

# WTO-DOHA: Development Round

## *Agriculture*

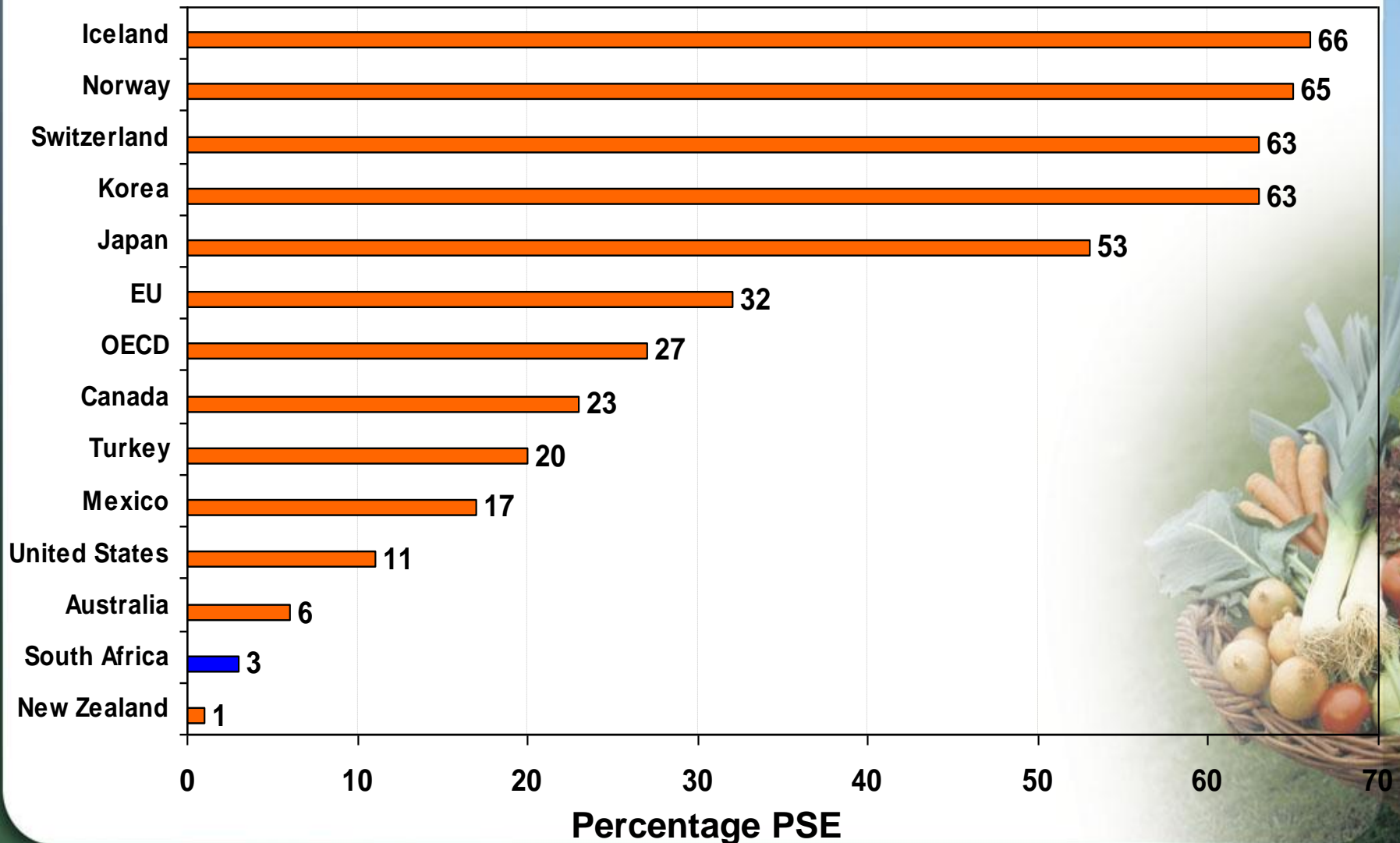
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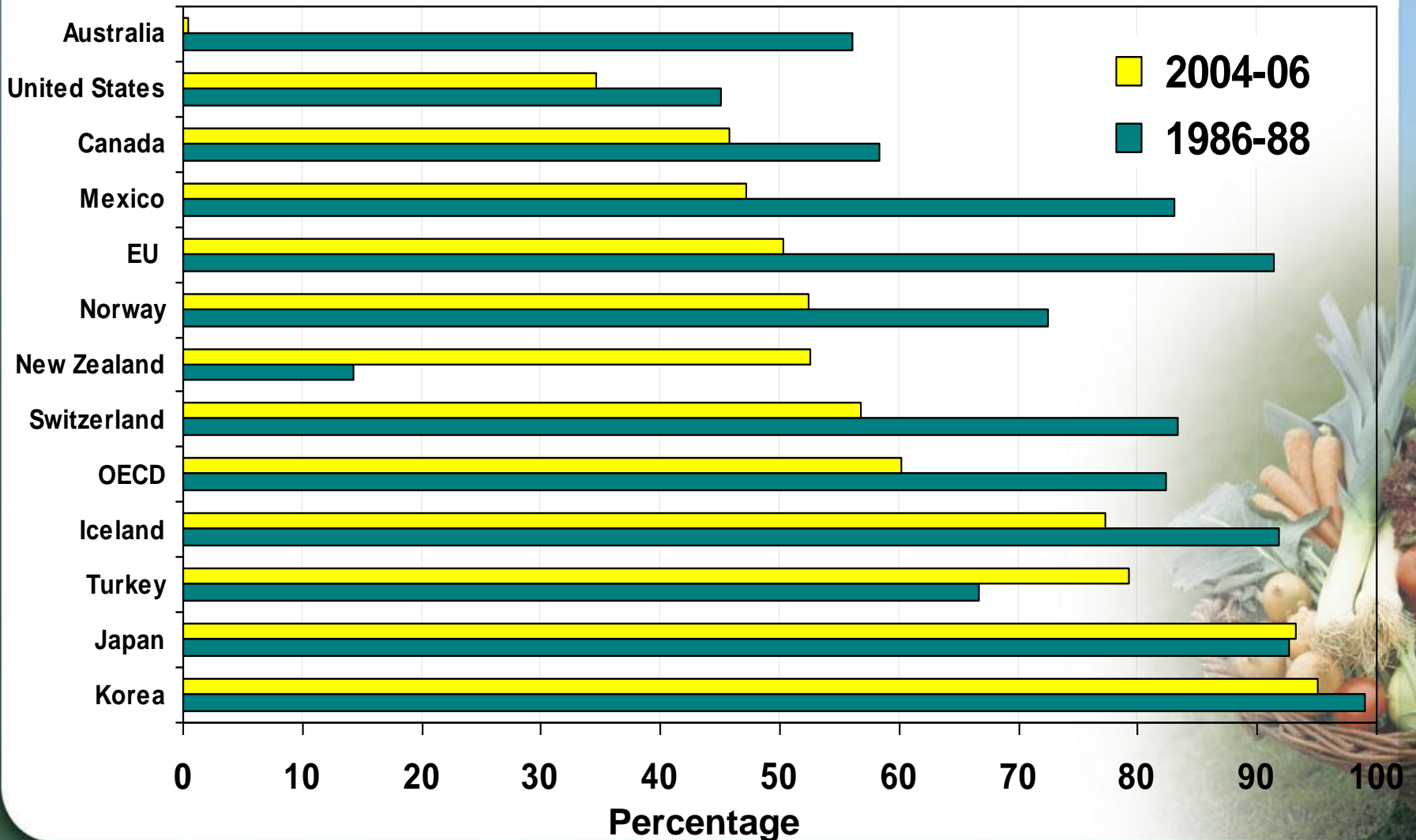
**The Producer Support Estimate (PSE) is an indicator of the annual monetary value of gross transfers from consumers and taxpayers to support agricultural producers, measured at farm gate level, arising from policy measures, regardless of their nature, objectives or impacts on farm production or income.**



# Estimates of support to agriculture in selected non-OECD and OECD countries (2006)



# Support based on commodity output as % of Producer Support Estimate (PSE)



# Mid-Term Review: Uruguay Round



*“Establish a fair and market-oriented agricultural trading system and that a reform process should be initiated through the negotiation of commitments on support and protection and through the establishment of strengthened and more operationally effective GATT rules and disciplines”*



# Article 20: Agricultural Agreement



*“Recognizing that the long-term objective of substantial progressive reduction in support and protection resulting in fundamental reform is an ongoing process, members agree that negotiations for continuing the process will be initiated”*



# Elements



1. **Market Access:** Applied Rates < Bound Rates
2. **Domestic Support:** Refund on diesel fuel
3. **Export Competition:** GEIS terminated – July

1997



# Objective for Agricultural Negotiations: ATF



*“To achieve a substantial improvement of market opportunities for all South African agricultural products with export potential, to improve fair trade conditions on agricultural products imported or exported; and to ensure that South Africa’s rural development objectives are accommodated within the allowable range of WTO disciplines”*



# Agri SA's view



- **Market Access**

- ✓ Reductions in bound rates
- ✓ Increase in market access quotas for SA's exportables
- ✓ New and agreed disciplines on tariff quota administration
- ✓ Renegotiating special safeguards as application are cumbersome and impractical



# Agri SA's view



- **Export Subsidies**

- ✓ Entire elimination of all export subsidies
- ✓ No accumulation of unused export subsidies
- ✓ Termination of measures – equivalent effect
- ✓ Elimination of export taxes



# Agri SA's view



- **Domestic support**

- ✓ Blue Box: Measures scaled down and capped
- ✓ Amber Box: Subsidies: Eliminated completely and *de minimis* maintained
- ✓ Green Box: Criteria for Green Box measures tightenend



# Thank you

