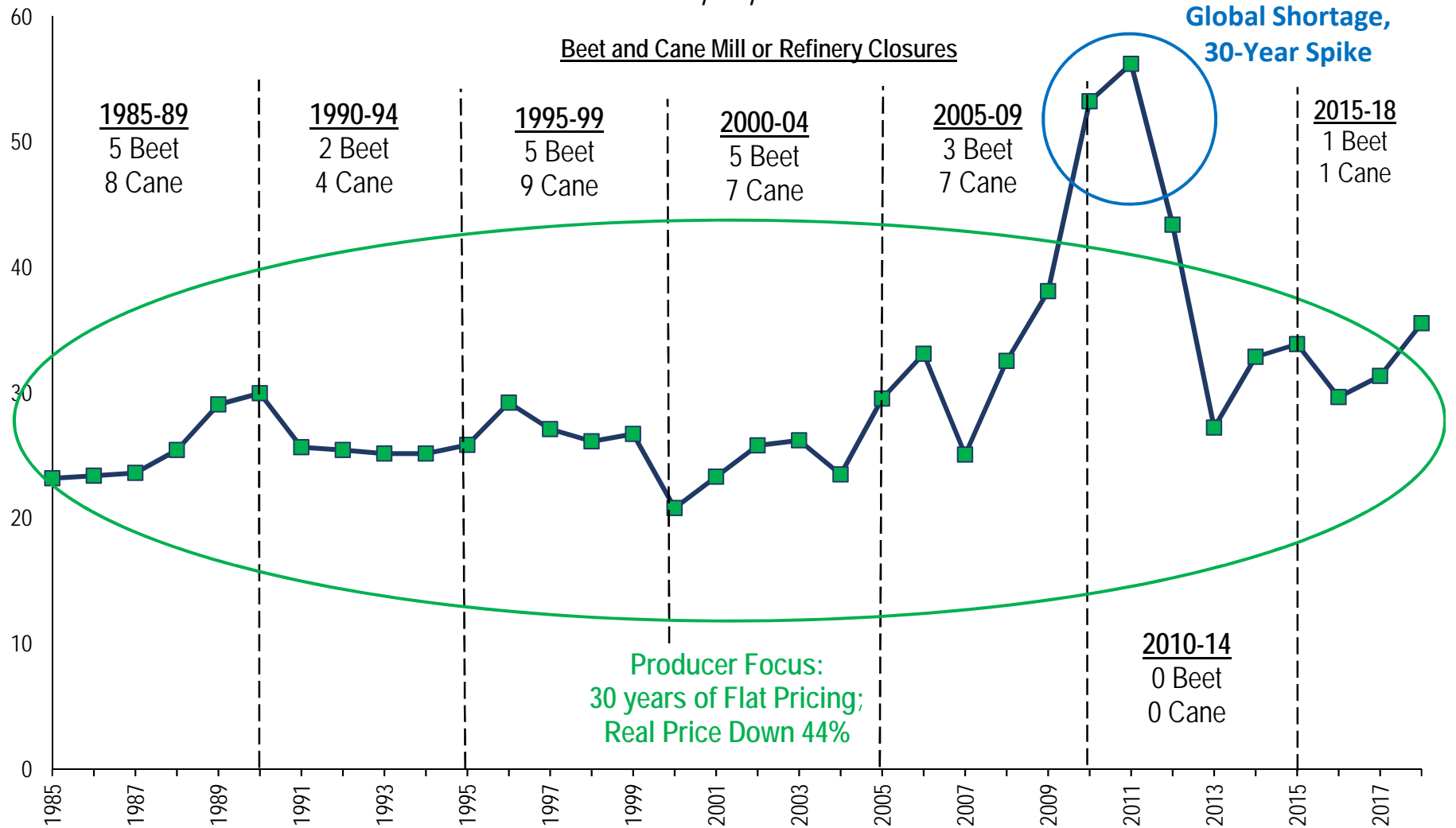


Wholesale Refined Sugar Prices and Sugar Company Closures: Flat prices for three decades = 57 closures from 1985 to 2018

--Cents per pound--



Source: USDA, annual average wholesale refined sugar prices, Midwest markets, 1985-2018. More operations would have closed had farmers not organized cooperatively to purchase independent beet and cane processing and refining facilities. User access to domestic sugar would have suffered more.