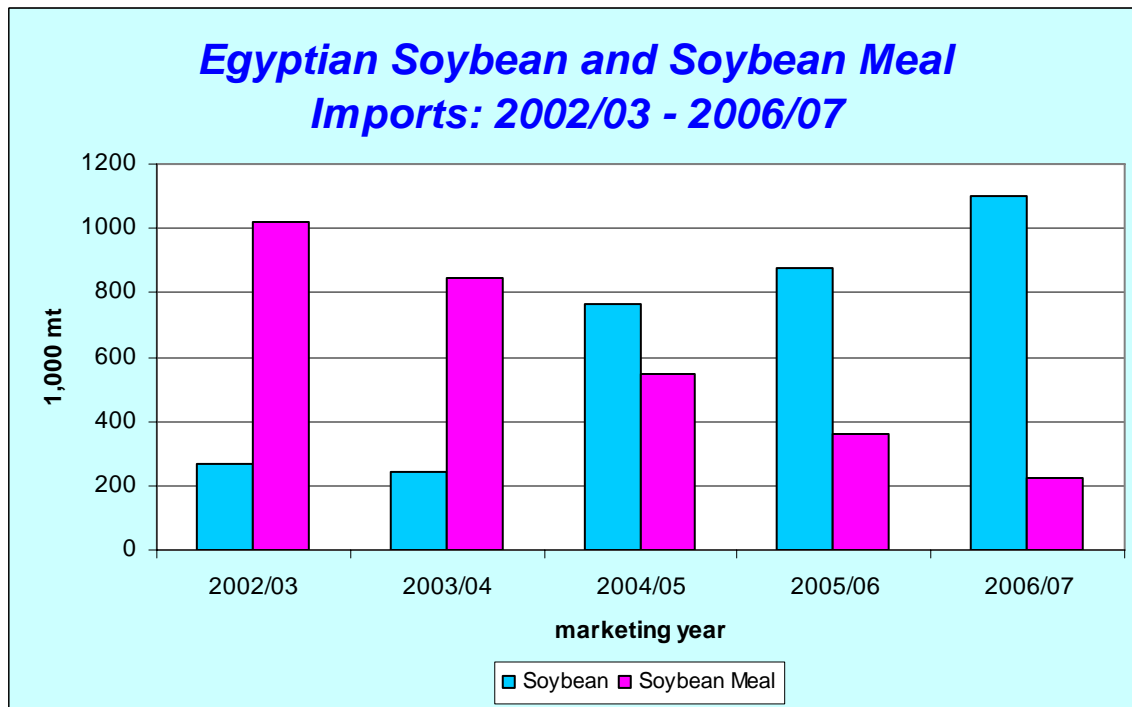




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## *New Egyptian Soy Crushing Capacity Shifts Import Demand From Meal to Beans*



Growing crush capacity in Egypt is expected to boost soybean imports and further shrink the need for soybean meal imports. Soybean imports are forecast to climb an additional 20 percent this year, four times the level recorded a few years earlier. Current crush capacity of around 900,000 tons is set to expand to nearly 1.5 million tons in 2007 which is sufficient to meet current soybean meal demand. Accordingly, soybean meal imports, which have declined by two-thirds, will continue to fall this year. This trend will likely continue into 2007/08 as a full 12 months of expanded crush capacity will be available yielding additional soybean meal.

Growing demand for soybeans has benefited the United States with exports up 10-fold since 2002/03 to 550,000 tons in 2005/06 and on track with last year's pace with strong early season sales reported. In addition to the U.S., Argentina is a significant source for soybeans accounting for much of the remaining import volume. Historically, Argentina has been the primary supplier of soybean meal to Egypt.









































































