



Why Agricultural Trade Matters?

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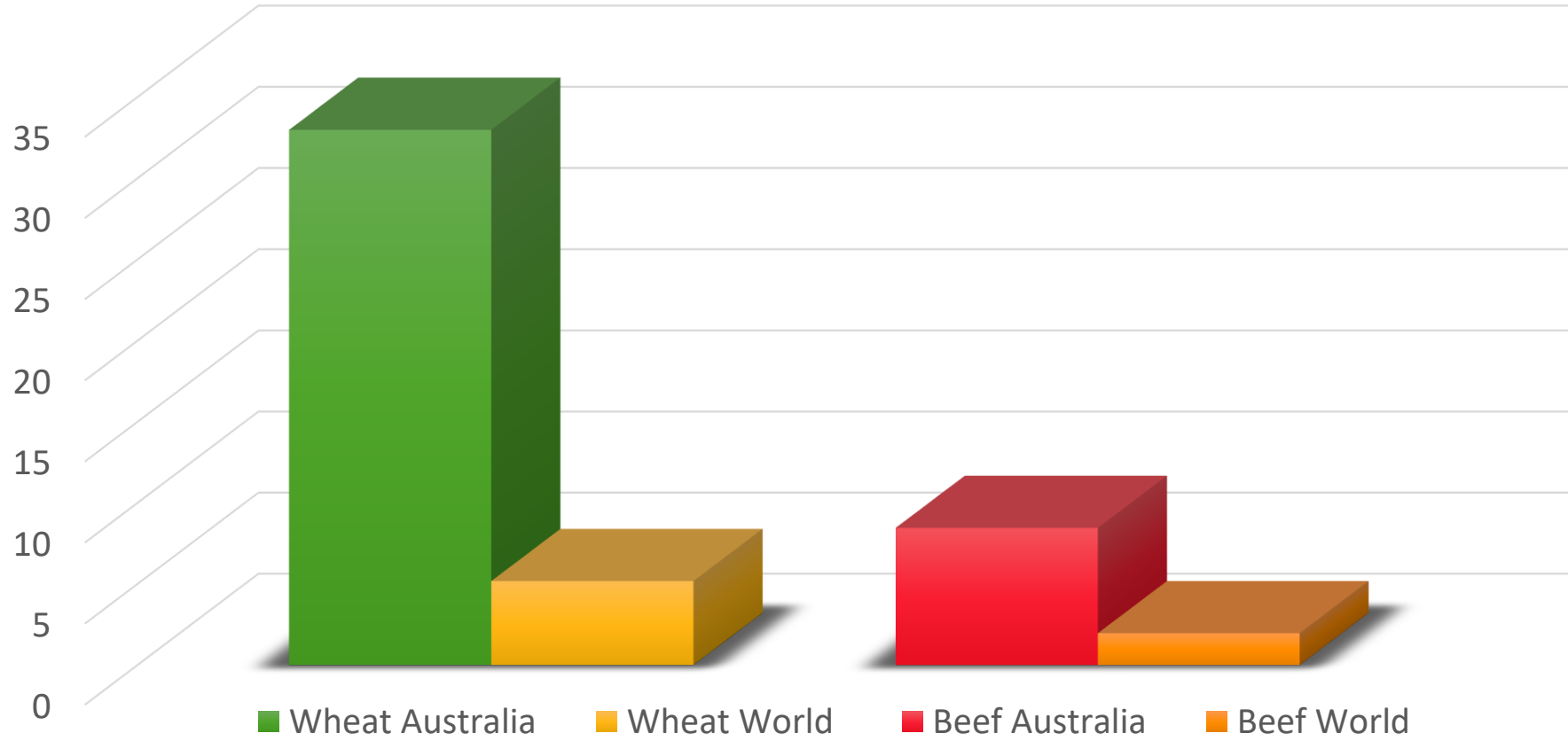
Main Themes

- Why is agricultural trade important?
- Why do we see so many trade barriers?
- What can we do about it?

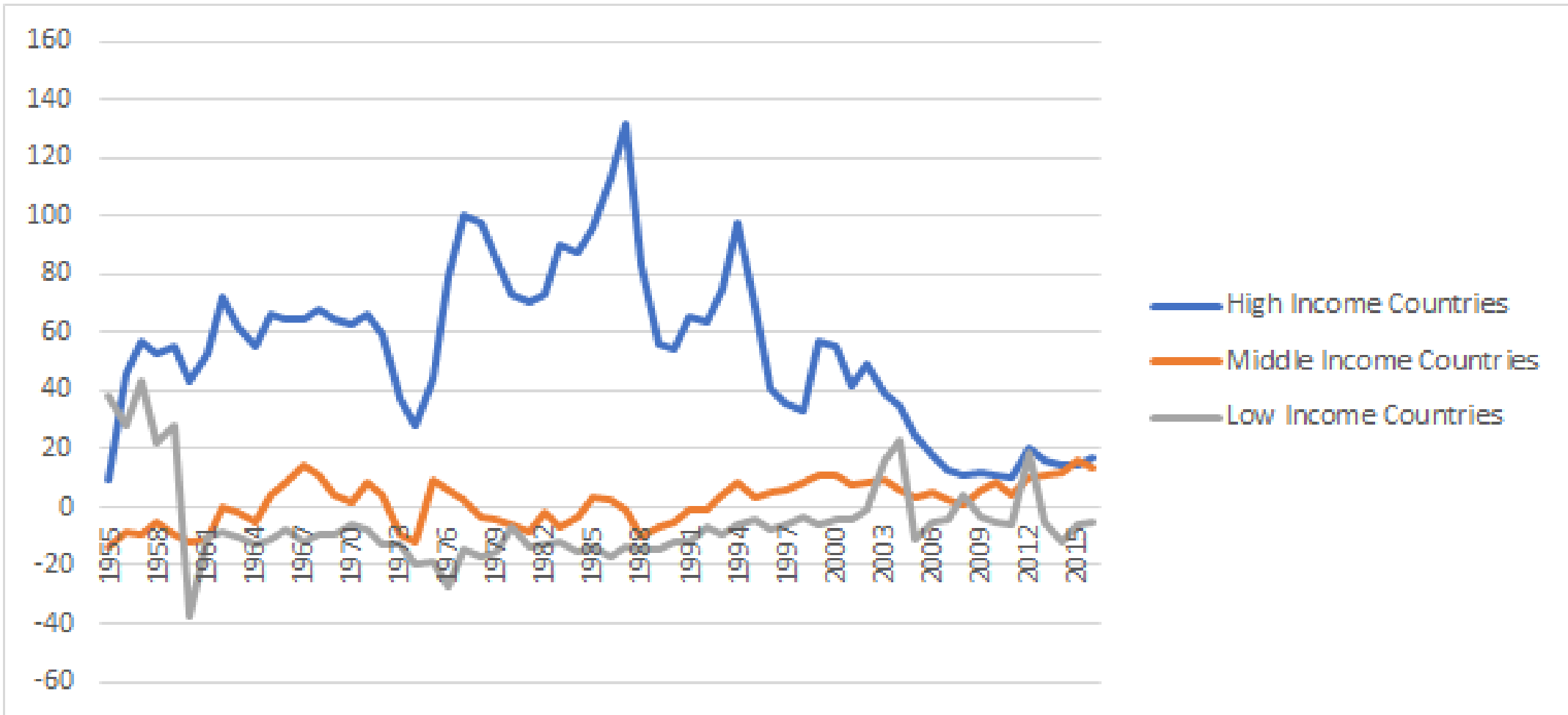
Why Agricultural Trade is Good

- Raises real incomes
- Improves the distribution of income
- Reduces volatility

National Yield Volatility vs Global Volatility, Std Dev %



Nominal Rate of Protection, %

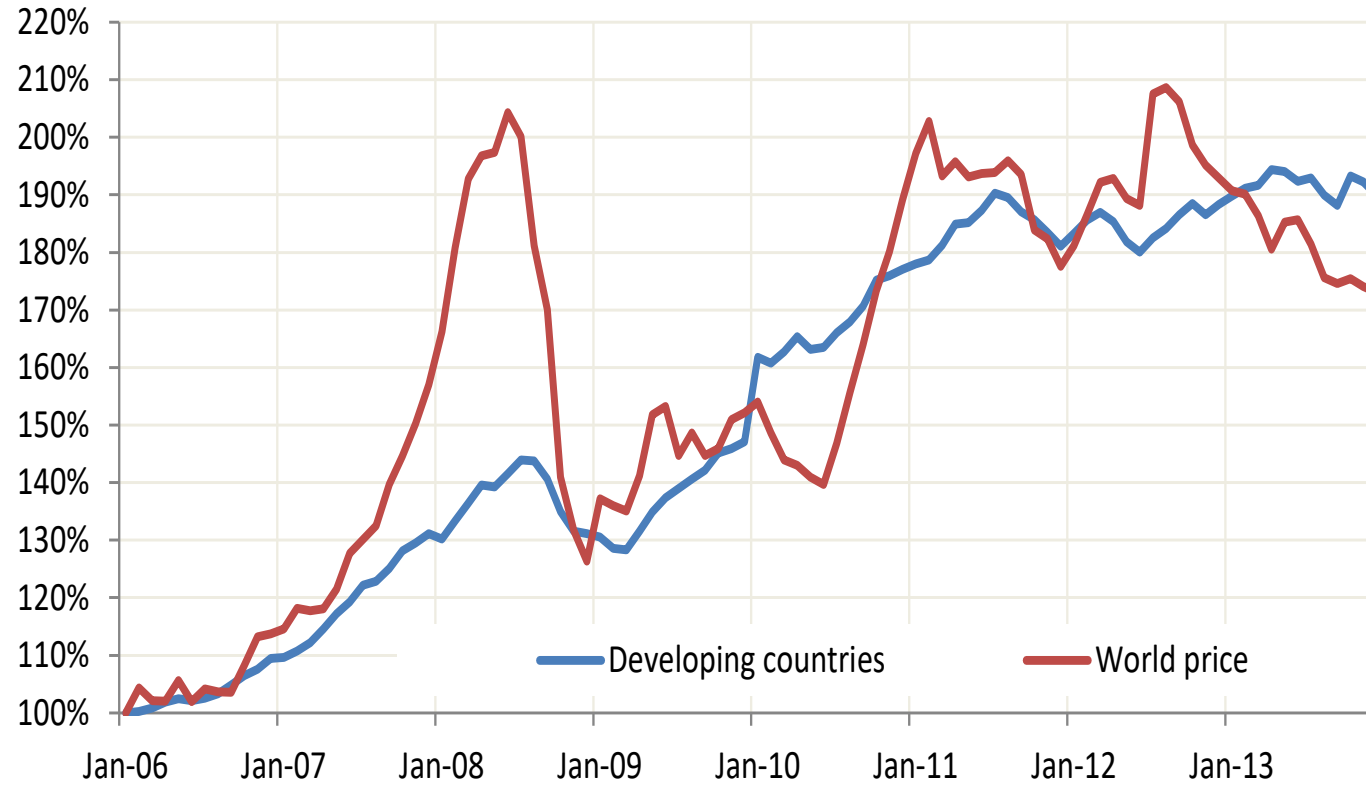


Ag Incentives Consortium, Weighted Average

Why the huge barriers?

- Special interests
- Self-sufficiency
- Price insulation

Price insulation for staples



What to do about it?

- Information

- Negotiations
 - Bilateral
 - Regional
 - Multilateral

- Engagement
 - Resist proposals for protection
 - Support a positive agenda for reform