

Australian perspective on world agriculture/trade issues

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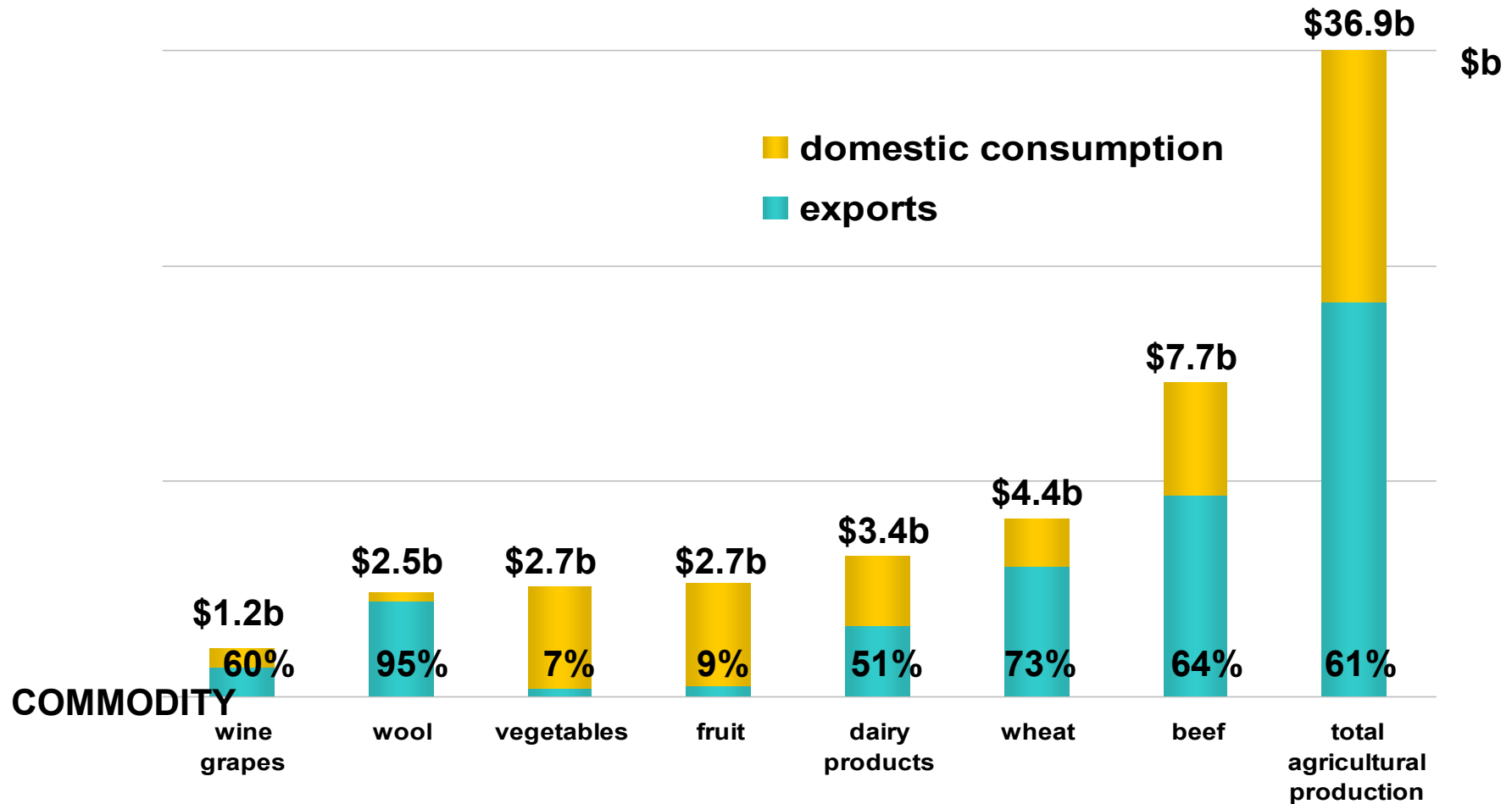
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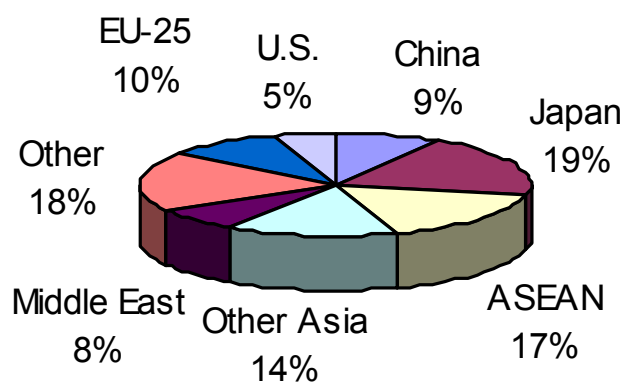
Share of agricultural production exported

based on gross value of farm production, average 2004-05 to 2006-07 in 2007-08 dollars

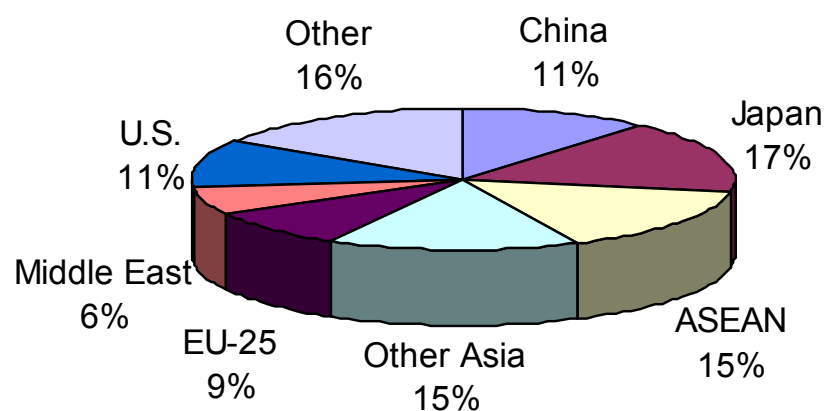


Australia's Agricultural Exports

1995-96 \$25.9b



2006-07 \$27.6b



ASEAN: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Singapore and Myanmar

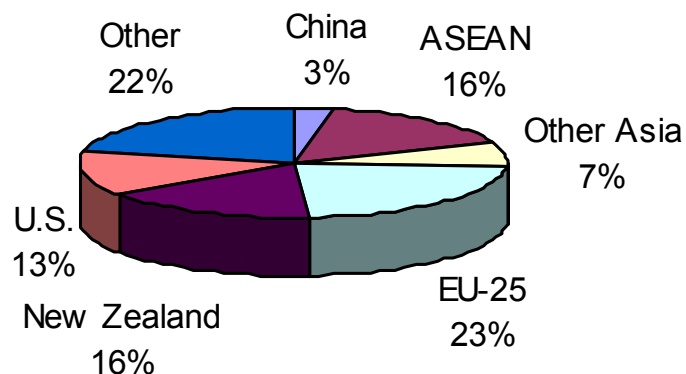
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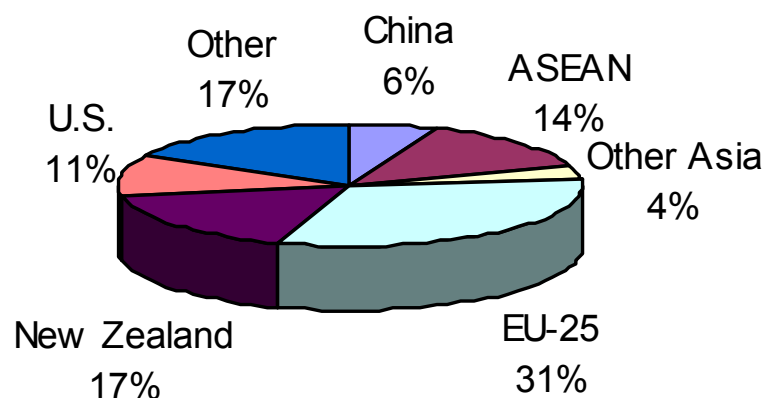
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Australia's Agricultural Imports

1995-96 \$4.7b



2006-07 \$8.6b



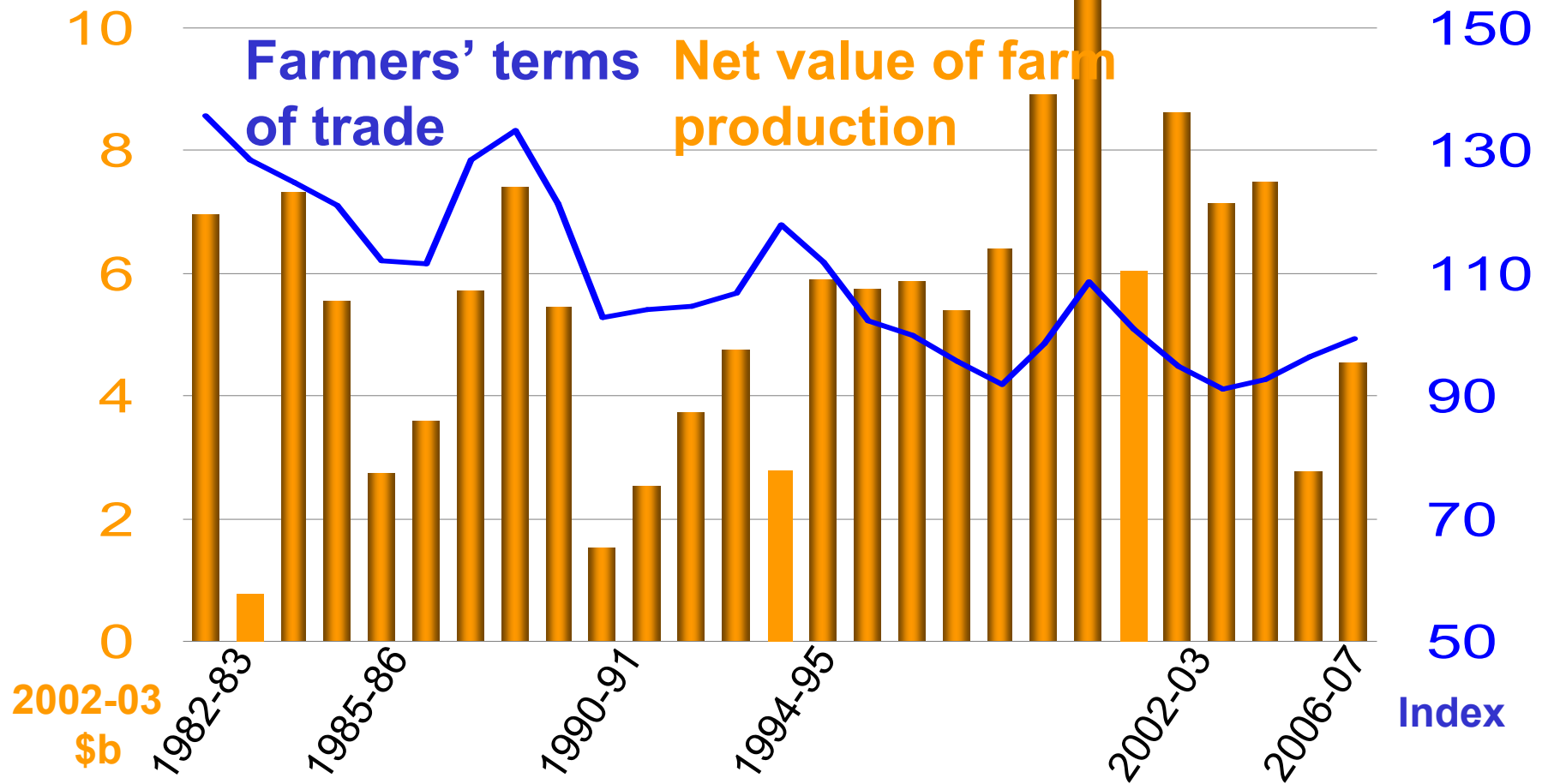
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Farm Income

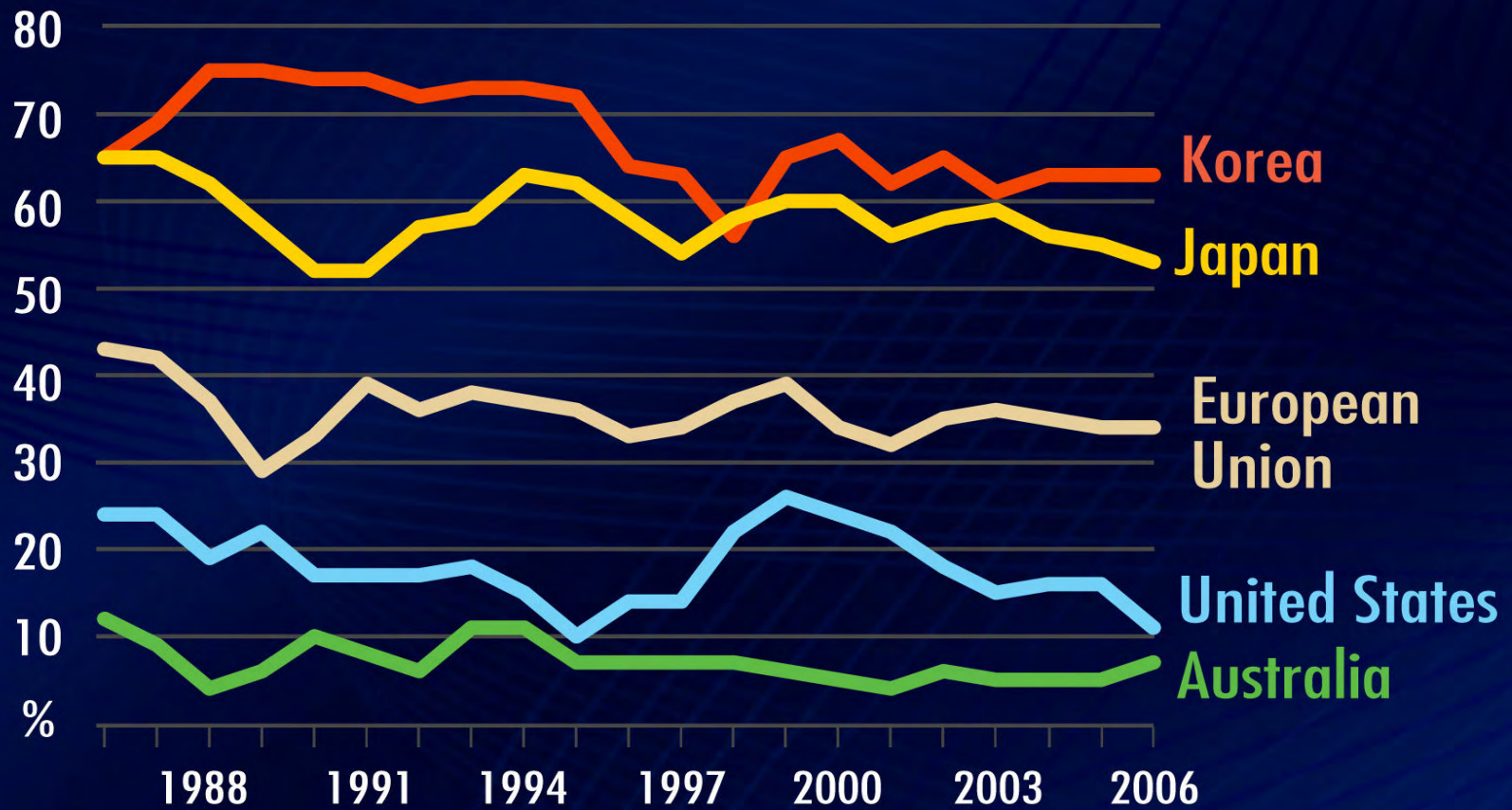


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Country producer support estimates



Improving the Playing Field

- World Trade Organization
 - Doha Round
- Free trade agreements
 - Key bilateral partners



Technical Market Access

Technical barriers to trade:

- Achieving new market access now harder
- Maintaining existing market access requires more effort



Important Wins for Australia

- ✓ Citrus exports to China and Japan
- ✓ Mango exports to China, Japan and Korea
- ✓ Kiwifruit, citrus and table grape exports to Taiwan
- ✓ Cherries to the United States



Quarantine and Biosecurity Review

- Australia's Appropriate Level of Protection
- Communication, consultation and research
- Resources
- Governance arrangements

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The Future of Australian Agriculture



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