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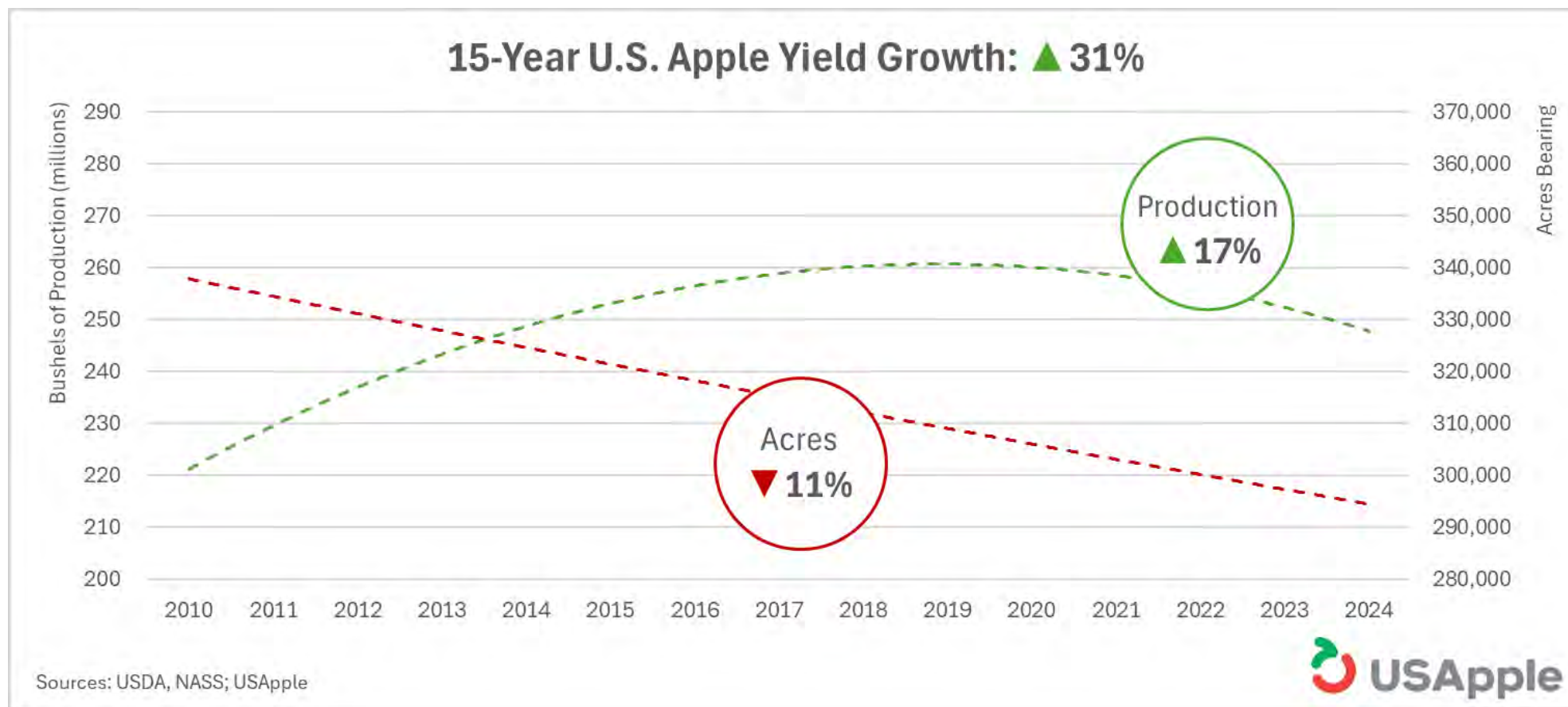


# About USApple

- 27,000 growers
- 25 billion apples
- 150,000 jobs
- \$8 billion total wages
- \$4 billion farmgate value
- \$24 billion total economic footprint



**Does the government  
push or pull  
agricultural technology and innovation?**











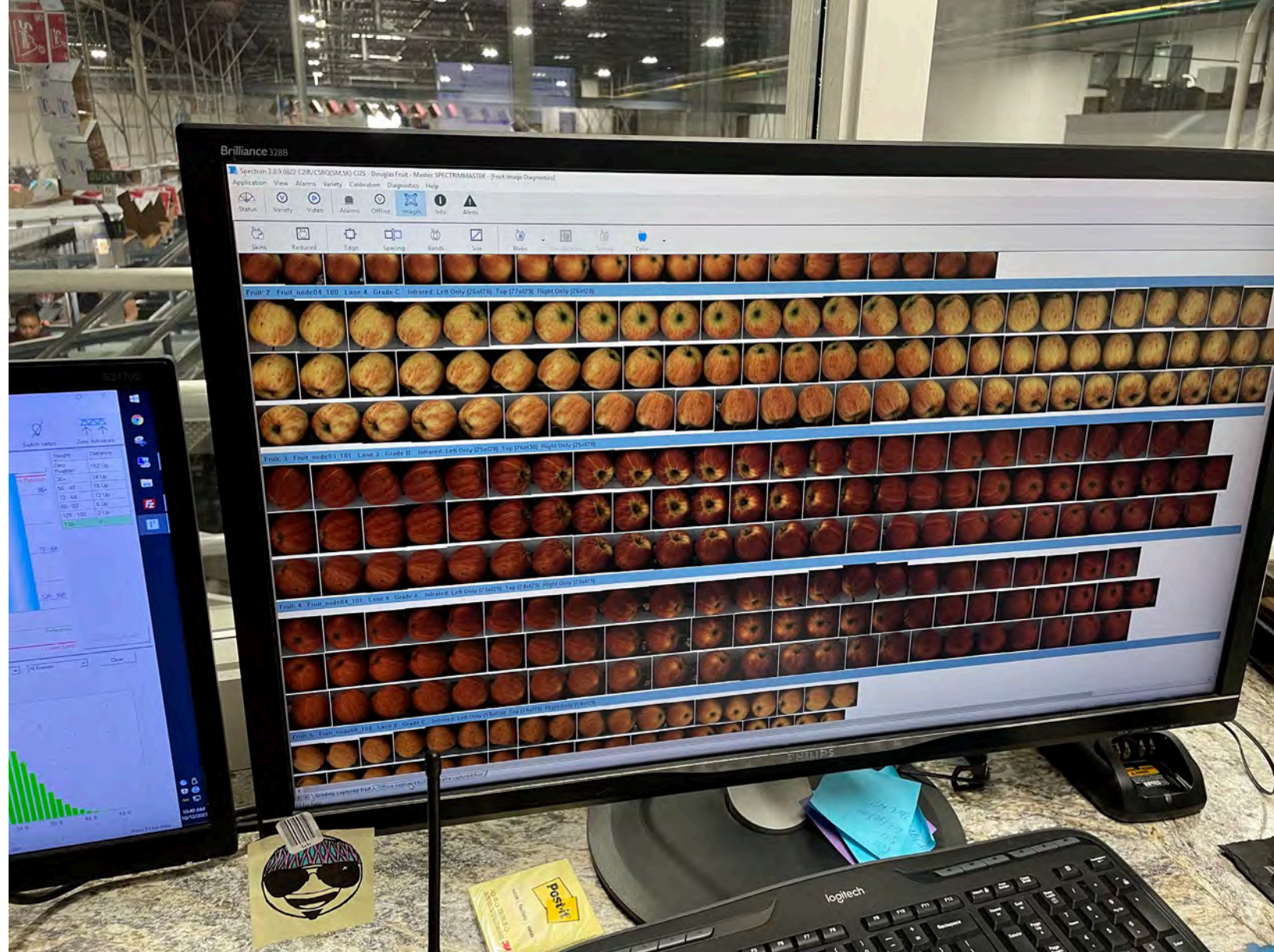




















- ½ of ag workforce is not authorized
- Foreign-born ag workers = 70%
- H-2A Visa

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| 2004 | 40,000  |
| 2014 | 140,000 |
| 2024 | 400,000 |

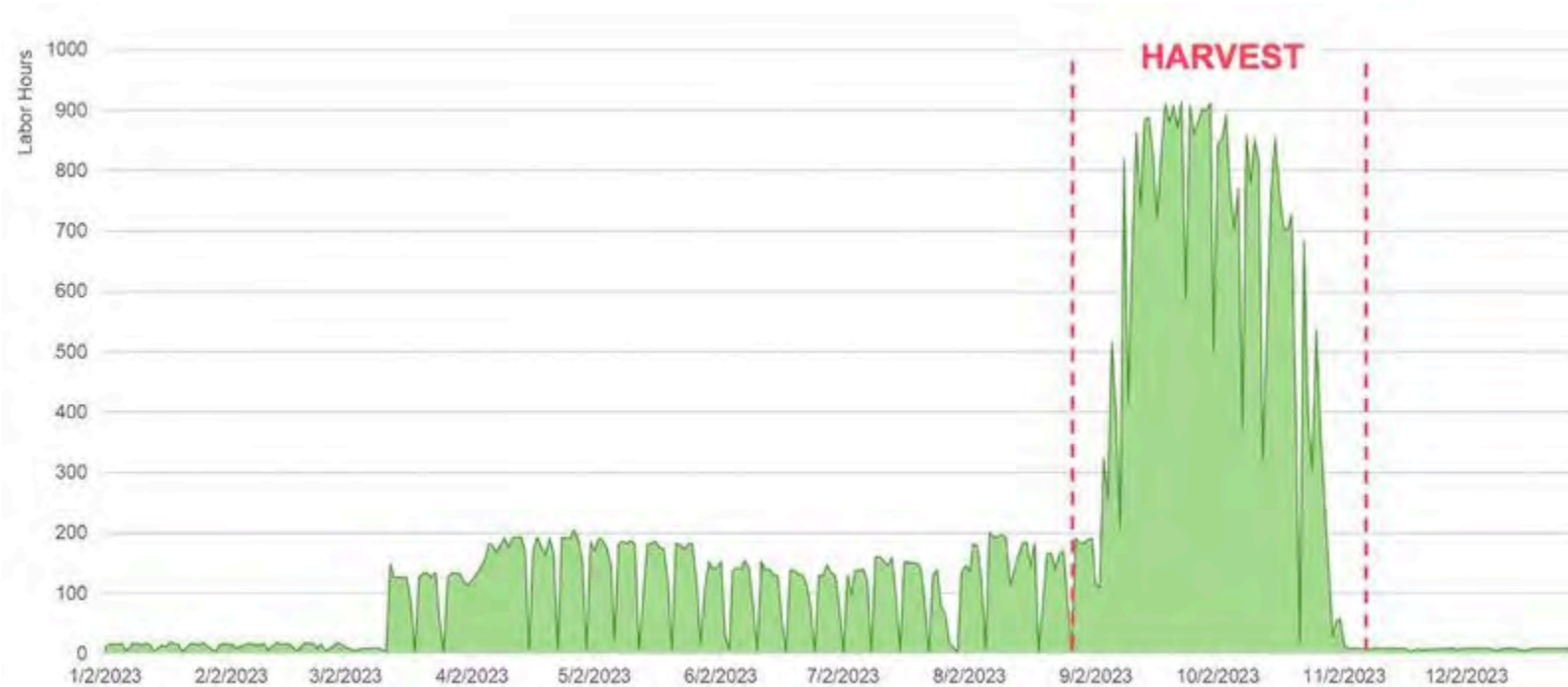


## H-2A Visa

- Fees
  - Transportation to & from
  - Housing & transportation while here
  - Total cost  $\approx$  \$3,000 per worker ... *before the first apple is picked*
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- Workers pay income tax
  - Farmer must hire any U.S. citizen



- 64% of labor hours in just 2 months
- Cost of H-2A ag worker visa ↑ 31% in 5 yrs












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
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