis

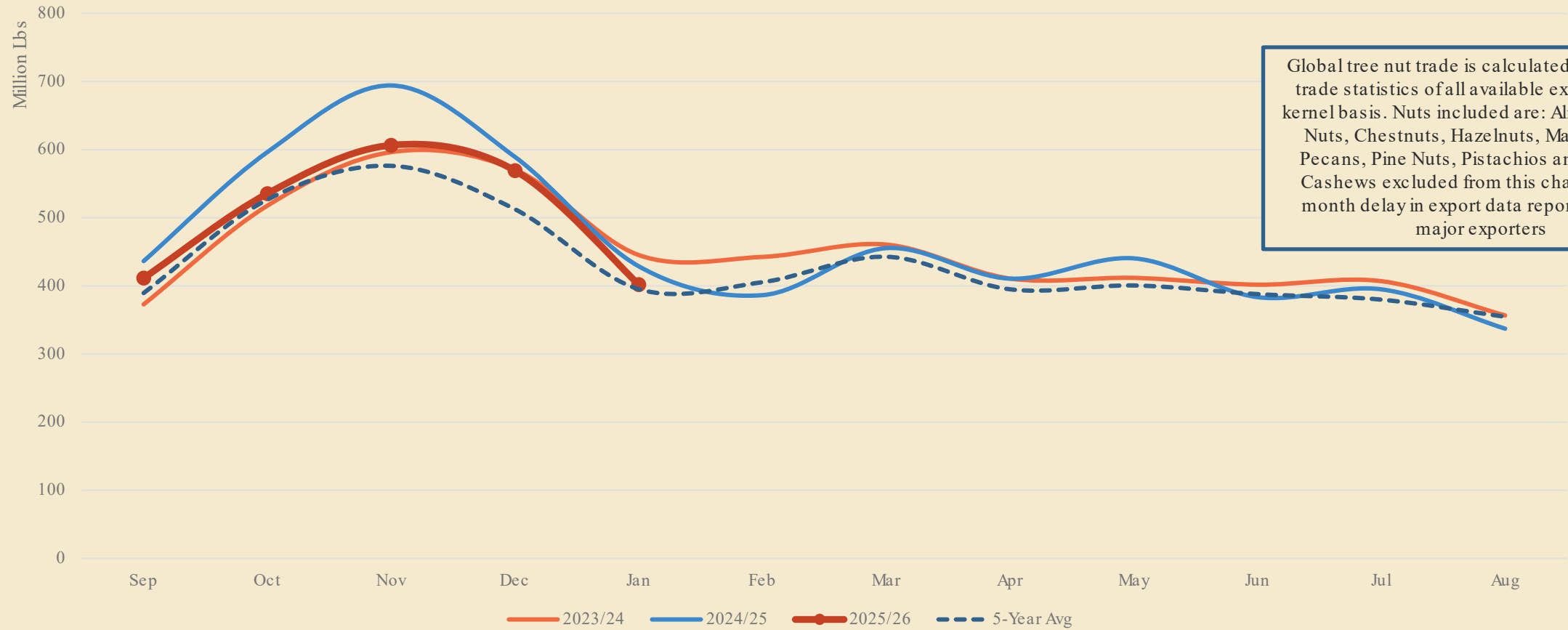


Global Pecan Trade to China+HK: Marketing YTD ending Jan



GLOBAL TREE NUT TRADE

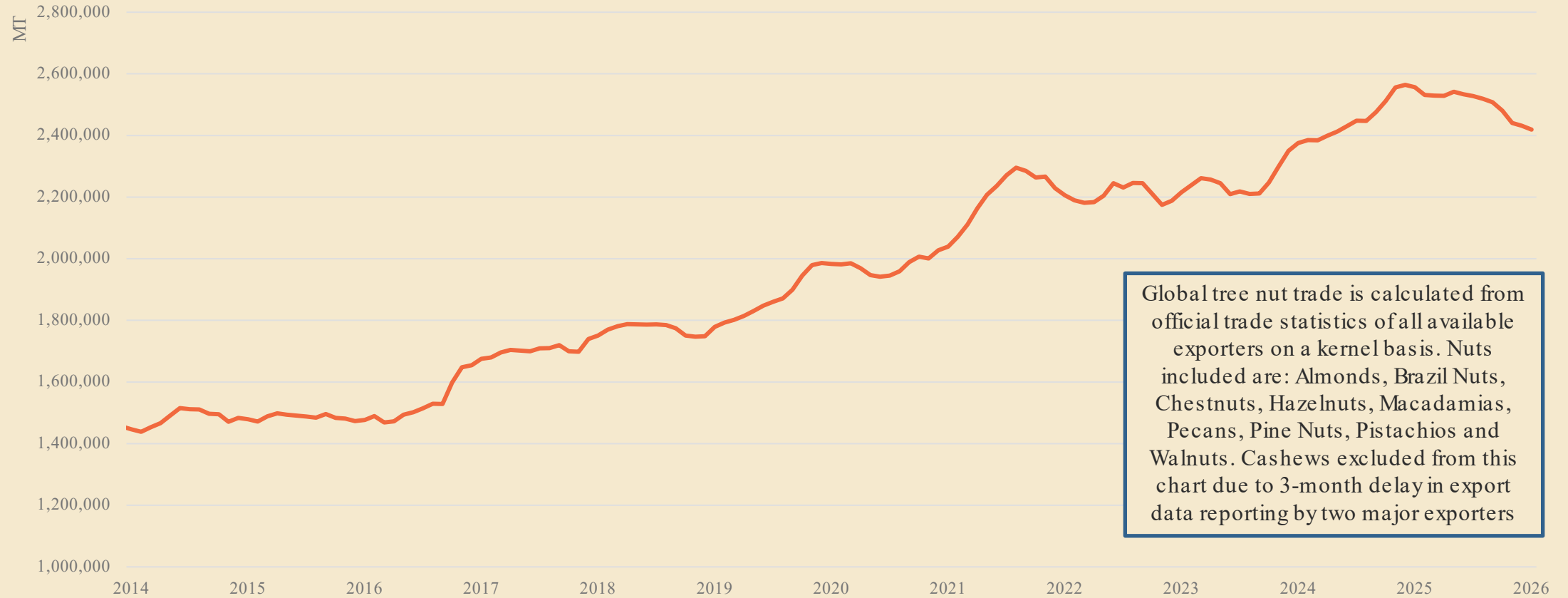
Global Total Tree Nuts (Excl. Cashews) Trade by Month, Kernel Basis



Global tree nut trade is calculated from official trade statistics of all available exporters on a kernel basis. Nuts included are: Almonds, Brazil Nuts, Chestnuts, Hazelnuts, Macadamias, Pecans, Pine Nuts, Pistachios and Walnuts. Cashews excluded from this chart due to 3-month delay in export data reporting by two major exporters

GLOBAL TREE NUT TRADE

Global Tree Nut Trade (Excl. Cashews)
(Rolling 12 Months, Kernel Basis)



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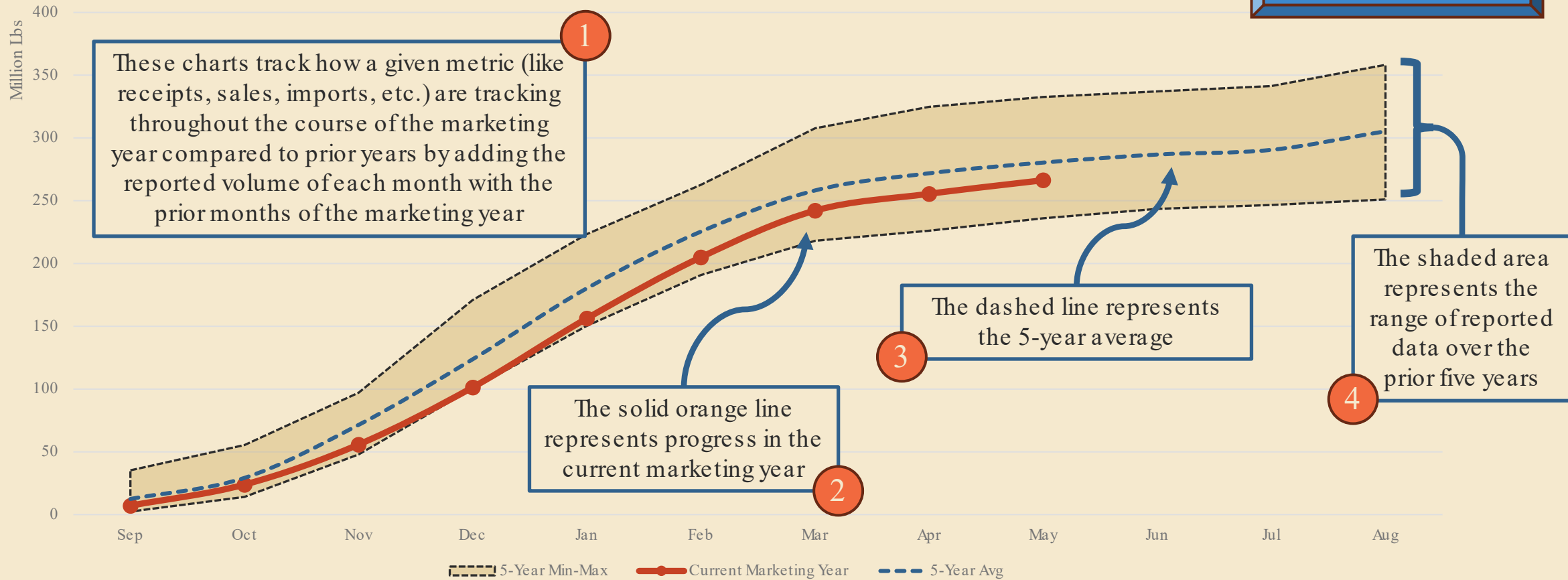
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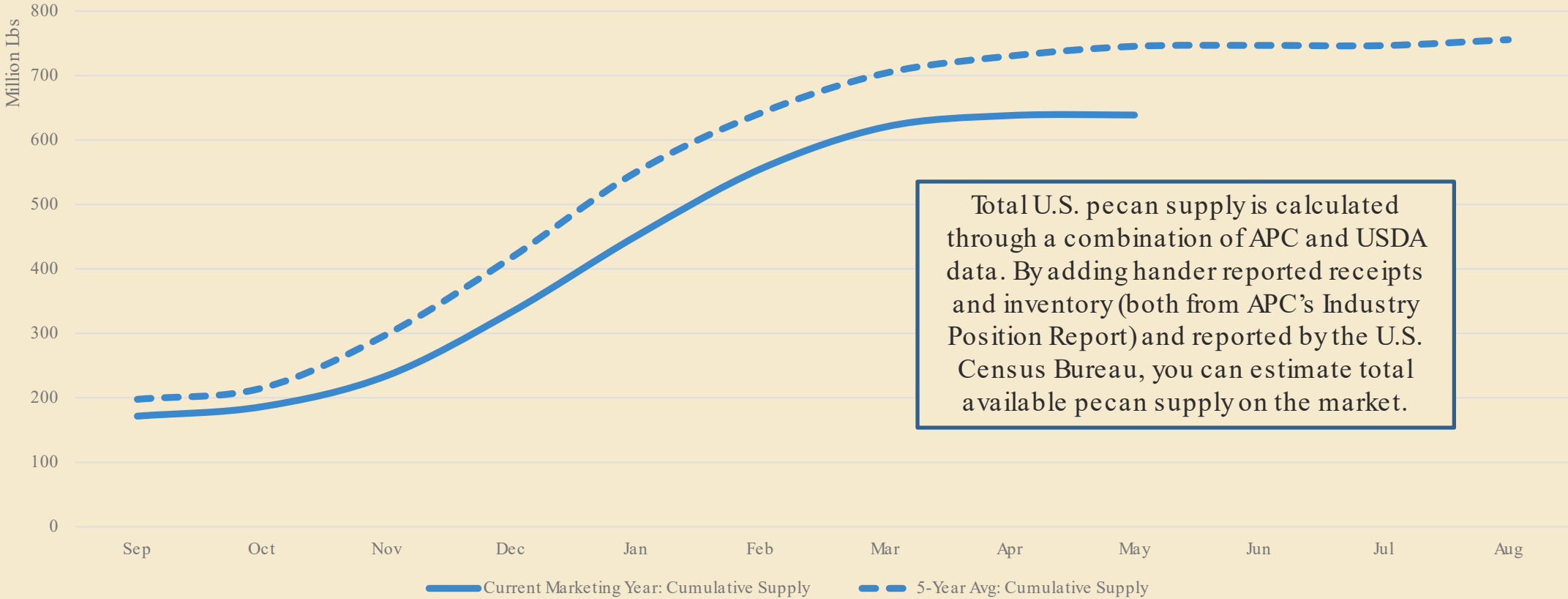
Cumulative Total Handler Reported Receipts by Marketing Year



TOTAL SUPPLY EXPLANATION

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Cumulative U.S. Pecan Supply
(Handler+USDA Merged Data, Supply Total Includes Inventory)

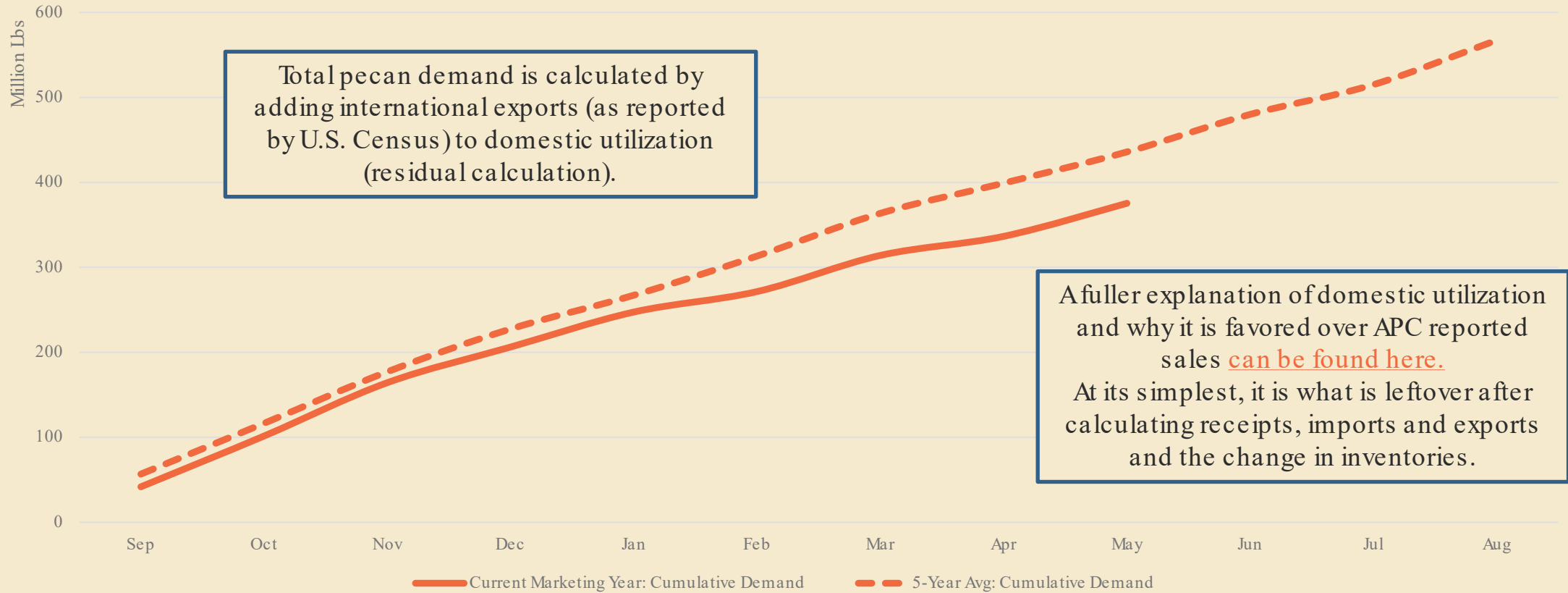


Total U.S. pecan supply is calculated through a combination of APC and USDA data. By adding handler reported receipts and inventory (both from APC's Industry Position Report) and reported by the U.S. Census Bureau, you can estimate total available pecan supply on the market.

TOTAL DEMAND EXPLANATION

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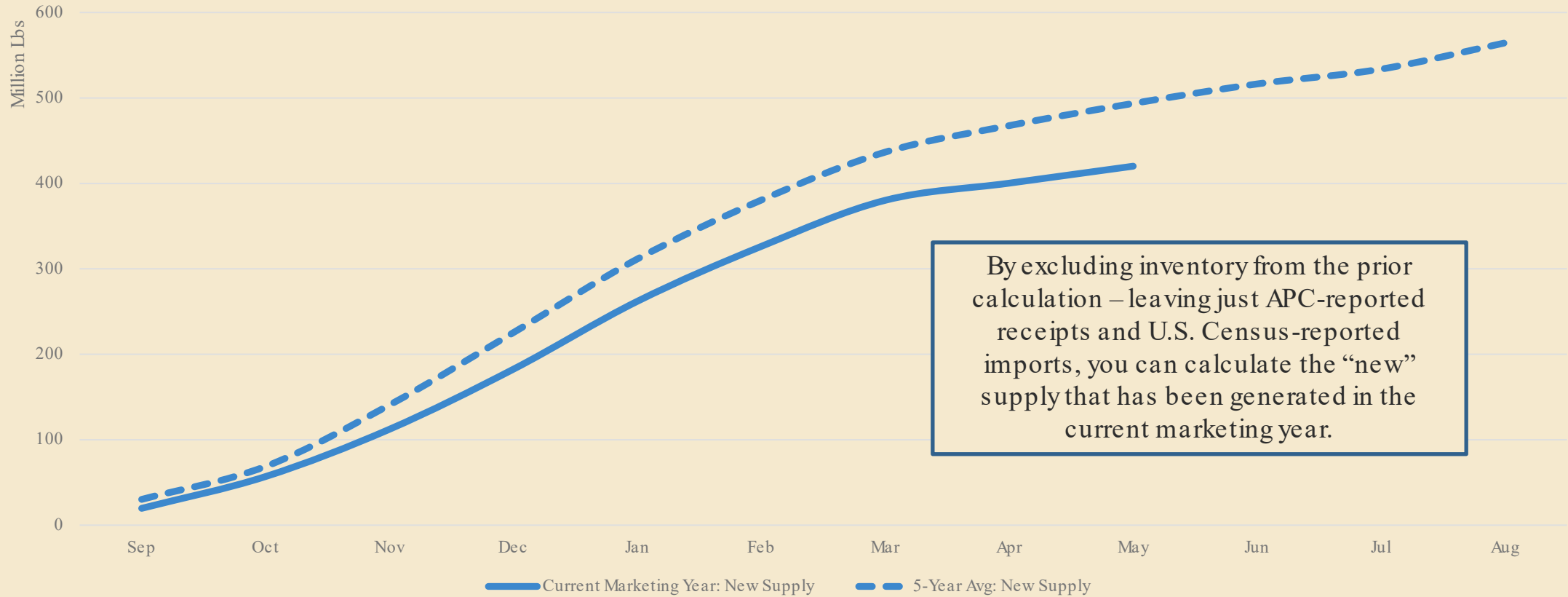
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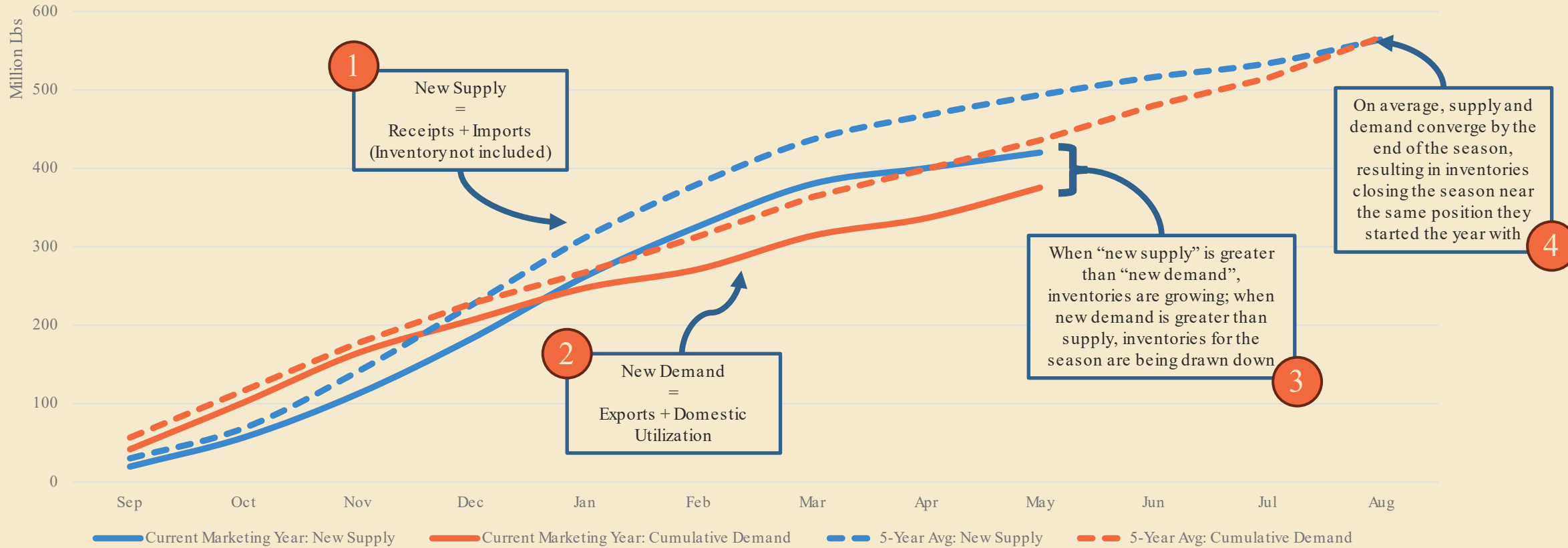
Cumulative New U.S. Pecan Supply and Demand
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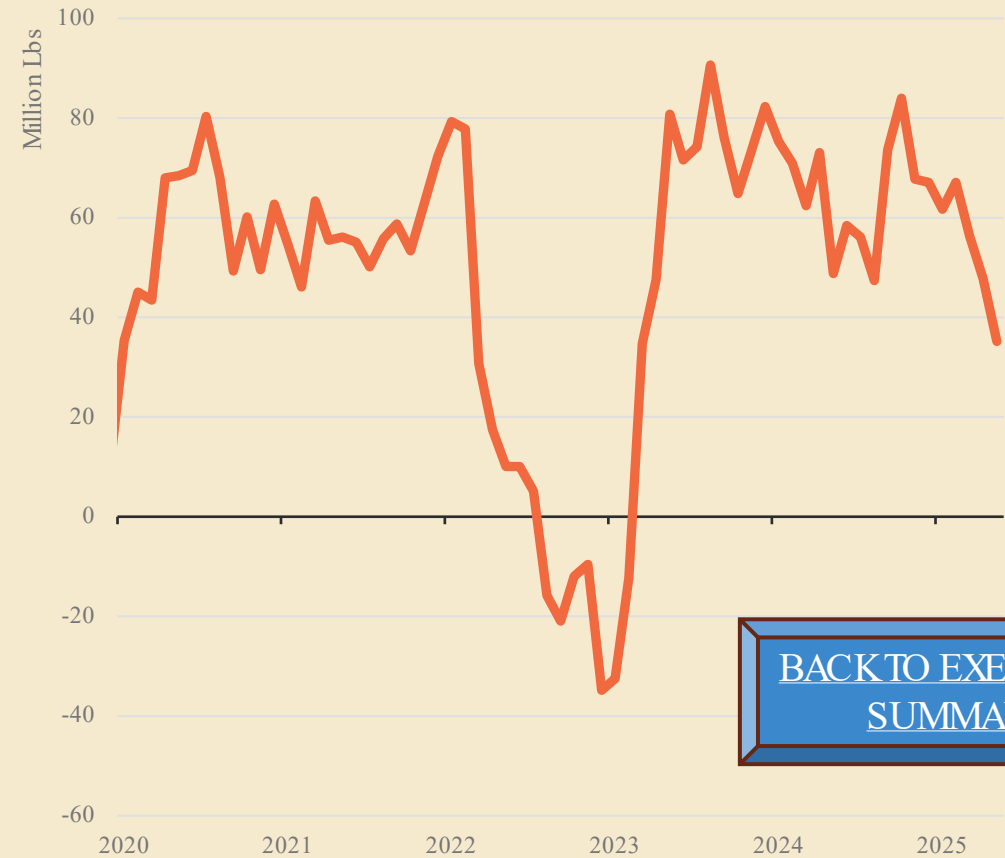
EST. DOMESTIC UTILIZATION

How Is It Calculated?

In the unadjusted handler data, the total balance doesn't quite add up. Using (Receipts + Imports) to calculate Total Supply and (Domestic Sales + Exports) to calculate Total Demand, the difference between the two should equal the change in reported inventories. However, with the exception of 2022, the dataset is missing approximately 40 to 80 million lbs of pecan demand per year (see chart) as the change in inventories suggests there is often greater sales than what is being reported. Conversely, on occasions when the number is negative, the data implies there is likely unreported supply.

To remedy this mismatch, our analysts have created an estimated domestic utilization using a mixture of handler data and official U.S. census data, wherein domestic sales are the residual given the general reliability of the other metrics. As such, utilization is calculated as: $[\text{Total Receipts (Handler)} + \text{Imports (USDA)}] - [\text{Exports (USDA)} + \Delta\text{Inventory (Handler)}]$.

Missing Supply/Demand from Handler Reporting
(Total In-Shell Basis, Rolling 12 Month Total)



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