

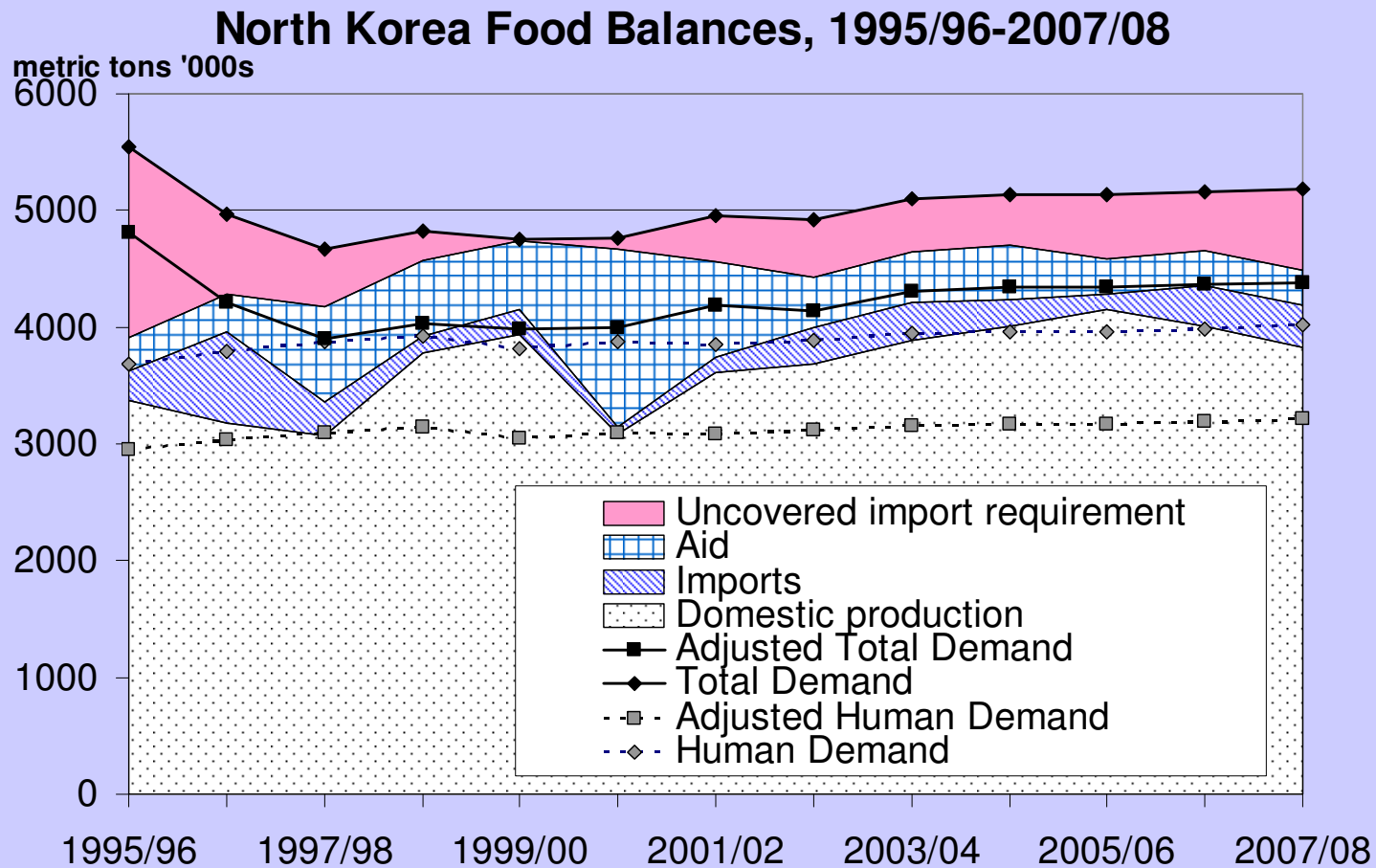
The re-emergence of pre-famine conditions in the DPRK

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Overview

- Supply conditions more precarious than any time since the famine.
- Access to external supplies--aid, commercial imports—strained by
 - Provocative behavior
 - Global market conditions
- The government's response—emphasizing controls over production, markets and movement—self-defeating, closing safety valves.
- Some hunger-related deaths likely.

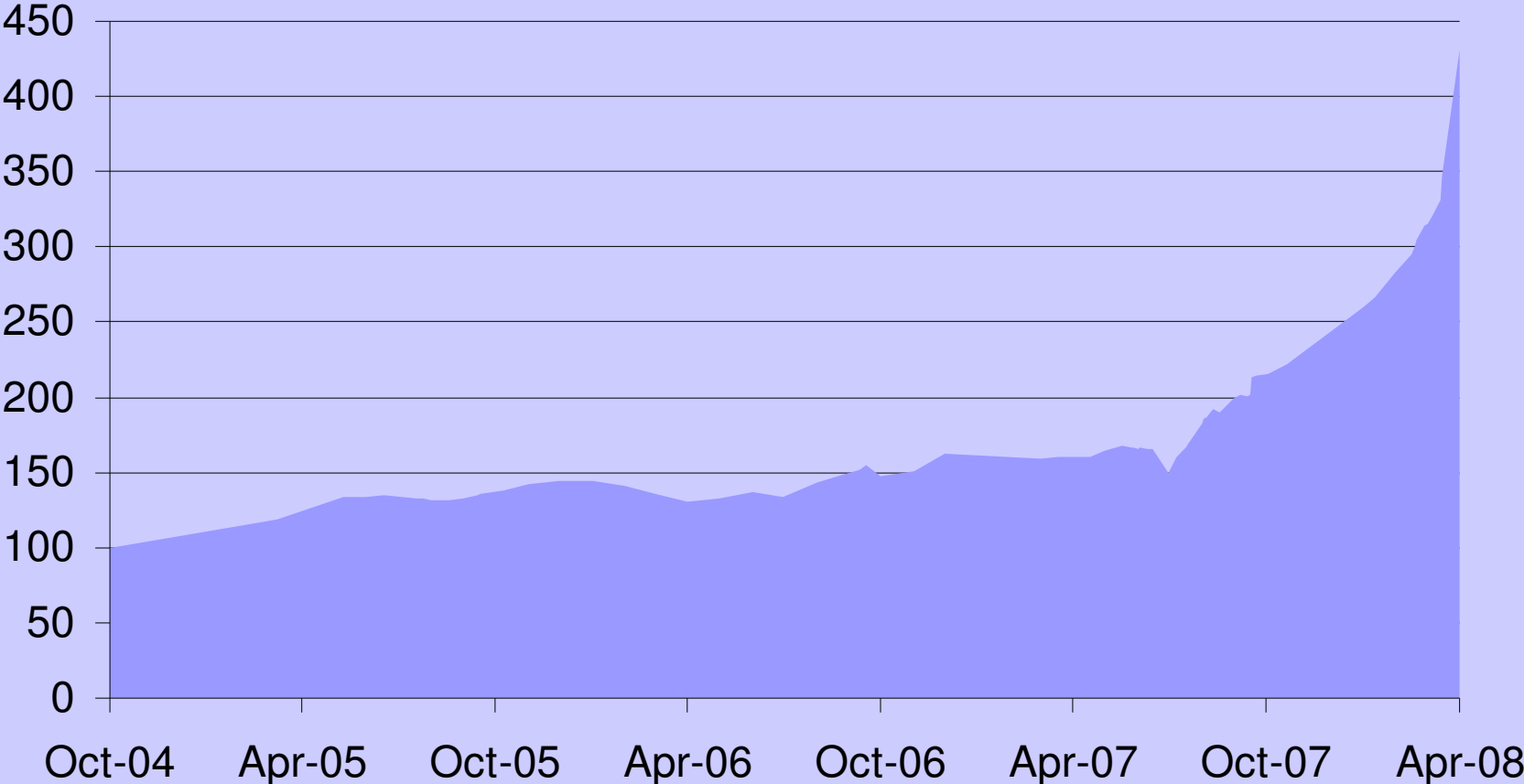
Worst supply situation since the famine.



Prices nearly tripled in last year

North Korea Nominal Food Prices

Price Index (Oct 2004=100)



Thank you for your attention

- For more information see Haggard and Noland, *Famine in North Korea: Markets, Aid and Reform*.
- Figures from Haggard, Noland, Weeks, forthcoming at www.petersoninstitute.org

