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Is urbanization a grand opportunity for rural economic growth in developing countries?

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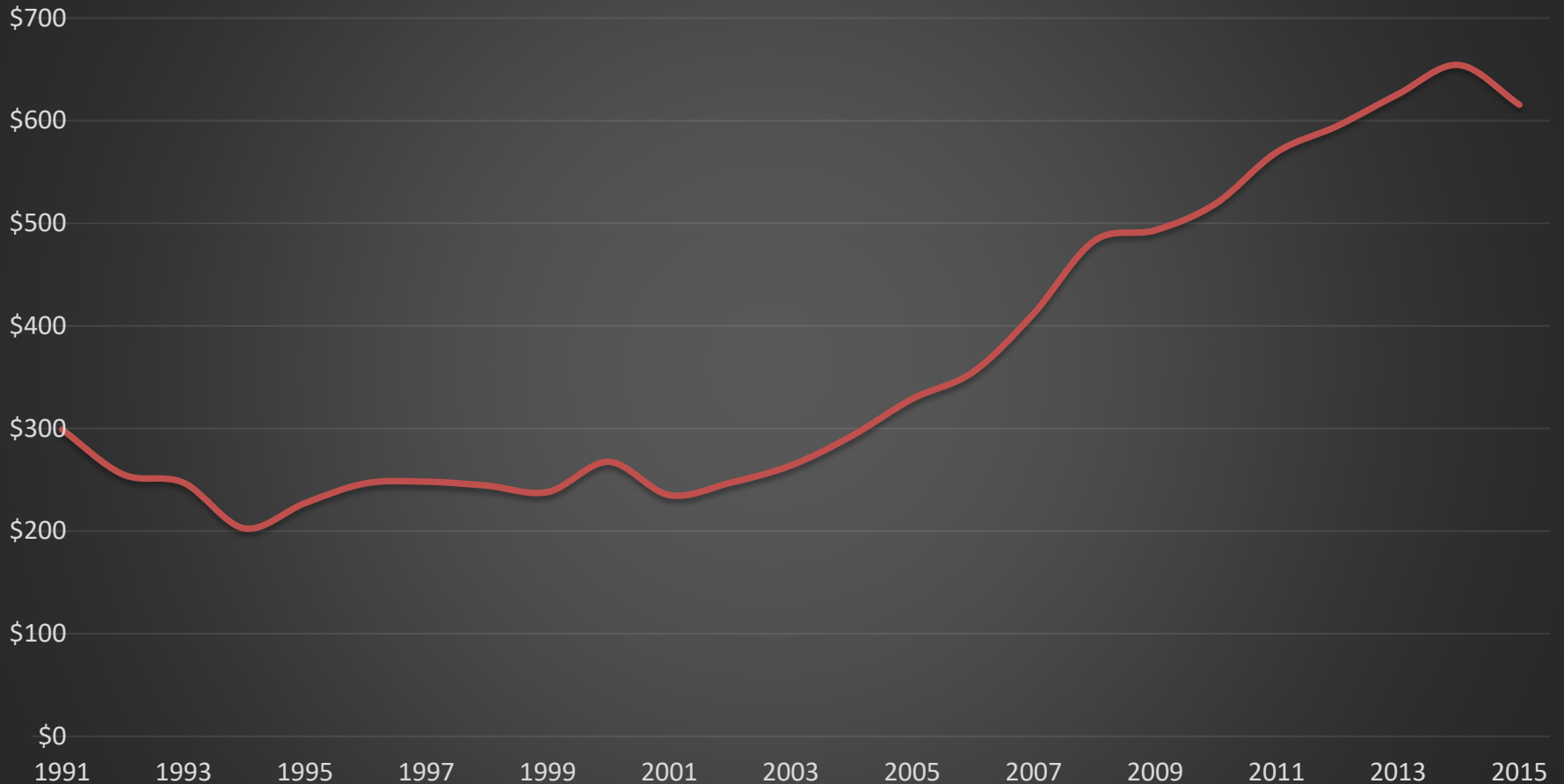
- Launched in response to 2008 price spike in food and energy commodities.
- Designed to accelerate agriculture-sector growth and improve nutrition outcomes.
- Focus on Value Chains



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Per Capita GDP (Current US\$) in Lower Income Countries

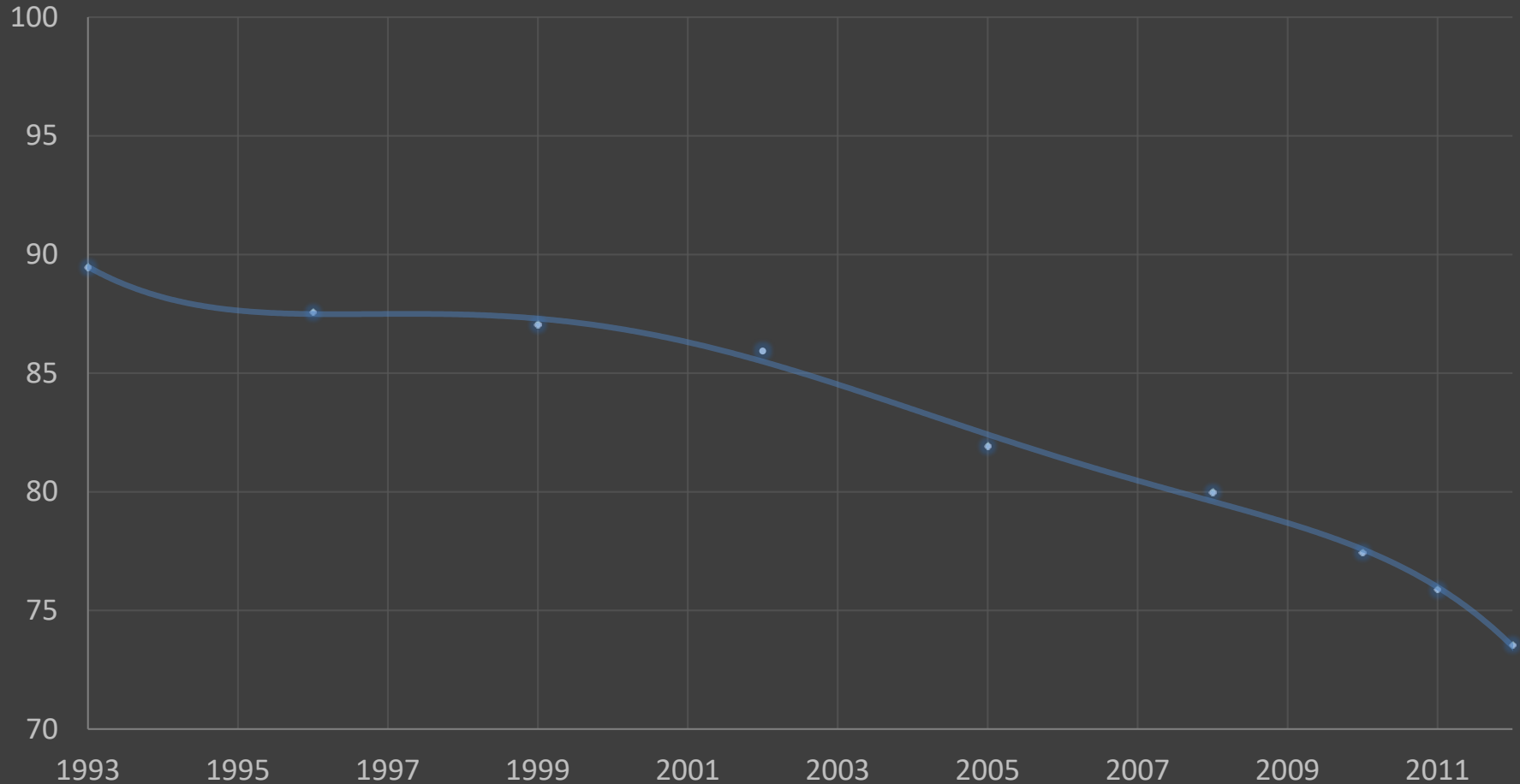




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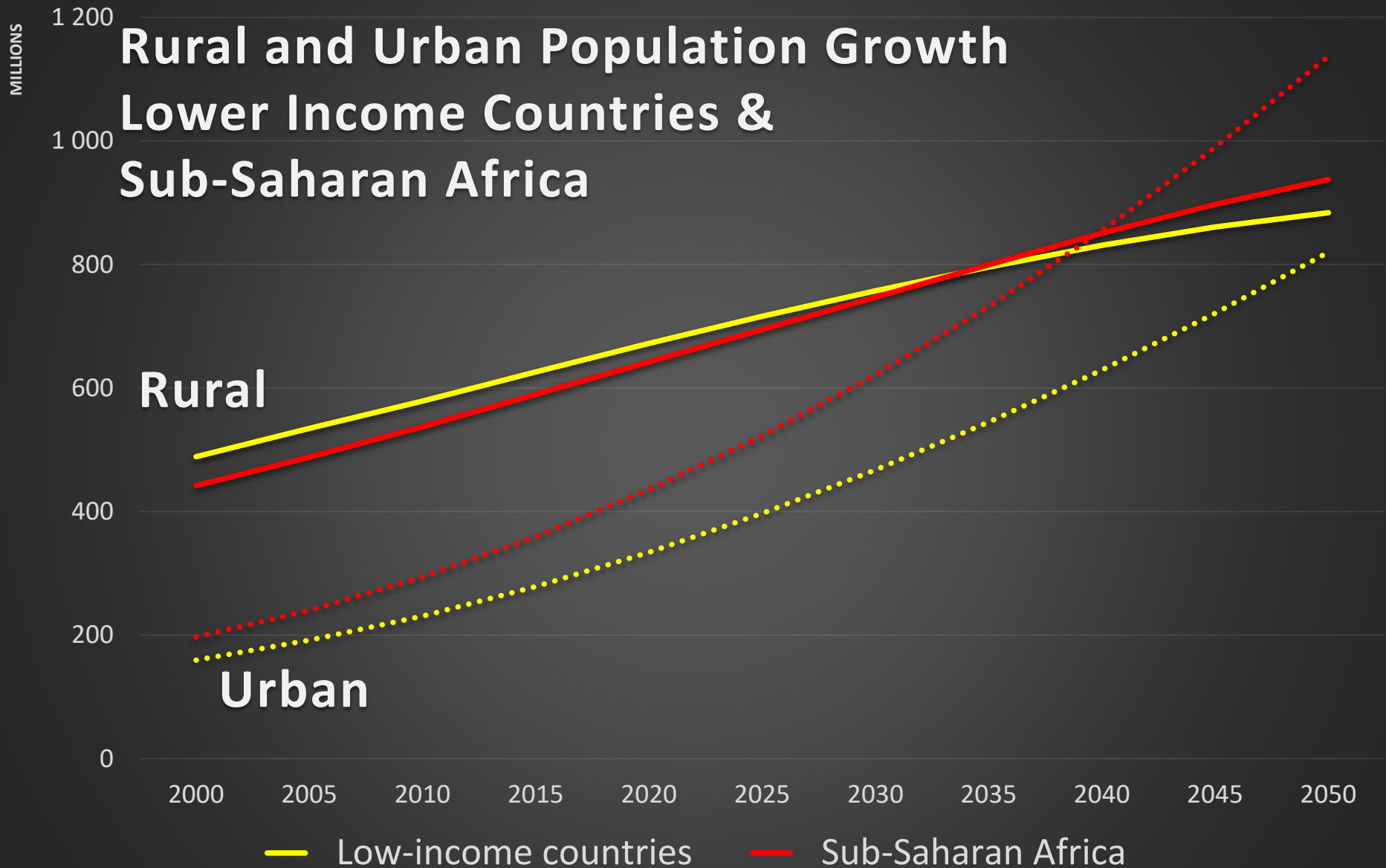
% Living in Poverty in Lower Income Countries





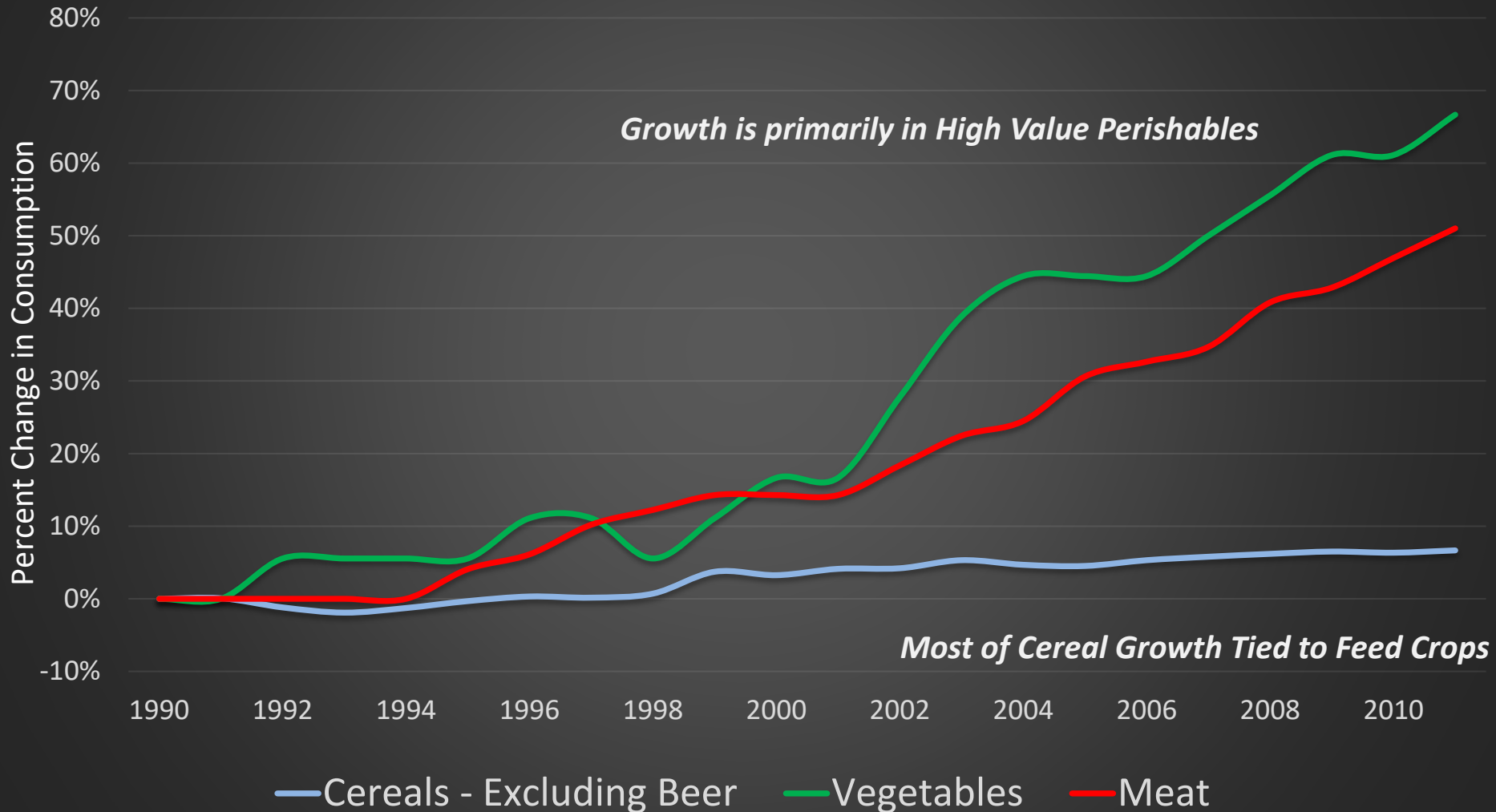
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Trends in Global Food Consumption





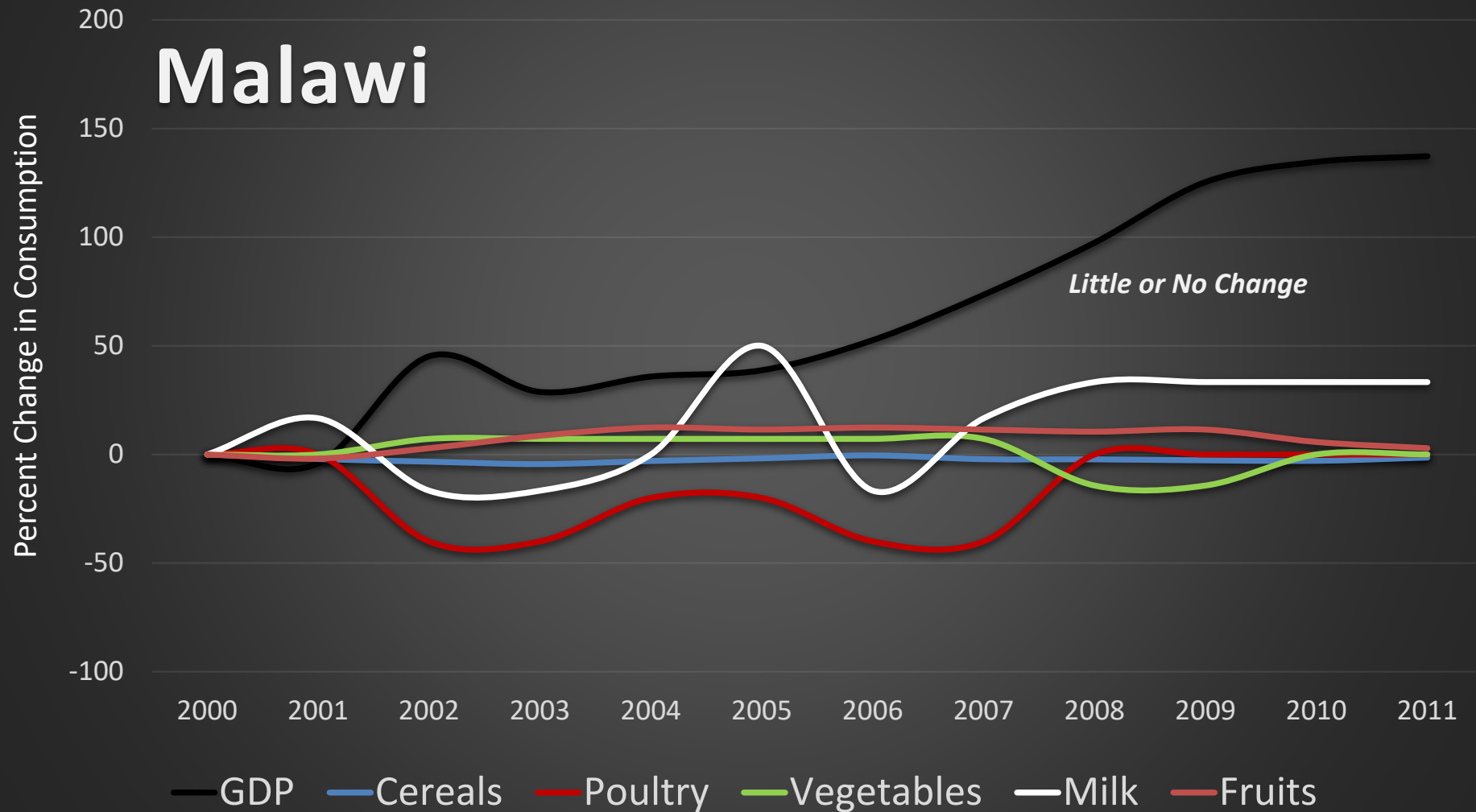
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Trends Vary By Country

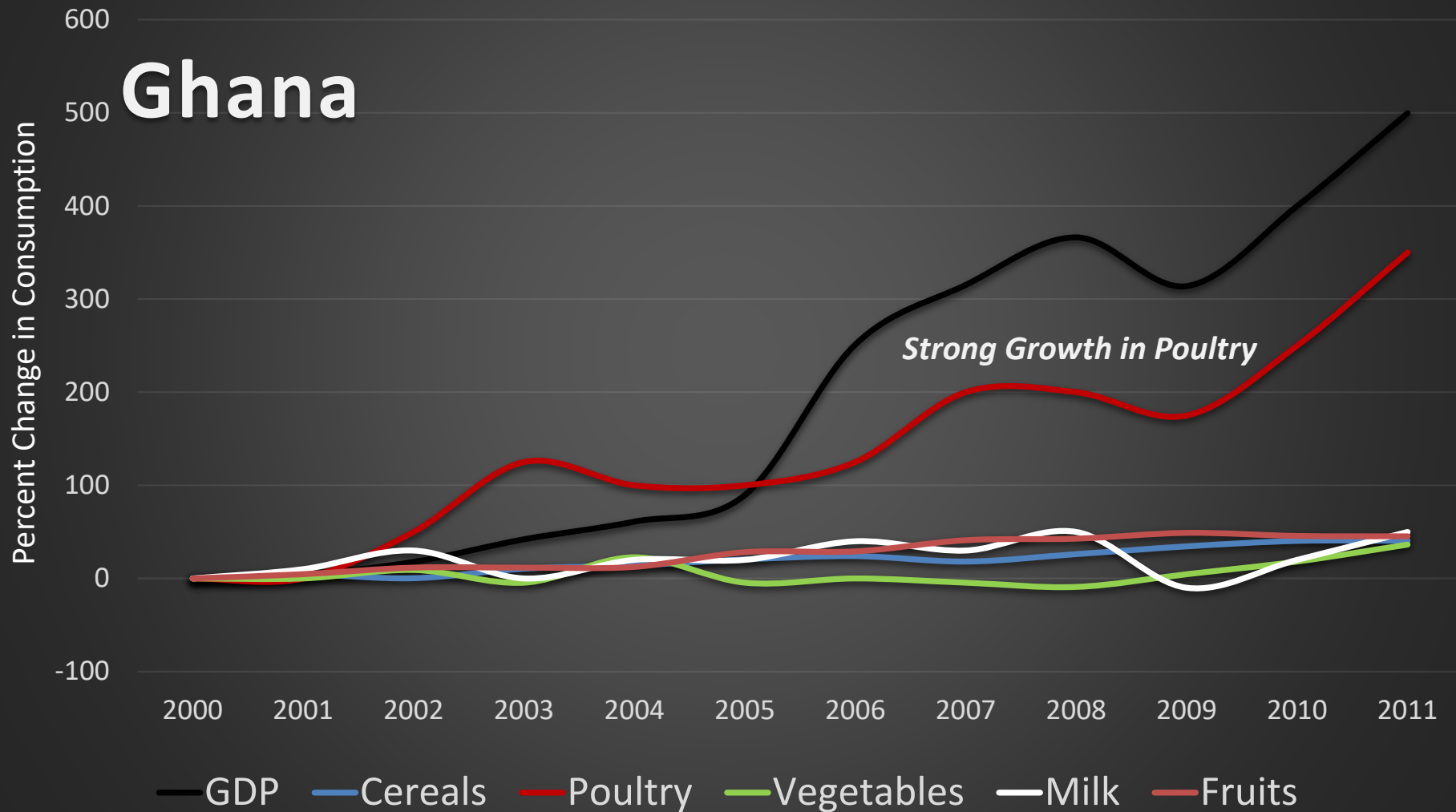


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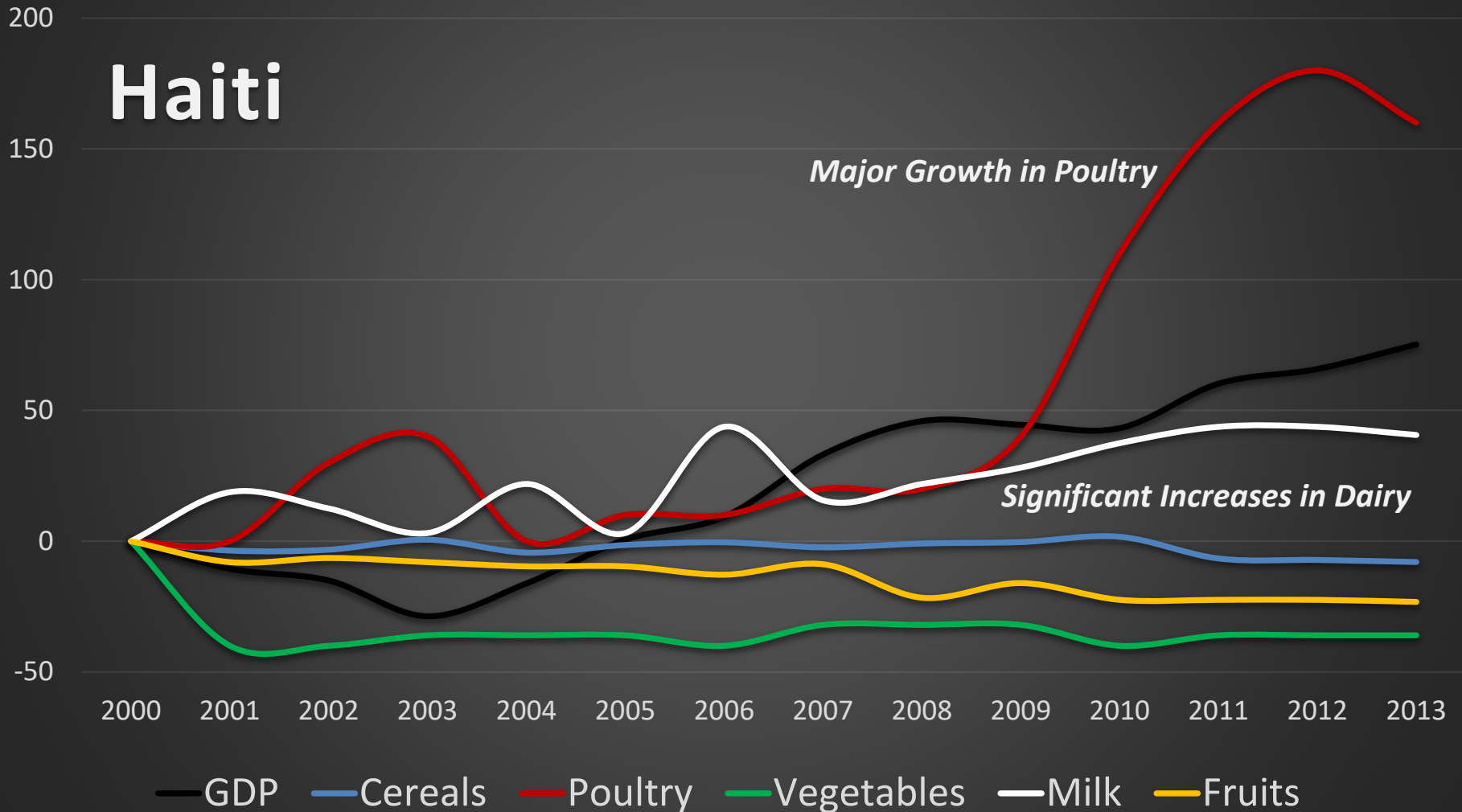




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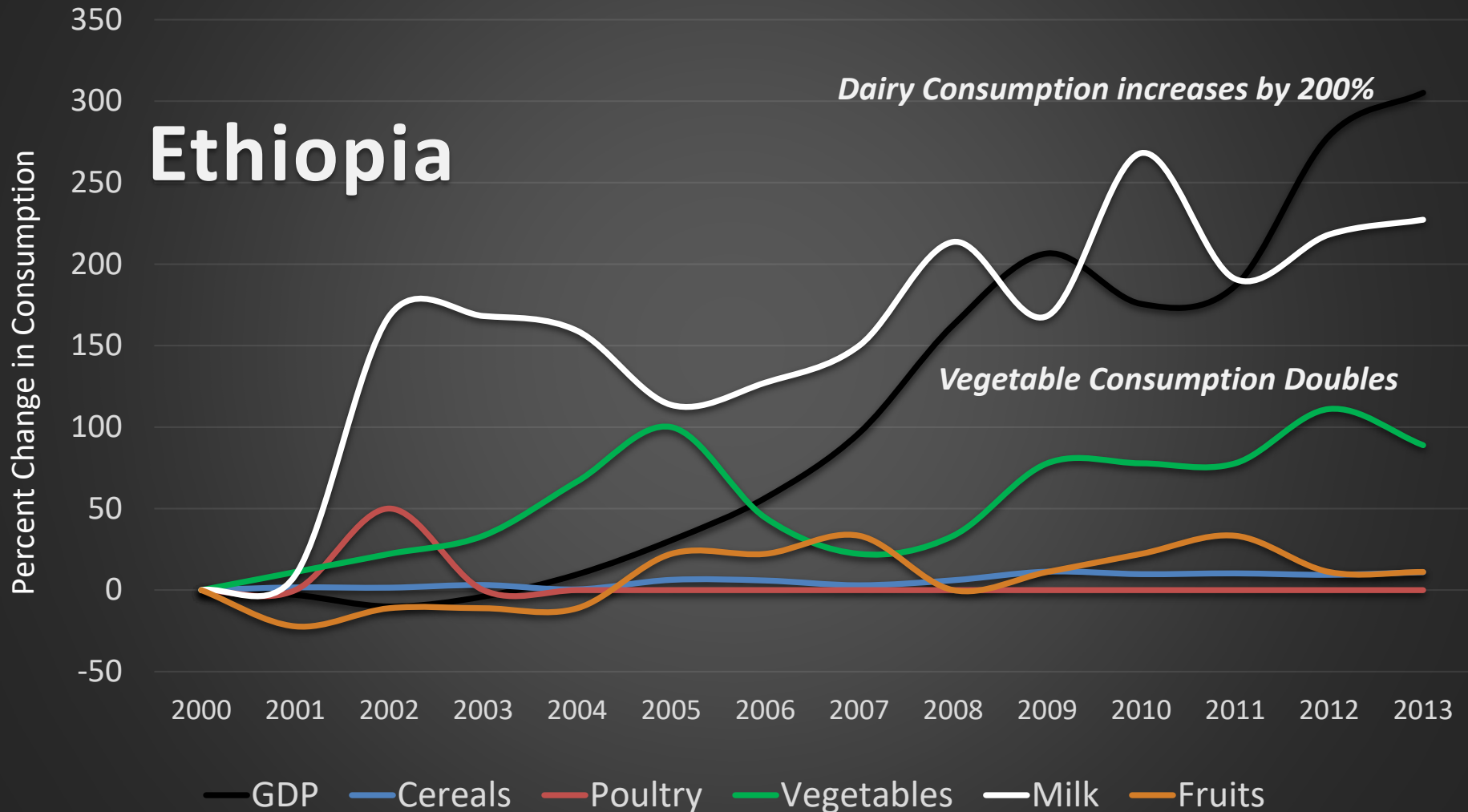




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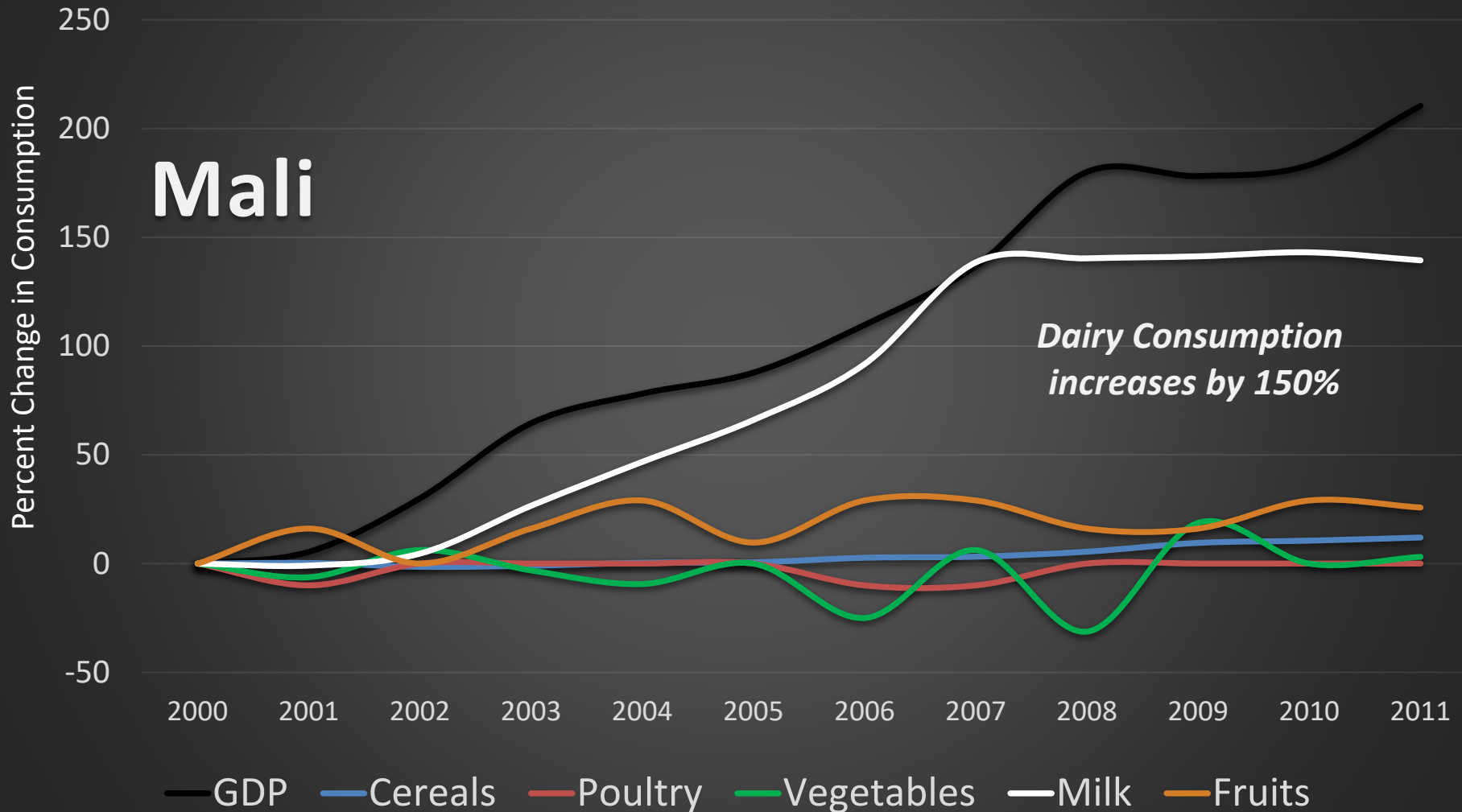




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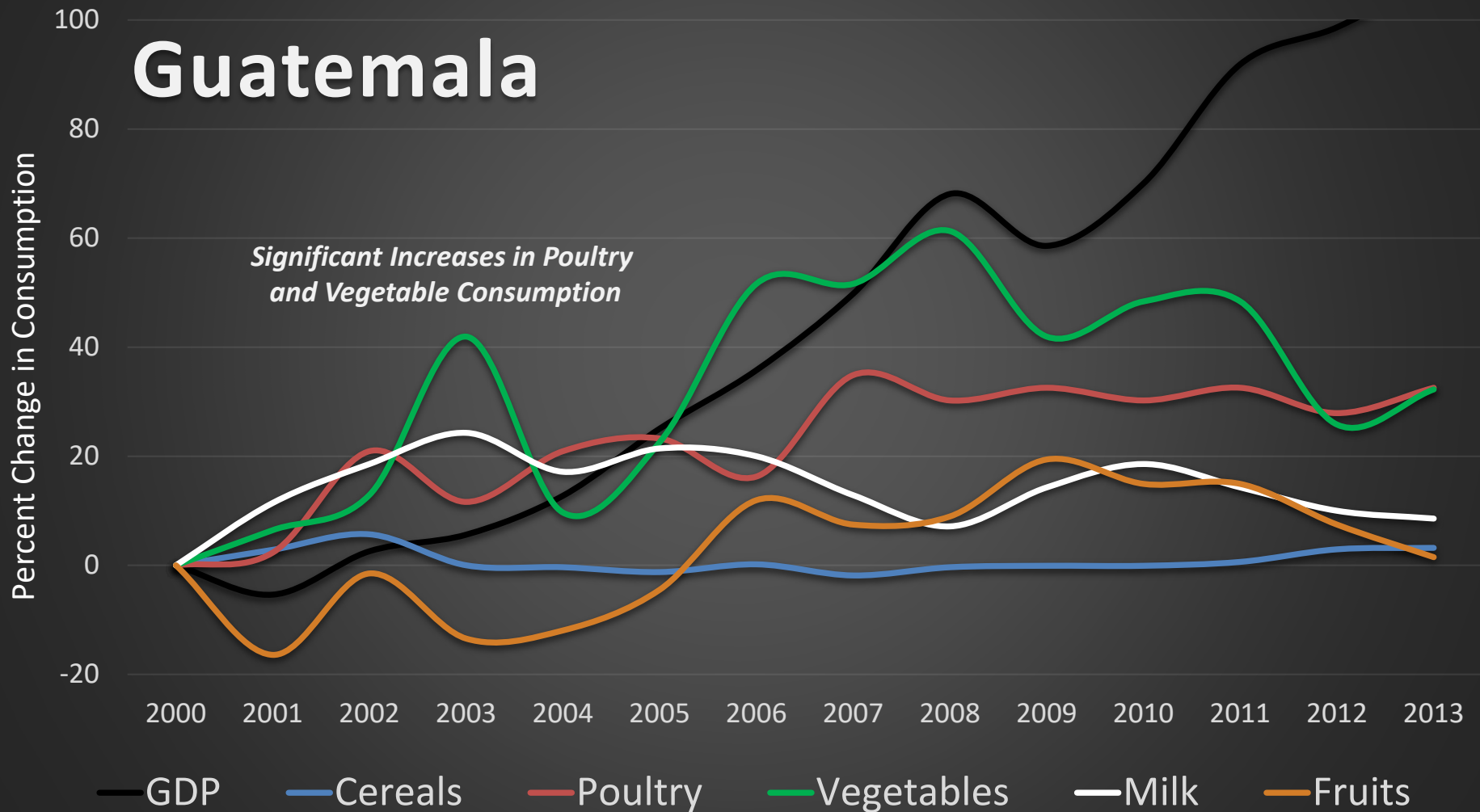
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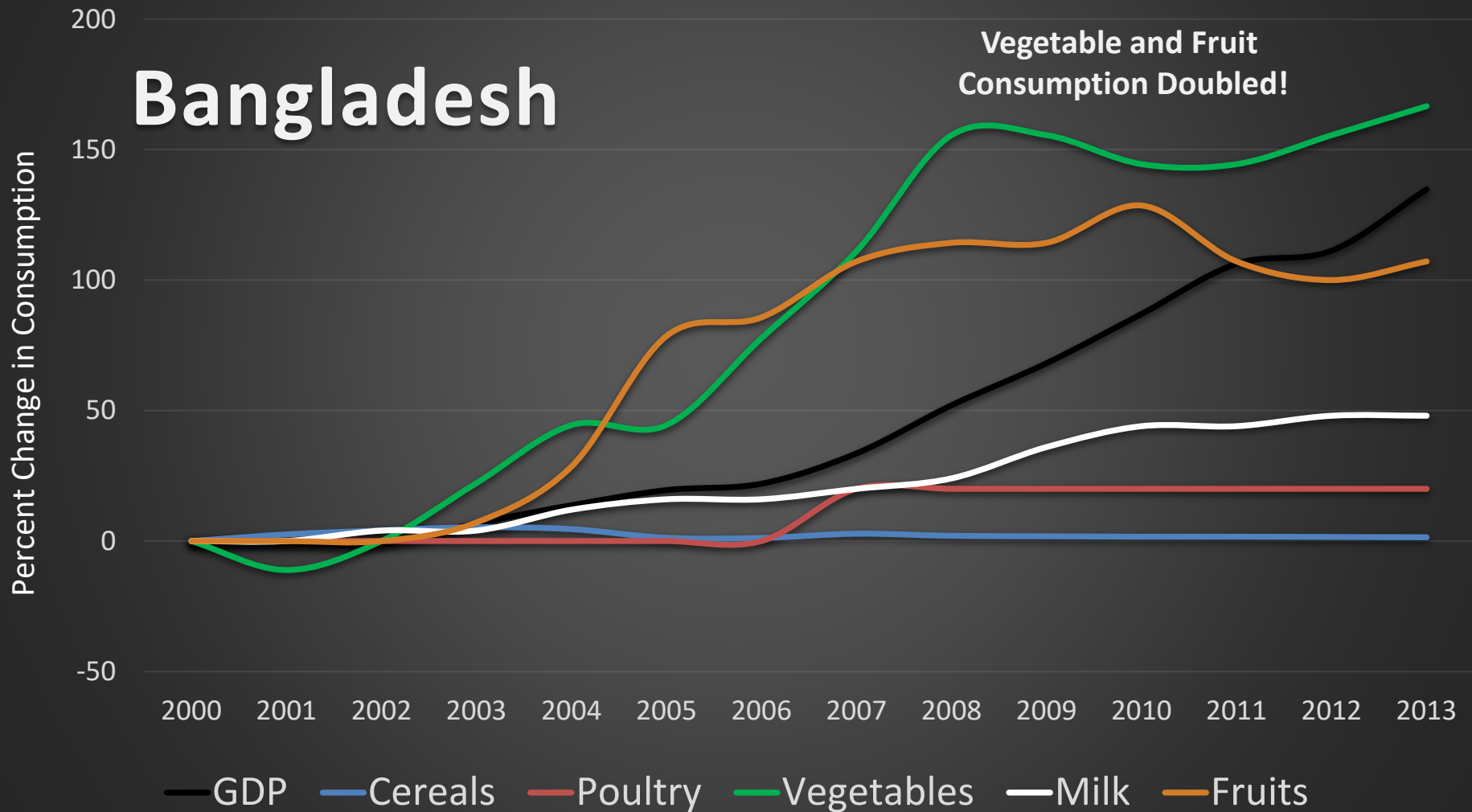




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Next Steps for US Efforts on Food Security

Global Food Security Act (GFSA)

July 2016

- Global Food Security Act (GFSA) passes with bipartisan support.
- GFSA reaffirms US commitment to end global hunger, poverty and child malnutrition.

October 2016

- US Government releases the Global Food Security Strategy (GFSS).
- GFSS charts the course for achieving global food security and contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- **Urbanization is highlighted as an emerging issue of strategic importance to global food security.**



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Urbanization as an Opportunity for Agricultural Led-Growth

- 1. Agriculture has new potential for driving economic growth.**



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2. (a) Urban markets in developing countries are bigger than ever before, and growing fast.



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2. (b) New food demand is leading to new opportunities for food-system led economic growth.



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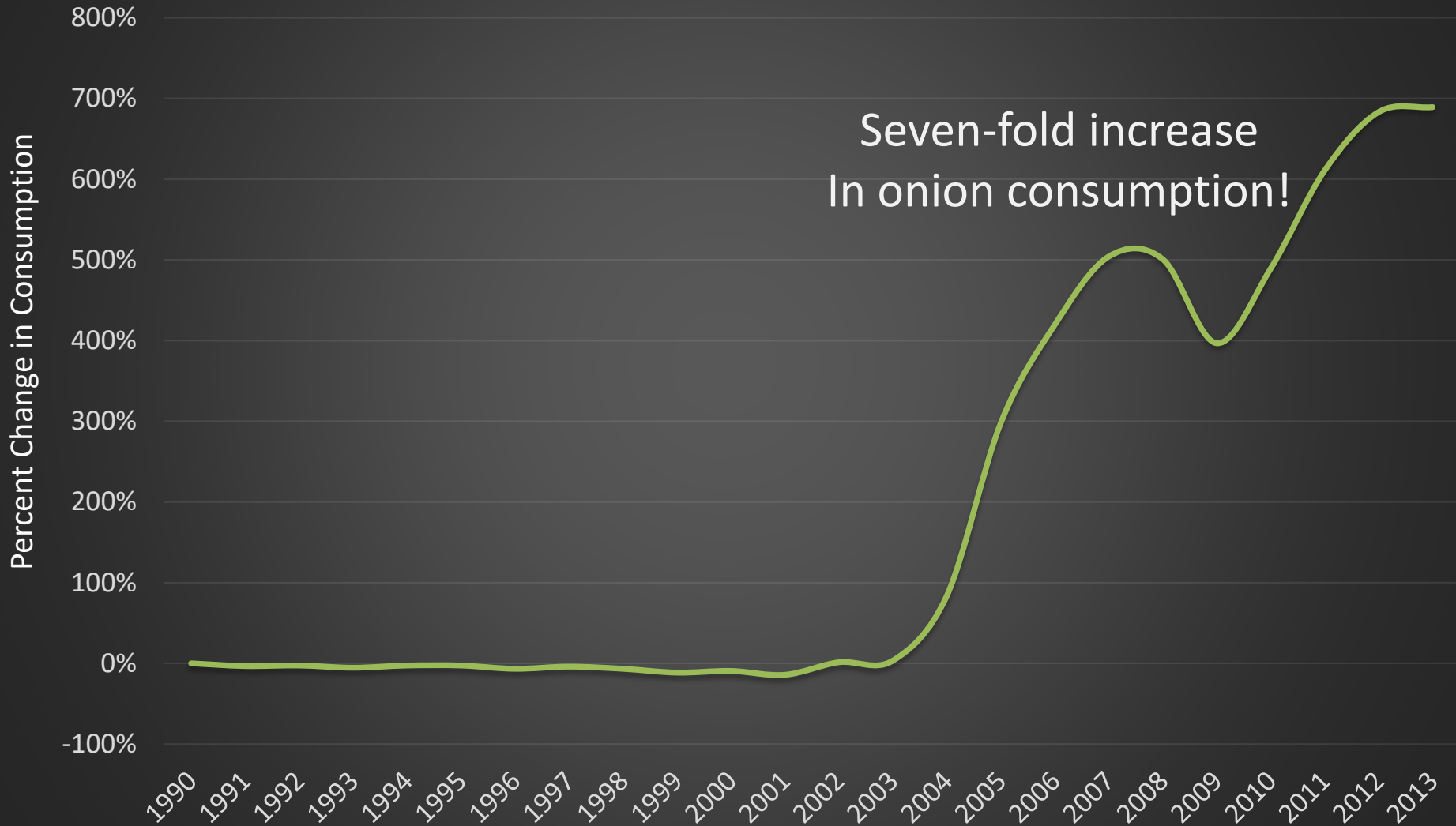
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**2.(c) Demand is growing particularly fast
for higher-value perishables and
processable foods.**

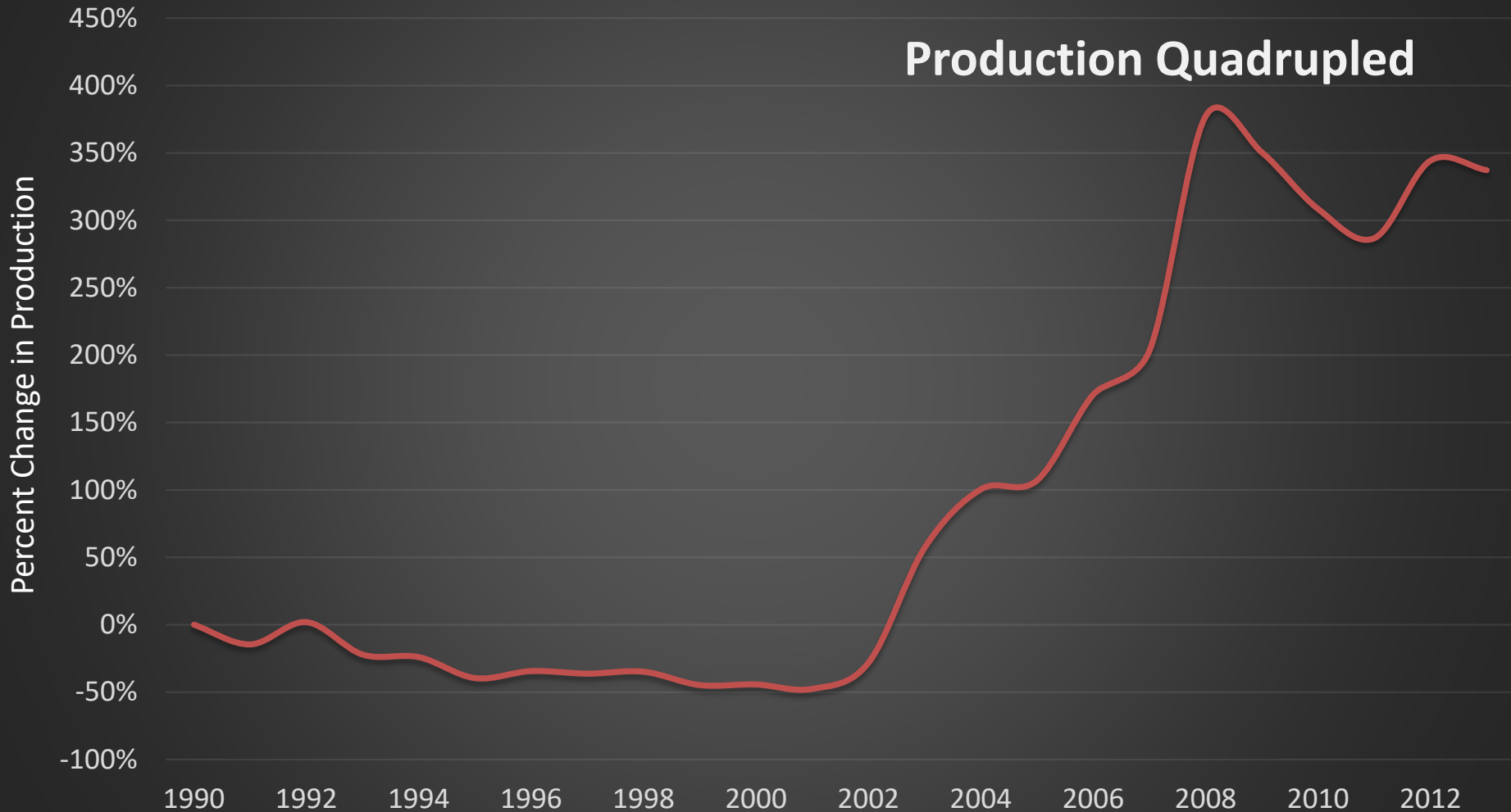


Bangladesh- Onion Consumption





Bangladesh- Onion Production

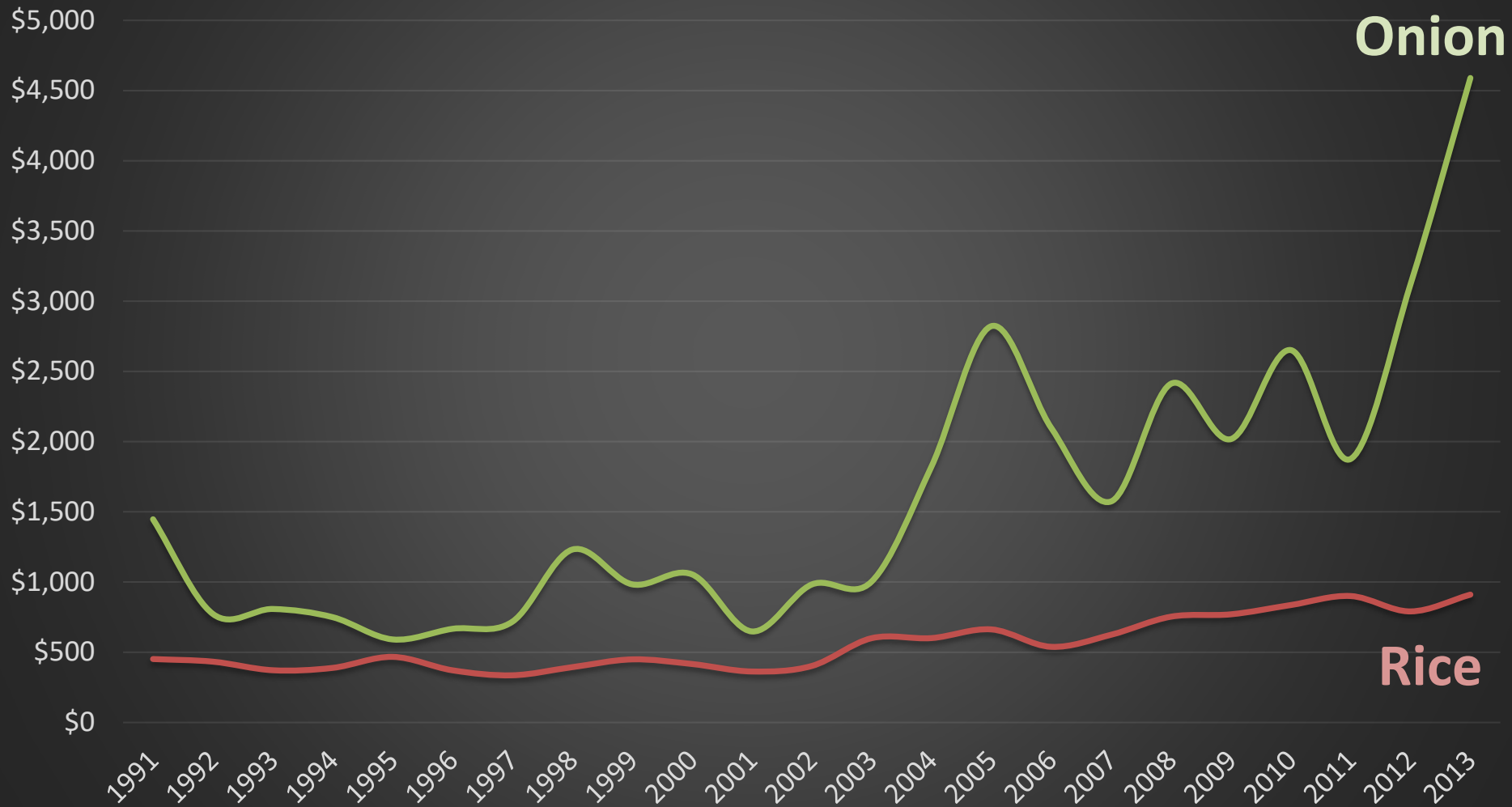




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Bangladesh- Average Value (US\$) Generated Per Hectare





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**3.(a) Post-farm sections in the food
system are increasingly critical.**



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3.(b) Improving physical and legal infrastructure will be essential for inclusive food system-led growth.



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Challenges going forward



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- 1. No guarantee that future growth will include small scale producers.**



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2. Diversity in product quality, consistency, and traceability limits market access for small- farms.



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3. Returns to scale are increasingly important in post farm elements in food production.



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