

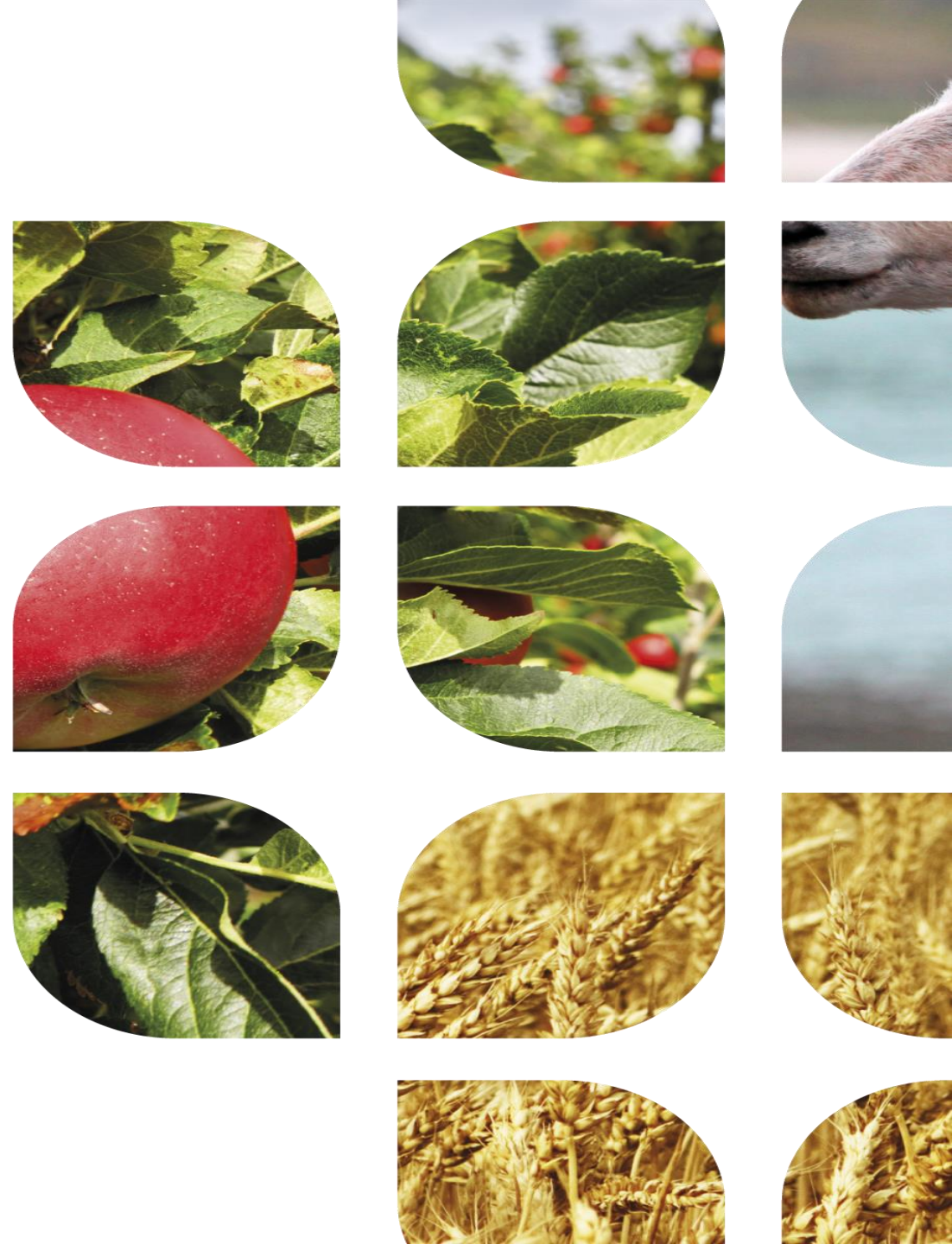
International trade policy - a Norwegian perspective

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Policies in international trade

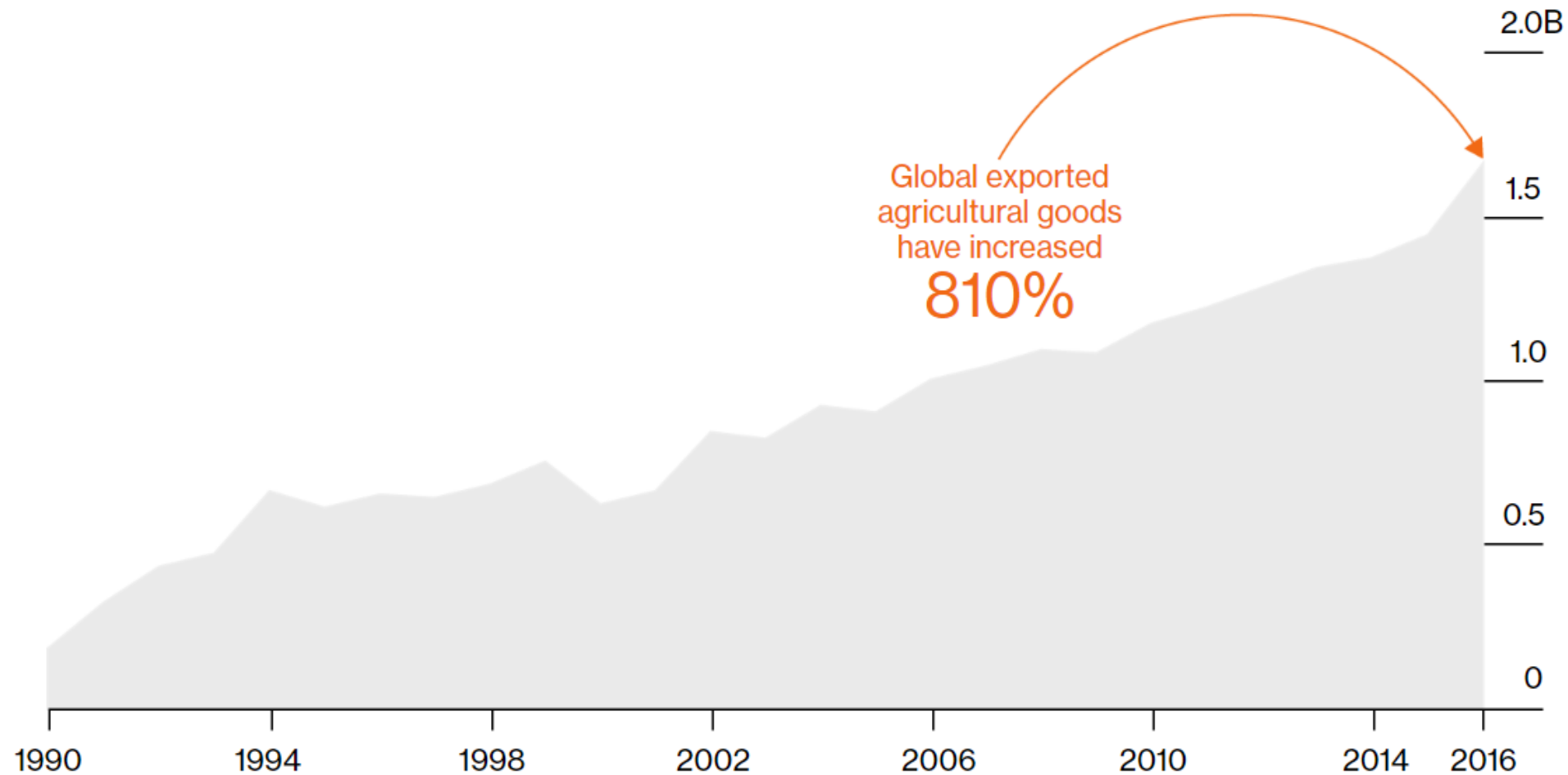
What has been the aim?

- Economic development
- Improved welfare
- Liberalisation – to increase trade
- Common global rules



Agricultural goods exported worldwide

Billions of tons, 1990-2016



Source: United Nations Commodity Trade Statistics, United Nations Statistics Division



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More people

Less land

More conflicts

Water shortage

Warmer





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Norway

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- 385155 km²
- 2500 km length
- 5,1 mill. inhabitants
- Agreement with EU
 - full integration in most sectors, but not agriculture
- Export: Oil and gas, seafood, chemical products, maritime- and energy related services
- Largest industry on mainland: Food & drink

**Norwegian
trade policy**

Open economy

Liberal



**WORLD TRADE
ORGANIZATION**

This is Norway



This is Norway



Norway is rich on recourses, but only

3%

.. of the total area
is arable land



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Agricultural production all over the country

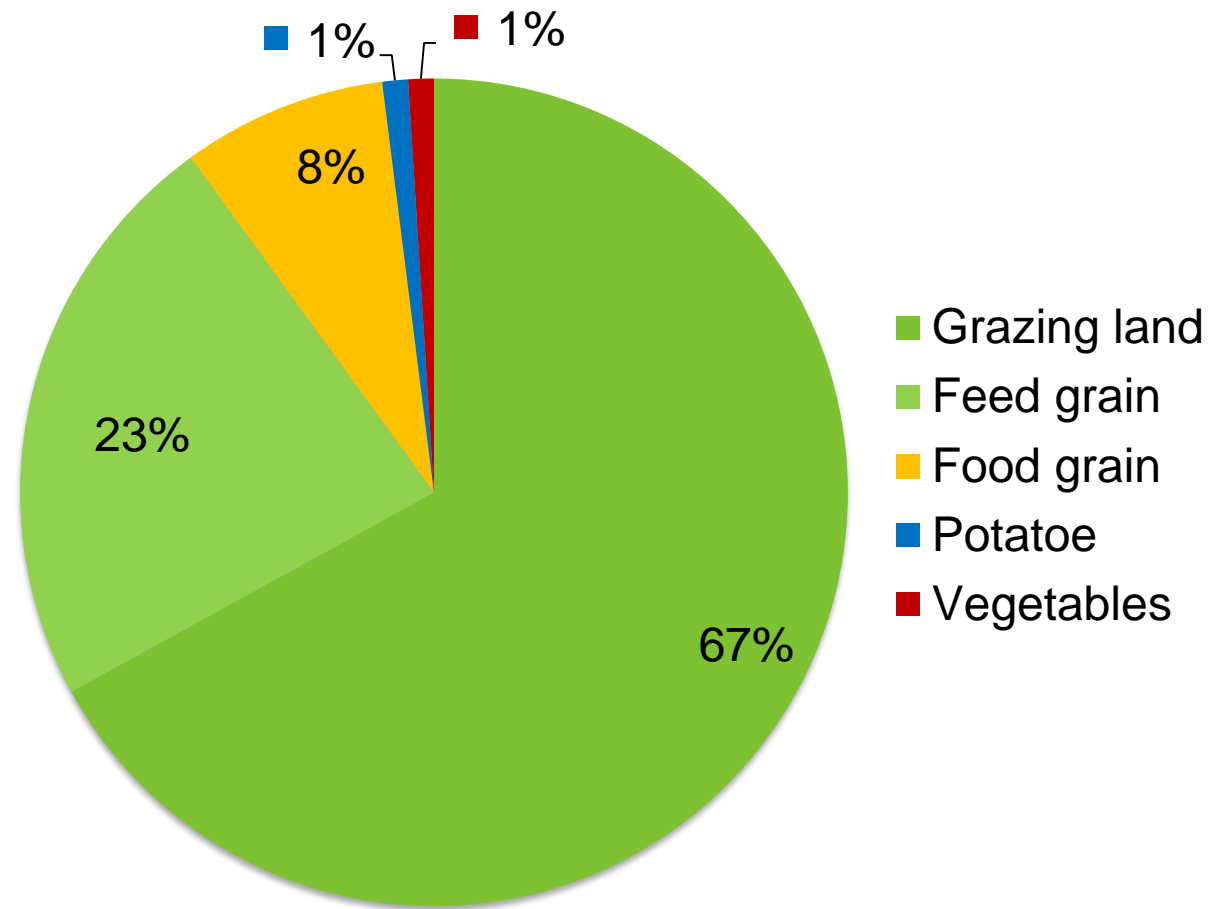
Average farm size 20 ha

Average cow herd 26 cows

Potato production 300 000 tonn

Self-sufficiency less than 50% on energy basis

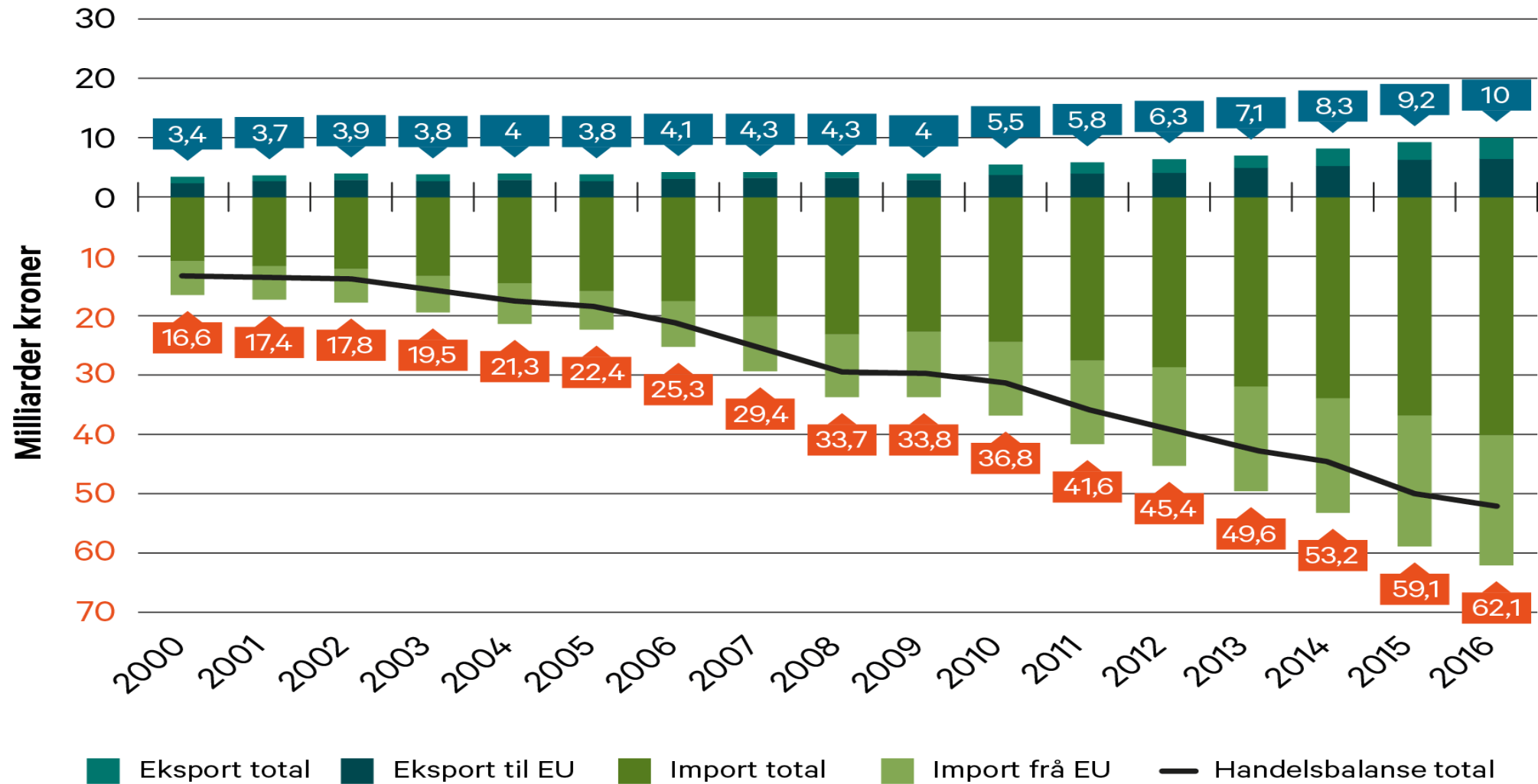
90 % of the arable land - used for feed production



Norwegian policy – trade in agricultural commodities

- **Utilise all available agricultural land**
 - Maximise self sufficiency
 - Rural development – settlement all over the country
 - Maintain cultural landscape
 - Develop biodiversity
 - Industry development
 - Bioeconomy
- ➔ **Protect sensitive productions**
- **Provide for supplementary imports**
- **Concessions in trade agreements**

Norway's trade in agricultural products



Limited market

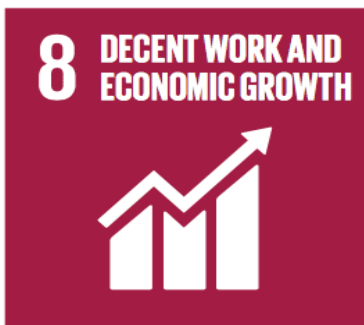
Tariff - NOK 1,12

Price in shop – NOK 15

Does not prevent import

Need to be competitive





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Use of medicine



Pesticides



Plant health



Animal health



Carbon footprint



Transparency

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sustainable assets for
the future**



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Thank you

