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# Aquaculture Production Systems – Advances in Water, Genetics, Health, and Nutrition

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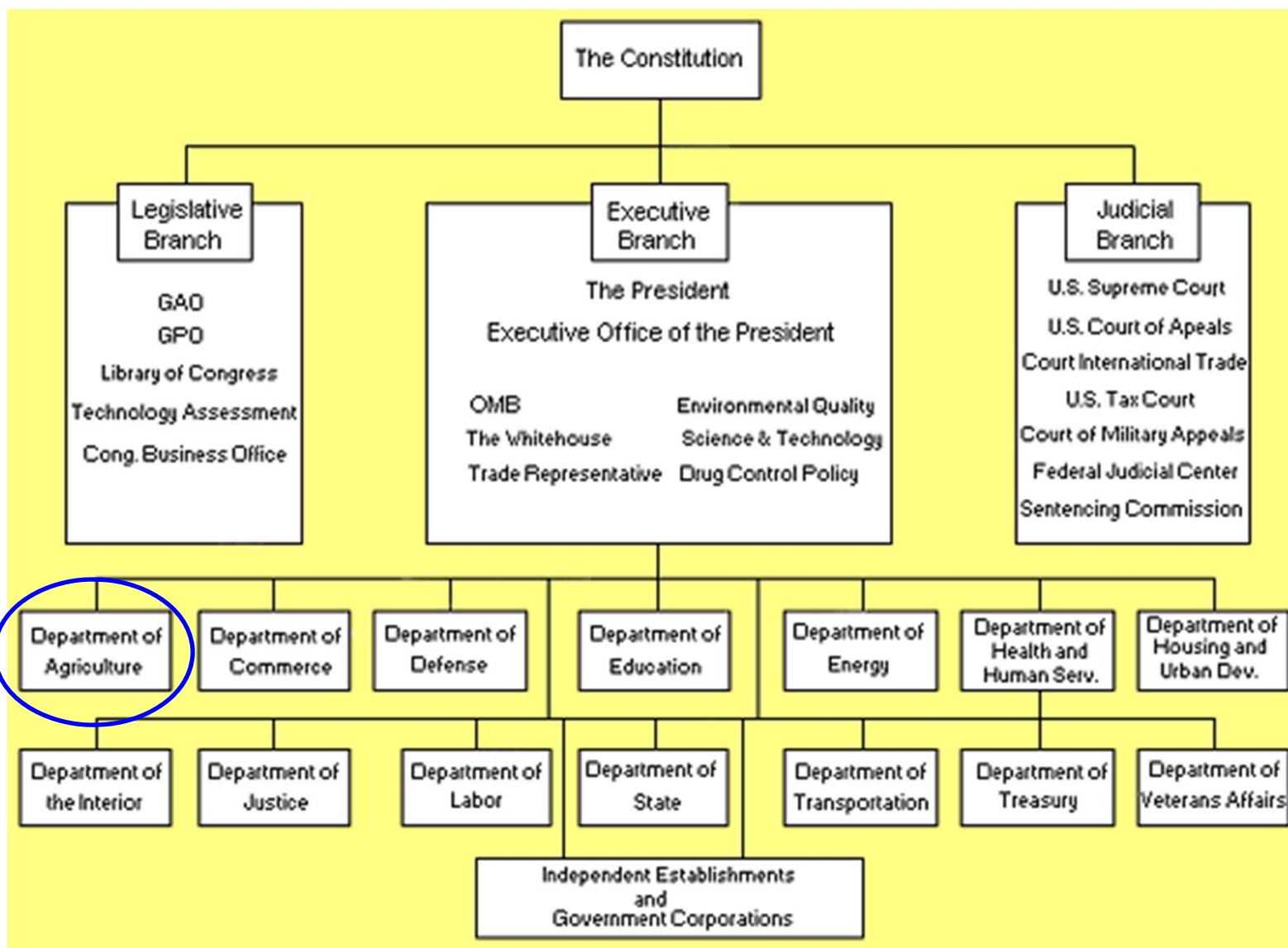
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# Aquaculture National Program 106

- 25 projects
- 60 scientists
- 15 laboratory sites
- Budget: \$35 Million
- Freshwater and Marine Systems





# Aquaculture Research Components

- Catfish, Atlantic Salmon, Rainbow Trout, Hybrid Striped Bass, Oysters, Yellow Perch
- Genetic Improvement
- Control of Growth, Stress, Reproduction
- Nutrition and Feeds
- Health
- Production systems and products



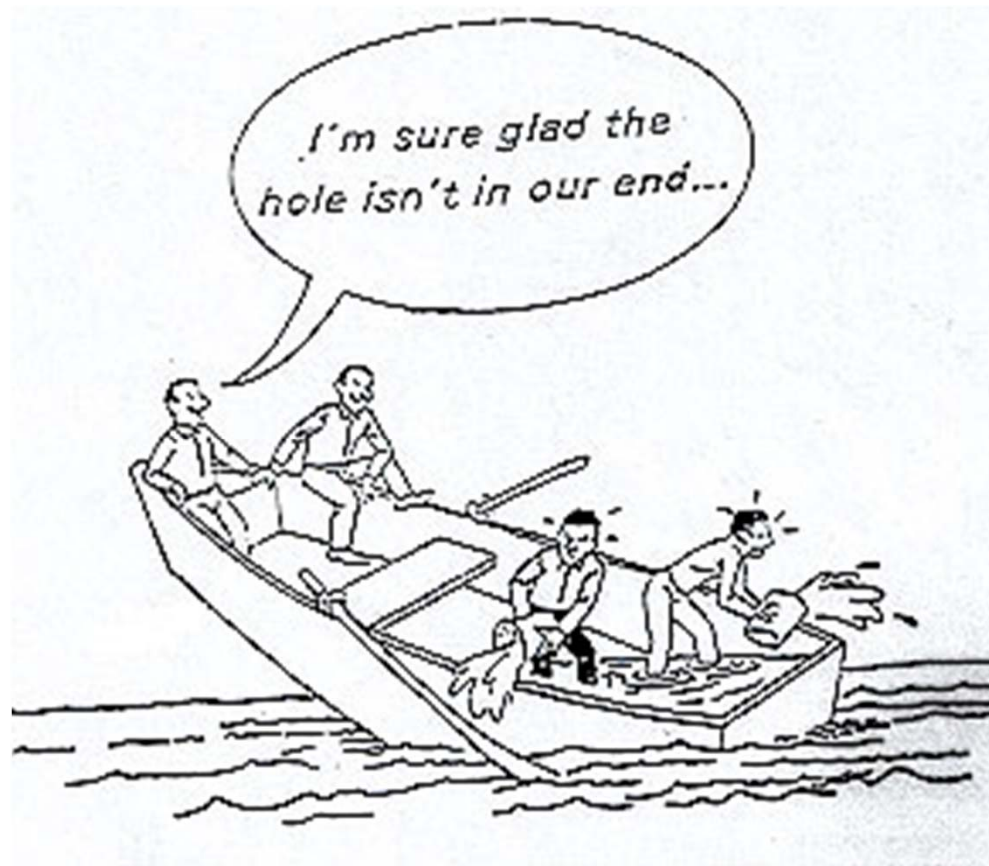


# Domestic Aquaculture



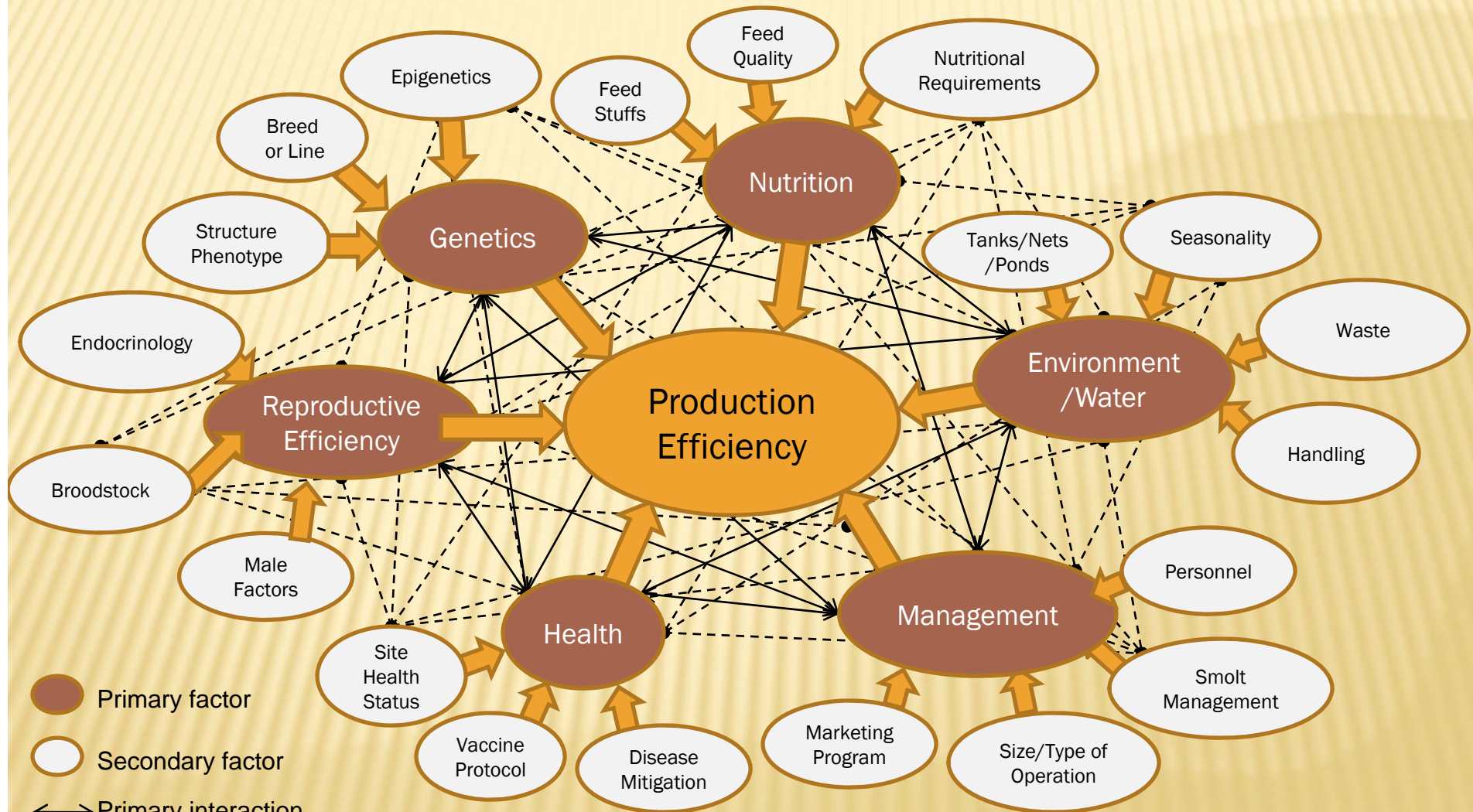
# Systems Approach

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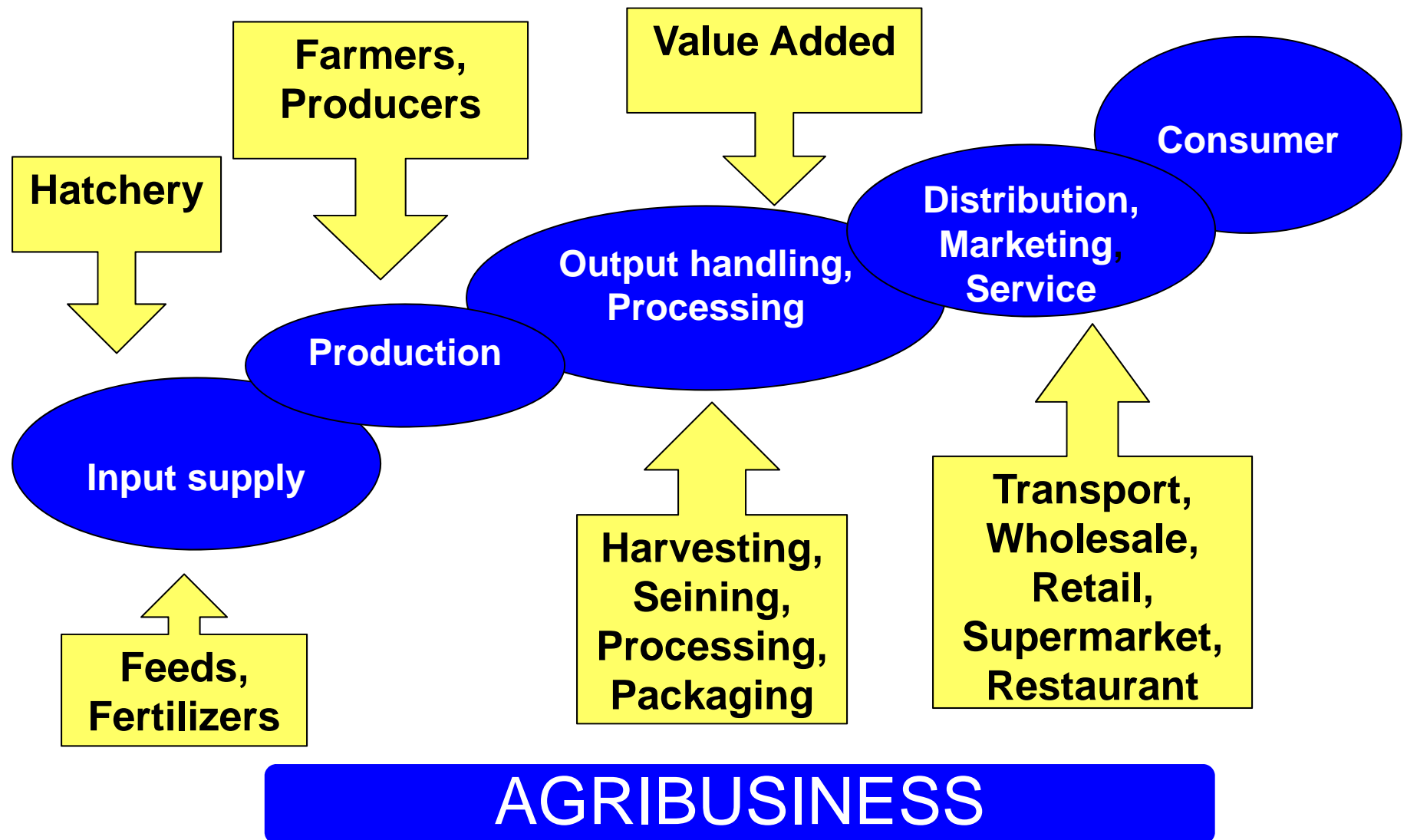


# PRODUCTION EFFICIENCY

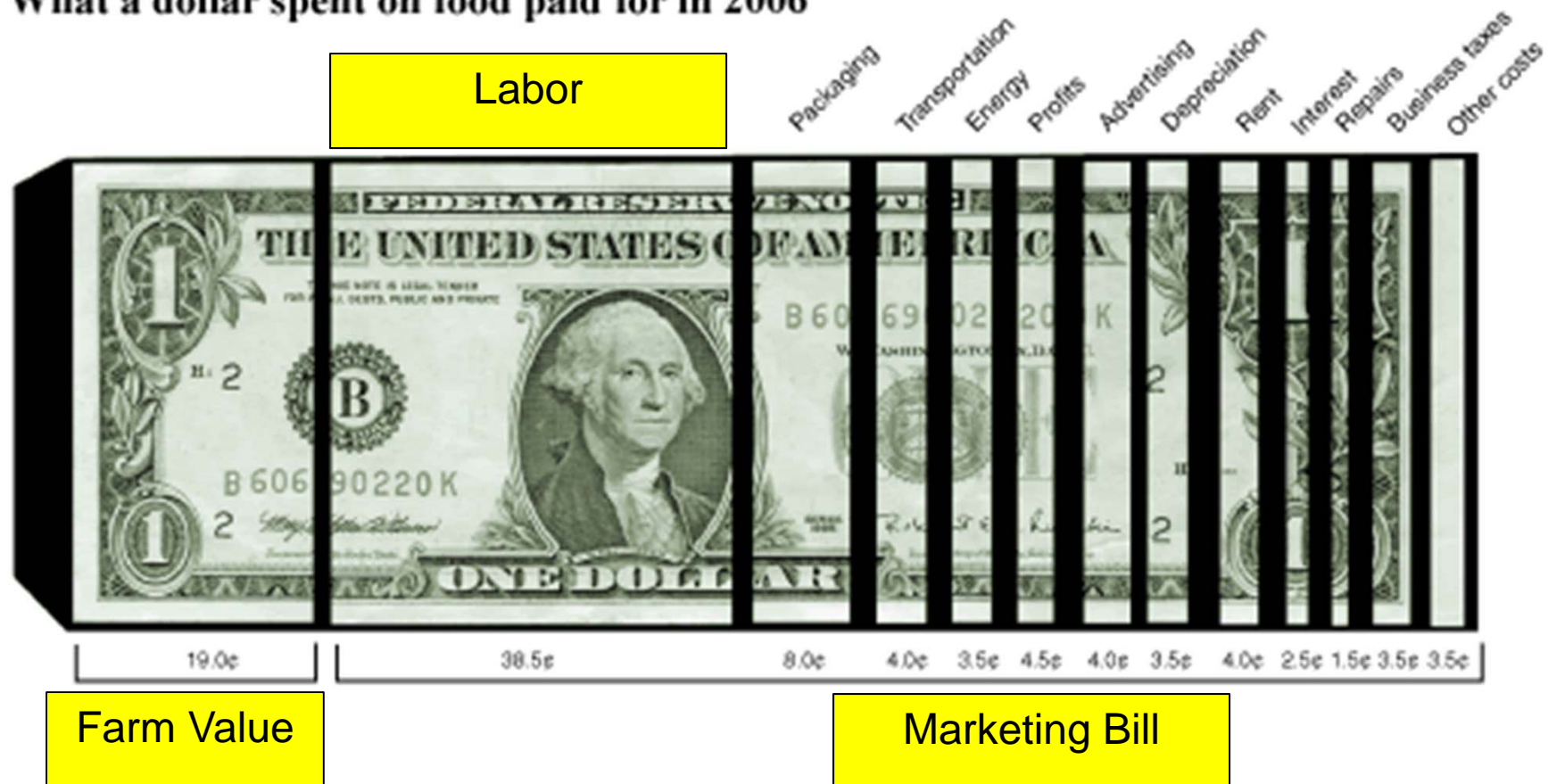


# Aquaculture Value Chain-primary activities

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## What a dollar spent on food paid for in 2006



Source: USDA's Economic Research Service.





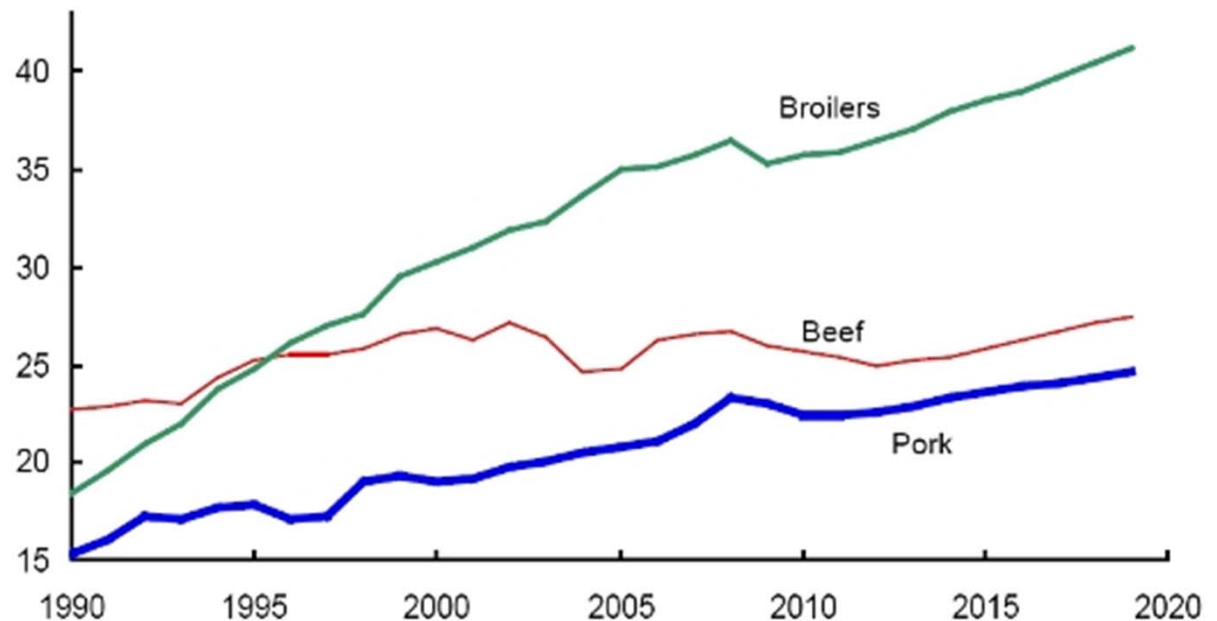
# Improvement through research

- 1970 broilers ~7.7 billion pounds annual production in US,

- pre -value added,
- pre -health claims

U.S. red meat and poultry production

Billion pounds



**BROILERS ACRBC (1957) Males – 2001 Feed**



Havenstein and  
Qureshi, 2004

**Ross Males (2001) – 2001 Feed**



**Day 43**

**Day 57**

**Day 71**

**Day 85**

# Critical Questions/Challenges

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- Maximize production efficiency
  - Better genetics
  - Better nutrition
  - Better health
- Control over more of the system
  - Cost of water/control of water quality
  - Control of waste
  - Biosecurity (incoming and outgoing)
- Integration with the value chain
- Benchmark against other industries (Poultry)







Thank you!

