2009 Plastic Recycling Rate

• 2.5 mm pounds of plastic bottles recycled
• Plastic bottle rate was 27.8%, up from 27.0% in 2008.
• The total pounds increased by 46 million pounds over 2008.
• The 20 yr growth rate is 9.4%.
Recycling by the Numbers

• 1  PET    1,444 mm lbs.    28%
• 2  HDPE   982 mm lbs    29%
• 3  PVC    2 mm lbs 3%
• 4  LDPE   1.4 mm lbs 2%
• 5  PP    27 mm lbs 14%
• 6  PS     N/A
• 7  Other  N/A
All Plastics are NOT Created Equally

- 1  PET  5,366 mm lbs  60%
- 2  HDPE  3,236 mm lbs  36%
- 3  PVC  72 mm lbs  >1%
- 4  LDPE  70 mm lbs  >1%
- 5  PP  186 mm lbs  2%
- Total  8,930 mm lbs
Plastic Processing
Capacity Utilization

• PET  1,750 mm lbs  ~50%

• HDPE  1,017 mm lbs  ~77%
Natural HDPE Price History
Mixed Color HDPE
Price History
Questions?