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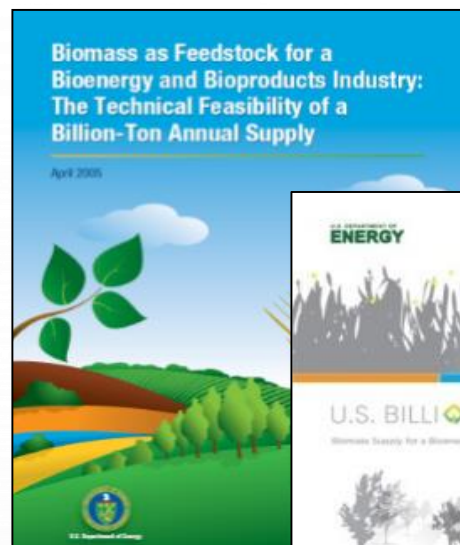
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Outline

- Introduction; Motivation
- Contributors and methods
- Spatial and temporal results
- Advancing resources
- Online data discovery tools

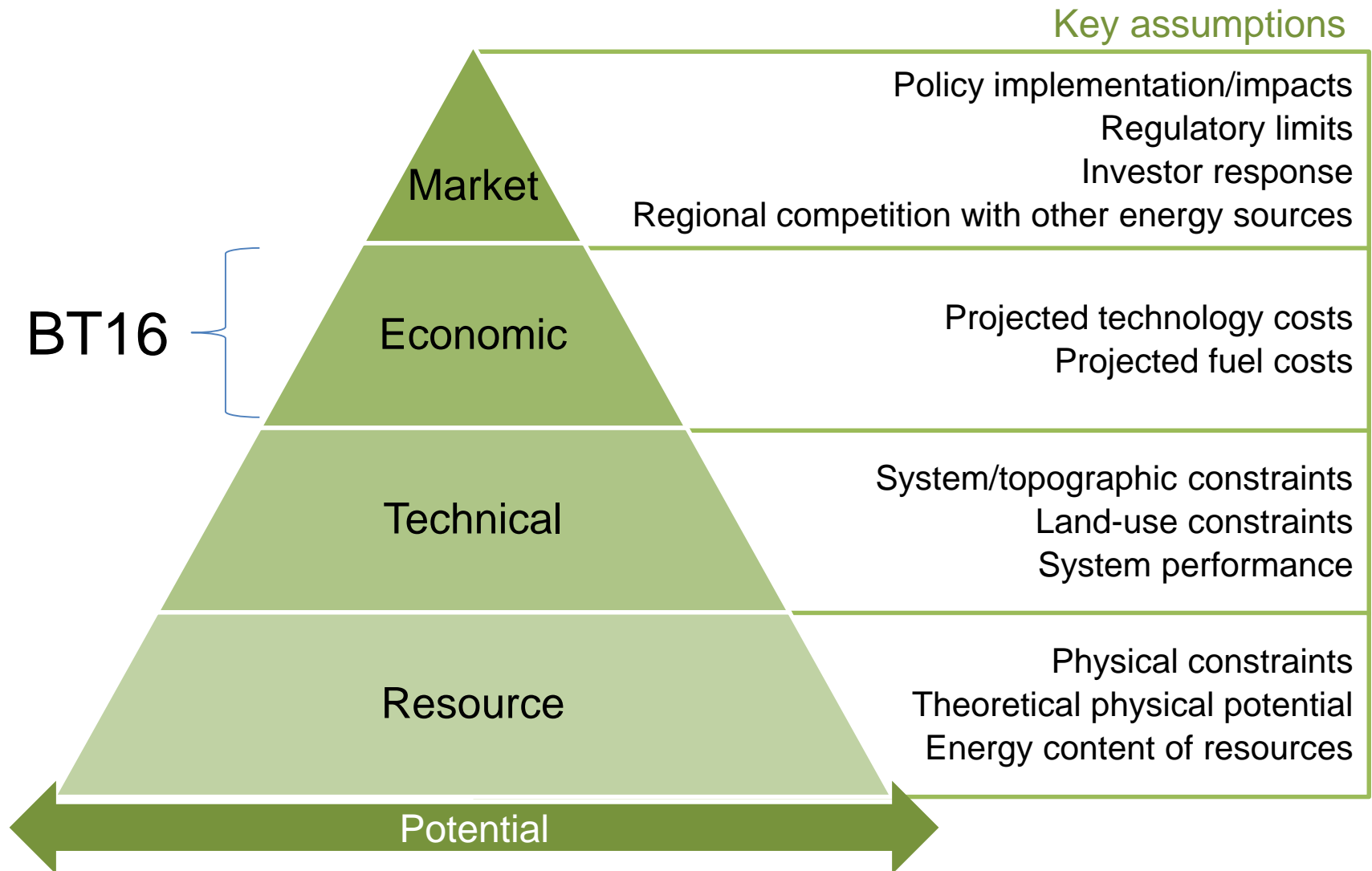
Motivation: provide stakeholders information on biomass feedstock supply to support technology commercialization for the bioeconomy



Preamble

- Excludes policy and end use
- Prioritizes food, forage, feed, fiber, and export to ensure social sustainability
- Underlying conservative assumptions with environmental sustainability considerations

Potential supplies



Adapted from DOE-EERE (2006) and NREL (2011).
See also Batidzirai, Smeets, and Faaij (2012)

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BT16 Volume 1: Topics addressed

Chapter 2
Current Use
of Biomass
Resources

Chapter 3
Forest
Resources

Chapter 4
Agricultural
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Chapter 5
Secondary
and Waste
Resources

Chapter 6
Delivered
Resources

Chapter 7
Microalgae

Models/Data Used in BT16 Volume 1

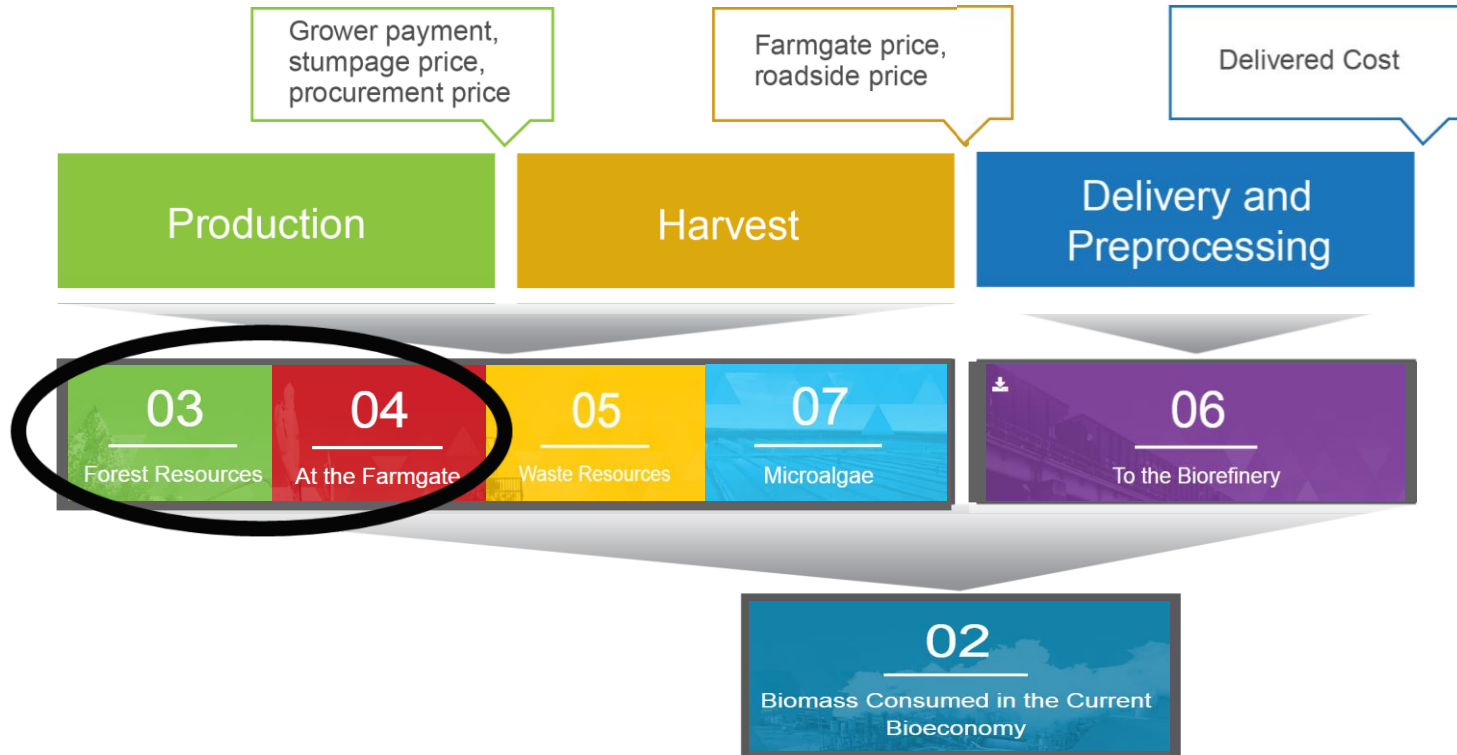
Models

- ForSEAM
 - SRTS
 - USFPM/GFPM
 - POLYSYS
 - PRISM-EM
 - SCM
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Data

- EIA Monthly Energy Review, Annual Energy Outlook, Consumption Surveys and other data
- U.S. Forest Service RPA (10-year forest assessment) and FIA
- USDA Long-Term Agricultural Projections (“baseline”)
- PRISM (climate) and SSURGO (soils) high resolution data
- Sun Grant Regional Feedstock Partnership and Historical Field Trial data of energy crops

The report addresses all stages of the biomass feedstock supply chain



Interactive resources

<http://bioenergykdf.net/billionton>

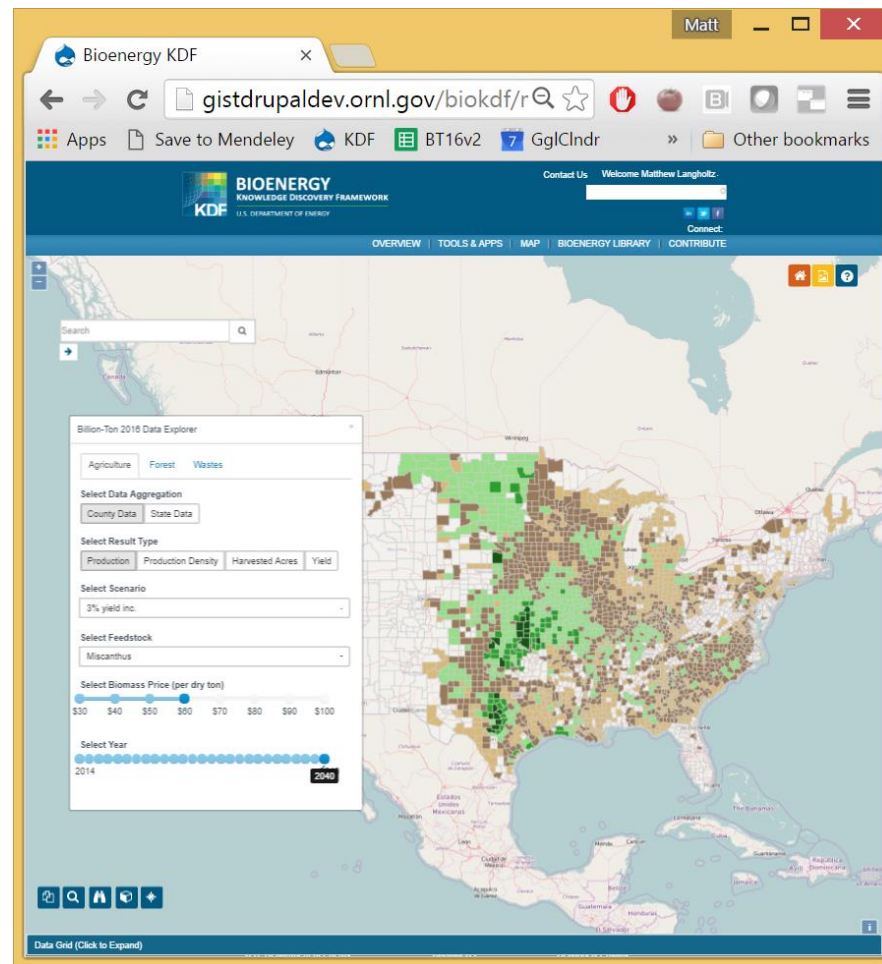
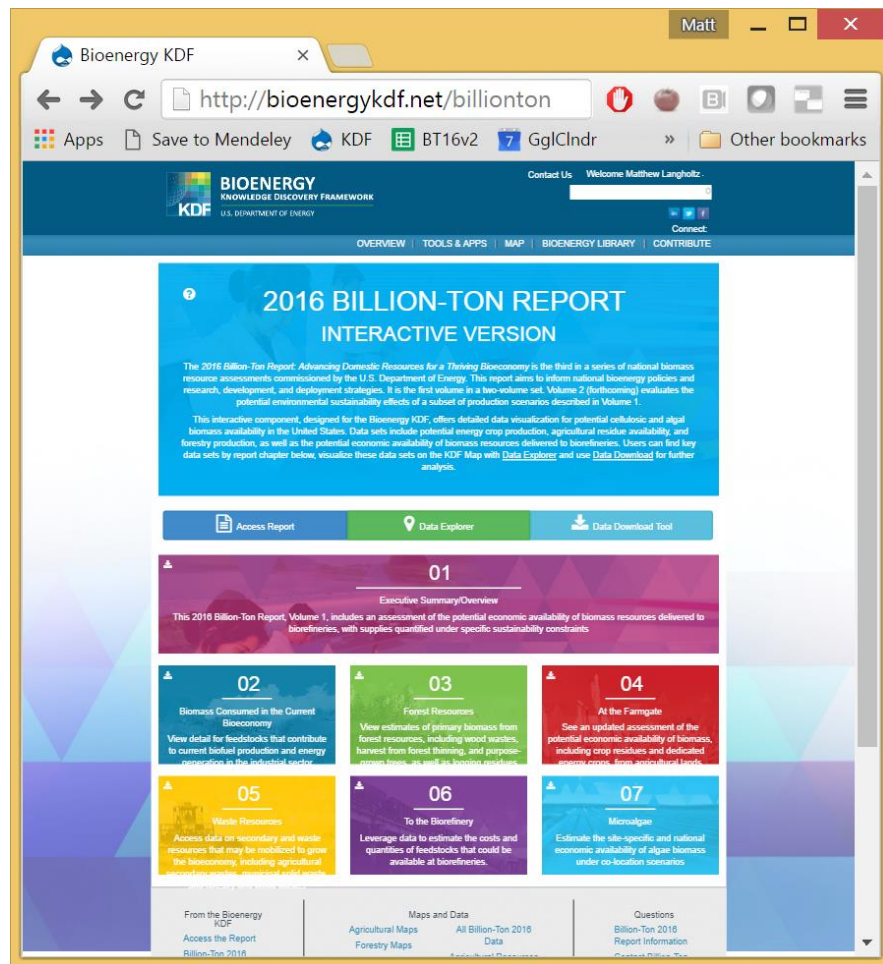
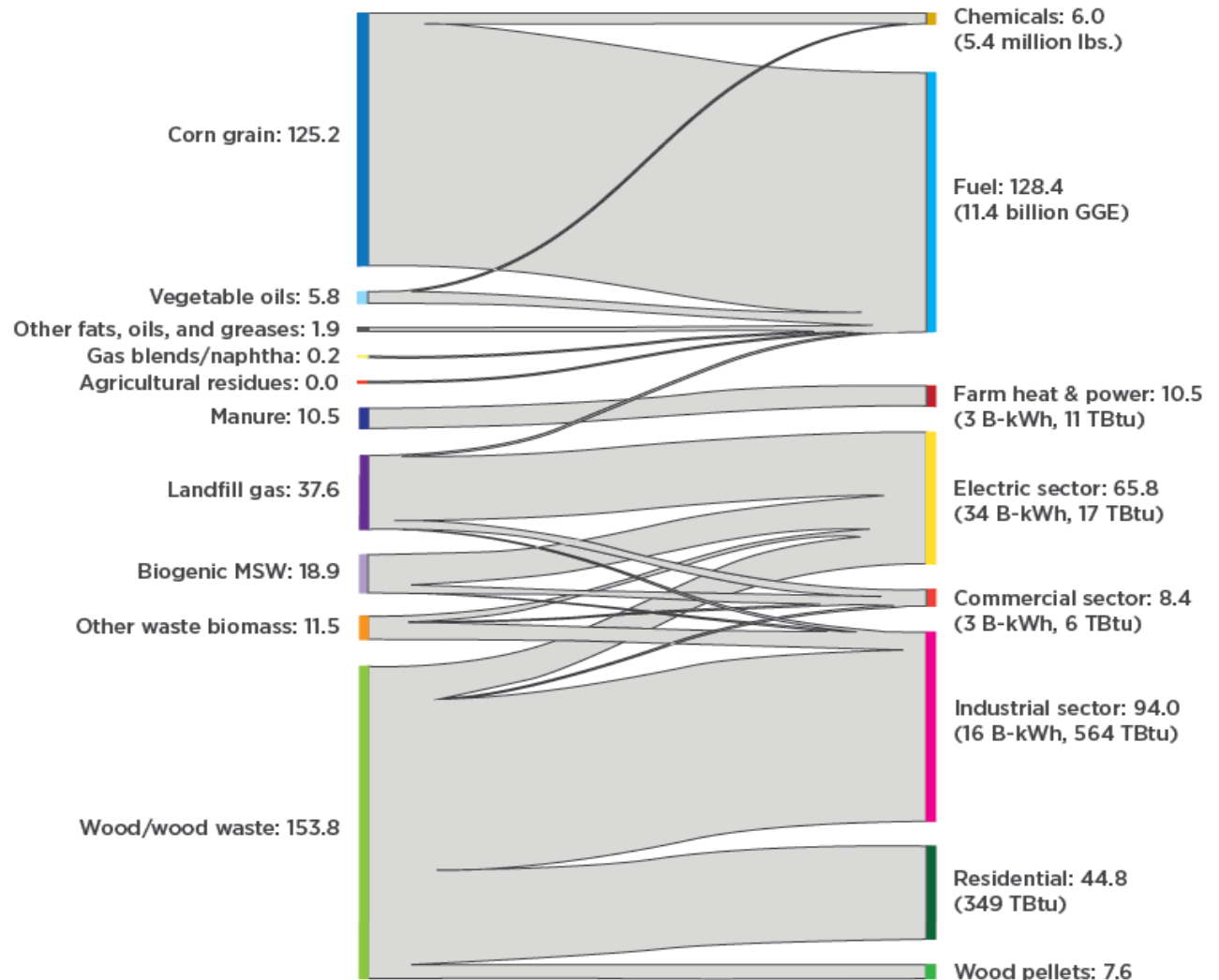


Figure 2.5 | Sankey diagram of feedstock, sector consumption, and final product distribution, in million dry tons per year¹⁴

How Biomass is Currently Used

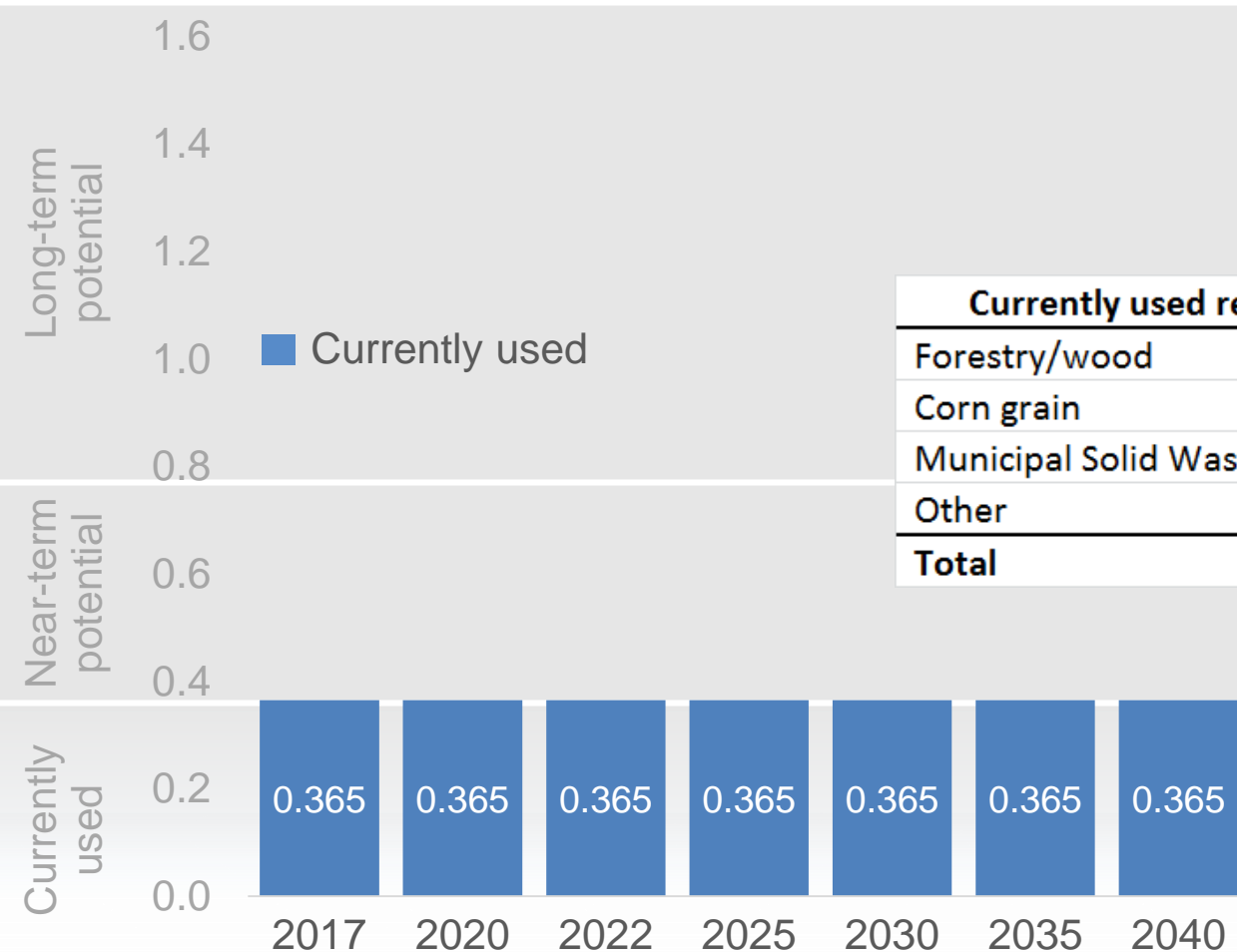
1 million “bioenergy equivalent” dry ton per day (2014)



Note: Biomass resources are shown on the left and their allocations are shown on the right. The size of the flow is representative of the amount of biomass allocated to that end use. For this figure, contributions from landfill gas are represented as tons of biomass equivalent by applying a conversion factor of 0.2665 lb/scf.

Current and Potential, Base Case

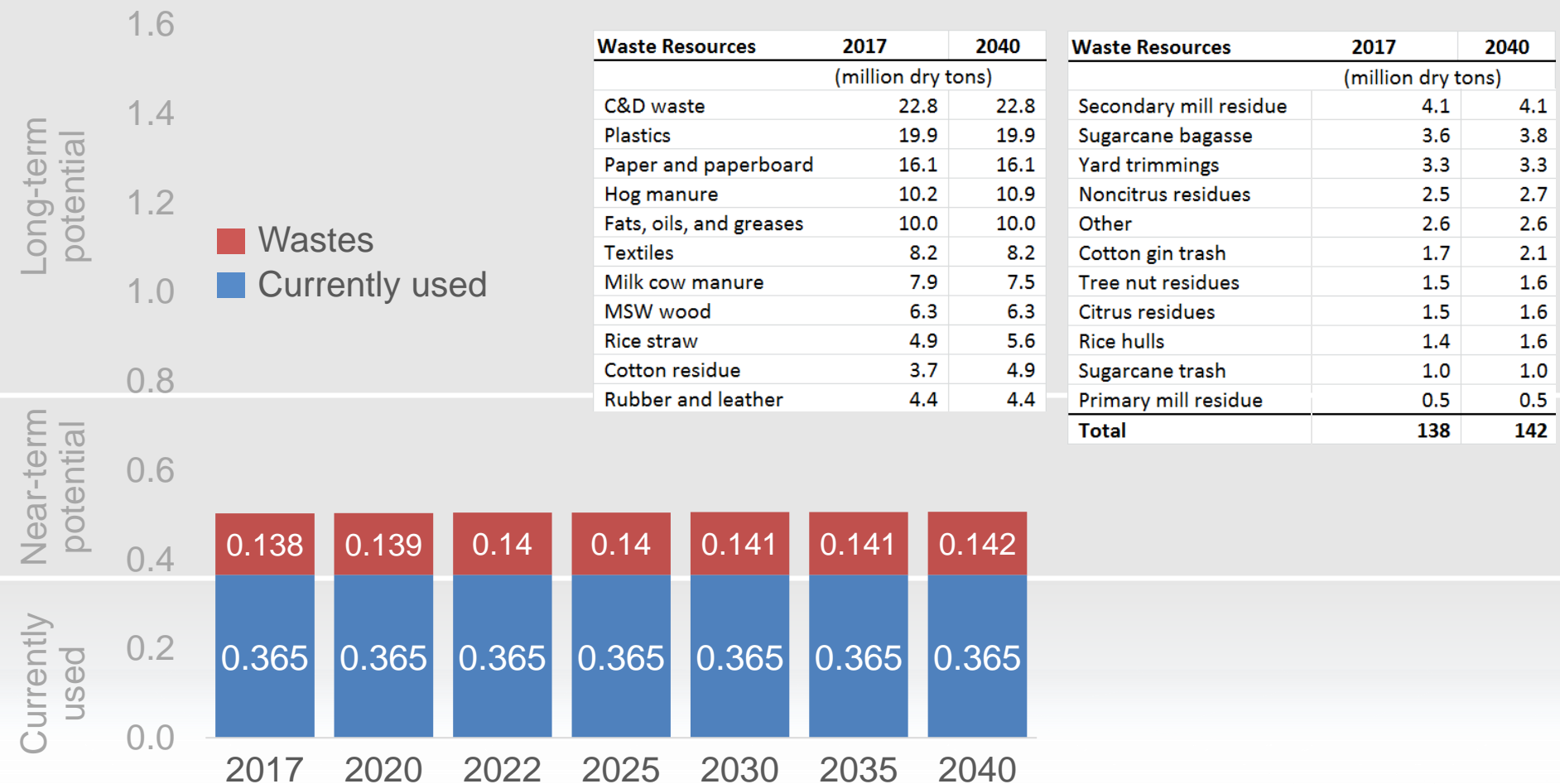
Billions of Dry Tons per year



Currently used resources in 2015 (million dry tons)	
Forestry/wood	171
Corn grain	139
Municipal Solid Waste	30
Other	25
Total	365

Current and Potential, Base Case at \$60/dt

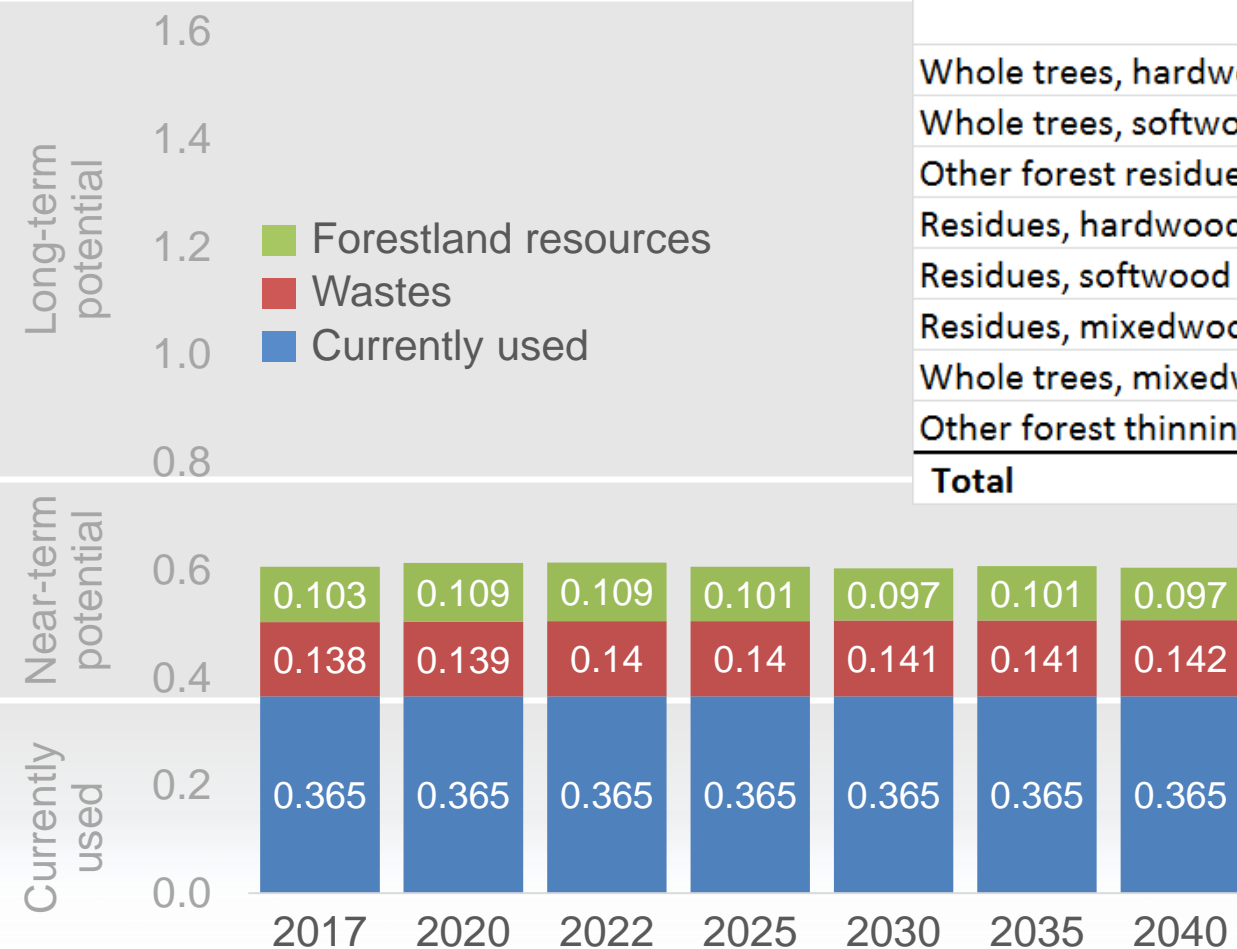
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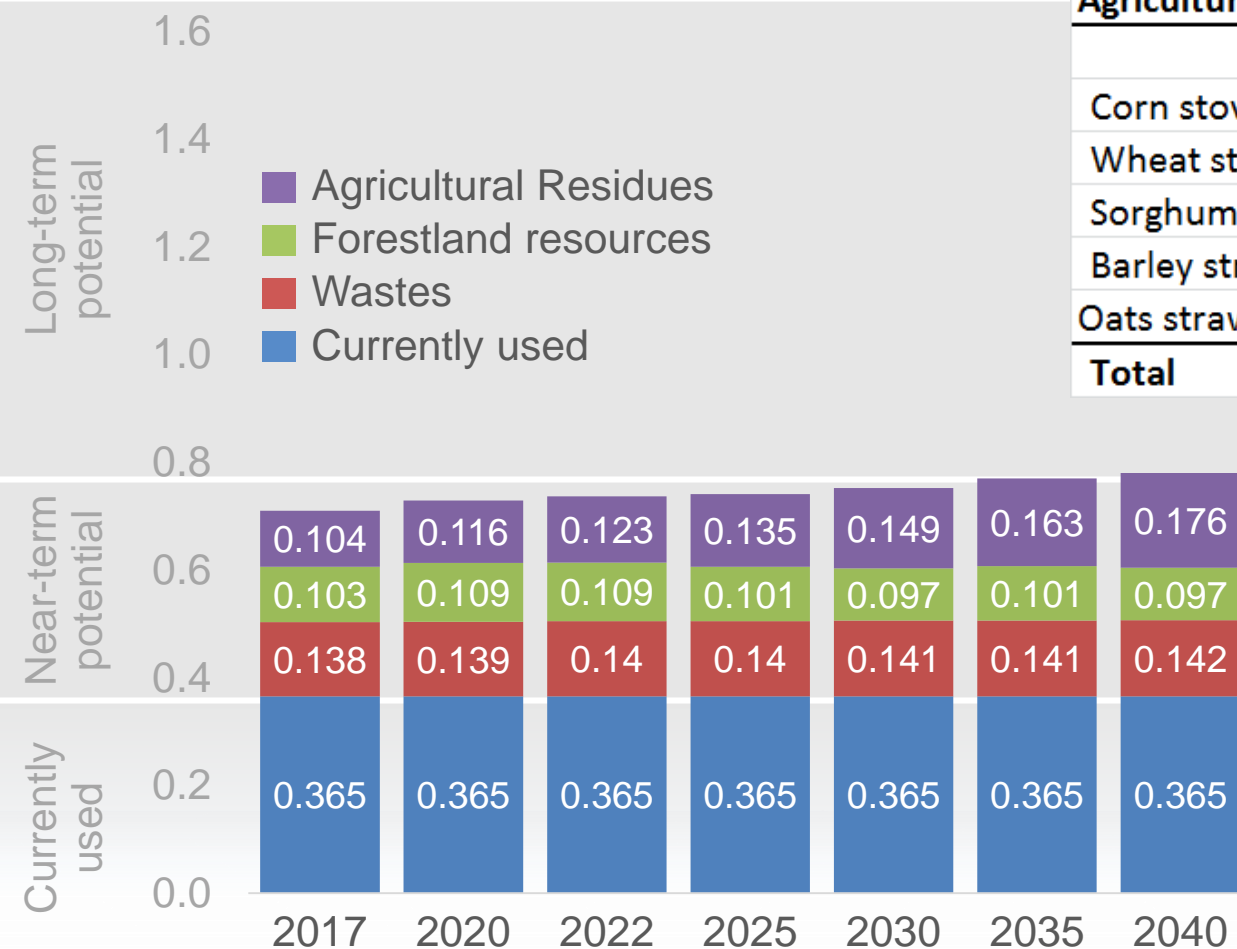
Billions of Dry Tons per year

Forestland Resources	2017	2040
	(million dry tons)	
Whole trees, hardwood	39.0	24.9
Whole trees, softwood	28.1	33.4
Other forest residue	12.2	13.0
Residues, hardwood	6.9	8.0
Residues, softwood	6.8	10.0
Residues, mixedwood	4.2	2.7
Whole trees, mixedwood	2.8	2.4
Other forest thinnings	2.6	2.6
Total	103	97



Current and Potential, Base Case at \$60/dt

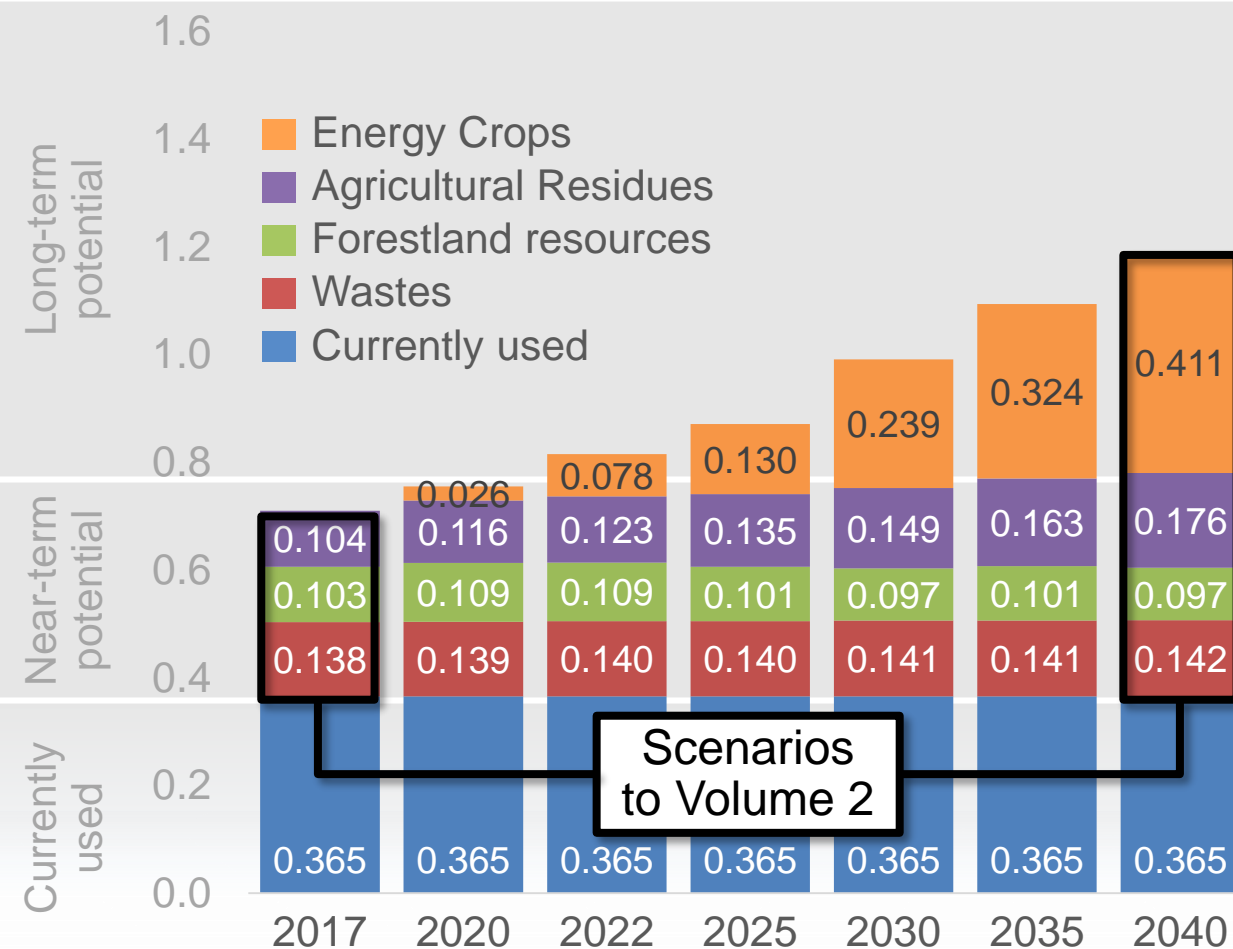
Billions of Dry Tons per year



Agricultural Residues	2017	2040
(million dry tons)		
Corn stover	89.4	153.9
Wheat straw	13.0	20.9
Sorghum stubble	0.7	1.1
Barley straw	0.4	0.6
Oats straw	<0.1	<0.1
Total	104	176

Current and Potential, Base Case at \$60/dt

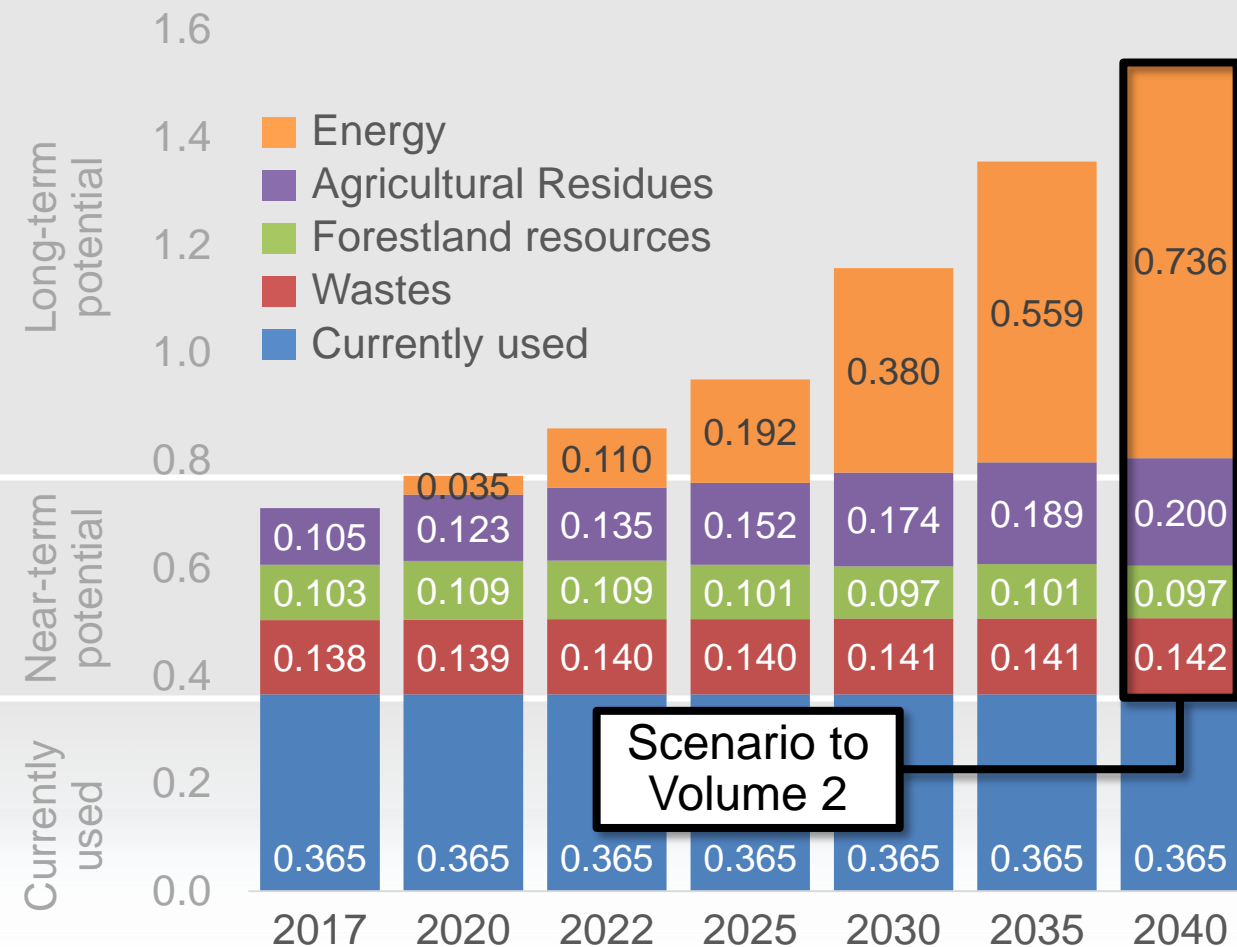
Billions of Dry Tons per year



Energy crops	2017	2040
(million dry tons)		
Switchgrass	-	160.5
Miscanthus	-	160.0
Poplar	-	44.9
Willow	-	25.1
Biomass sorghum	-	19.3
Eucalyptus	-	0.9
Energy cane	-	0.3
Pine	-	0.1
Total	-	411

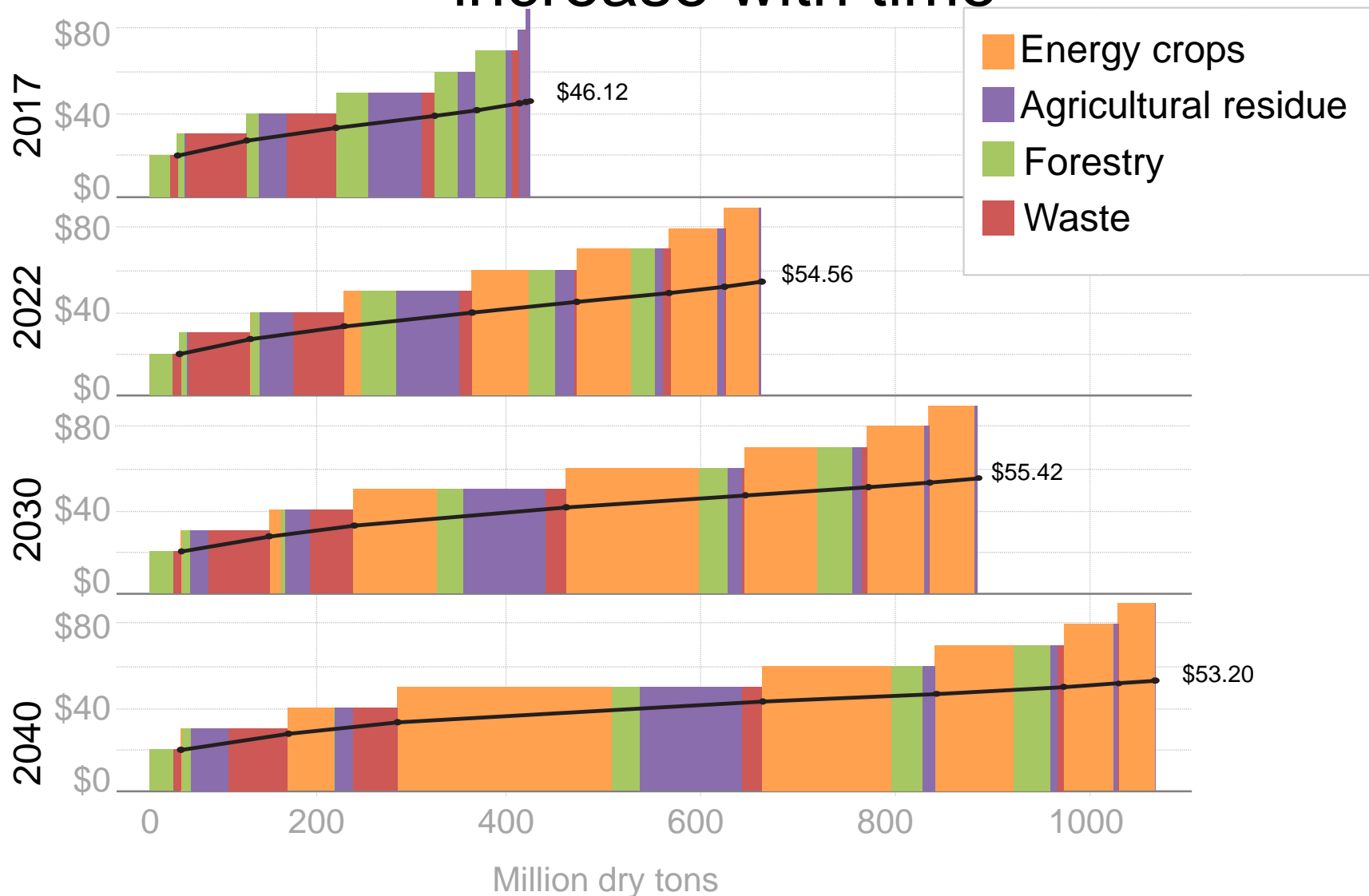
Current and Potential, High-yield at \$60/dt

Billions of Dry Tons per year



Energy crops, High yield	2017	2040
(million dry tons)		
Miscanthus	-	369.6
Switchgrass	-	188.7
Poplar	-	74.5
Willow	-	65.1
Biomass sorghum	-	30.8
Energy cane	-	5.2
Eucalyptus	-	2.1
Pine	-	0.2
Total	-	736

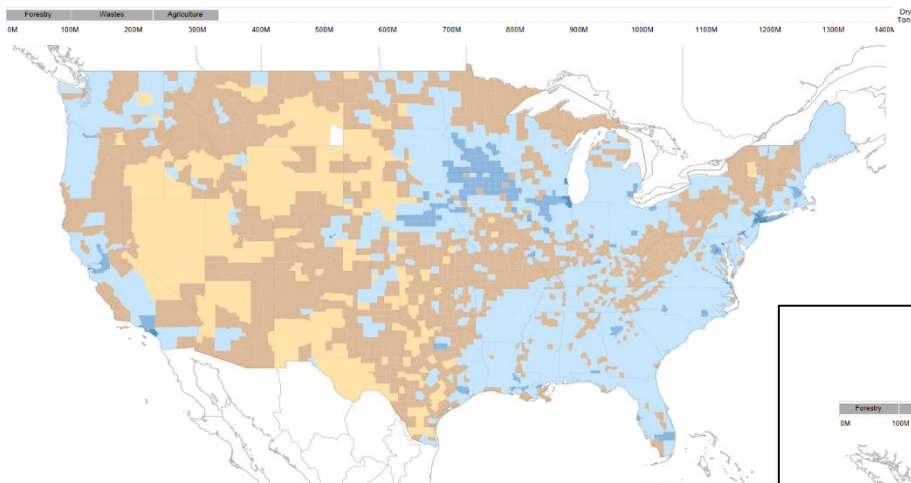
Supplies increase with price; energy crops increase with time



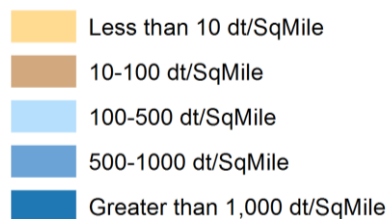
Supplies vary spatially and temporally



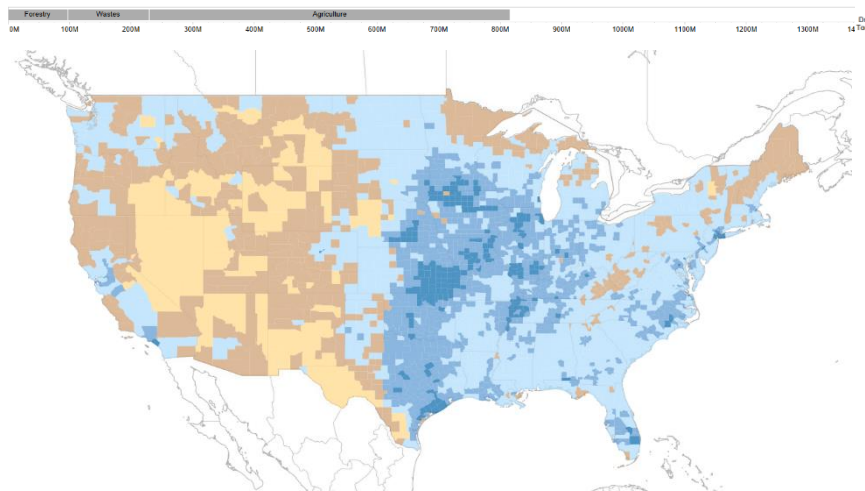
Near-term potential (2017)



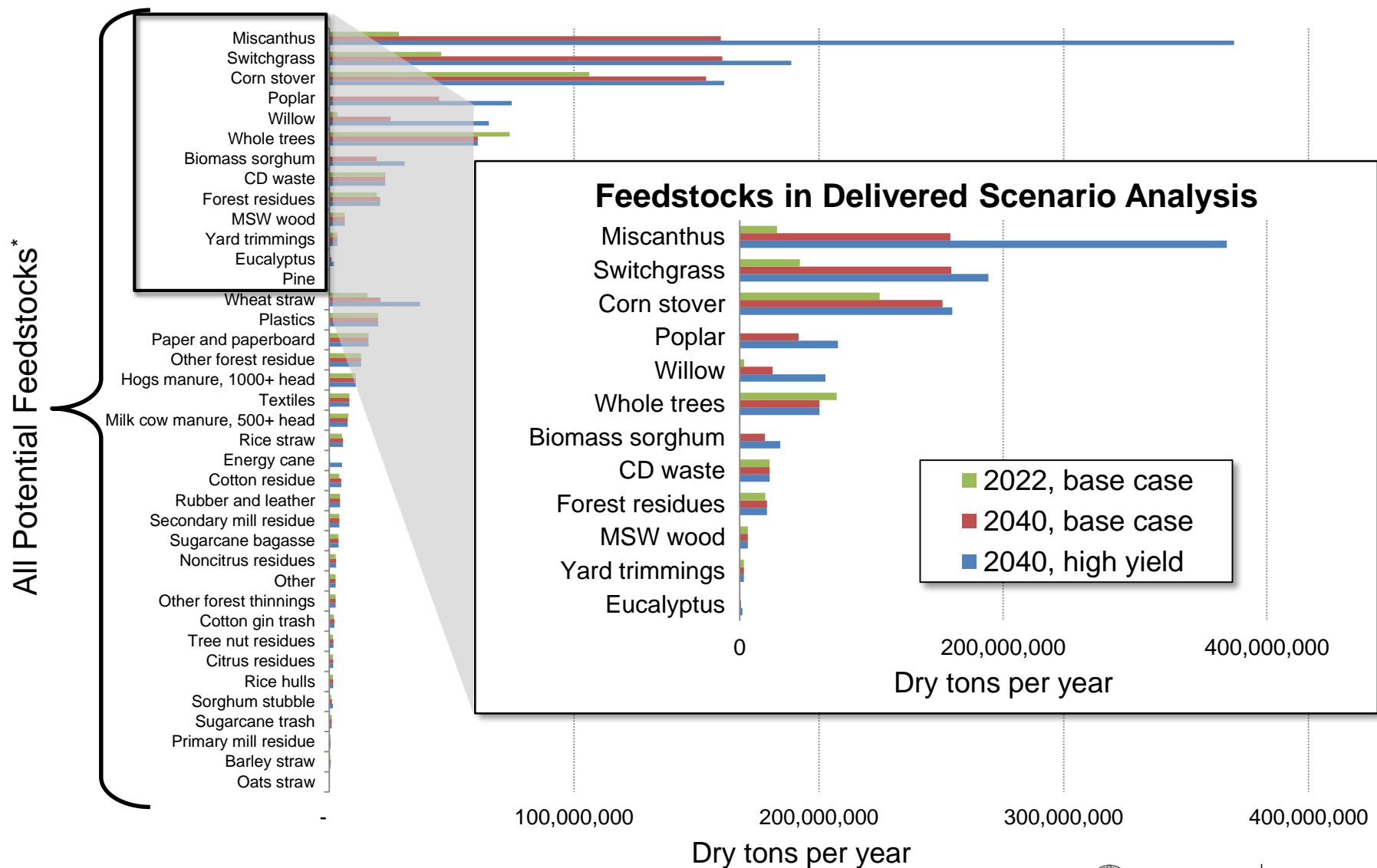
Dry tons/year



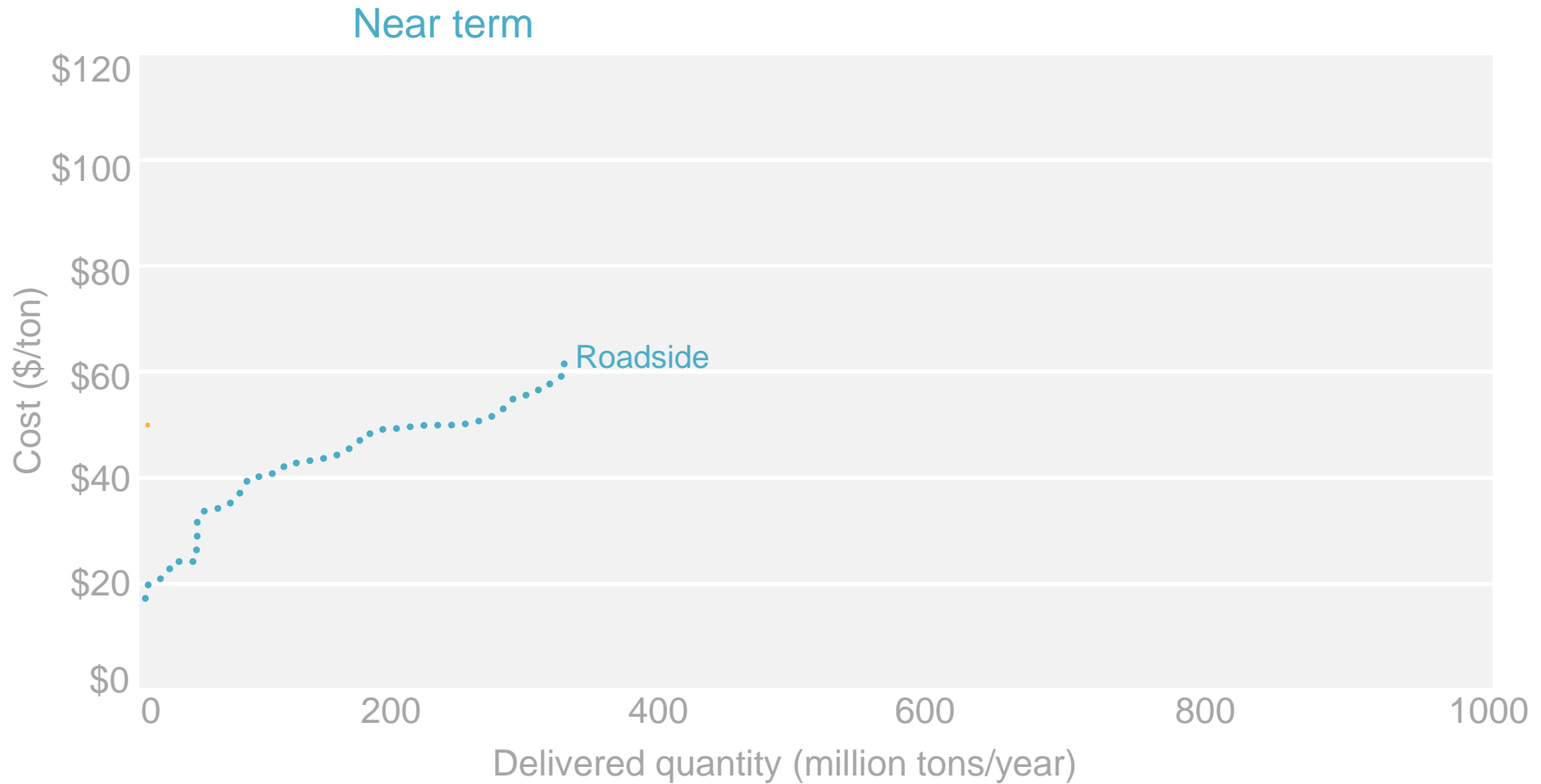
Long-term potential (2040, base case)



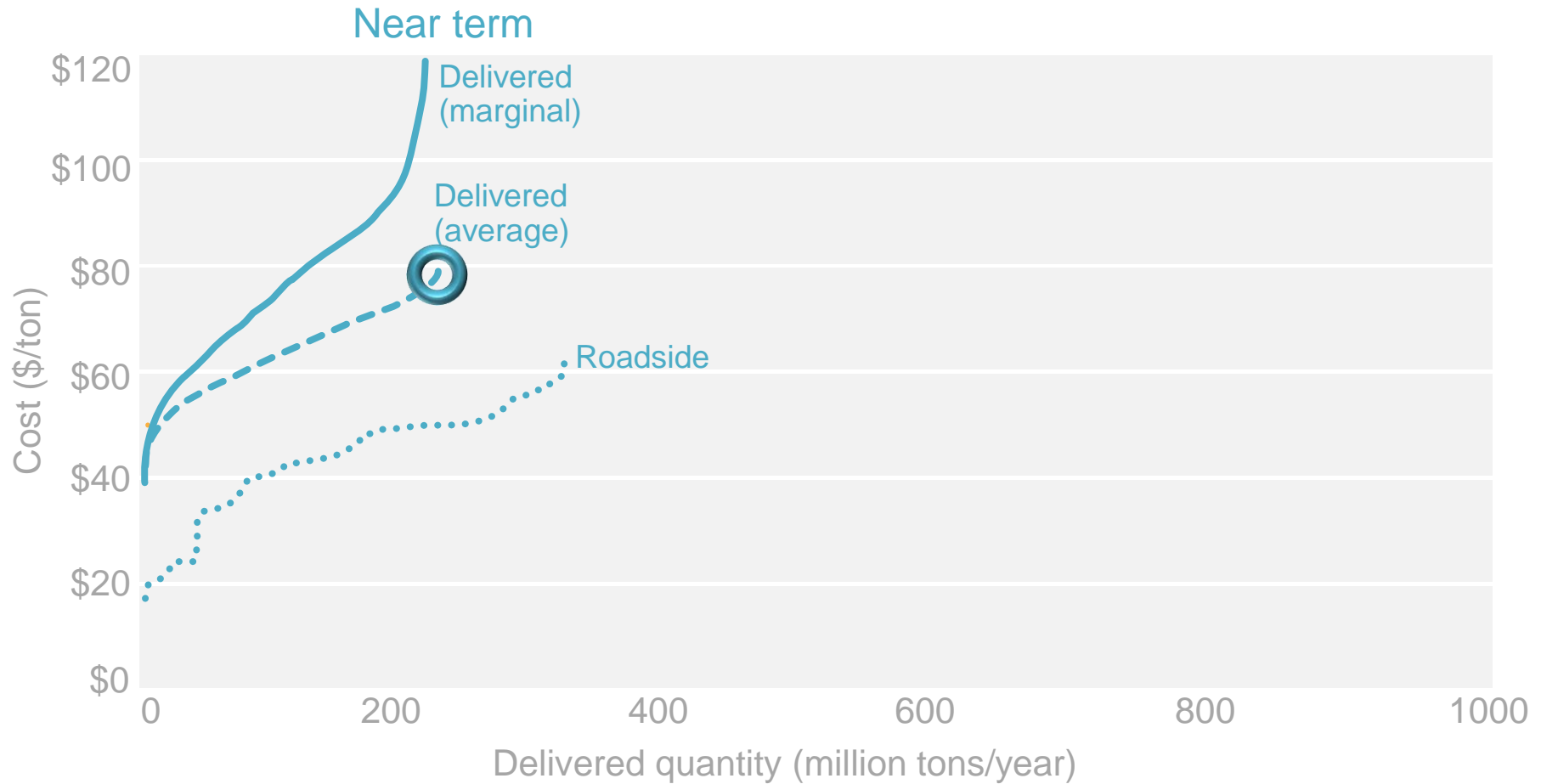
Feedstocks to the Delivered Analysis



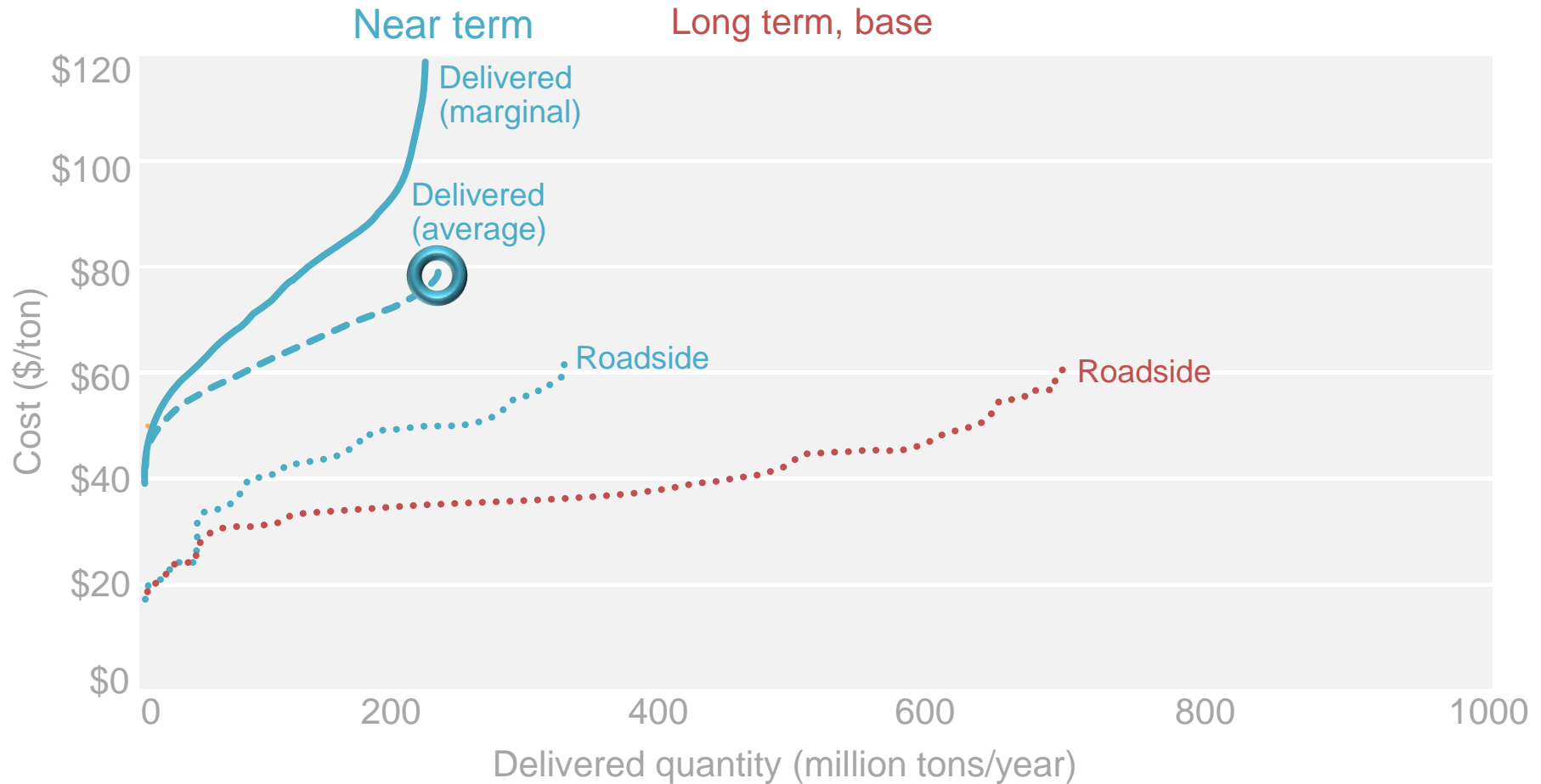
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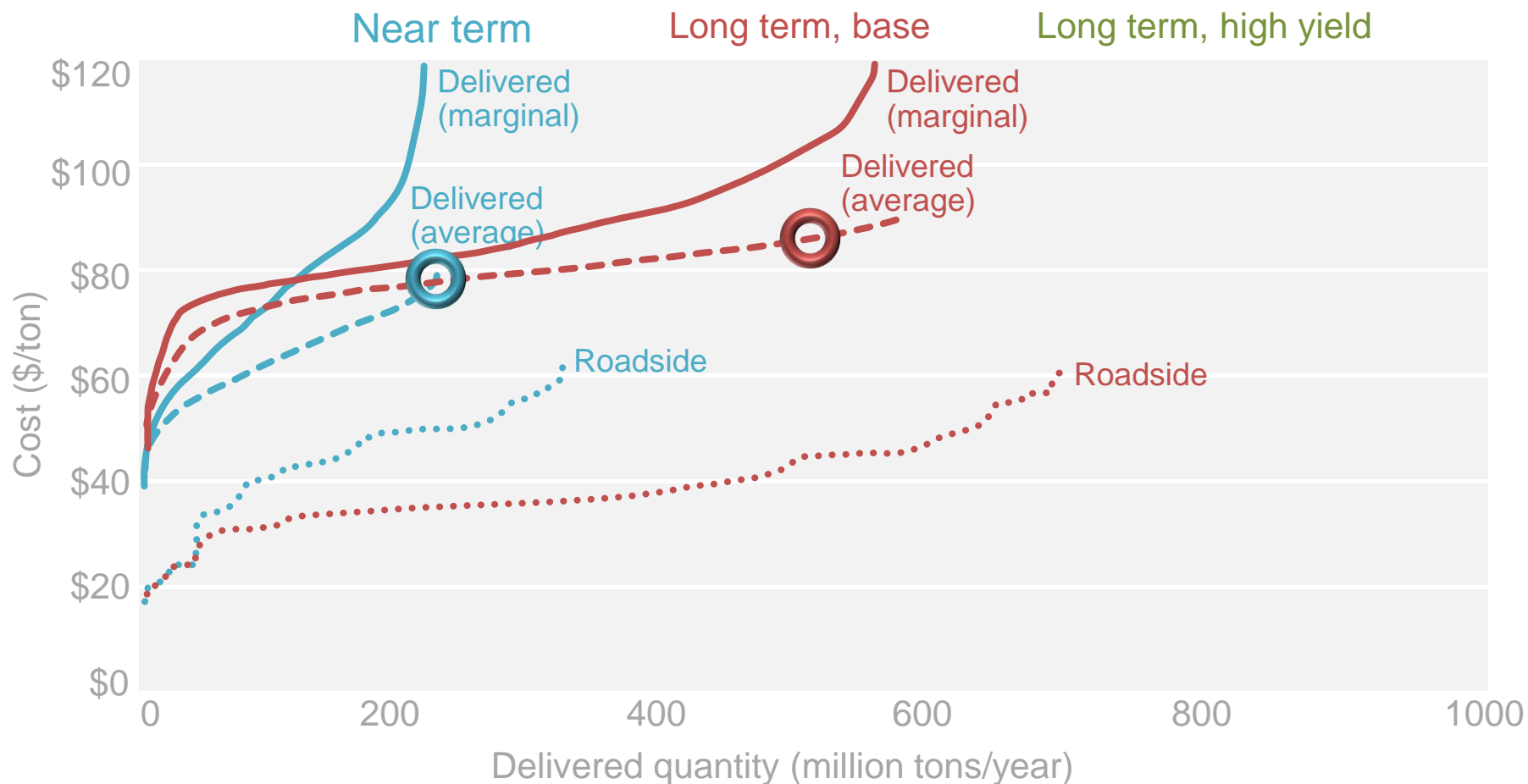
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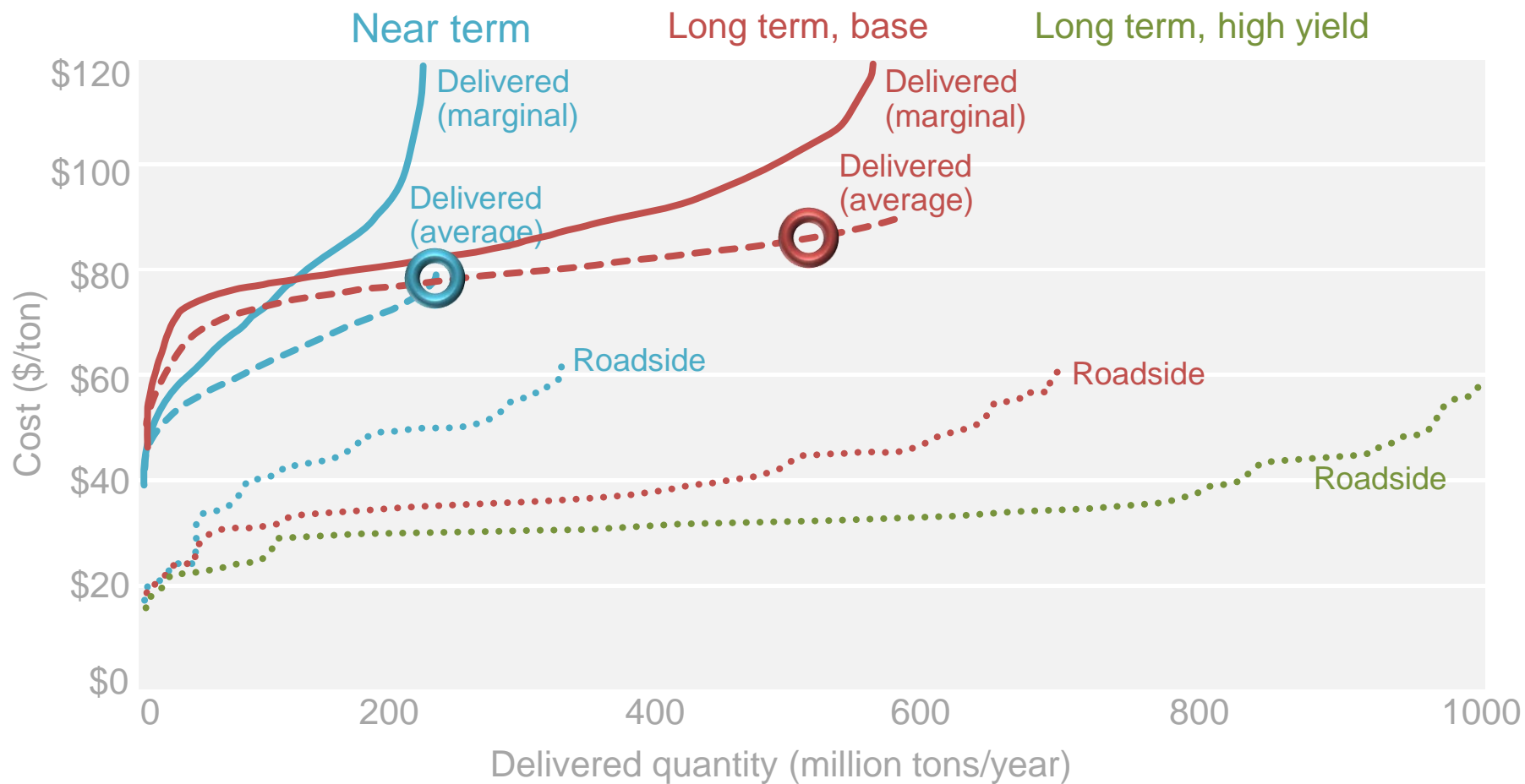
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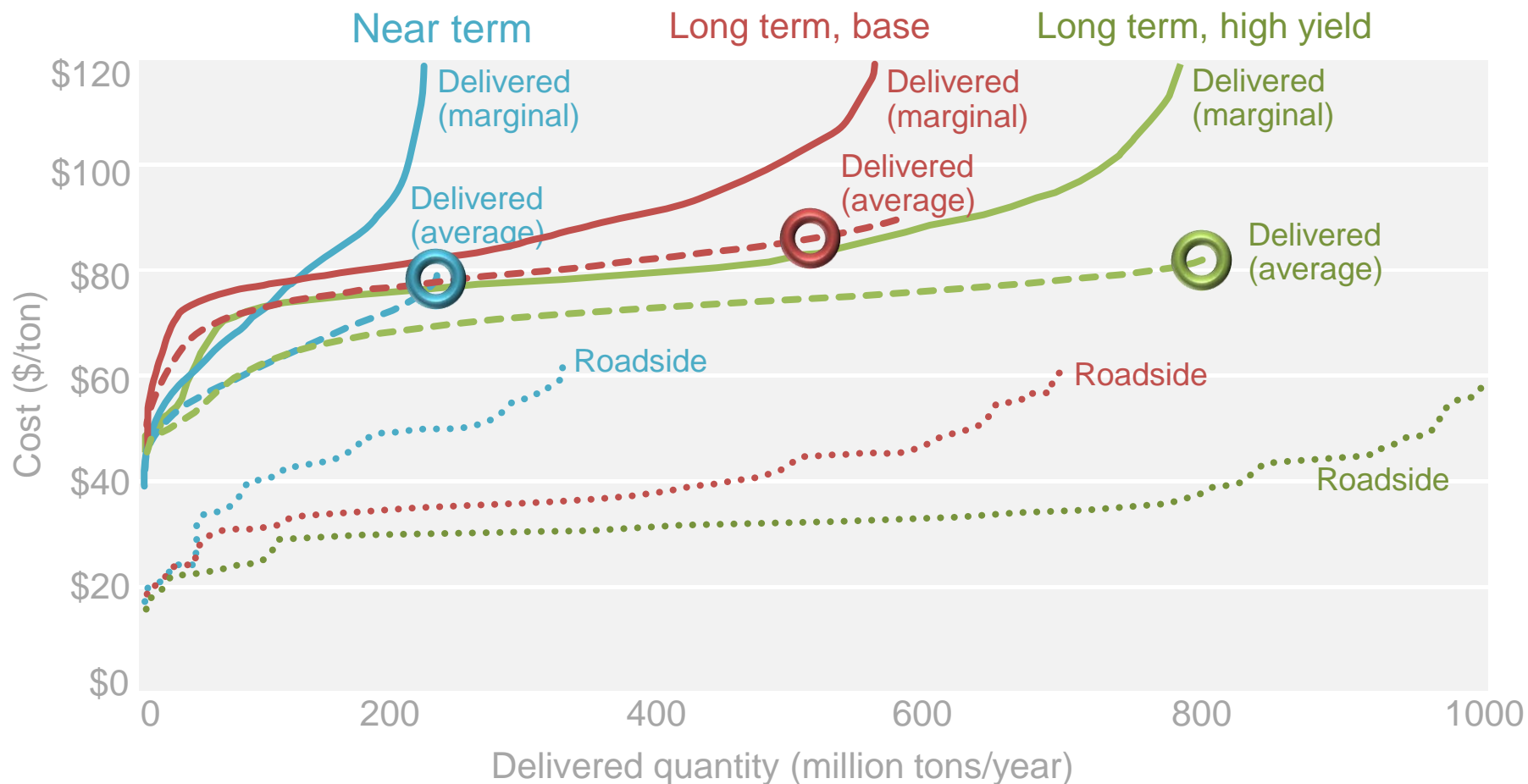
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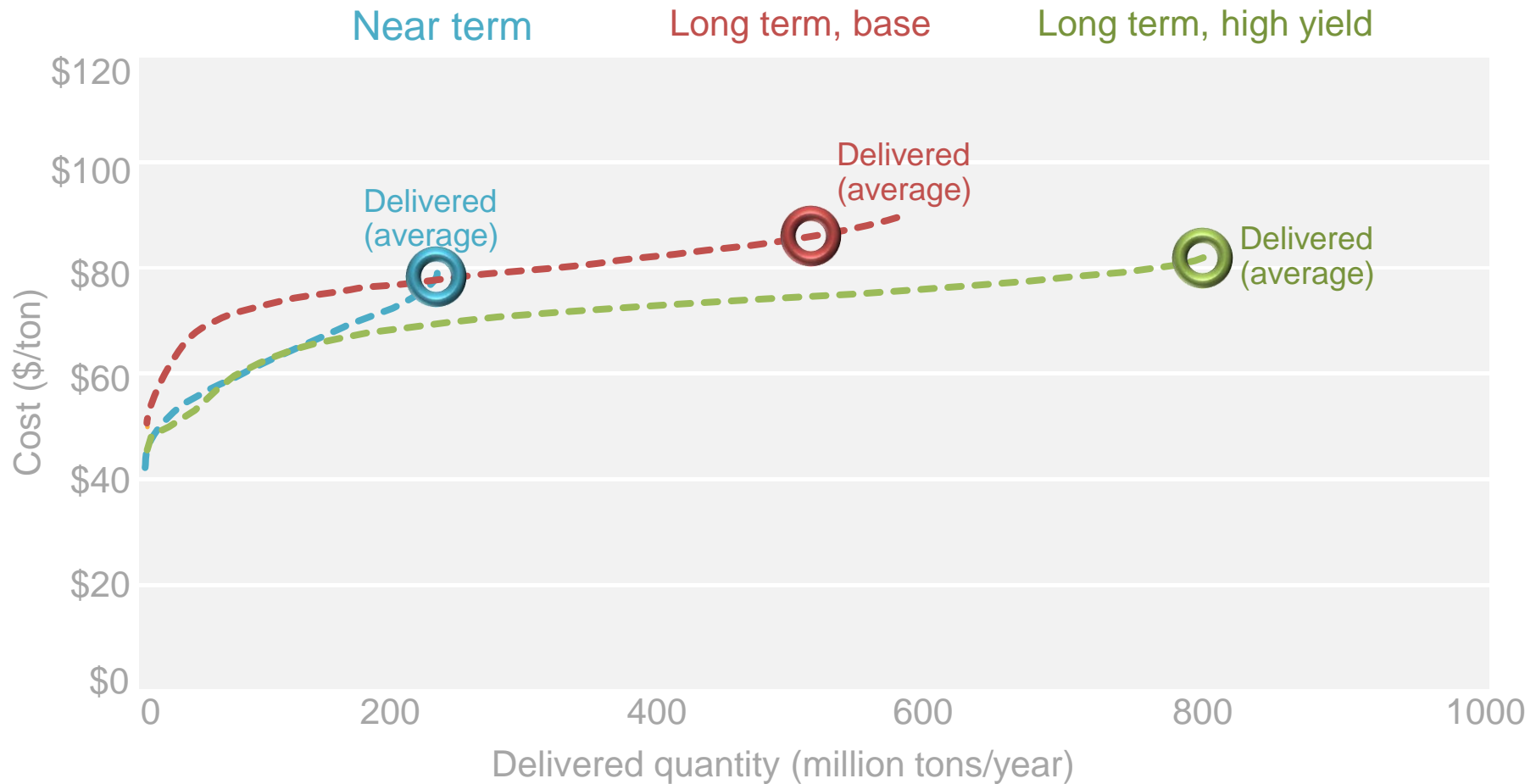
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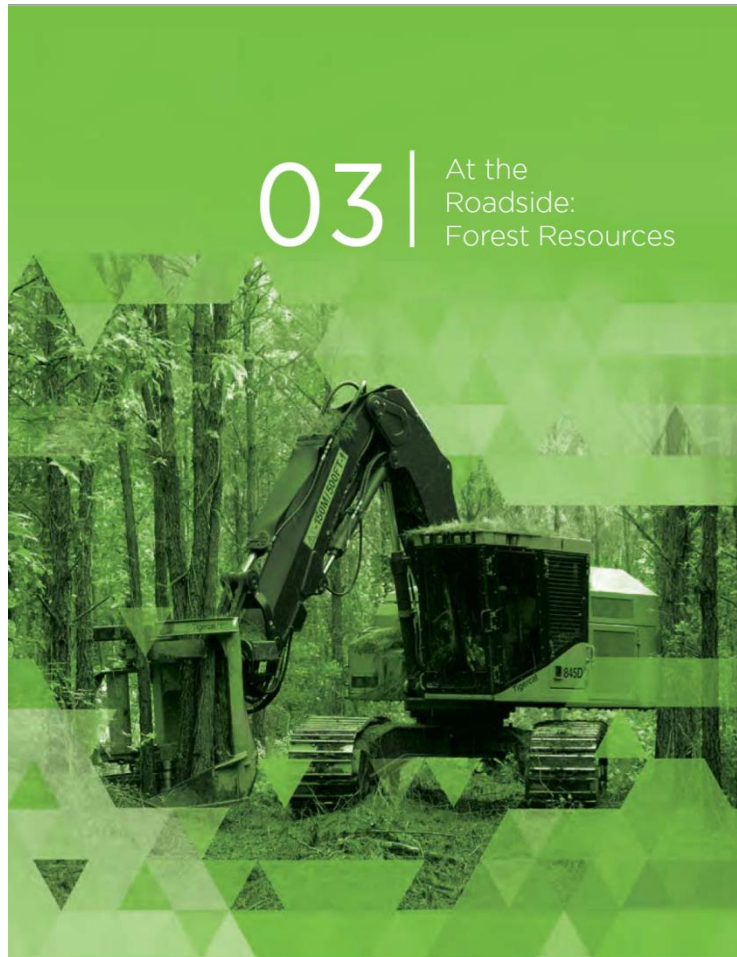
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At the Roadside: Forest Resources



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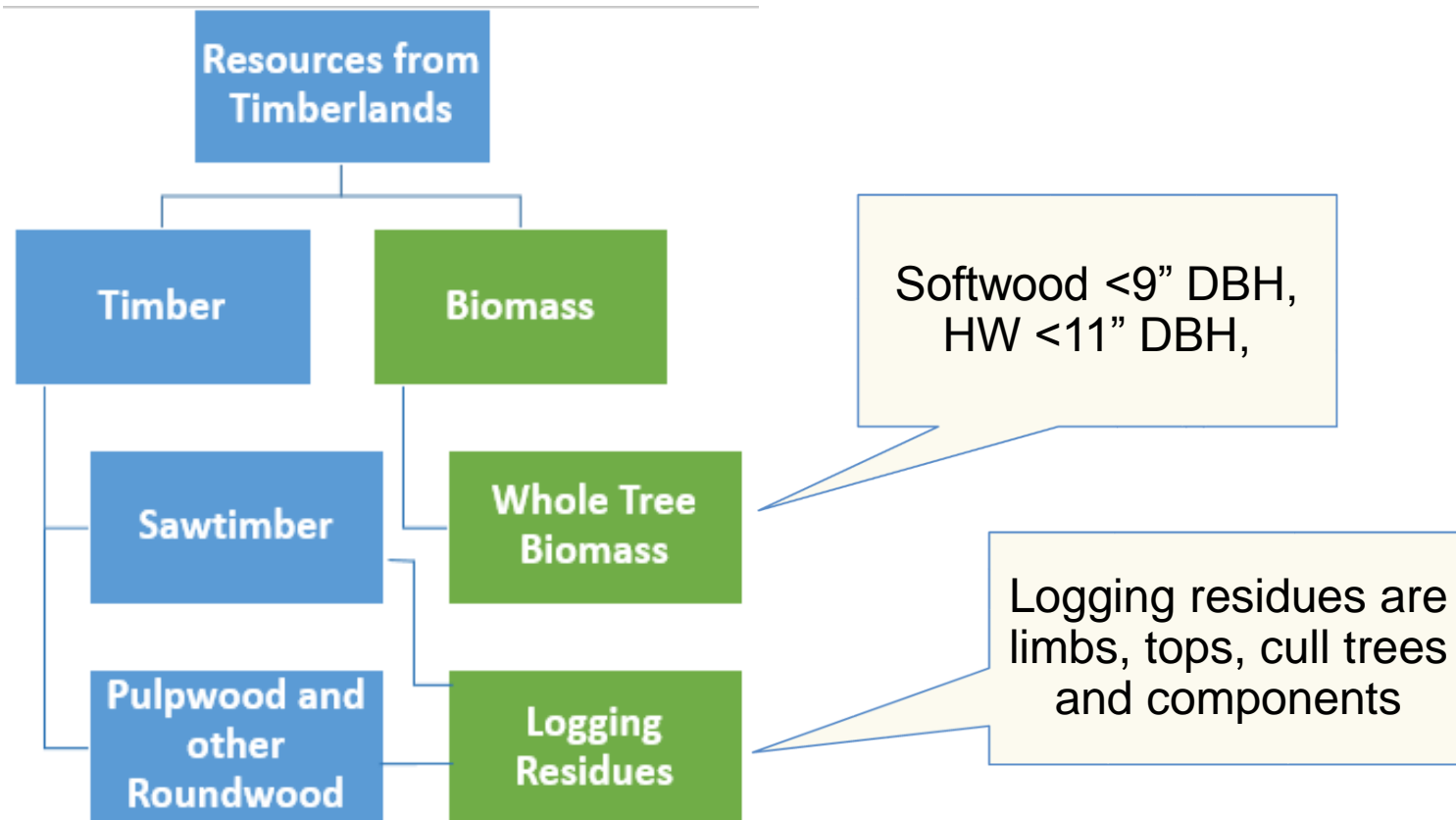
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Forest Resources Scope



Forest Sustainable and Economic Analysis Model (ForSEAM)

- Modeled in competition with conventional forest products.
- Uses aggregate demand scenarios from U.S. Forest Products Module/Global Forest Products Model (USFPM/GFPM) for North, South, and West (Ince et al 2012).
- Unique harvest costs from Consortium for Research on Renewable Industrial Materials (CORRIM) for 5 regions, 5 stand types, 3 stand diameter classes, 2 silvicultural operations, 3 products, 2 harvest methods, 2 slope conditions (chap 3 page 49).

ForSEAM assumptions continued

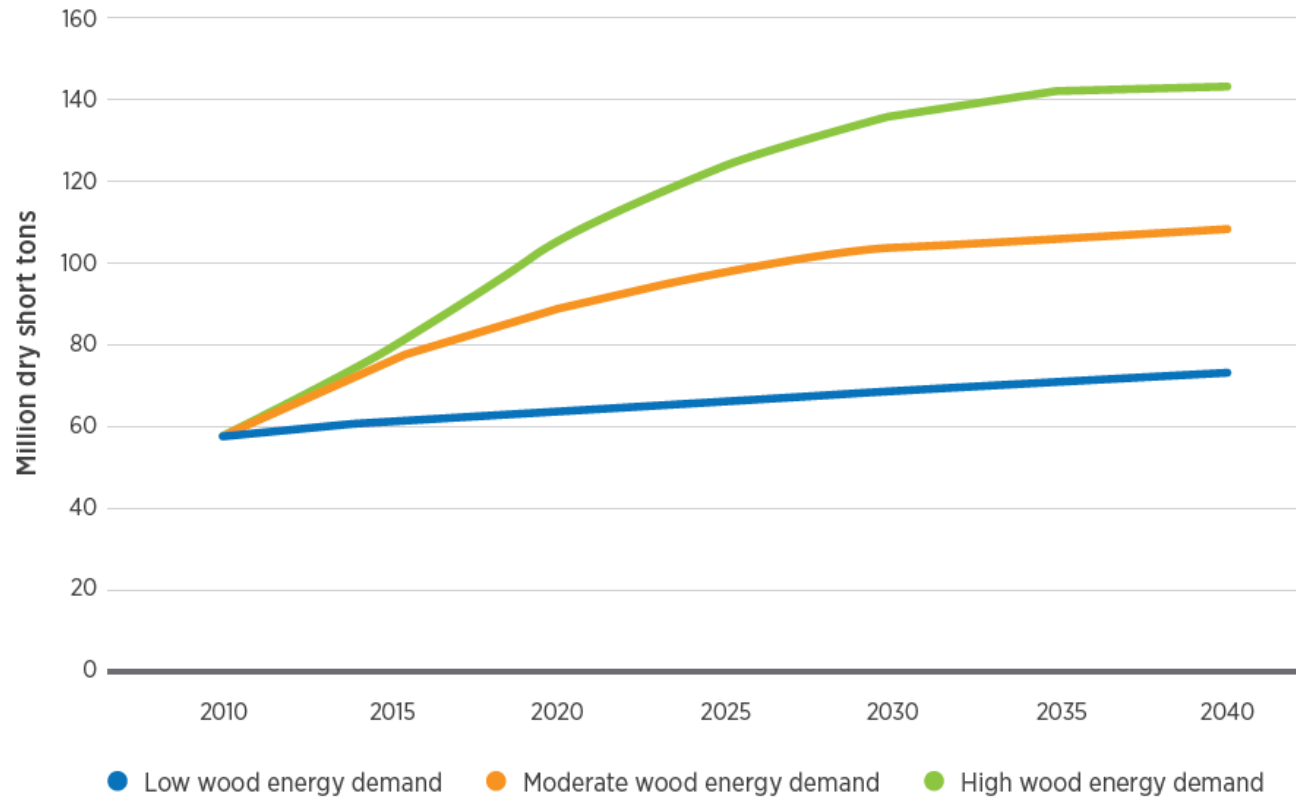
- Naturally regenerated stands not replaced with plantations.
- No residues from slopes >40% or cut-to-length systems.
- Logging residues incur 10% of harvest costs, plus chipping costs; 15% system costs added for overhead costs & BMPs.

ForSEAM scenarios

Table 3.6 | Description of Wood Energy, Housing, and Plantation Investment Scenarios

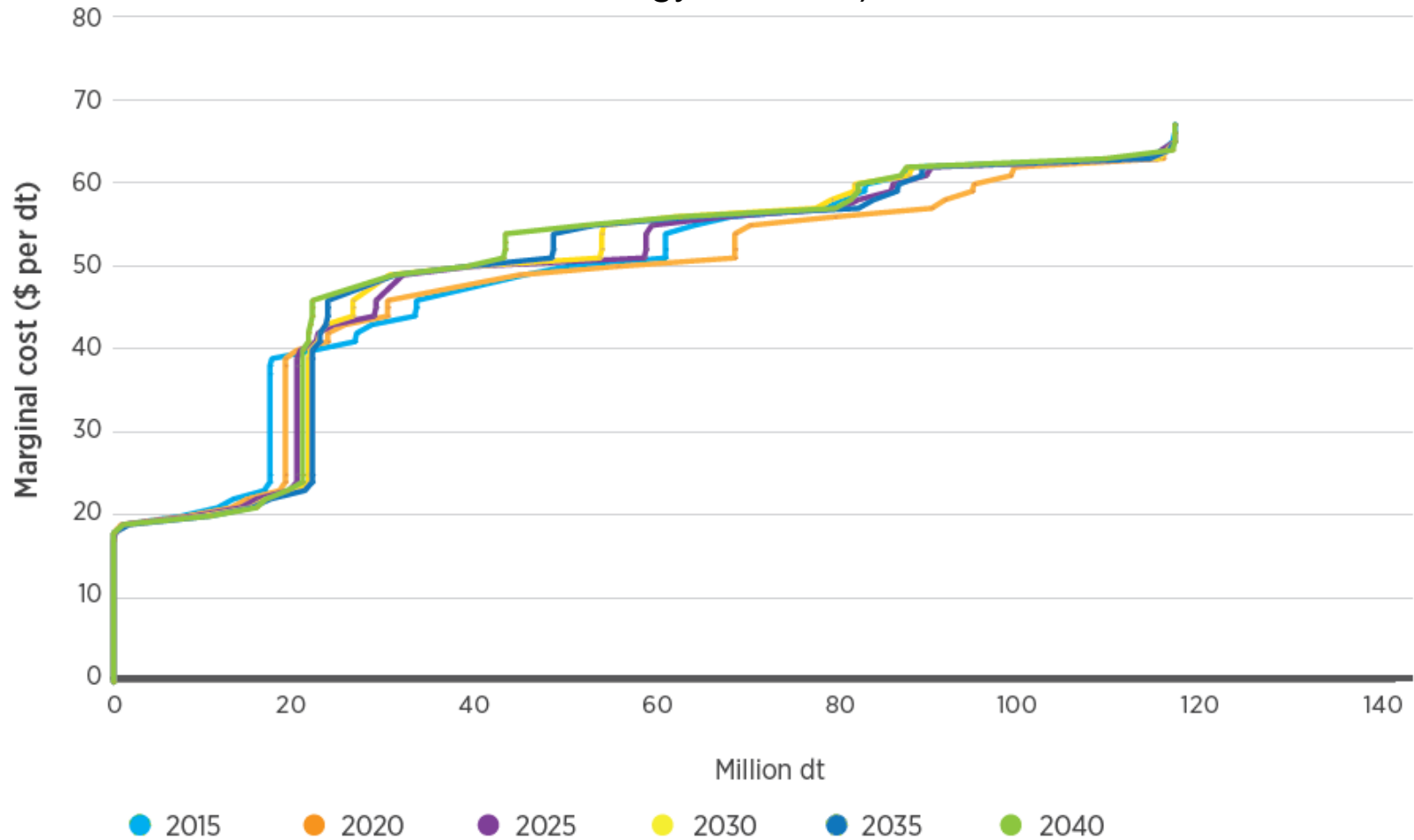
	Scenario ^a	Growth in housing starts ^b	Growth in wood biomass demand for energy ^c	New plantation management intensity in the South ^d
(ML)	Moderate housing-low wood energy (baseline)	Returns to long-term average by 2025	Increases by 26% by 2040	Based on current FIA pine plantation growth rate
(HL)	High housing-low wood energy	Adds 10% to baseline in 2025 and beyond	Increases by 26% by 2040	Based on current FIA pine plantation growth rate
(MM)	Moderate housing-moderate wood energy	Returns to long-term average by 2025	Increases by 86% by 2040	Based on current FIA pine plantation growth rate
(HM)	High housing-moderate wood energy	Adds 10% to baseline in 2025 and beyond	Increases by 86% by 2040	Based on current FIA pine plantation growth rate
(MH)	Moderate housing-high wood energy (and high plantation growth)	Returns to long-term average by 2025	Increases by 150% by 2040	Increases by 50% over current FIA growth rate by 2040
(HH)	High housing-high wood energy (and high plantation growth)	Adds 10% to baseline in 2025 and beyond	Increases by 150% by 2040	Increases by 50% over current FIA growth rate by 2040

ForSEAM wood energy demand scenarios



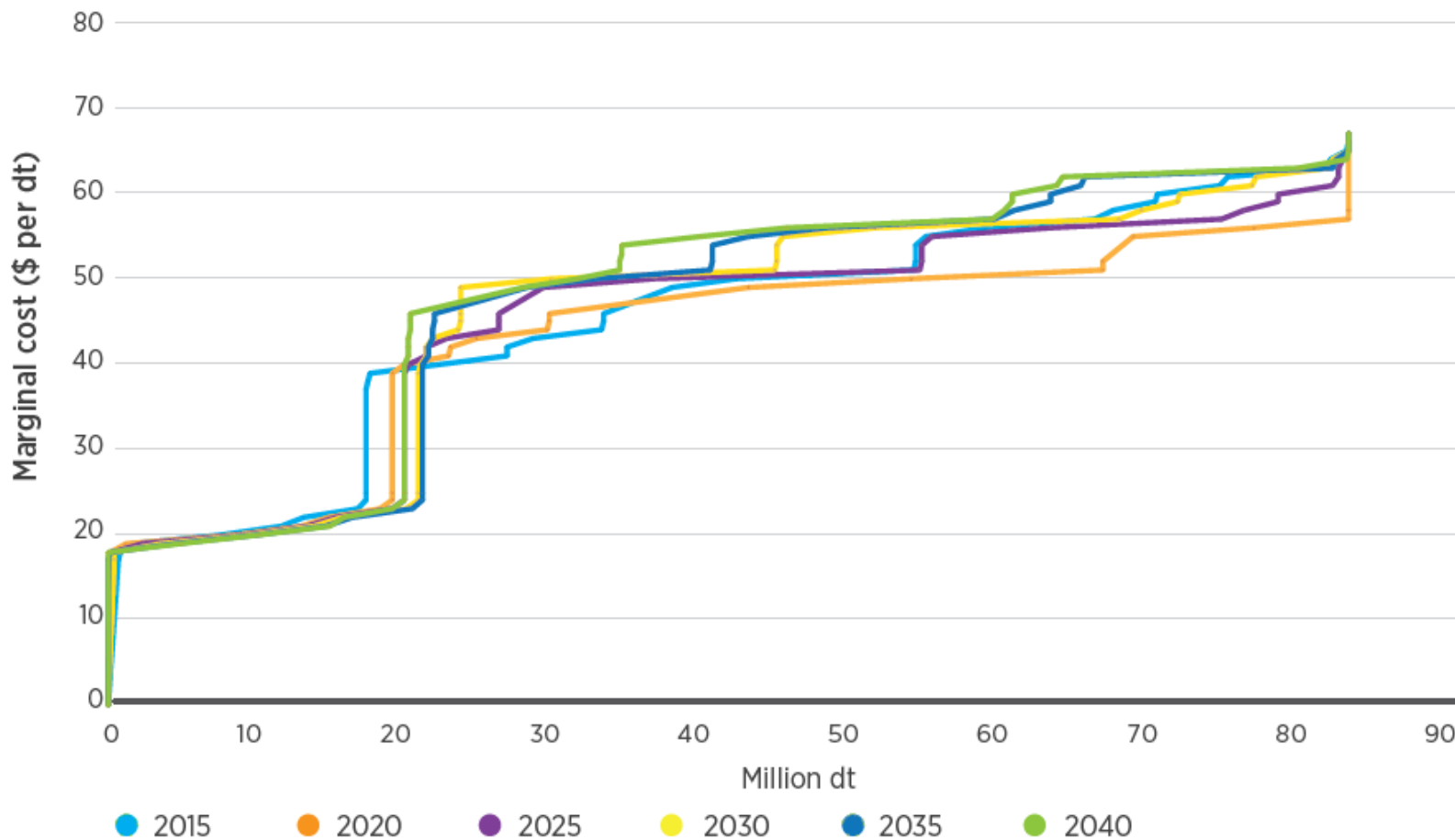
ForSEAM Results

ML (medium housing, low energy demand) baseline



ForSEAM Results

HH (high housing, high energy demand)



ForSEAM Results

Table 3.27 | Summary of Baseline and High Forest Resources by Cost, Year, and Feedstock Type

Feedstock	\$40				\$60				\$80			
	2017	2022	2030	2040	2017	2022	2030	2040	2017	2022	2030	2040
	Million dry tons											
Baseline_ML ^a (Baseline scenario) ^b												
Logging residues	17.9	19.4	21.4	20.8	17.9	19.4	21.4	20.7	17.9	19.4	21.4	20.8
Whole-tree biomass	3.1	1.0	0.3	0.0	69.9	73.7	59.8	60.7	98.1	96.6	94.6	95.2
Total: Baseline	21.0	20.5	21.7	20.8	87.8	93.1	81.1	81.5	116.0	116.0	116.0	116.0
HH ^c (High-yield scenario)												
Logging residues	18.0	19.3	20.7	19.9	18.0	19.3	20.7	19.8	18.0	19.3	20.7	19.9
Whole-tree biomass	2.7	0.7	0.1	0.0	61.3	63.7	51.0	40.7	65.0	63.7	62.3	63.1
Total: High scenario	20.6	20.0	20.8	19.9	79.3	83.0	71.7	60.6	83.0	83.0	83.0	83.0

^aThe baseline is “moderate low”: Moderate growth in housing starts, plantation intensity, paper, and foreign demand and low growth in biomass for energy.

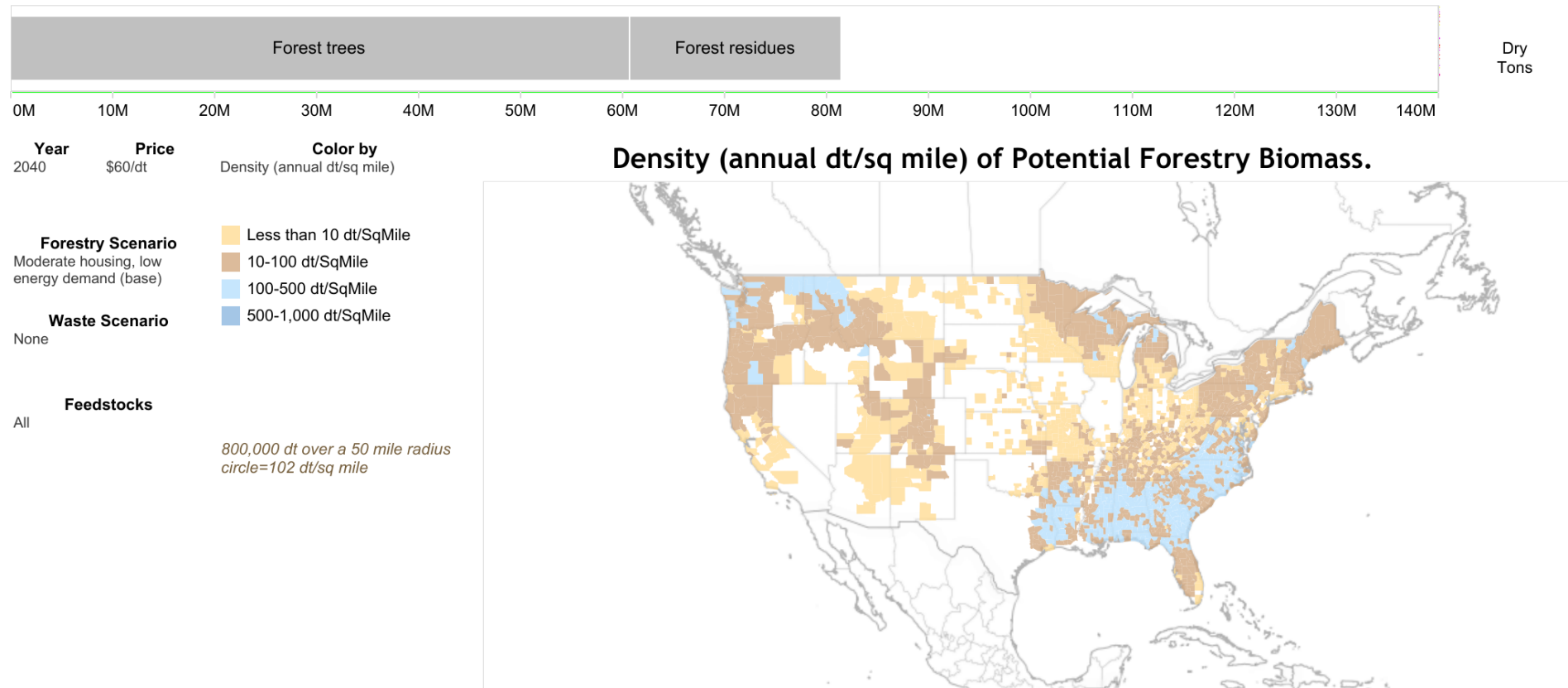
^bBaseline_ML is comparable to the base-case scenario in chapter 4.

^cThe HH scenario is “high high” scenario: high growth in housing starts and plantation intensity, moderate growth in paper and foreign demand, and high growth in biomass for energy. HH does not produce the most biomass because there was no conversion of natural stands to plantations in the model. HH is comparable to the high-yield scenario for agriculture at 3% in chapter 4.

Base-case scenario: \$60 offered price, forestry resources, year 2040



2040 Potential Forestry Biomass, up to \$60/dt.
Forestry: Moderate housing, low energy demand (base). Waste: None.



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100 million tons in context of USDA FS data

Million dry tons, 2012, timberland

	All US, HW and SW	South Softwood only
Volume	17,956	2,128
Growth	486	145
Removals	231	88
Mortality	214	21
Growth minus (removals+mortality)	41	37

Data source: Oswalt, S. Smith, B., 2014.
USDA Forest Service Resource Facts and Historical Trends. USDA Forest Service.
Assumes 33 and 43 bone-dry pounds per cubic foot for softwood and hardwood respectively.

Growing Stock Volume, 2011/2012, USDA Forest Service Forest Inventory and Analysis Data

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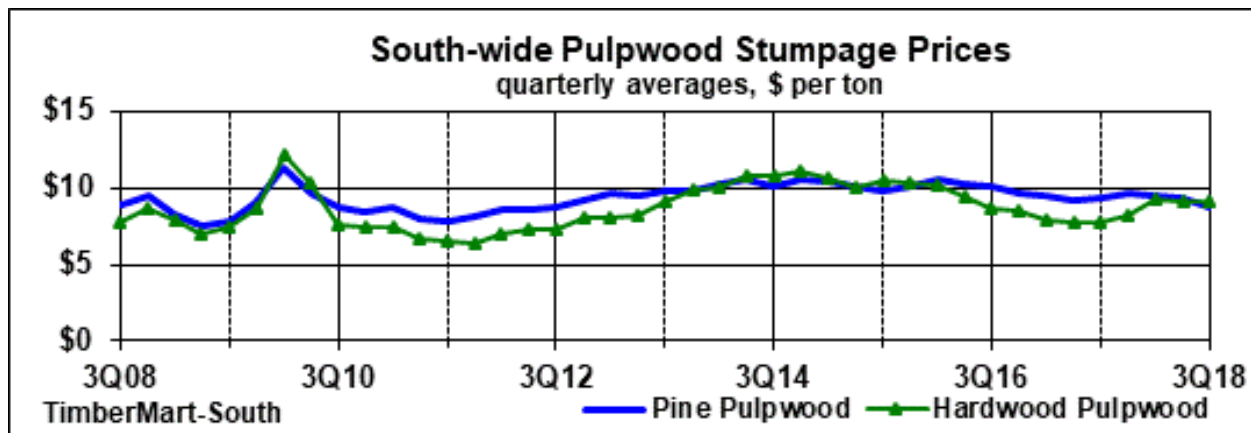
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Growing Stock Volume

U.S. timber land growing stock inventory, growth, removals, and mortality, by region and species group, 1952–2012.

Volume category	Year	Region			
		U.S.	North	South	West
All species		Million cubic feet			
Inventory	2012	972,395	267,803	306,623	397,968
	2007	932,089	248,005	288,521	395,563
	1997	835,669	214,246	256,359	365,063
	1987	781,656	190,038	244,641	346,977
	1977	733,056	163,008	223,373	346,675
	1963	665,600	128,288	174,072	363,240
	1953	615,884	103,748	148,470	363,666
Growth	2011	26,413	6,516	13,809	6,088
	2006	26,744	6,576	13,272	6,896
	1996	23,577	5,420	10,712	7,445
	1986	22,636	5,512	9,986	7,138
	1976	21,237	5,349	11,323	4,565
	1962	16,705	4,424	8,093	4,188
	1952	13,910	3,716	6,683	3,511

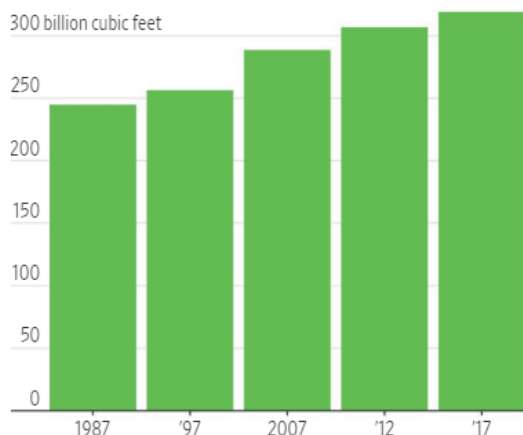
Other indications of abundant forestland resources



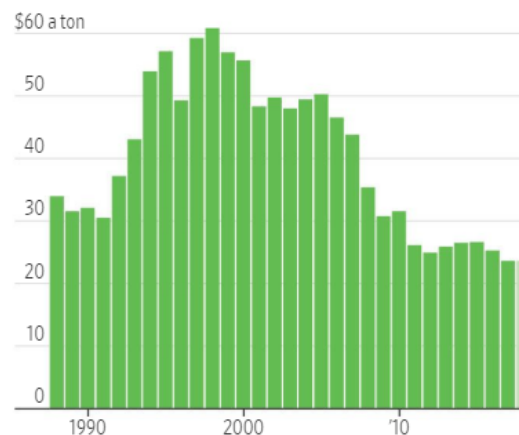
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million tons)

Southern yellow pine volume



Southern pine saw timber price*

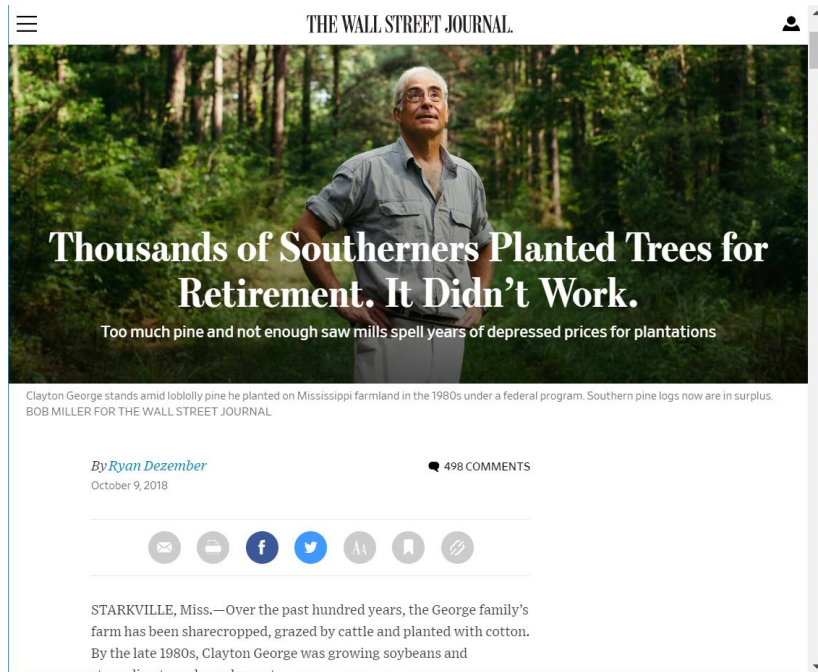


*Seasonally adjusted annual rate *adjusted for inflation, 2018 price for second quarter

Sources: FactSet (lumber price); Commerce Department via St. Louis Fed (housing starts); U.S. Agriculture Department (volume); Daowei Zhang, Auburn University School of Forestry & Wildlife Sciences, 2018 prices TimberMart-South (Southern timber prices)

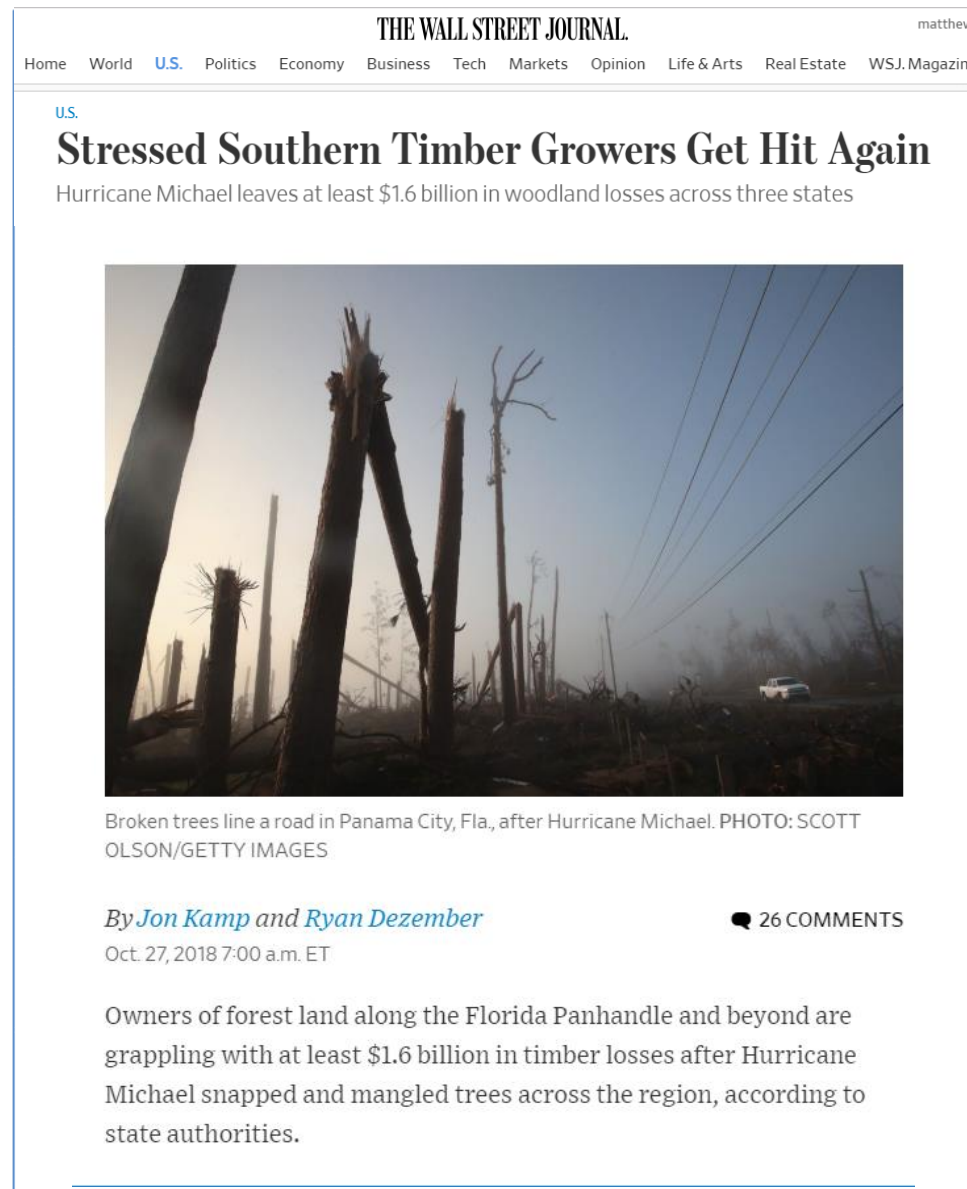
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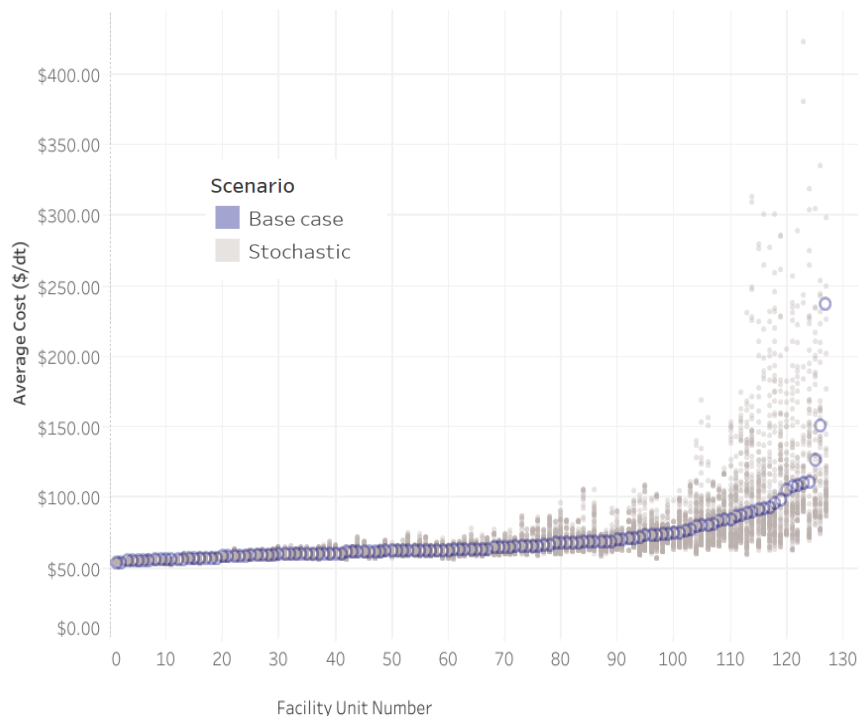


Feedstock price and risk

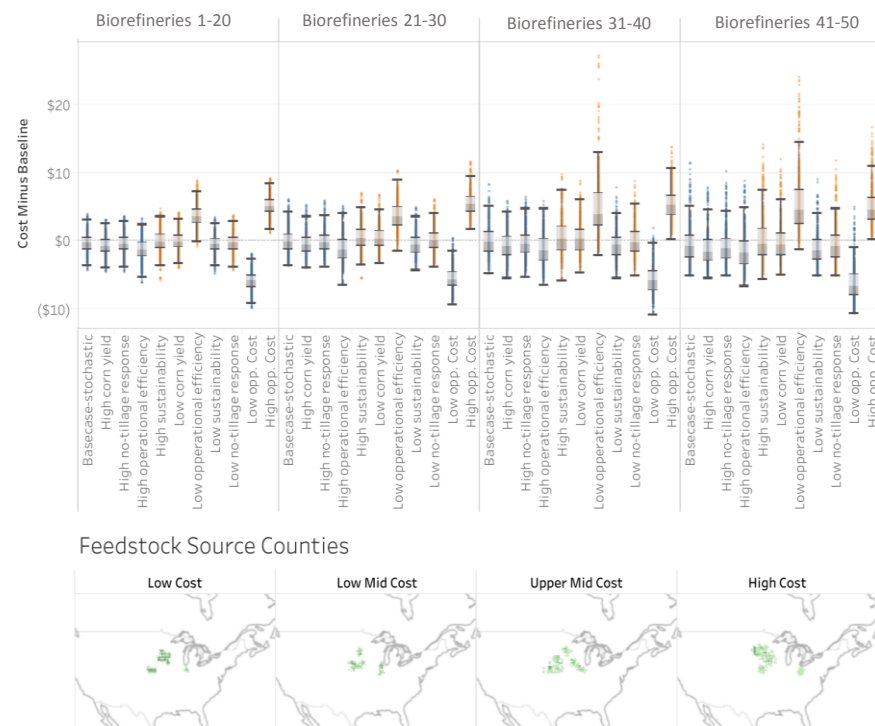
Feedstock price risk can increase with the number of biorefineries of corn stover (submitted) and energy crops under conventional and advanced logistic systems (in preparation).

Corn stover delivered price, base case deterministic and stochastic:

Stochastic Supply Simulation (100 runs)



Corn stover delivered price, stochastic scenarios, difference from the base case:



Key messages

Resource assessments indicate vast national sustainable potential: >1 billion tons/year

Future biomass utilization is a function of supply and demand interactions

Resource assessments can help to:

- Evaluate impacts of supply push and market pull
- Inform strategies to increase biomass utilization

Future research should advance from “how much is there?” to “how can it happen?”



Interactive resources

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