

**FTAA, WTO and the New  
Farm Bill: A Cotton and  
Textiles Perspective**

# **New Farm Bill**

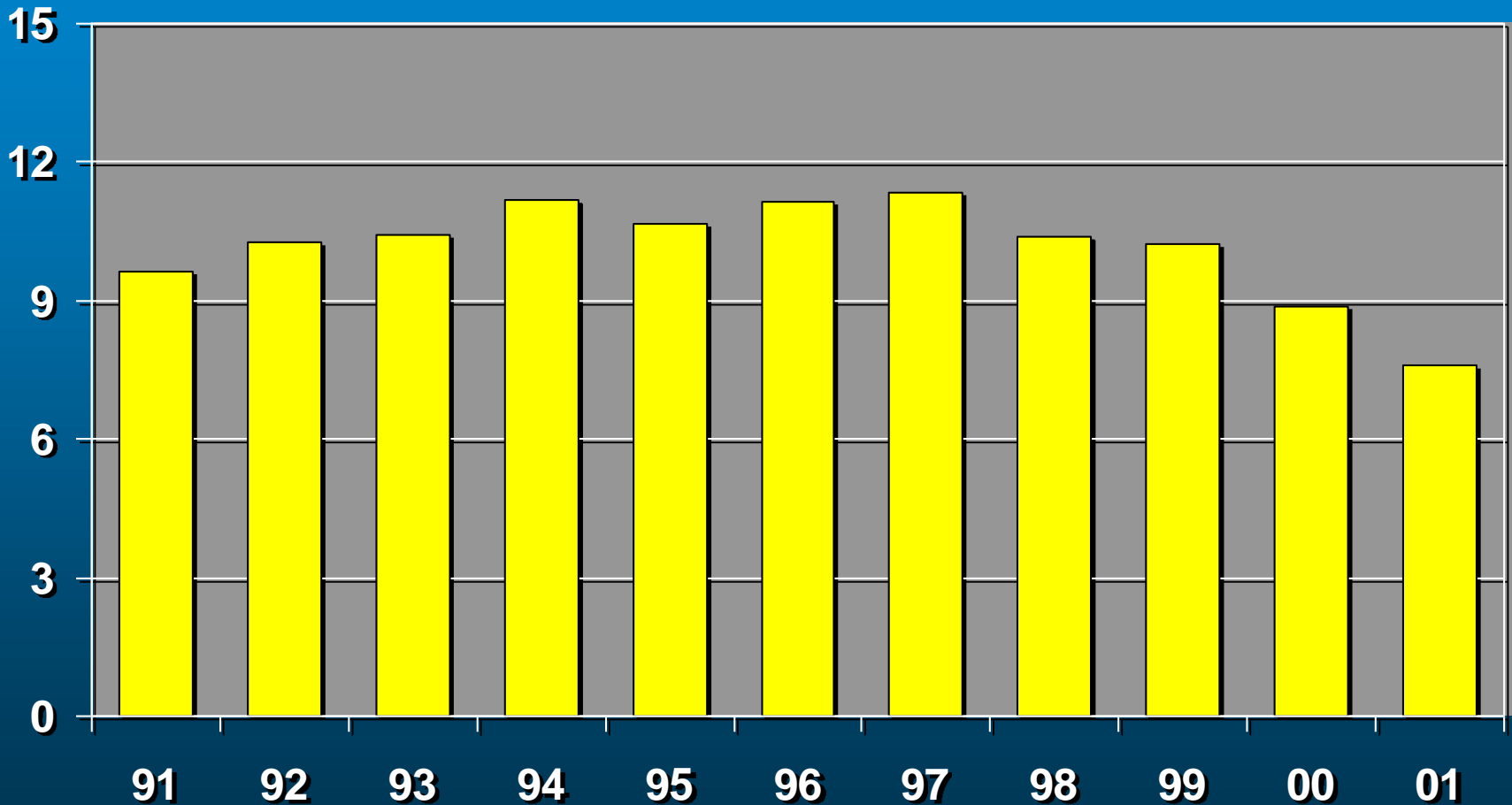
- **Cotton industry pleased with structure and levels of support**
- **Will help to stabilize agriculture and infrastructure**
- **Payment limits a continuing issue**
- **Don't anticipate significant structural adjustments arising from farm bill**

# Challenges

- **Reeling US textile industry**
- **More export oriented**

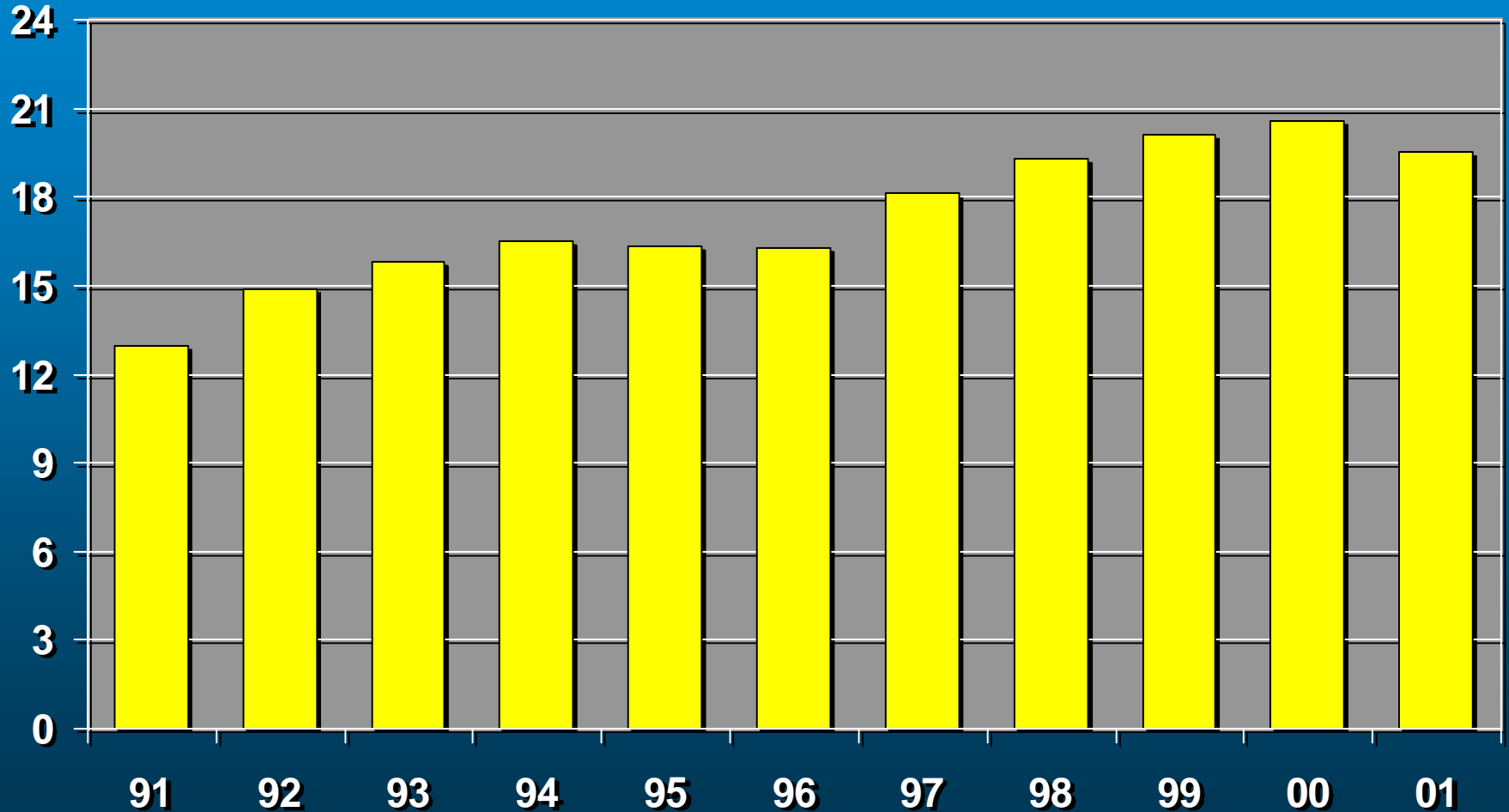
# U.S. Cotton Mill Use

Million Bales



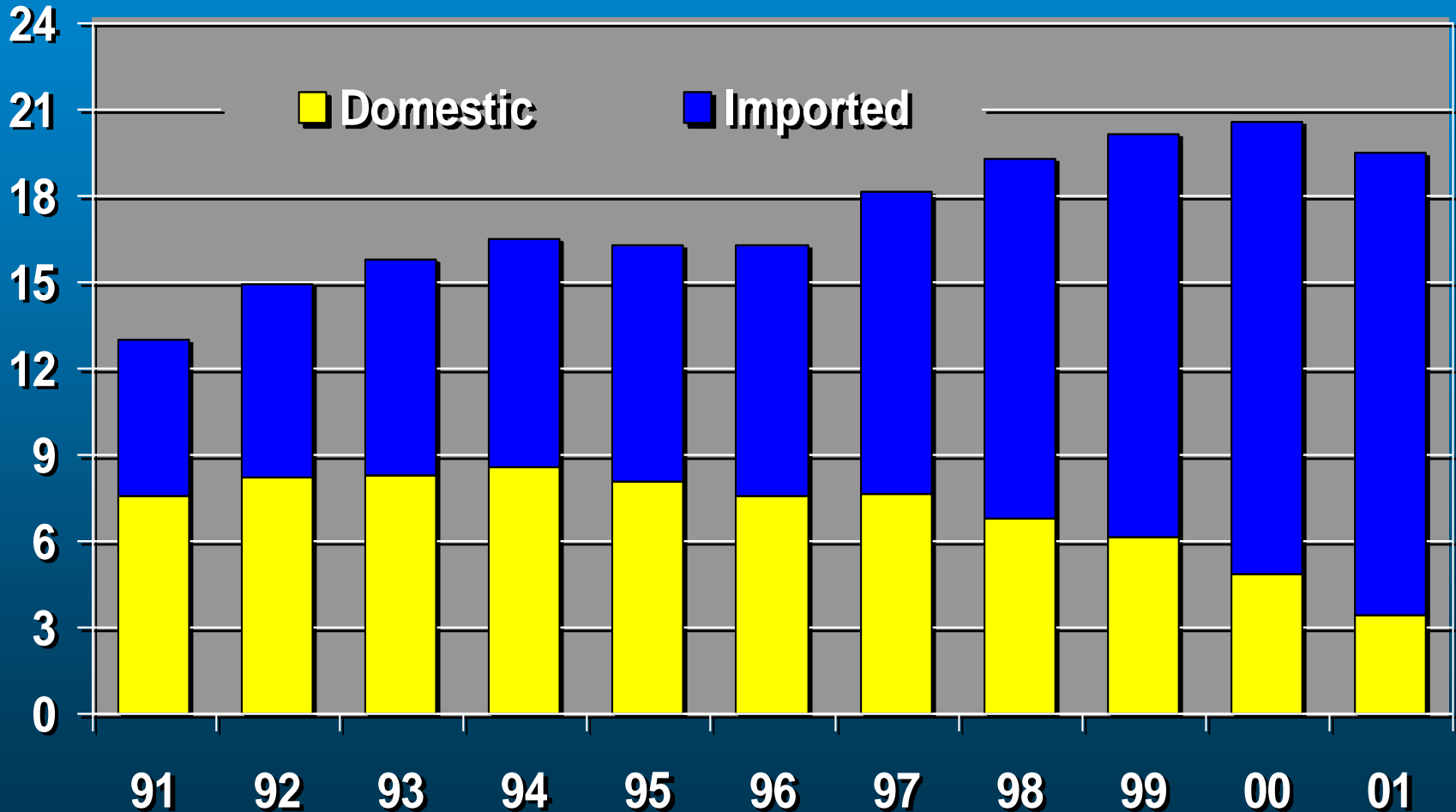
# Retail Cotton Consumption

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# Trade Agreements

- **WTO**
  - **Elimination of quotas in 2005**
  - **China membership**
  - **Unilateral liberalization of US quotas**

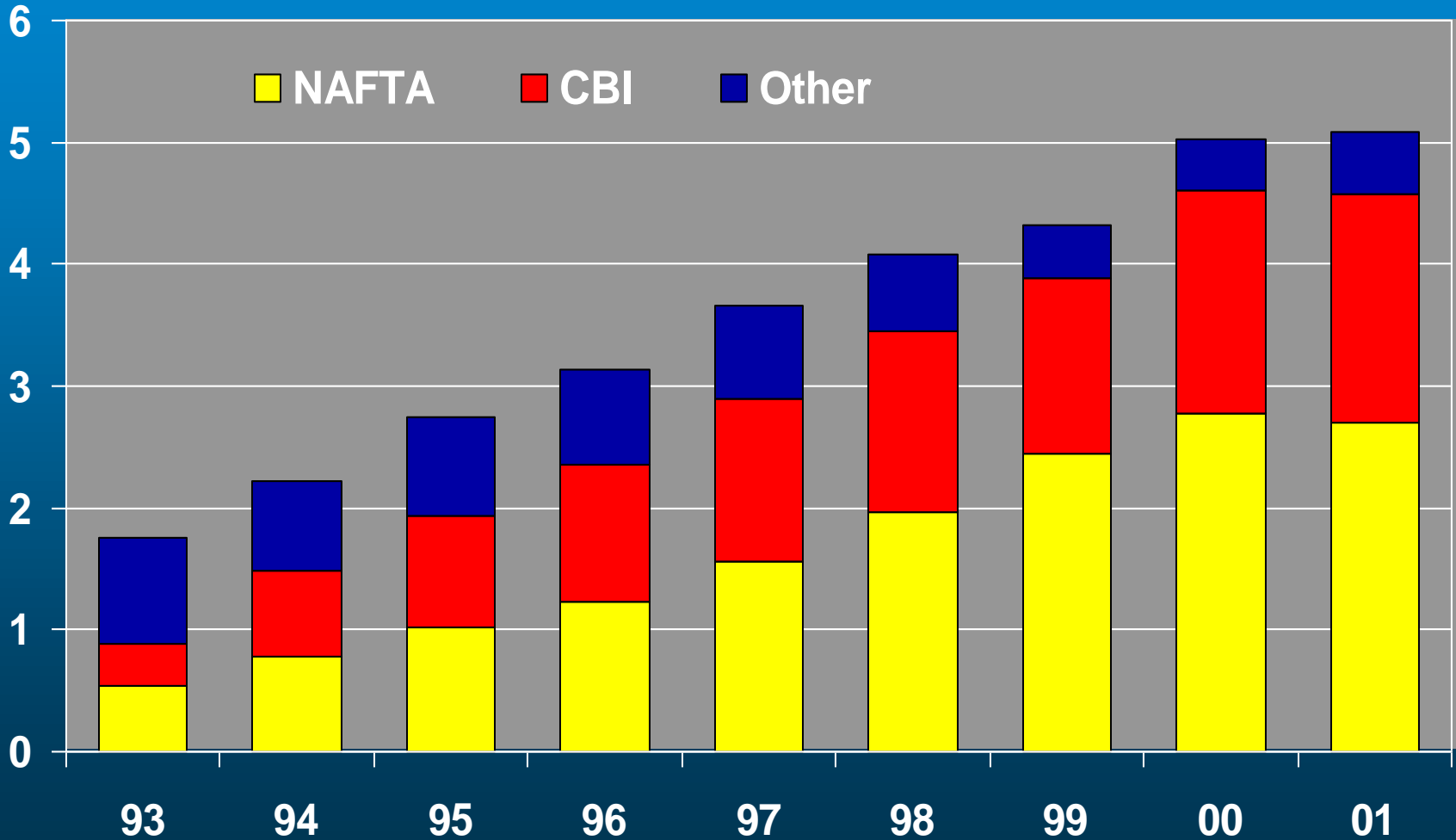
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- **Regional agreements**
  - **NAFTA**
  - **CBI**
  - **Model for FTAA, Andean, Chile?**



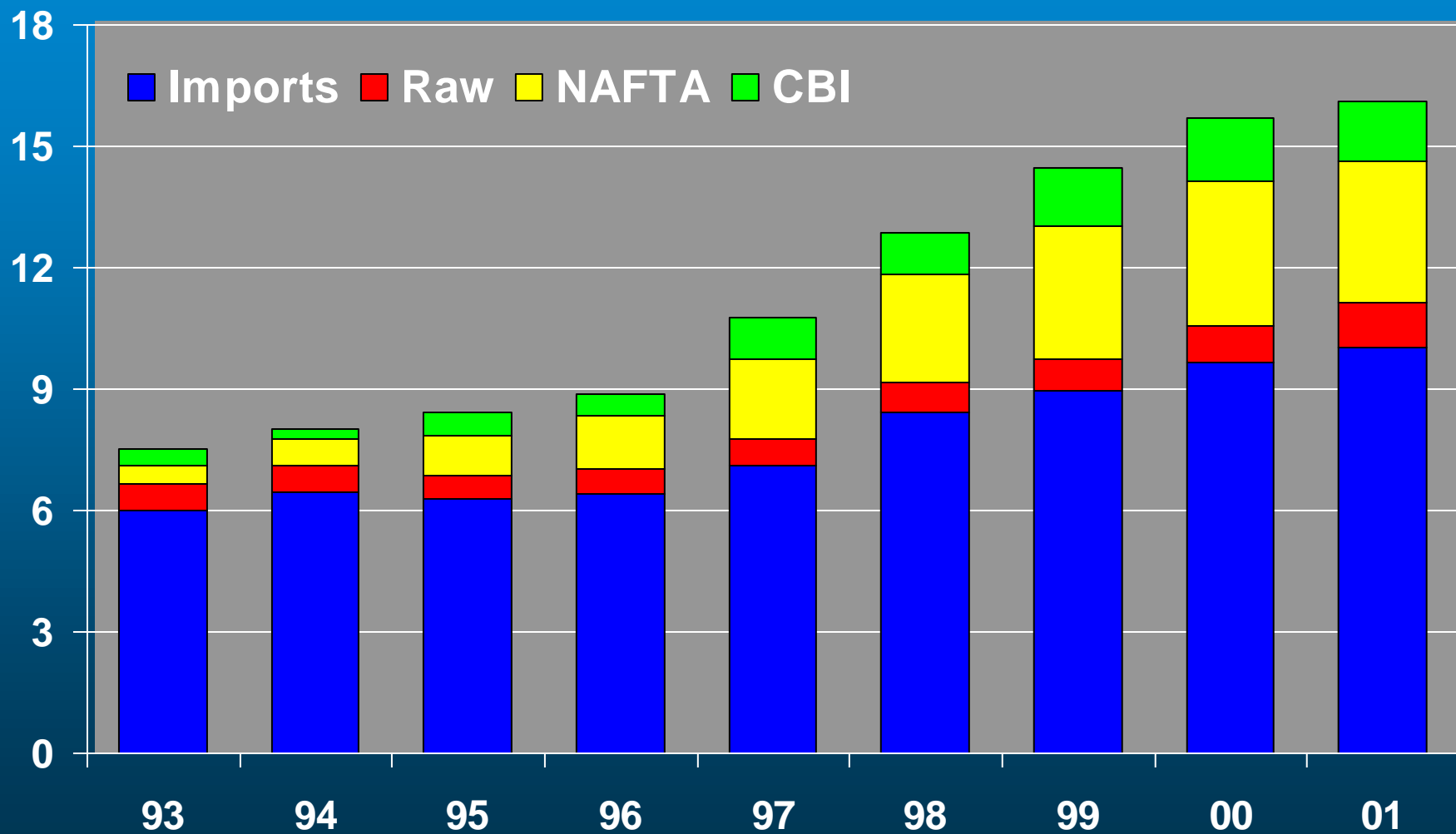
# US Cotton Product Exports

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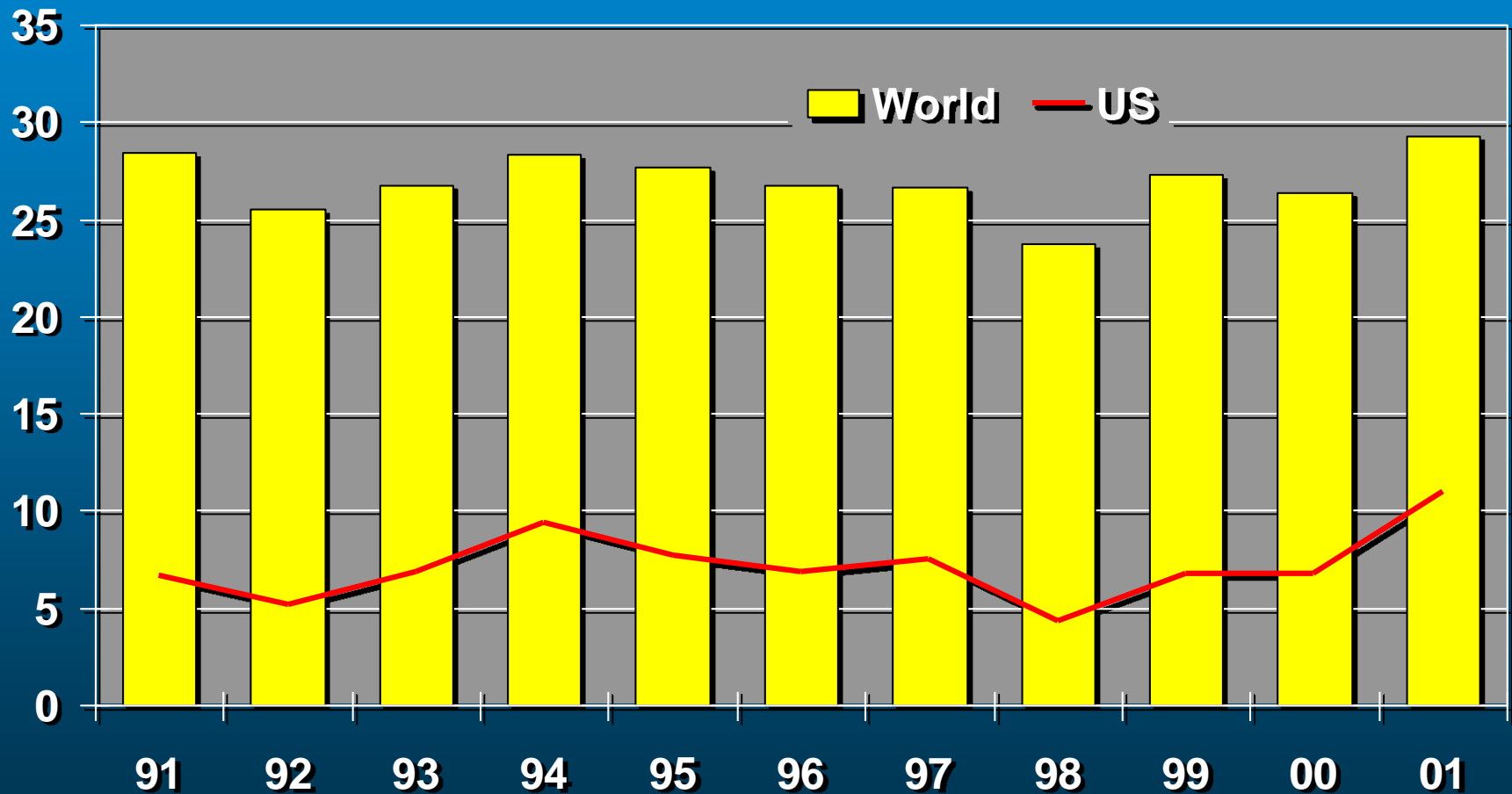
# Cotton Textile Import Source

Million Bale Equivalents



# World Trade & US Exports

Million Bales



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