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Agricultural trade

Fields of influence: agricultural trade, global giants and protectionism

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Where do we want to be?

No tariffs?

Stronger global
demand?

Removal of
trade-distorting
support behind
the border?

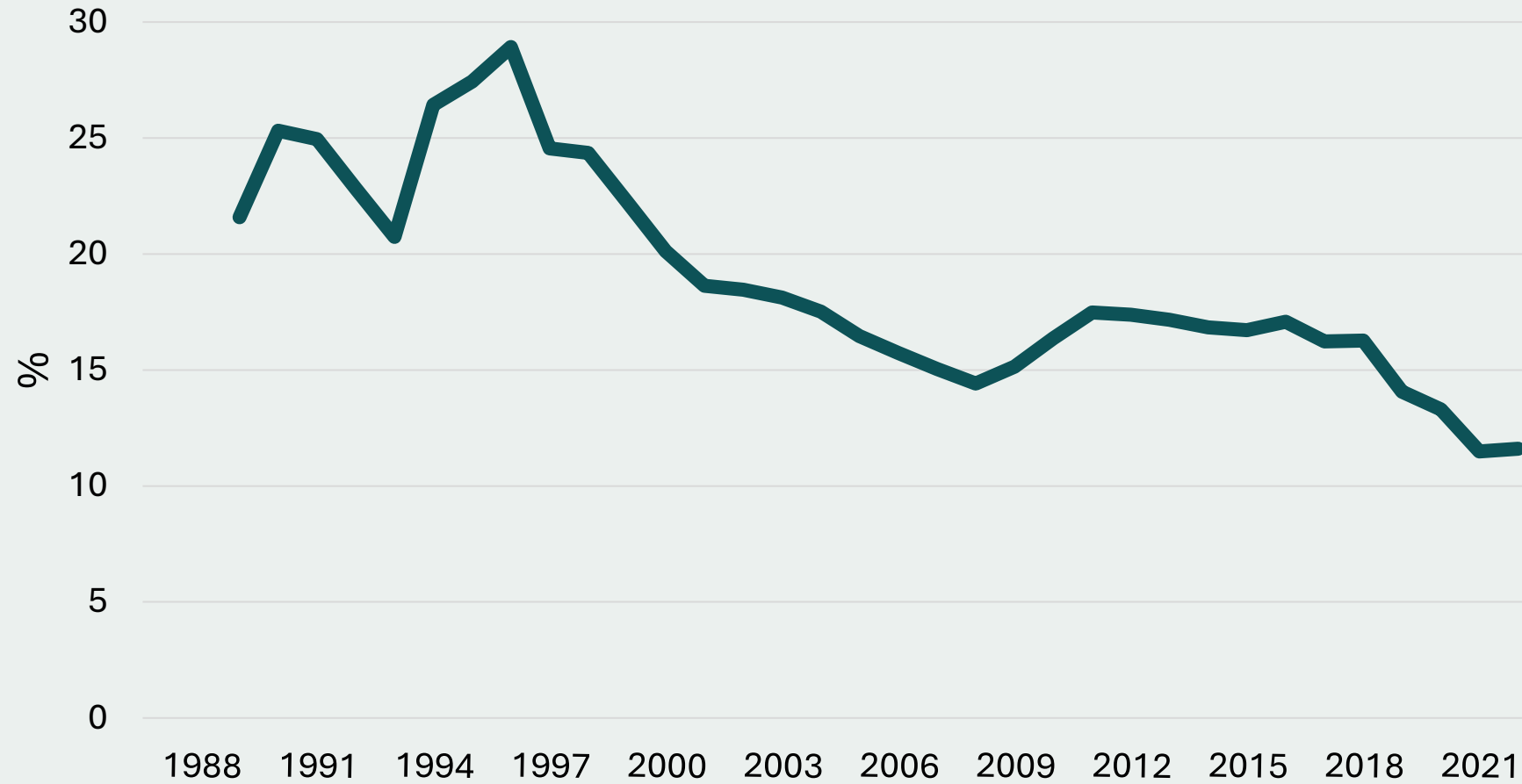
Minimising
non-tariff
barriers?

Sustainable
agriculture?

Harmonised
trade rules?

Where are we now?

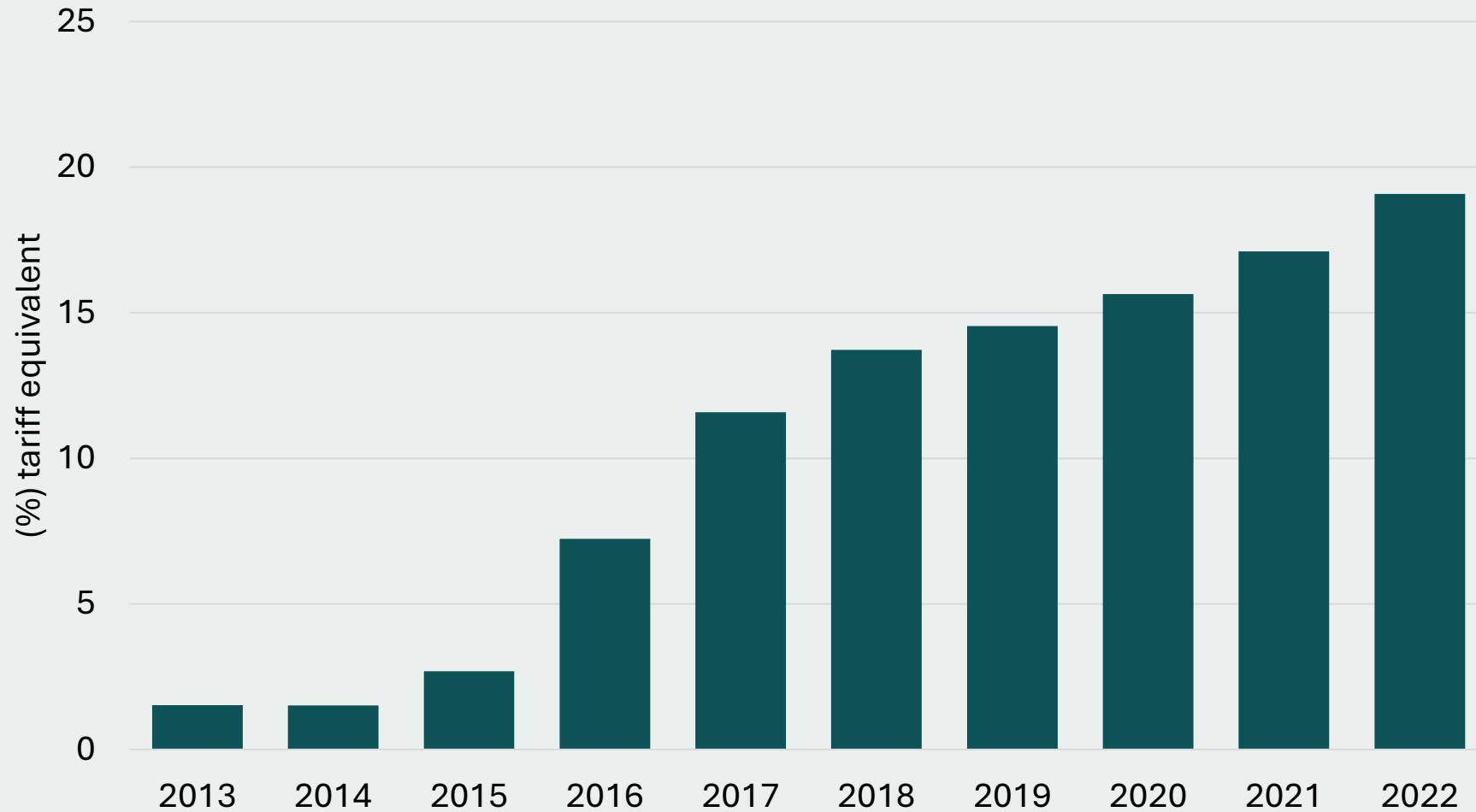
Agricultural tariffs are down...



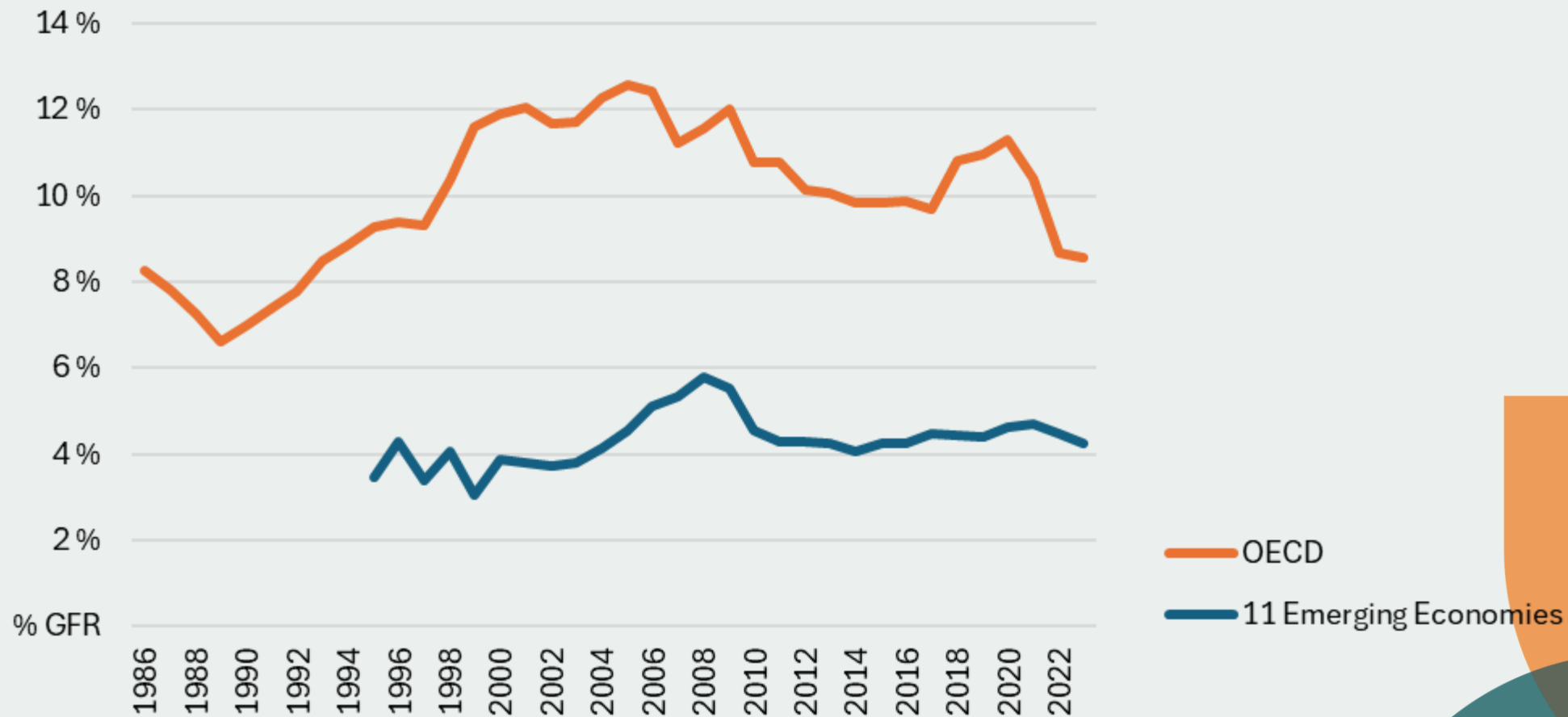
Note: a 3 year moving average is used to smooth out sporadic data reporting for some countries.

...but non-tariff barriers are up

(average across grains, red meat, fruit and vegetable products)



Behind the border, agricultural output and input subsidies remain a problem



Protectionism and trade wars?

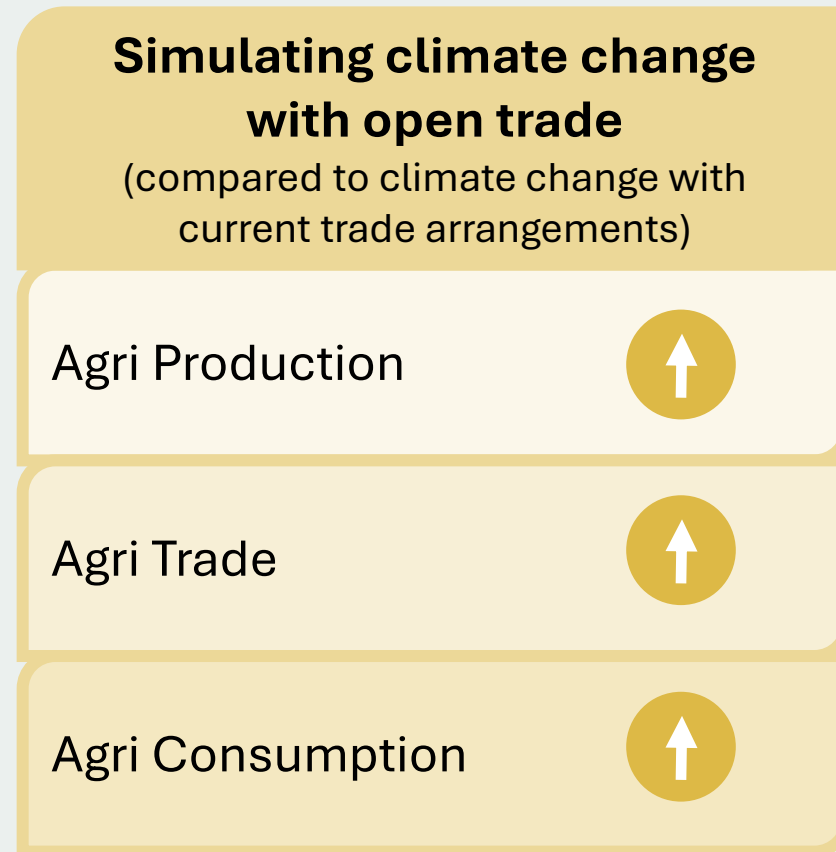
If you don't make your product in America...you will have to pay a tariff

We will take proportional and clear countermeasures

We will respond, and we will respond with impact

Climate change threatens production and trade

...but open trade is the food security solution



Source: Hafi et al. (forthcoming)

How do we get to where we want to be?

More FTAs?

What about
technical market
access and non-
tariff barriers?

...but tariffs can
only fall to zero

What about
elimination of
behind the border
support?

Behind the border agricultural support



Plurilateral agreements?

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