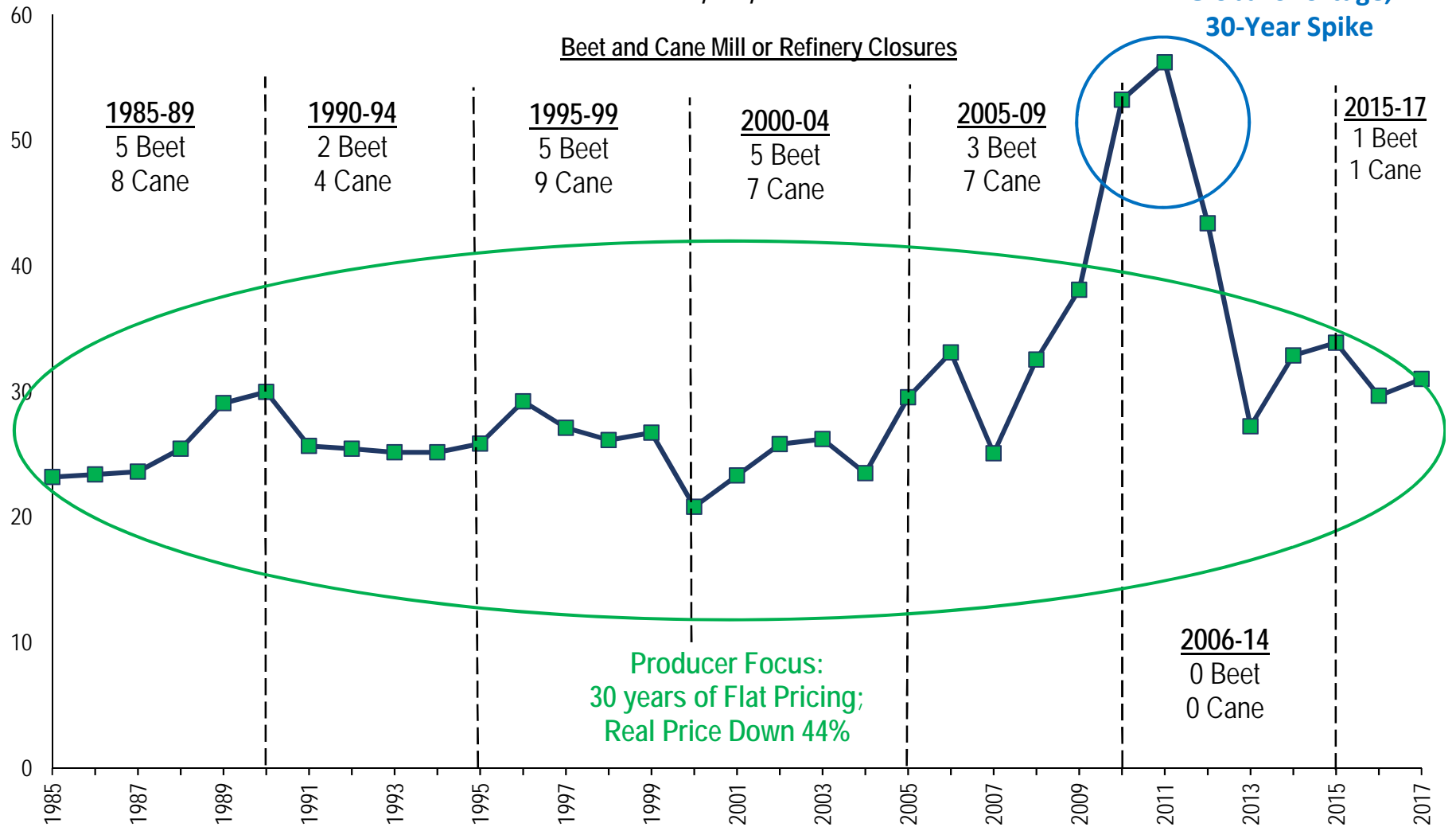


# Wholesale Refined Sugar Prices and Sugar Company Closures: Flat prices for three decades = 57 closures from 1985 to 2017

--Cents per pound--

**User Focus:  
Global Shortage,  
30-Year Spike**



Source: USDA, annual average wholesale refined sugar prices, Midwest markets, 1985-2017 (2017 year to date average). 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.