



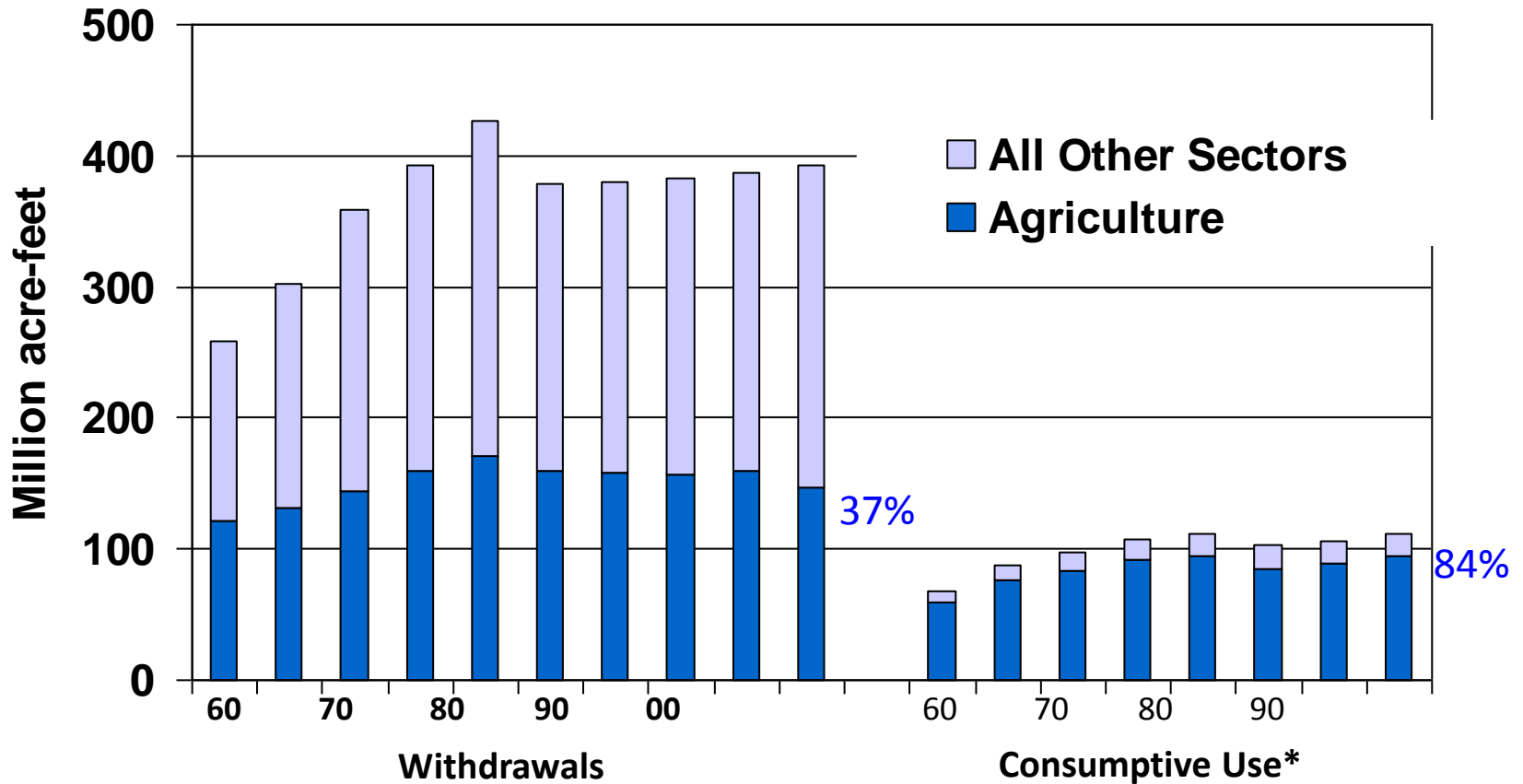
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Total and agricultural water withdrawals (1960-2005) and consumptive use estimates (1960-1995)



Source: USDA, NRCS, based on Kenny, et al, 2009

* Data limitations do not allow estimation of consumptive use in 2000.

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