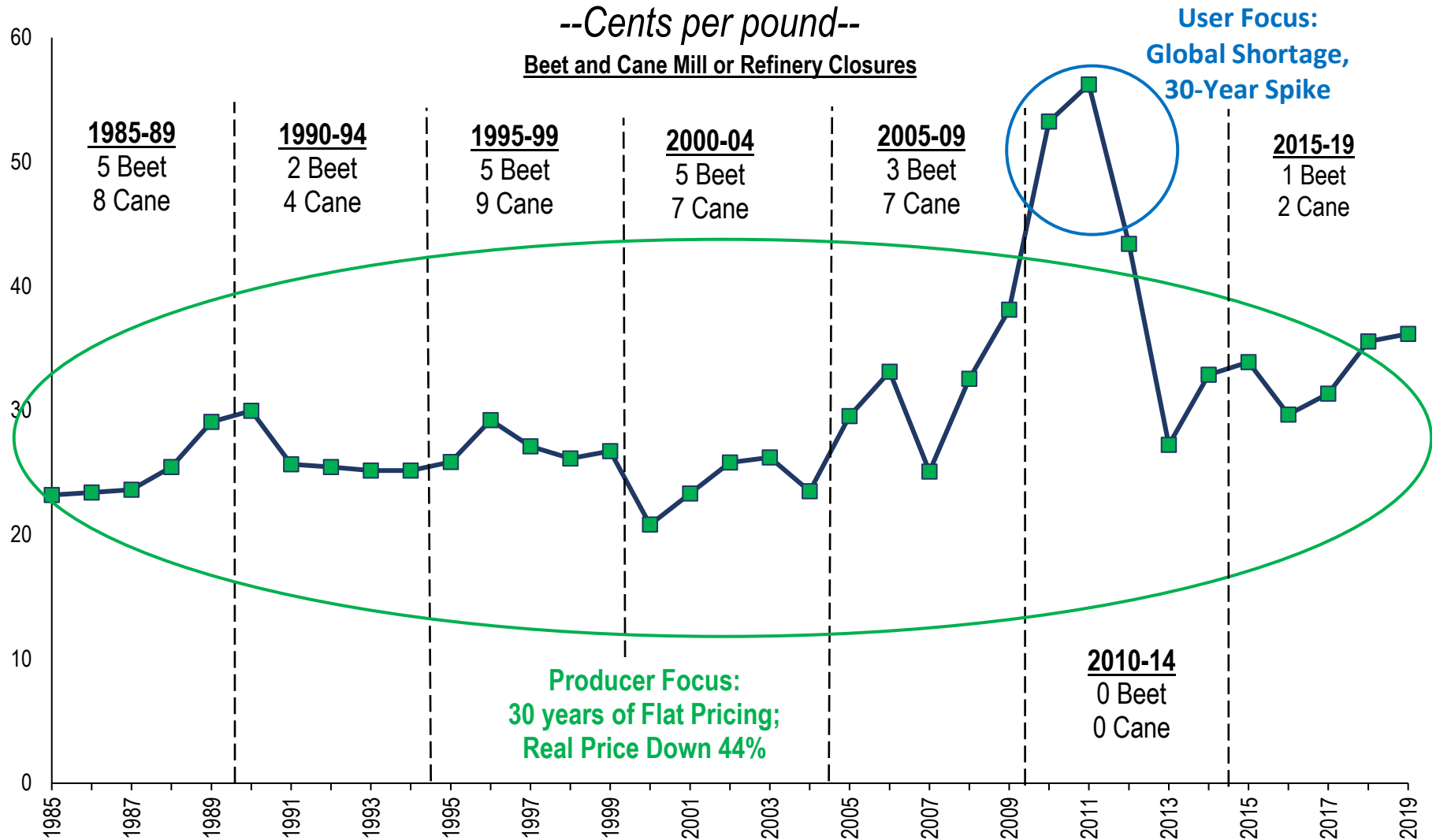


# Wholesale Refined Sugar Prices and Sugar Company Closures: Flat prices for three decades = 59 closures from 1985 to 2019



Source: USDA, annual average wholesale refined sugar prices, Midwest markets, 1985-2019. 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.