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Opportunities and Challenges for Biobased Plastics R&D

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We are the full supply chain





Bioplastics Division

- ❖ The PLASTICS Bioplastics Division works to develop bioplastics as an integral part of the plastics industry by:
 - **Educating** consumer, the plastics industry, and the government about bioplastics
 - **Advocating** on behalf of the industry to regulators and legislators
 - **Collaborating** with organizations and companies to promote bioplastics



Current Members

- Attis Innovations
- BASF Corporation
- BiologiQ, Inc.
- Braskem America
- The Coca-Cola Company
- Danimer Scientific
- Earth Renewable Technologies
- Eastman Chemical Company
- Heritage Bags
- Center for Bioplastics and Biocomposites
- Jarden Plastic Solutions
- JinHui ZhaoLong High Technology Co.
- Leistritz
- NatureWorks LLC
- Novamont North America, Inc.
- PepsiCo
- Plastic Technologies, Inc.
- PolyOne Corporation
- Teknor Apex Company
- Total Corbion PLA bv



Recent Bioplastics Division Activities/Projects



**BIOPLASTICS
WEEK**

Innovation in Bioplastics Award | 2018

September 17-21, 2018
#BioplasticsWeek

For more information, go to: plasticsindustry.org/bioplastics



USDA BioPreferred® Program

- Increase the purchase and use of biobased products
- Two major parts of the program:
 - Mandatory purchasing requirements for federal agencies
 - Voluntary labeling initiative for biobased products
- ~3,000 products certified and labeled products

BioPreferred®



An Economic Impact Analysis of the U.S. Biobased Products Industry



A Report to the Congress of the United States of America

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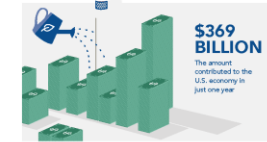
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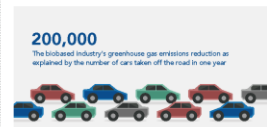
AMERICA'S BIOECONOMY GROWS OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to the support of USDA's BioPreferred® program and the ingenuity of American manufacturers, the U.S. bioeconomy is thriving — supporting millions of jobs, driving economic growth, and expanding opportunities for biobased products from America's farms and forests.*

ECONOMIC IMPACT



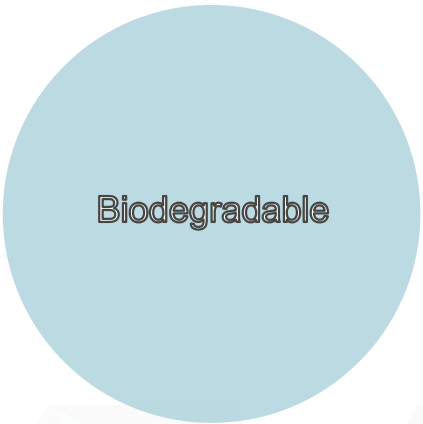
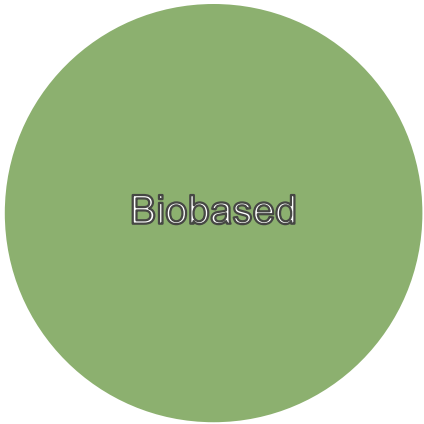
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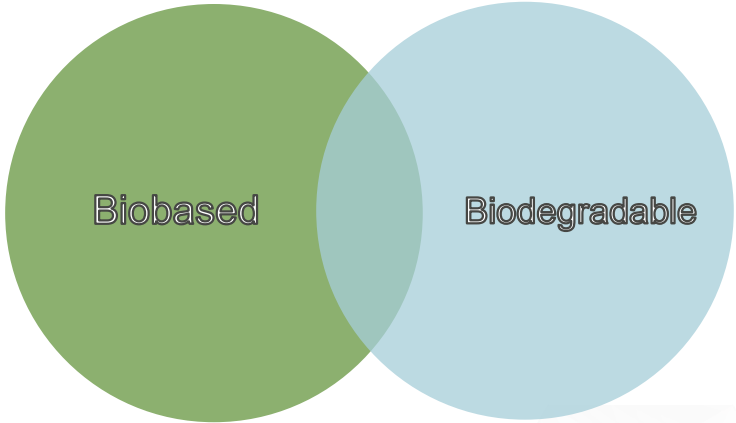


USDA's one-stop web application process makes it simple for manufacturers to apply and track their USDA Certified Biobased Product label applications. Learn more at biopreferred.gov and follow us on Twitter @biopreferred for industry updates.

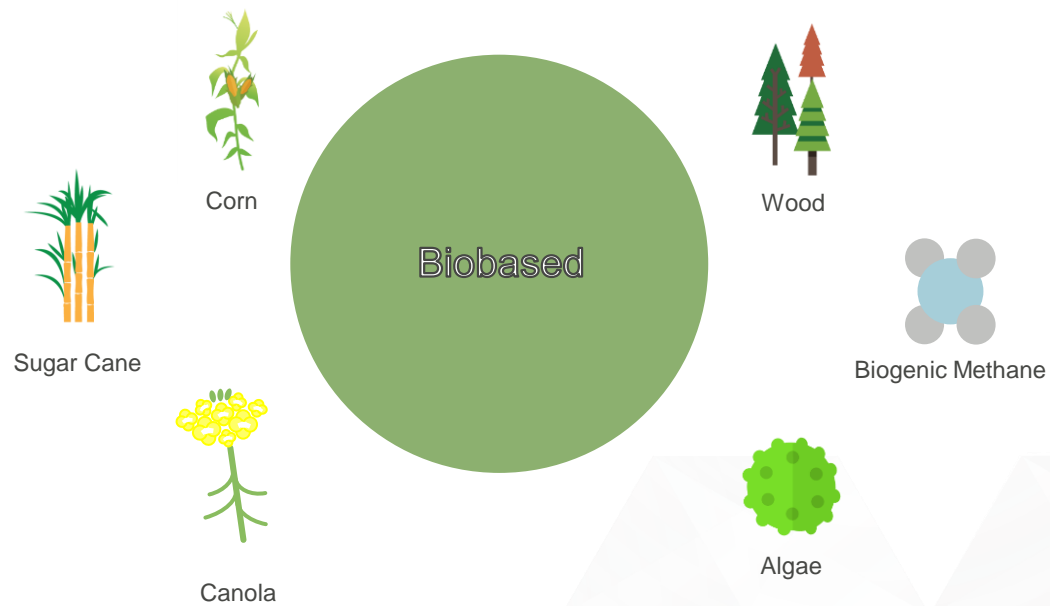
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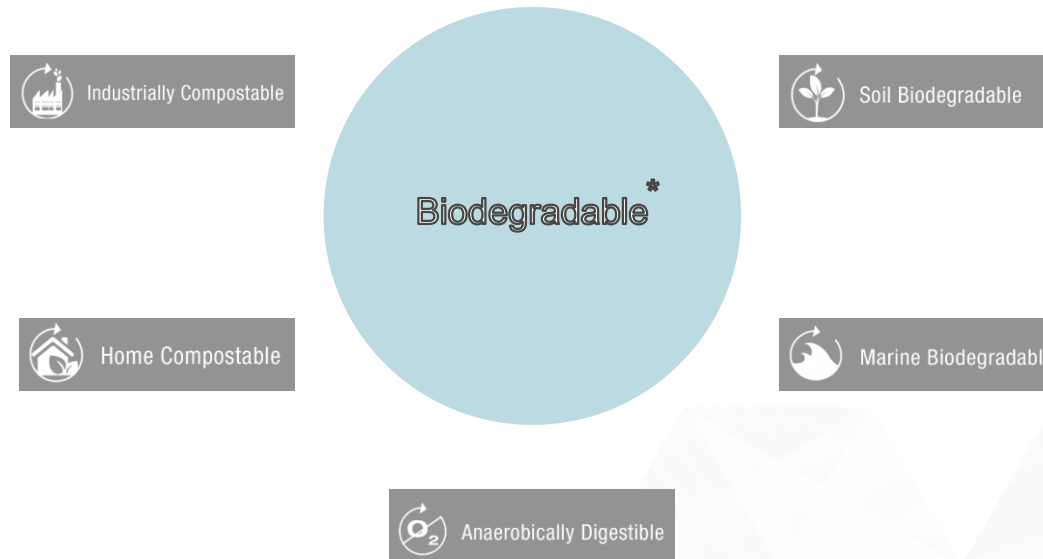




A biobased bioplastic is made, wholly or in part, from renewable resources



Degrade through biological action in a defined environment into carbon dioxide or methane, water, and biomass.



*As per ASTM D6400 – “Standard Specification for Labeling of Plastics Designed to be Aerobically Composted in Municipal or Industrial Facilities”



Why Biobased Bioplastics?

- Diversification of feedstocks
- Potential reduction in greenhouse gases
- Consumer and Brand Owners Preferences
- Government Policies

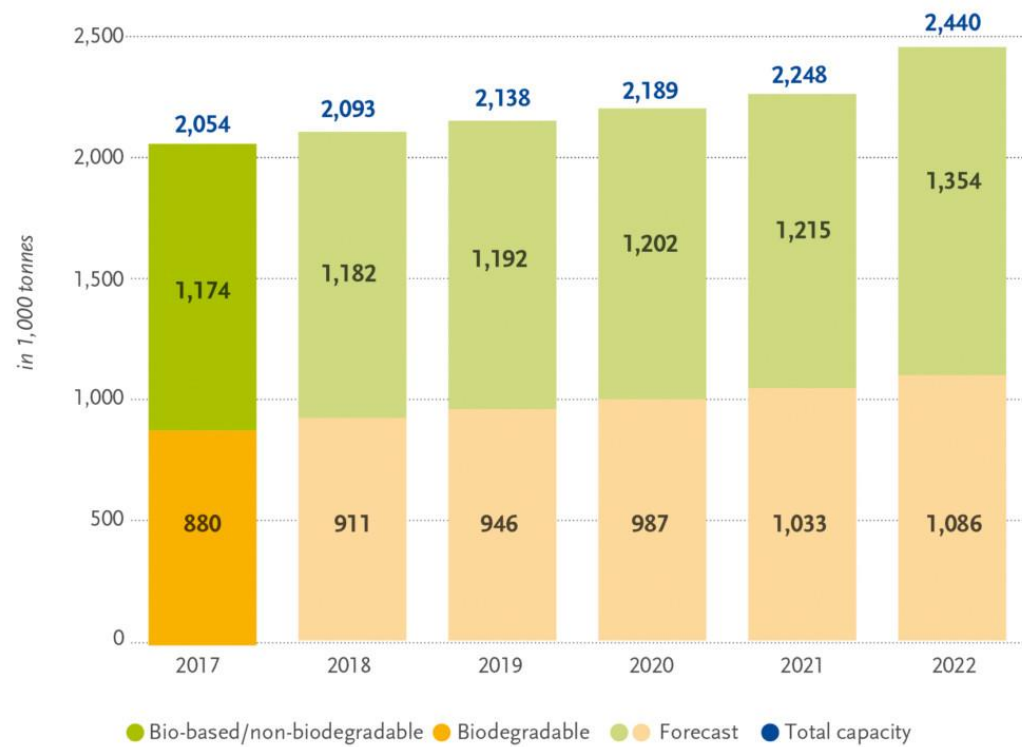


Opportunities

Markets & Trends



Global production capacities of bioplastics

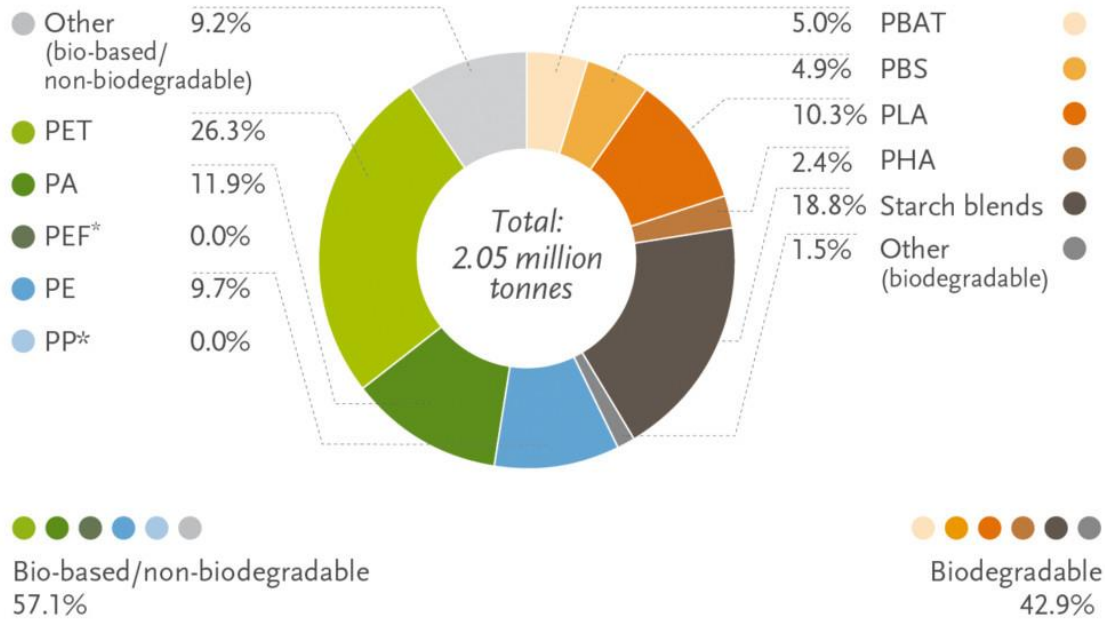


Source: European Bioplastics, nova-Institute (2017).

More information: www.bio-based.eu/markets and www.european-bioplastics.org/market



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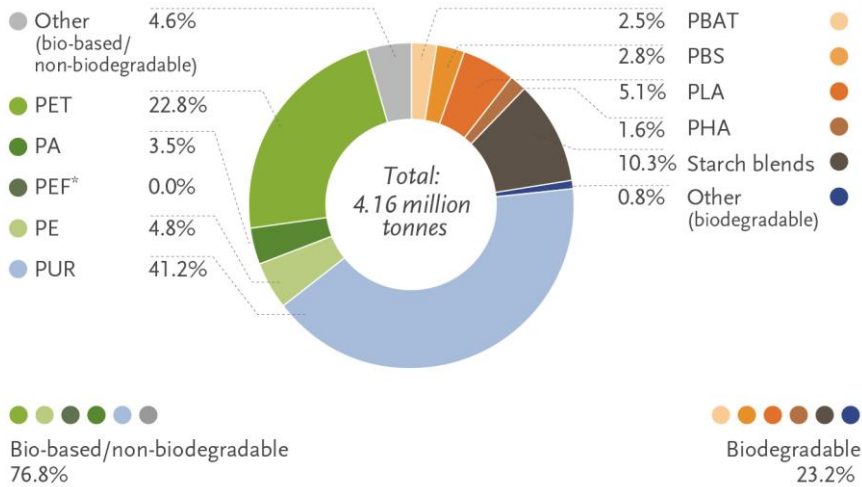
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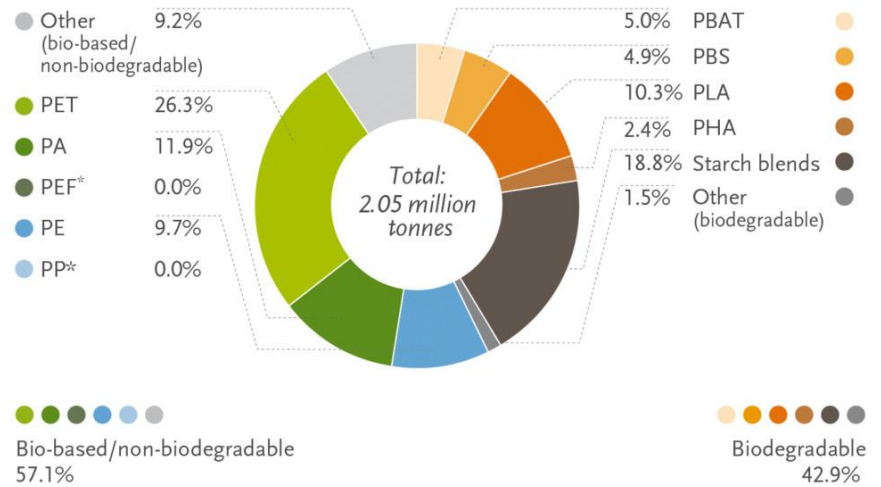
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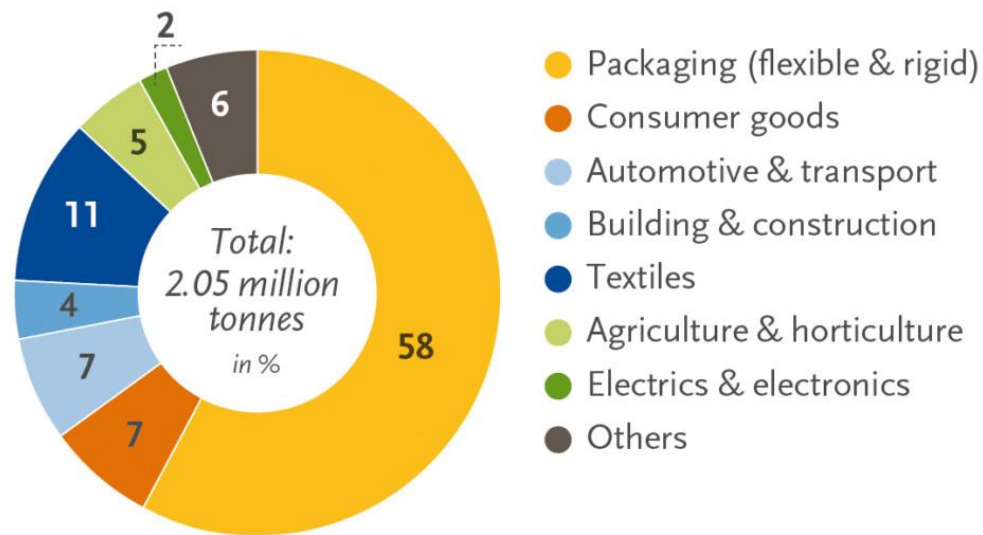


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Global production capacities of bioplastics in 2017 (by market segment)



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Trends

Polymers, Production, Products



2018 Trends - Polymers

- Furan dicarboxylic methyl ester (FDME) & Polytrimethylene furandicarboxyate (PTF)
- Monoethylene glycol (MEG), Polyethylene terephthalate (PET), & PTF
- Polypropylene (PP)
- Benzene, Toluene, Paraxylene & Xylene



2018 Trends - Production

- Polyhydroxyalkanoates (PHAs)
- 1,3-propanediol (PDO), polytrimethylene terephthalate (PTT), & polyurethanes
- Polylactic Acid (PLA)
- Overall, production is increasing



2018 Trends - Products

- Packaging & Food Service Ware
- Automotive
- Electronics
- Consumer Goods
 - Toys
 - Clothing
 - Footwear



Challenges



Data

- US Market Data Gaps
- No NAICS Codes



Investment

- Federal Grants
 - Encourage review panels to be feedstock agnostic



Access to Sustainable End of Life Options

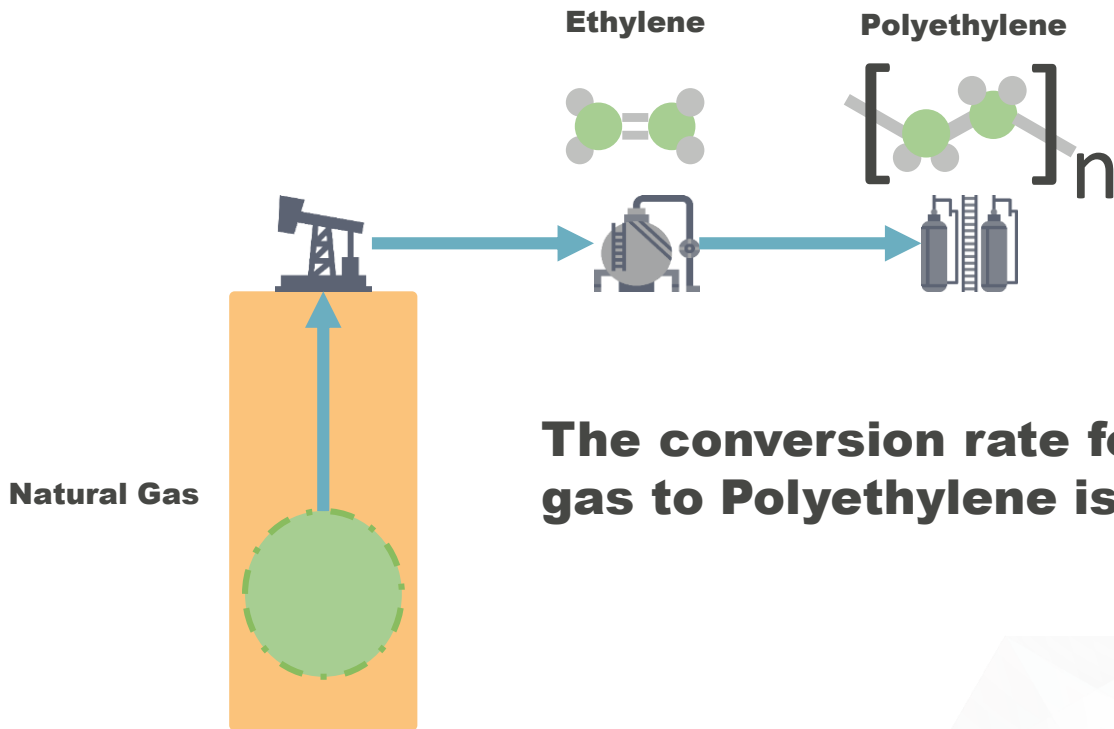
- Encourage the development of new industrial composters and aerobic digesters
- Allow compostable plastic products to be used in USDA organic program, remove 100% biobased content requirements



Infrastructure/Logistics

- Compared to “fossil” based plastics, biobased bioplastics have a wide array of challenges to feedstock access which need to be accounted for when developing a new feedstock and/or polymer.





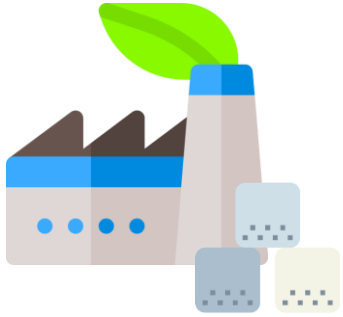
The conversion rate for Ethylene gas to Polyethylene is ~97%



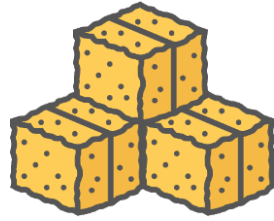
Conversion Rates for Biobased Polymers

Polymer	Carbohydrate
Polylactic Acid	1 : ~ 1.6
Biobased PET	1 : ~ 4
Biobased PE	1 : ~ 5

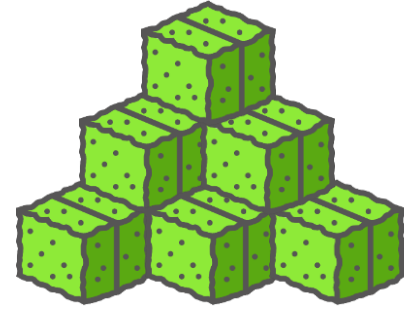




150 kT
carbohydrates



300 kT lignocellulosic
material (bone dry)



600 kT lignocellulosic
material (actual biomass)



Operate 365



or



*Numbers are approximations



Other Logistics Considerations

- Seasonality
- Storage
- Shortages
- Locations



Thank You

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