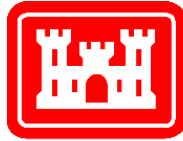
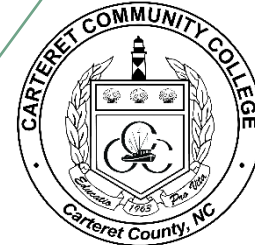
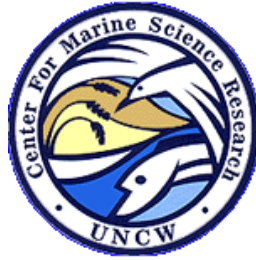


# Partnerships and Collaborations



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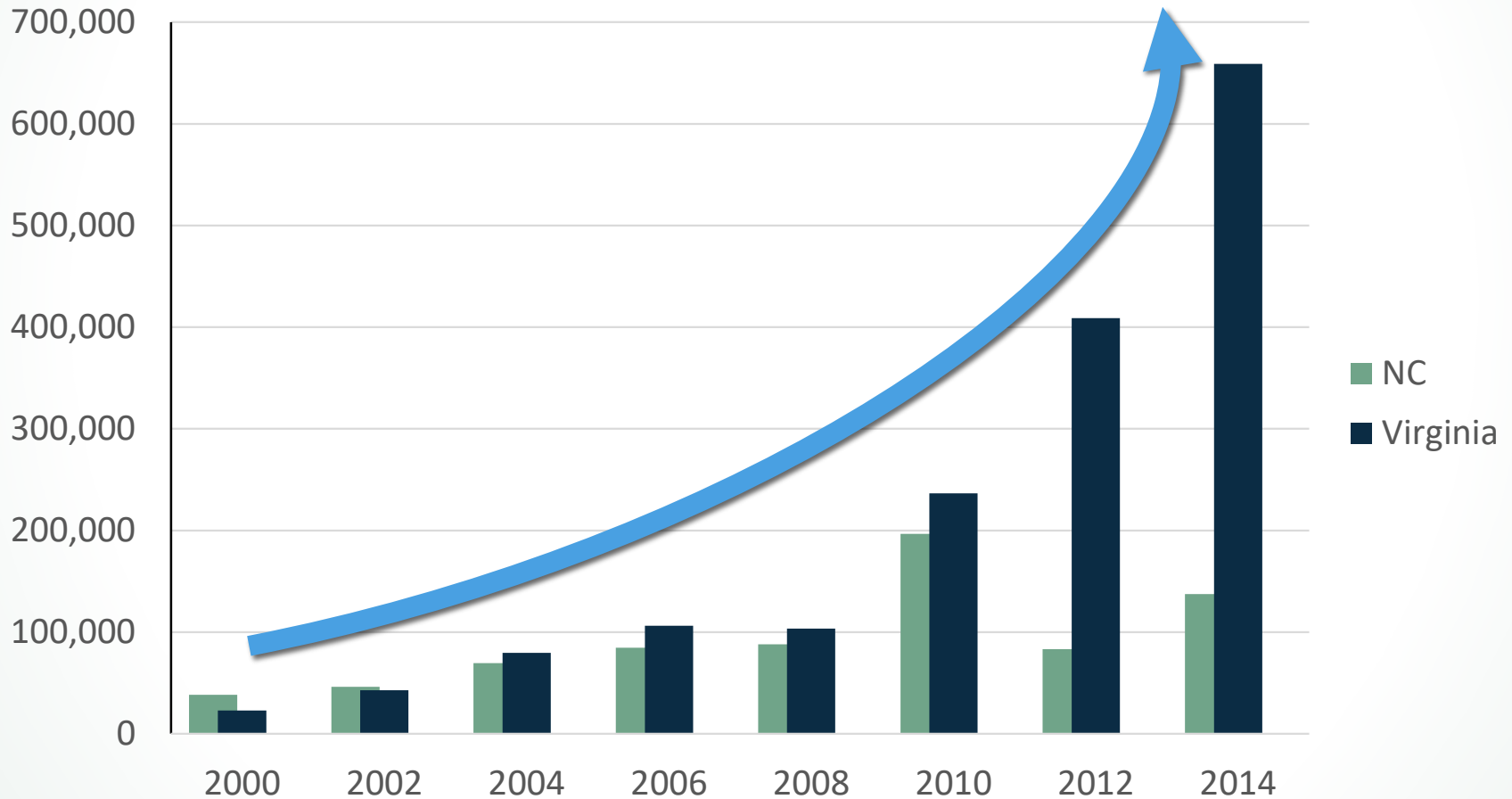
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NC Restaurant & Lodging Association

# Virginia vs North Carolina Oyster Harvest

## Bushels



# Progress 2015-2017



**Mktg/Distribution**  
Tourism Focus  
NC Rest Assoc.  
Blink-Export



**Investment**  
\$3.0M 2016  
\$3.0M 2017  
Fish 2.0  
Legislative Focus  
NC Commerce  
Support  
Financing Support  
Programs



**Education**  
Community Colleges  
Environmental Groups



**Research**  
UNC Plan -2018  
UNCW –Brood Stock  
RTI/DMF Economic Study  
Grower Technology



**Regulation**  
Dedicated Budget  
Additional Staff  
New Lease programs  
Coordination w/Agencies  
Up-weller management  
SAV Changes  
New Tools



# Coastal North Carolina



## Napa Valley of Oysters (Coastal Assets)



## Silicon Valley Aquaculture & Coastal Restoration Technology (UNC/Duke/NC State/CCC/UNCW)



# Conclusions and Next Steps

## CONCLUSIONS

- Made Significant Progress
- Securing End to End Comprehensive Support and Ownership
- Expanding team of passionate, dedicated team players
  - State of NC/Universities/Environmental/Private Sector
- Regional Economic Development Strategies are Critical
- Oyster Aquaculture is a Proven Economic Driver
- NC has all the assets to be the leader in this space

## Next Steps??