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**Beef Market Overview
2014**



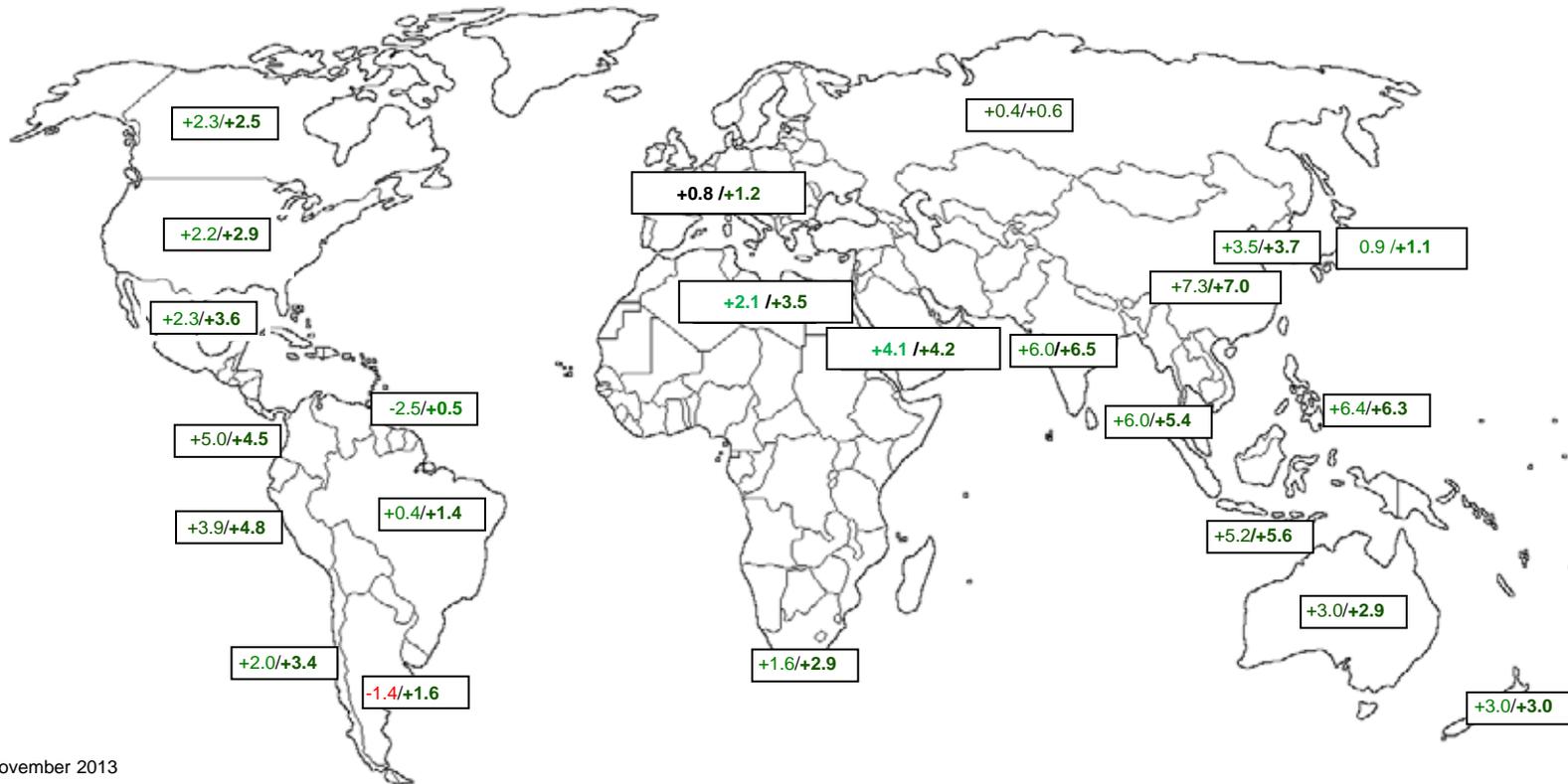
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GLOBAL LANDSCAPE



Economic Growth

A Tale of East v West



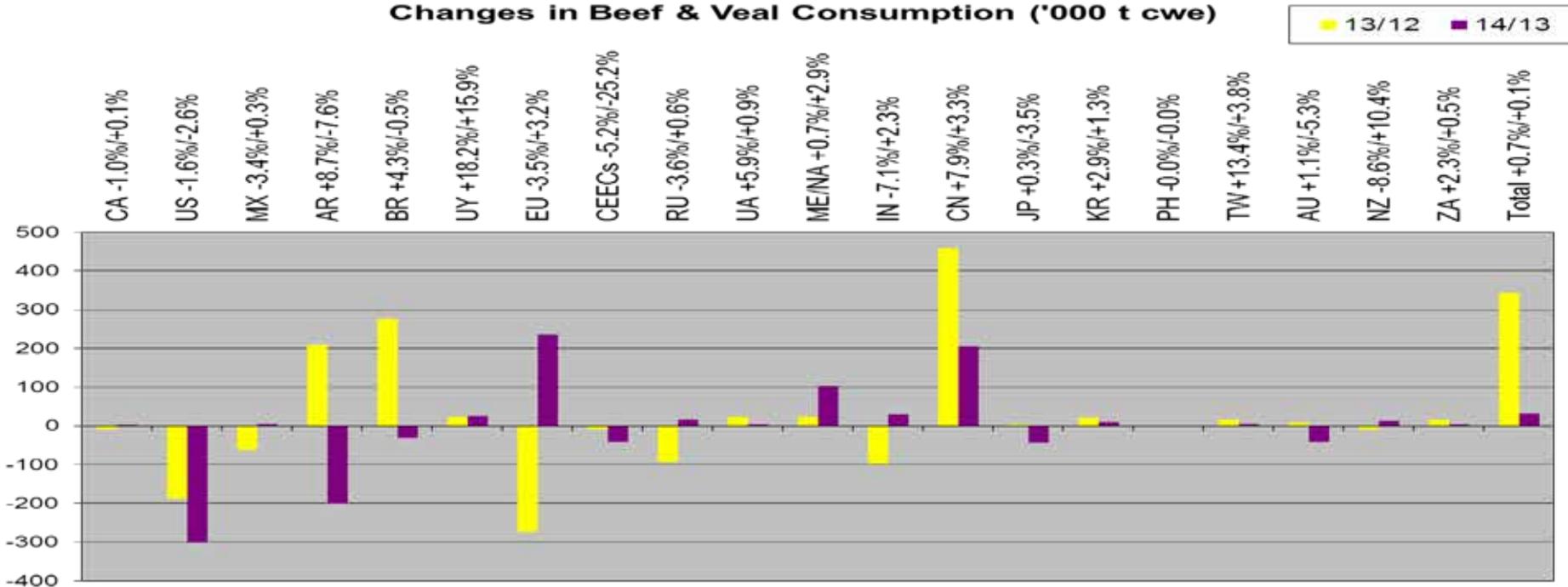
Source: EIU November 2013

Real GDP p.a. % change, 2013 / 14 – 2014/15



Consumption Constrained by Supply

Changes in Beef & Veal Consumption ('000 t cwe)

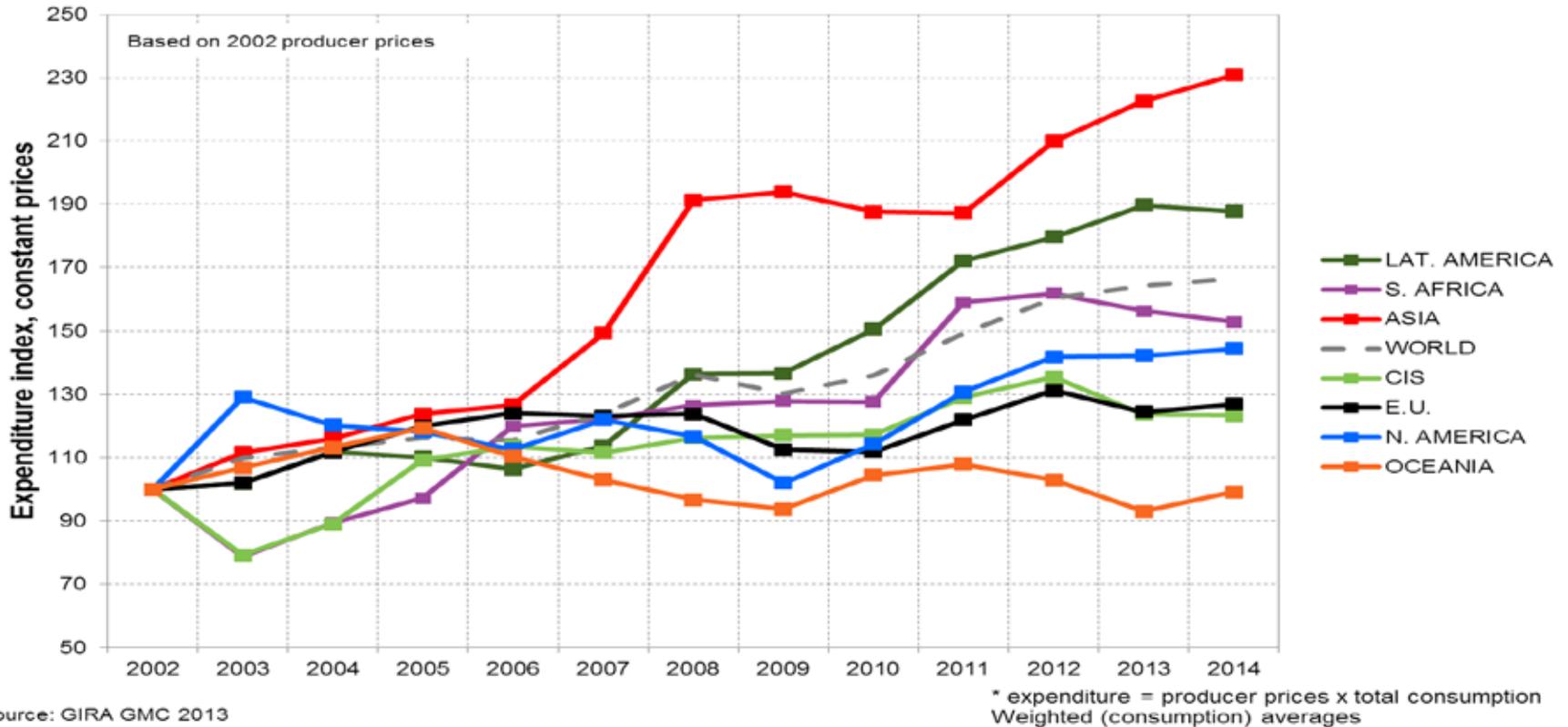


2014 Forecasts
Source: Gira



Consumption / Expenditure

Beef & Veal expenditure* index, 2002-2014(f) (2002 L.C.)

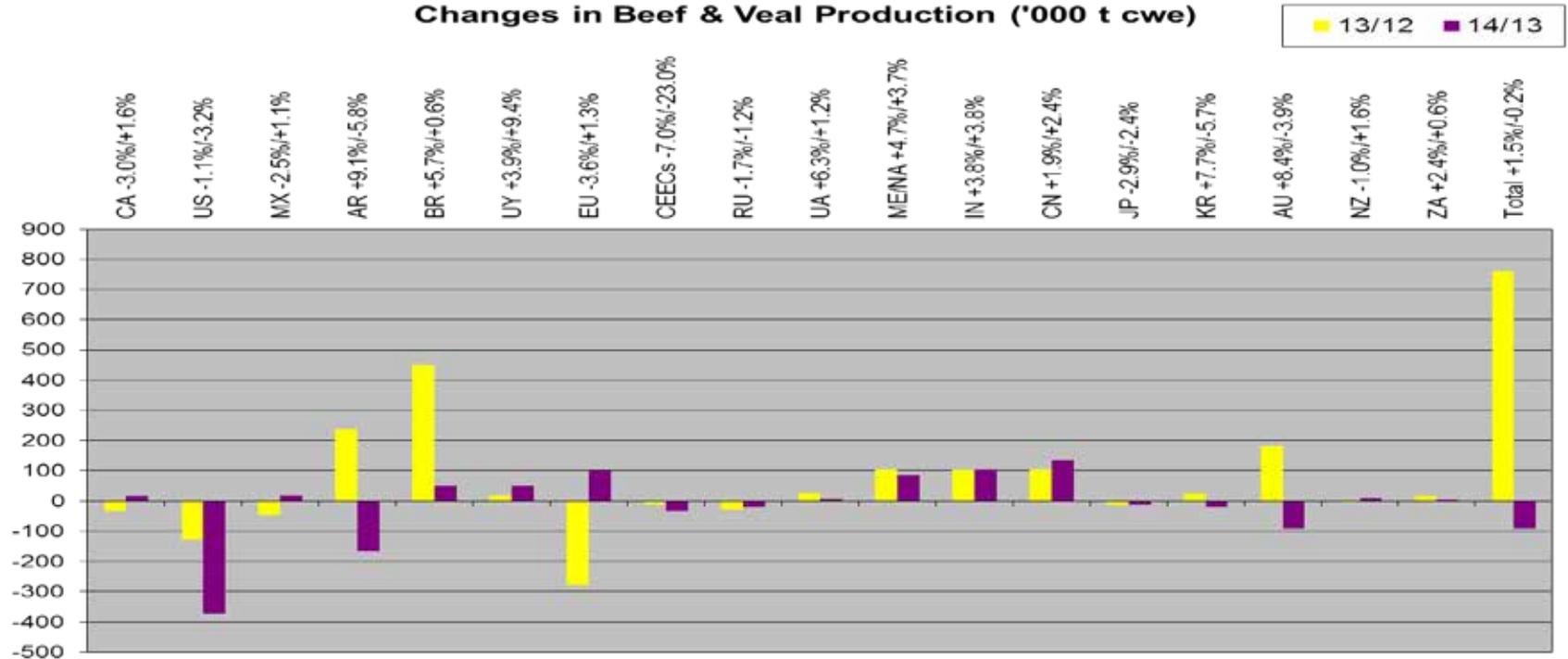


Source: GIRA GMC 2013



Reduced Global Production in 2014

Changes in Beef & Veal Production ('000 t cwe)

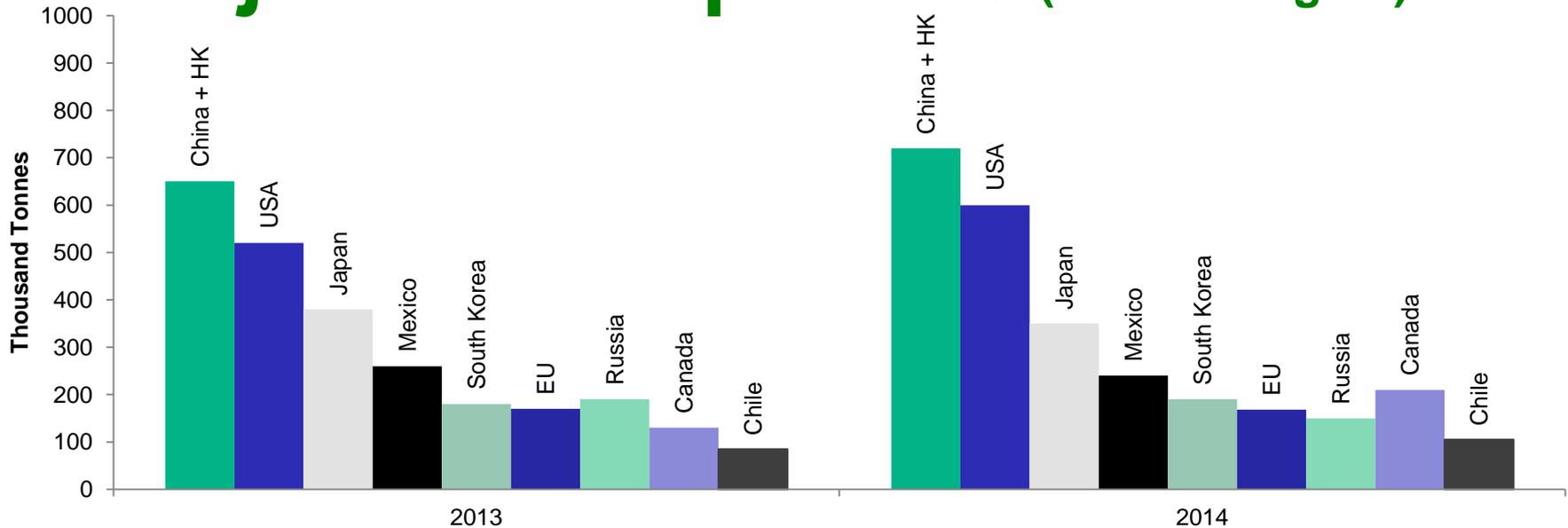


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World Beef Trade

Major Beef Importers (Year to August)



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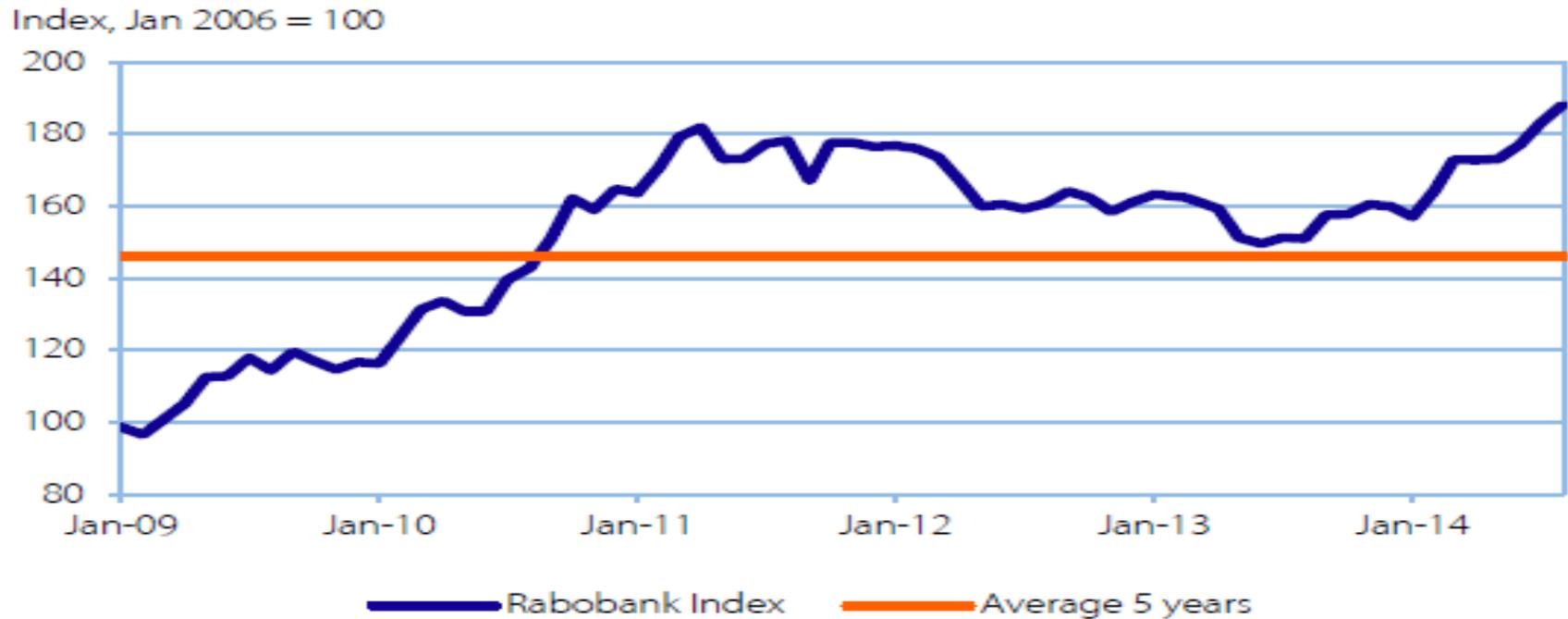
Figures for are for year ending August, with the following exceptions:

Figures for Russia are up to April

Figures for Mexico and Chile are up to July



Global Prices on the Rise

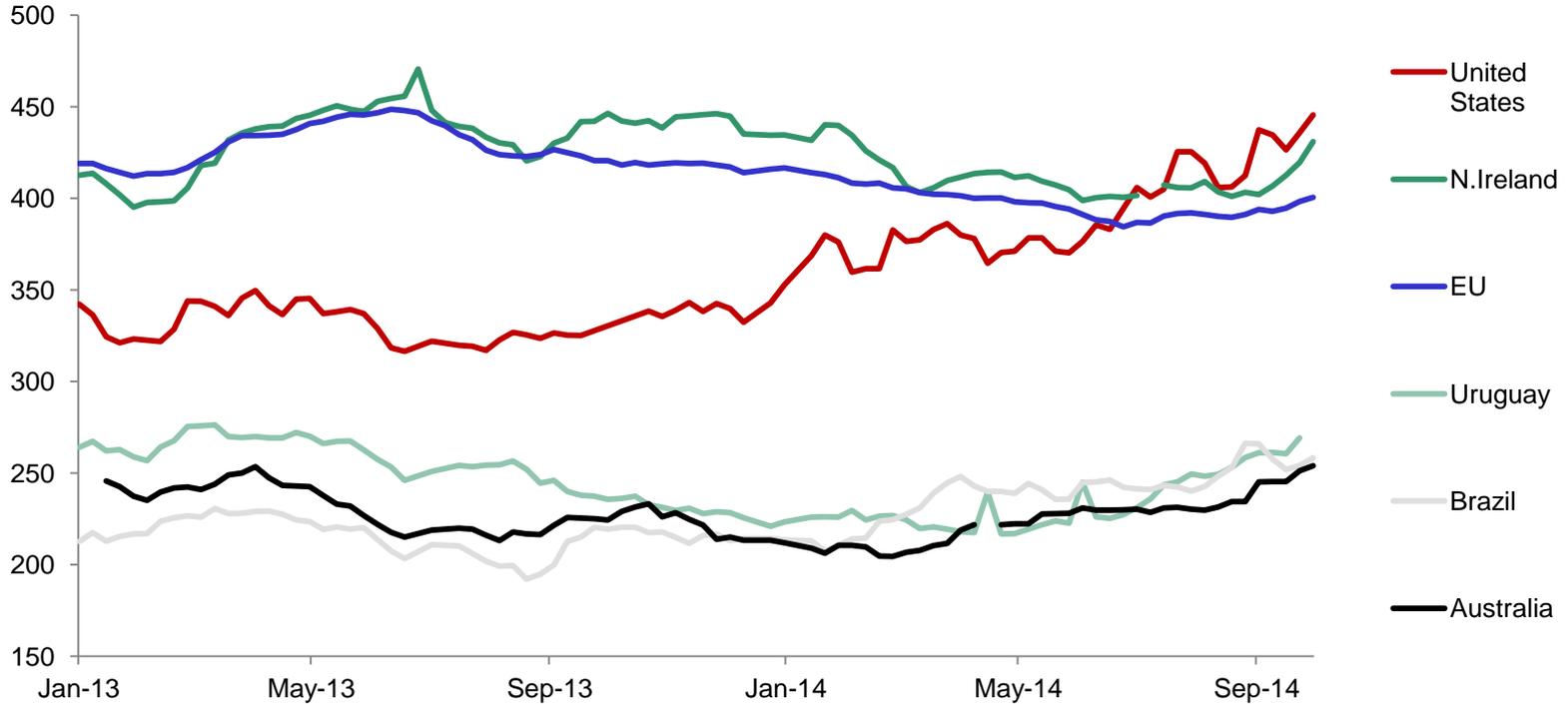


Source: Rabobank 2014

Average finished cattle prices weighted by share of global exports (Brazil, Australia, Argentina, Uruguay, US, Canada, New Zealand)



Global Prices on the Rise



R3 Steer Price Equivalent in Euros

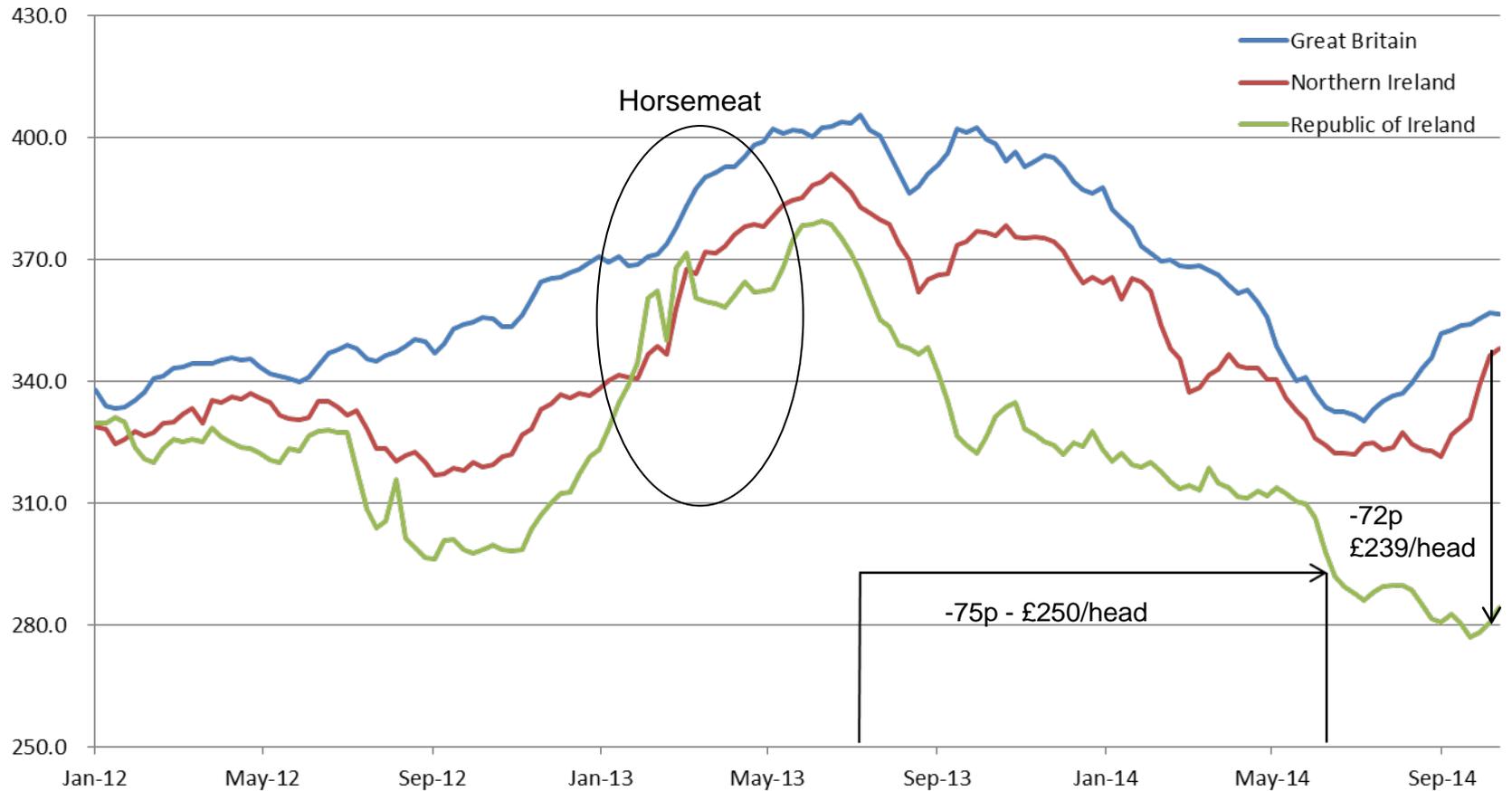


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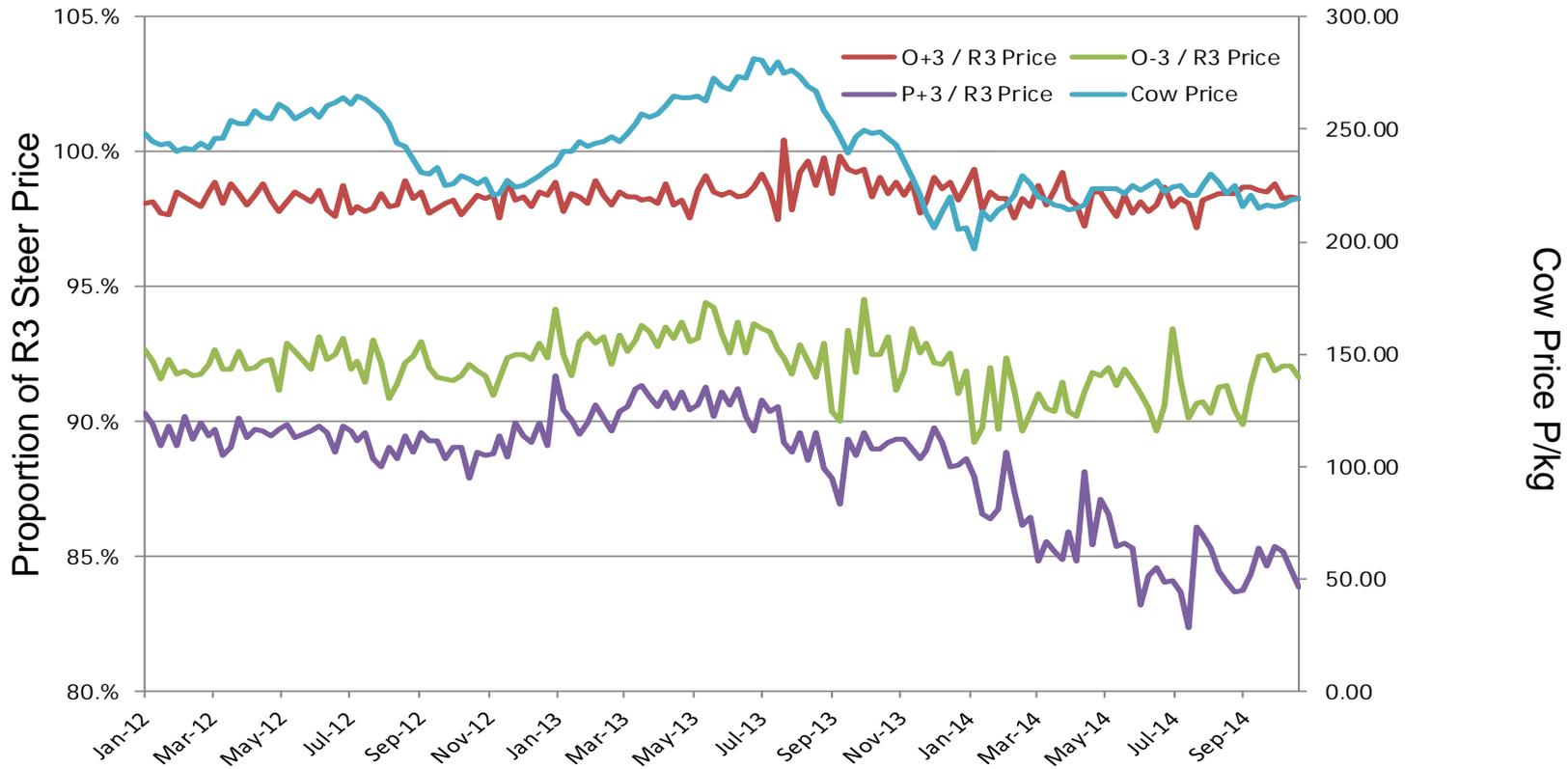
LOCAL LANDSCAPE



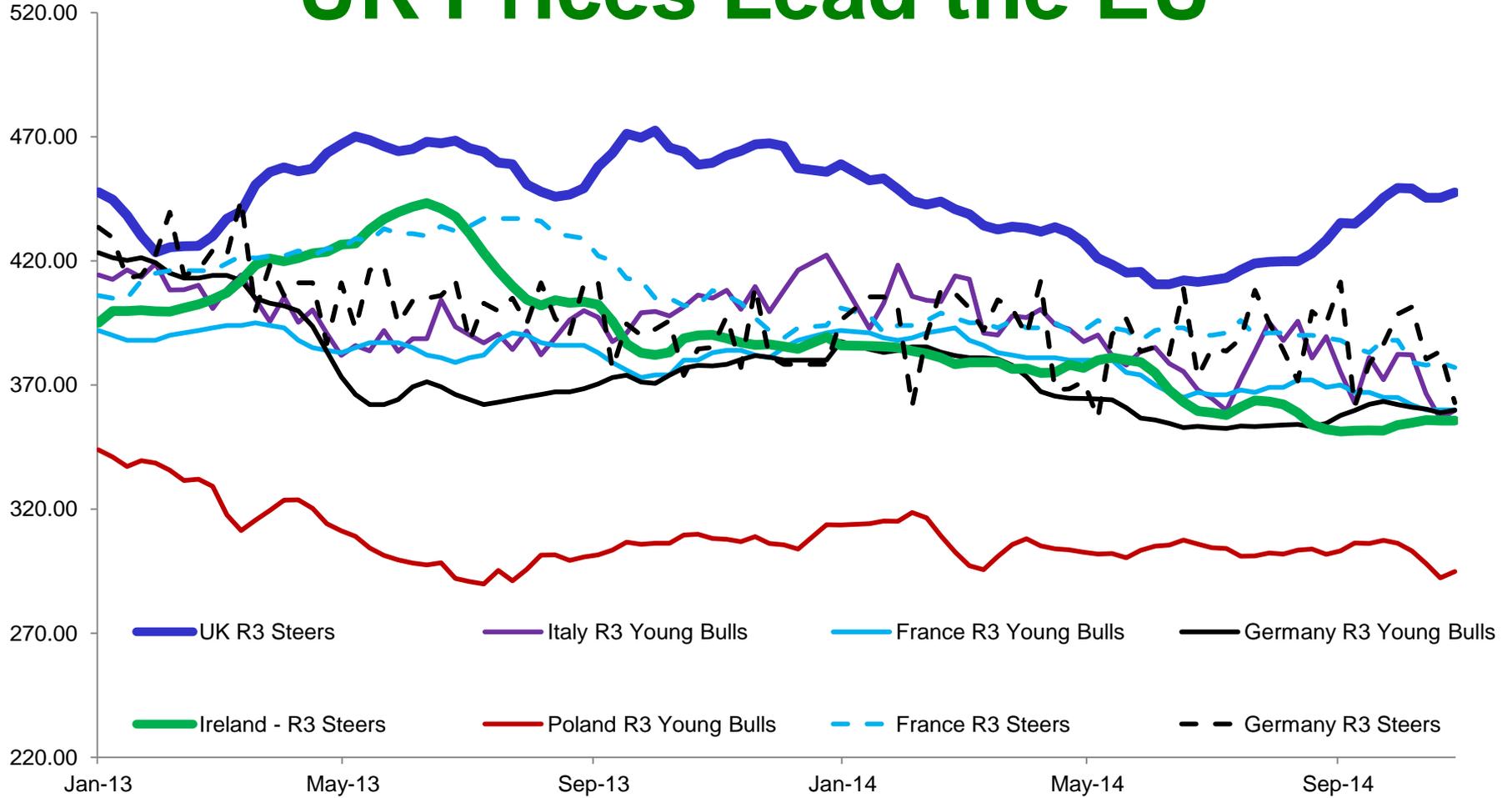
The New Norm - Price Volatility



Lower Prices for Plain Cattle & Cows



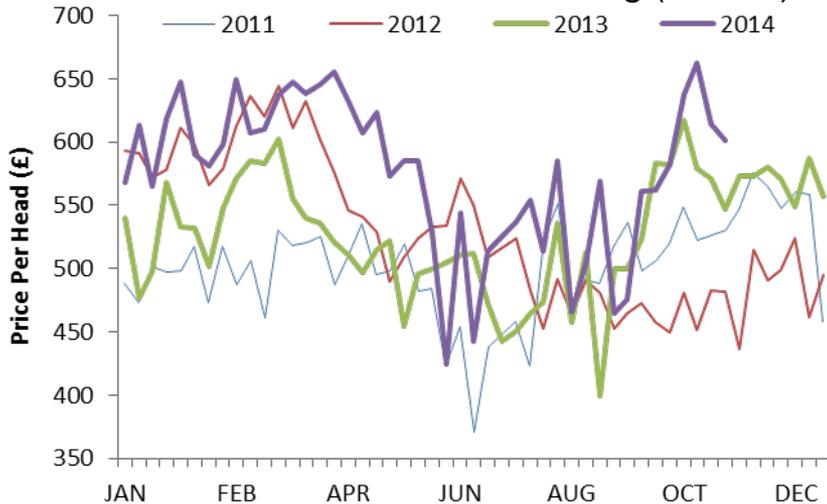
UK Prices Lead the EU



NI Store Prices Firm

NI Store Cattle Prices

Av. Price of Steers 150-300kg (£/head)

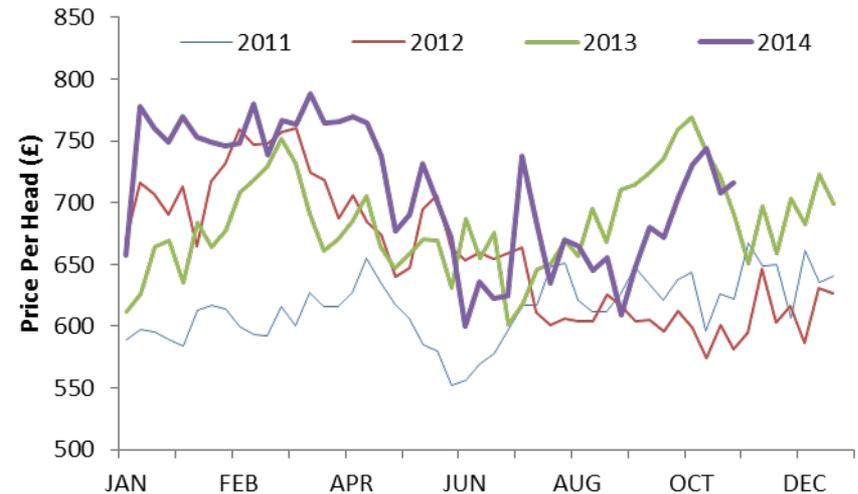


In Sept / Oct Prices were:

- 3% ahead of last year
- 23% ahead of 2012
- 10% ahead of 2011

NI Store Cattle Prices

Av. Price of Steers 300-400kg (£/head)



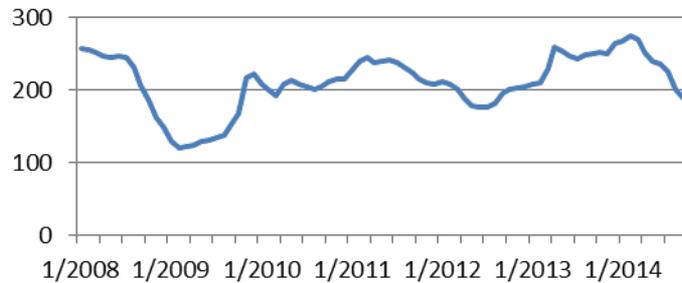
In Sept / Oct Prices were:

- 5% lower than last year
- 15% ahead of 2012
- 10% ahead of 2011

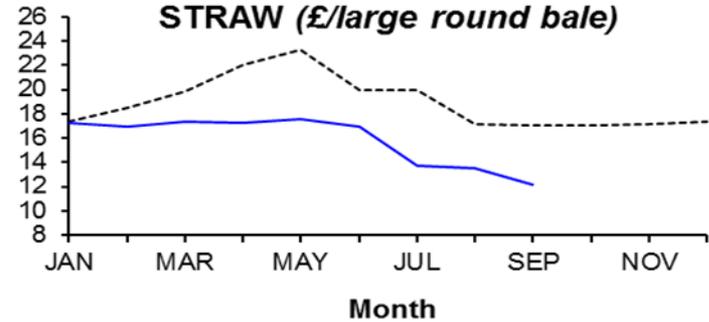


Feed Costs Falling

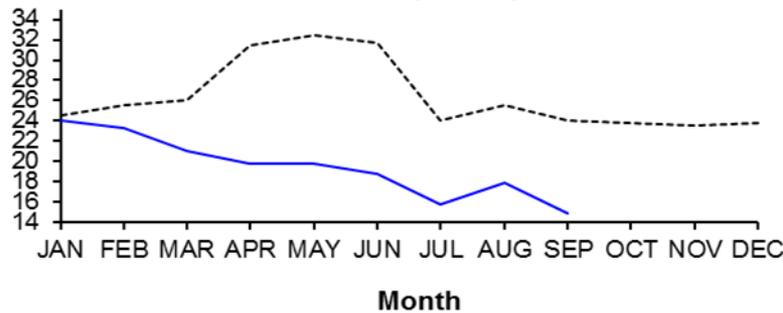
FAO Food Price Index - Cereals



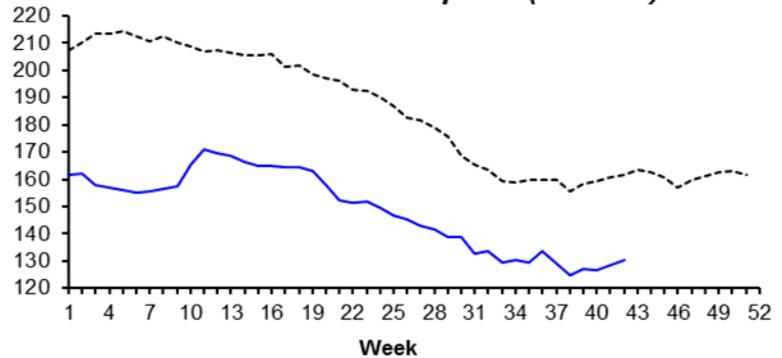
STRAW (£/large round bale)



SILAGE (£/bale)

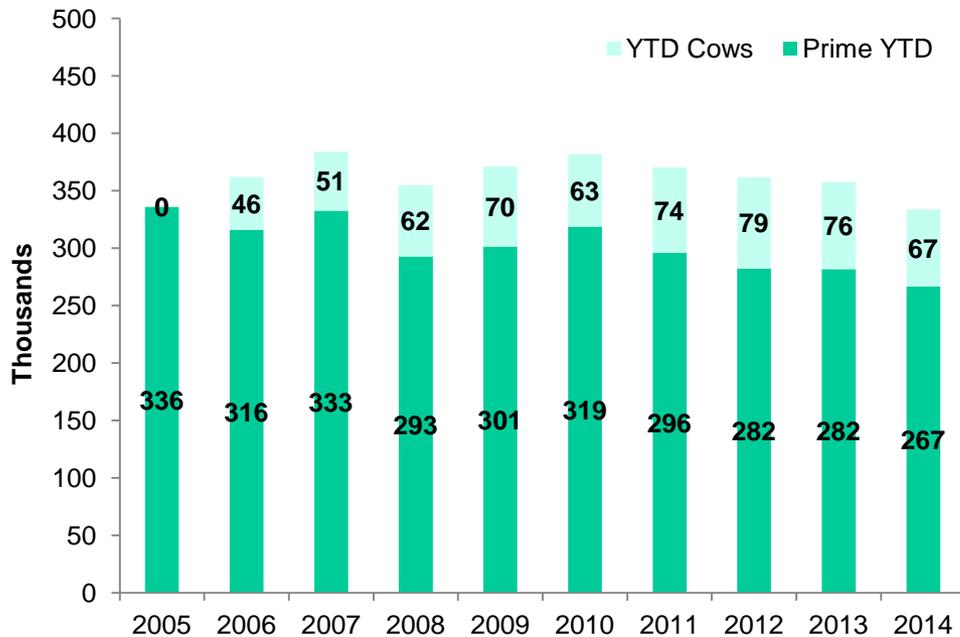


BARLEY - Delivered price (£/tonne)



Reduced NI Production in 2014

But Increases in ROI, GB and EU



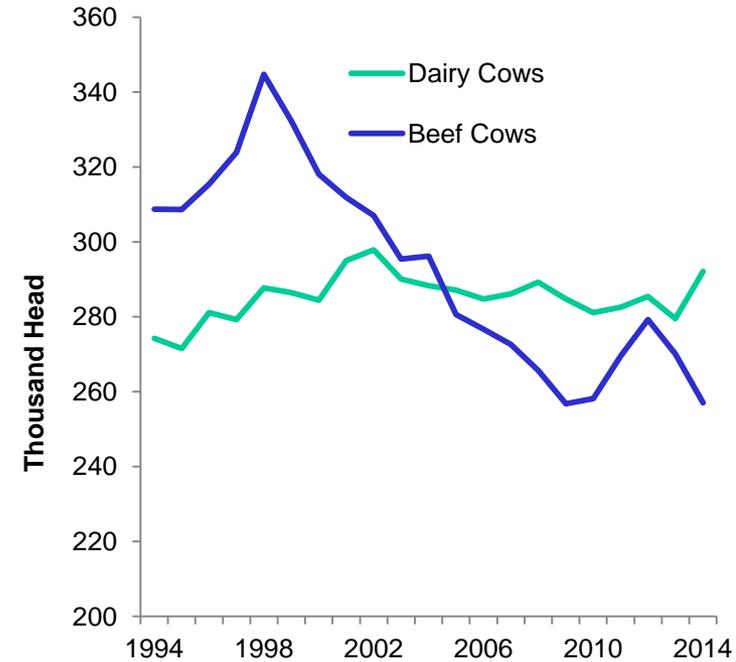
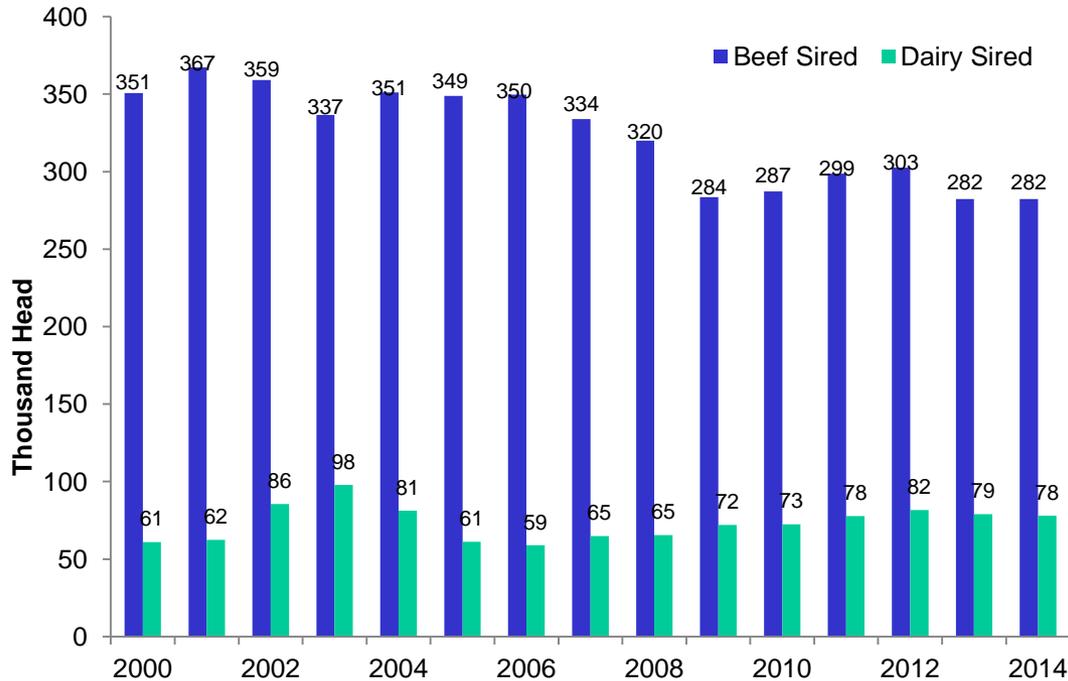
In 2014 to date:

- NI prime kill down 5% (- 15,000 head)
- NI cow kill down 12% (- 9,000 head)
- Prime carcase wts up 4kg
- Cow carcase wts up 10kg
- ROI prime kill up 14% (+ 132,000 head)
- ROI cow kill down 2% (-5,000 head)
- GB prime kill up by 2% (+28,000 head)
- GB Cow Kill down 5% (-20,000 head)

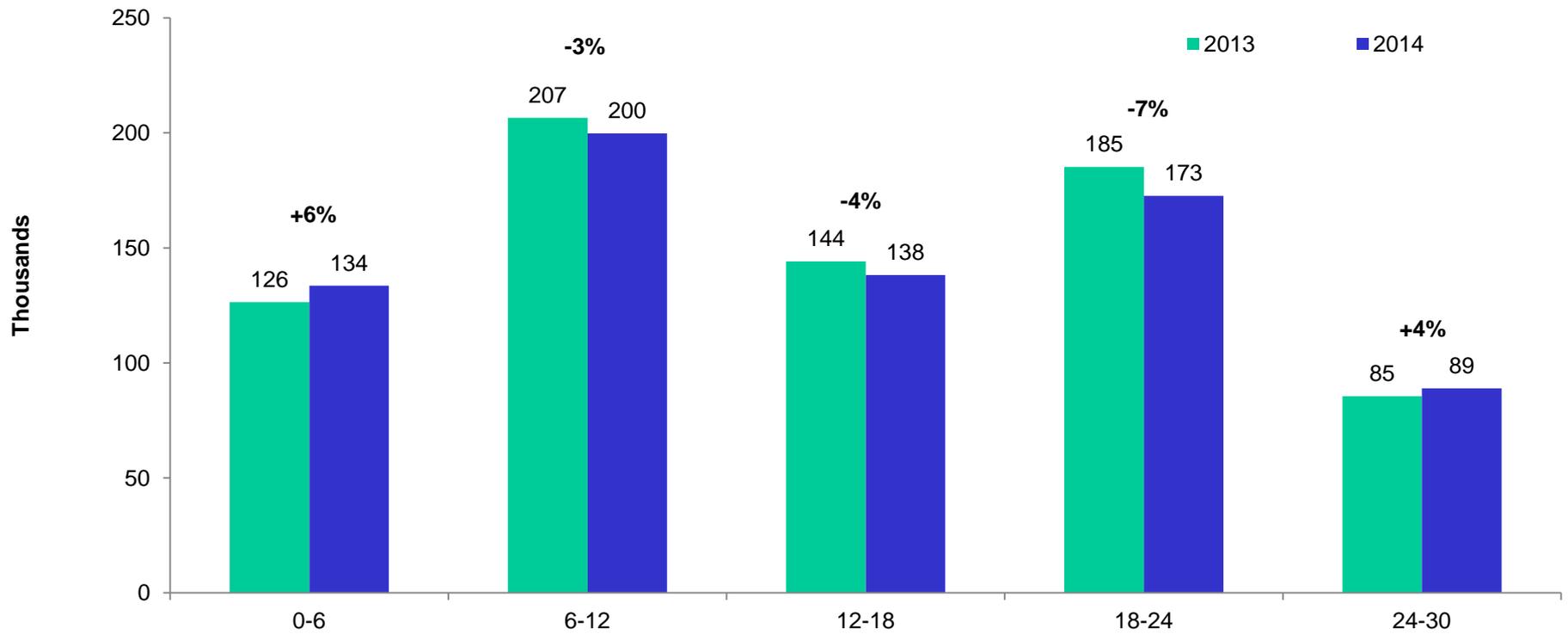
3.5 % increase in production in EU by year end



Decline in Breeding Herd



Reduced NI Cattle Numbers

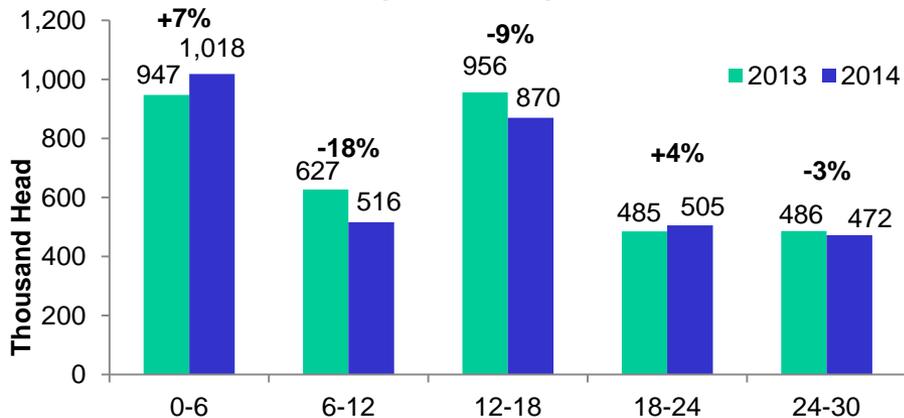


All Beef + Dairy Males (1st November 2014 v 2013)



Reduced Supplies Forecast Elsewhere

ROI Cattle on the Ground - All Beef Cattle + Dairy Females
Sept 2014 v Sept 2013



Source: Bord Bia

GB Slaughter Forecasts 2014-15

	2013	2014 (a & f)	2015 (f)
		Forecast	Forecast
Jan - Mar	214.6	221.0	225.0
Apr - Jun	212.6	218.4	209.4
Jul - Sep	200.5	210.4	205.9
Oct - Dec	220.4	231.6	225.6
Year (52 weeks)	848.0	881.6	865.9

Forecasts in bold. All figures subject to revision.

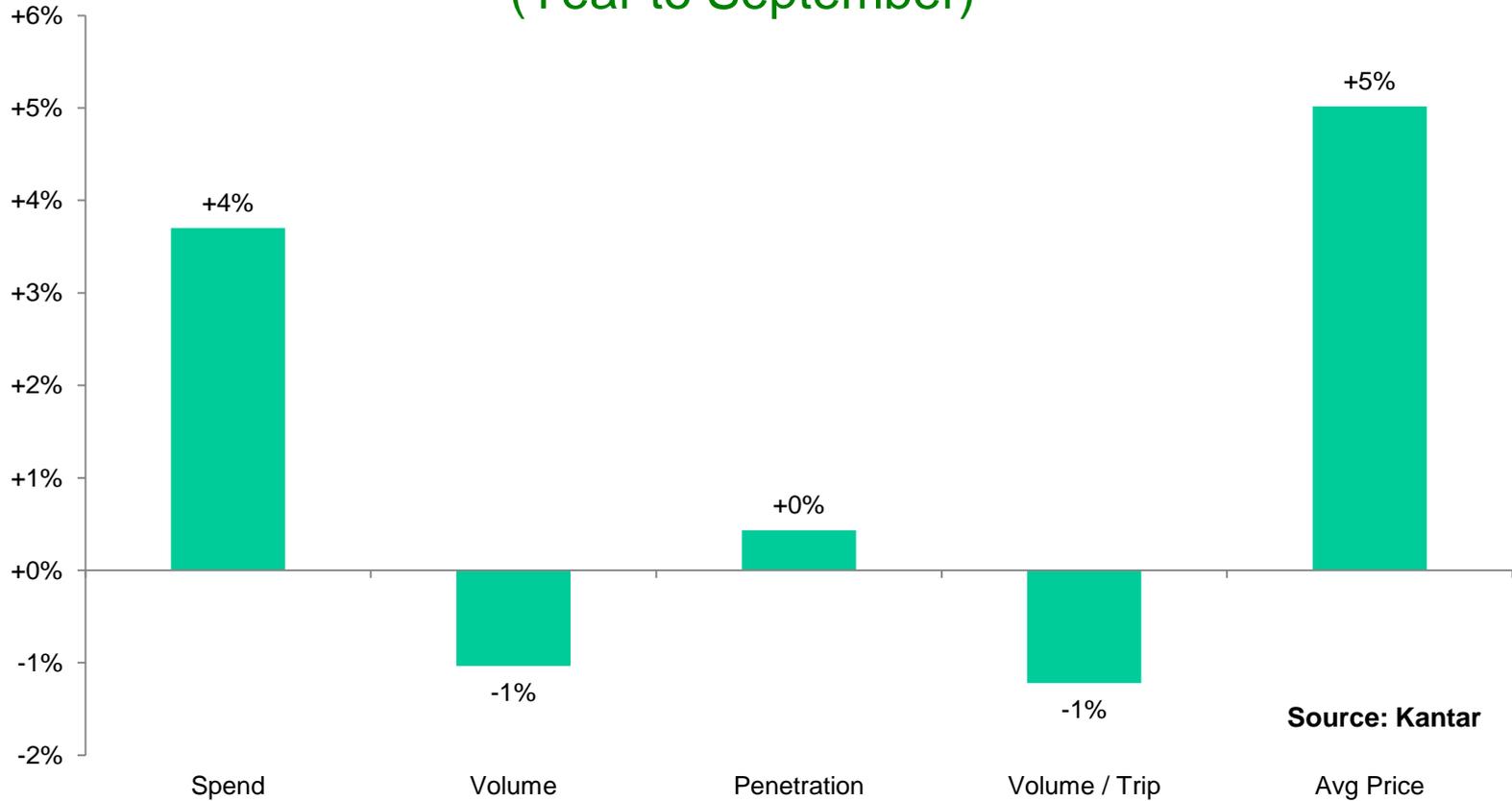
Source: Defra, AHDB / EBLEX

- Beef production to decline in EU in 2015 by just under 1%
- ROI forecasting sharp decline 2015
- Substantial reduction in the number of GB cattle from 18-24 months
- GB Forecasting decline of 2% in 2015



GB Beef Buying Trends

(Year to September)





Thank You

