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The Impact of the CAP on developing countries: resource implications

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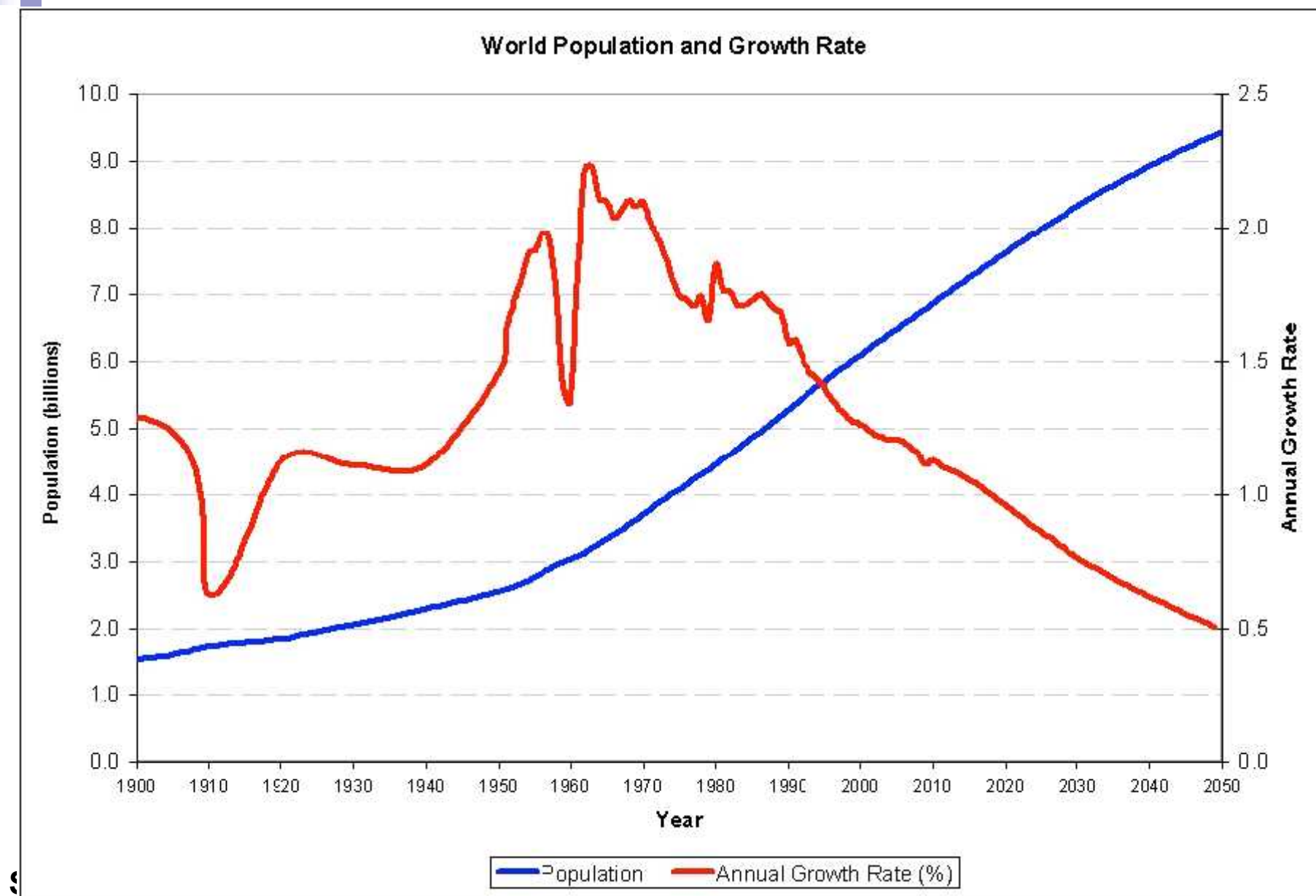
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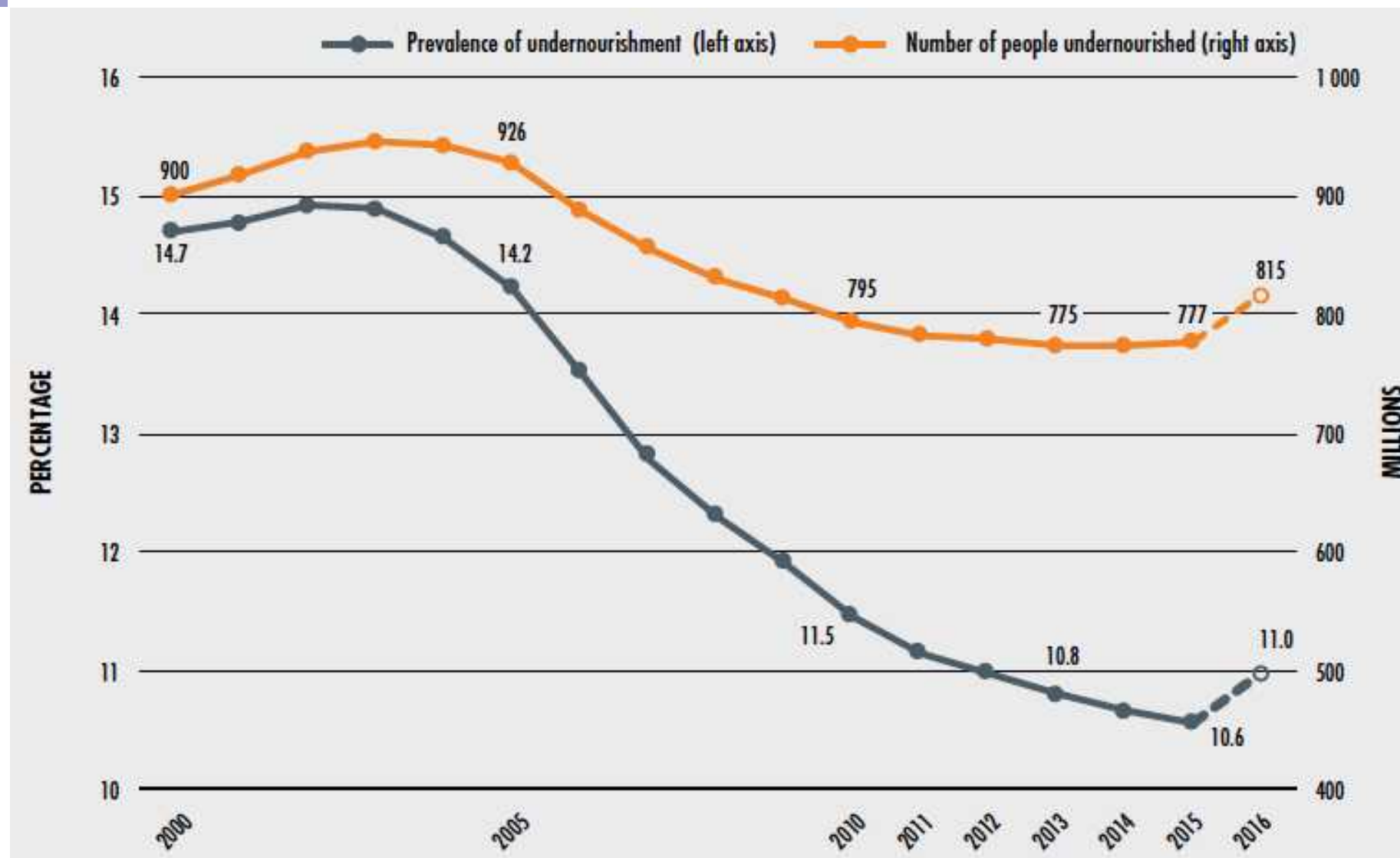
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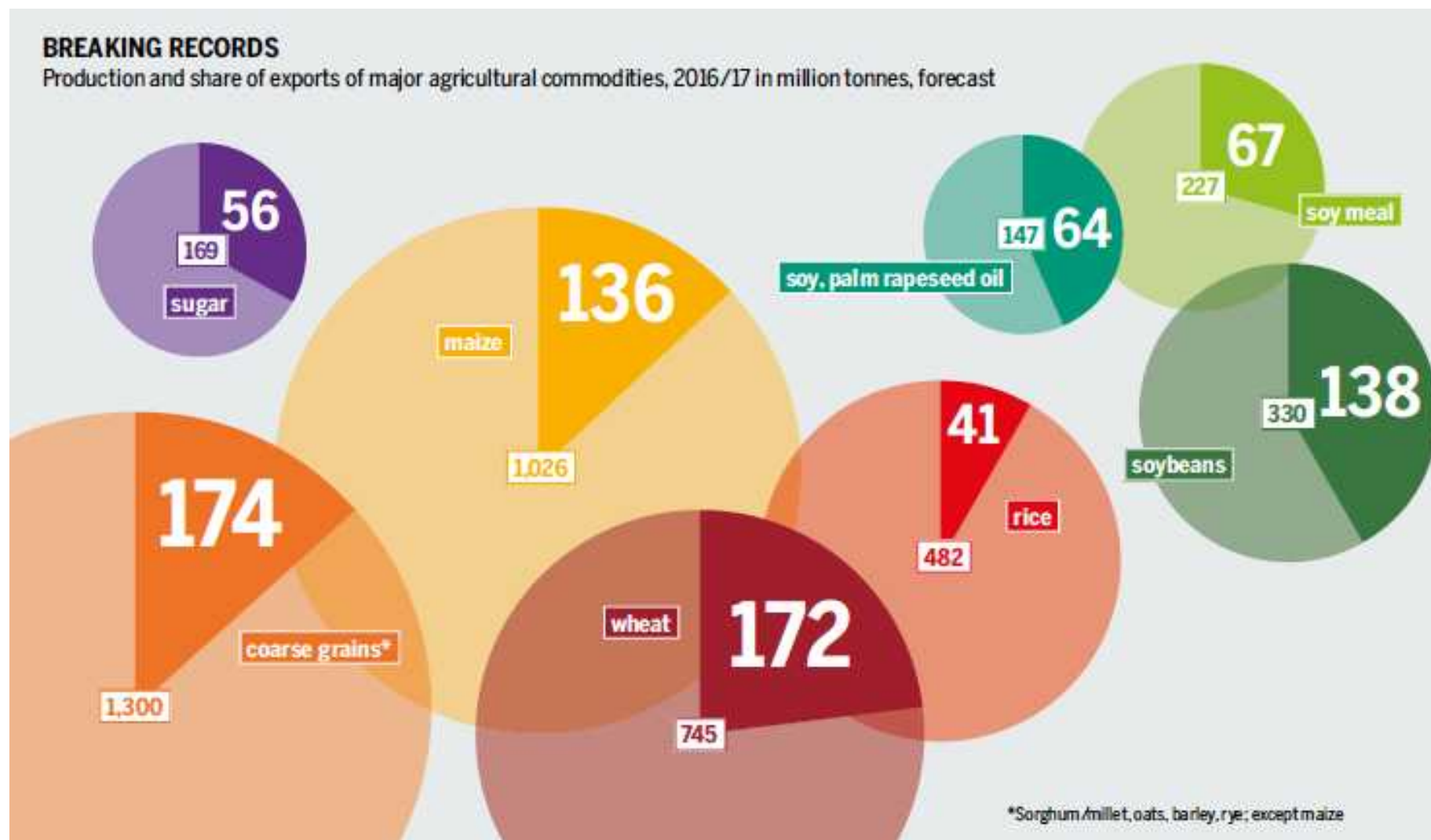
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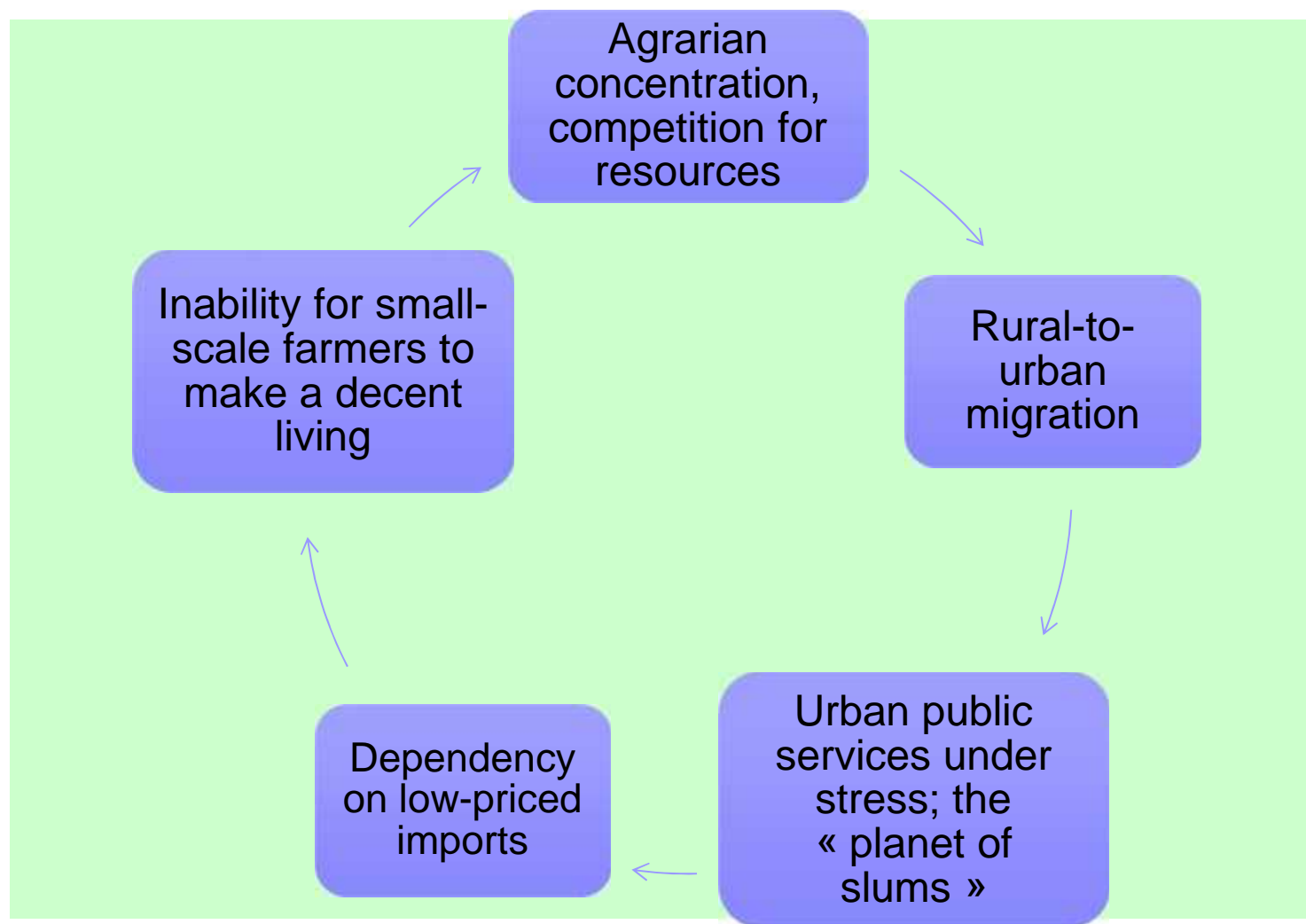
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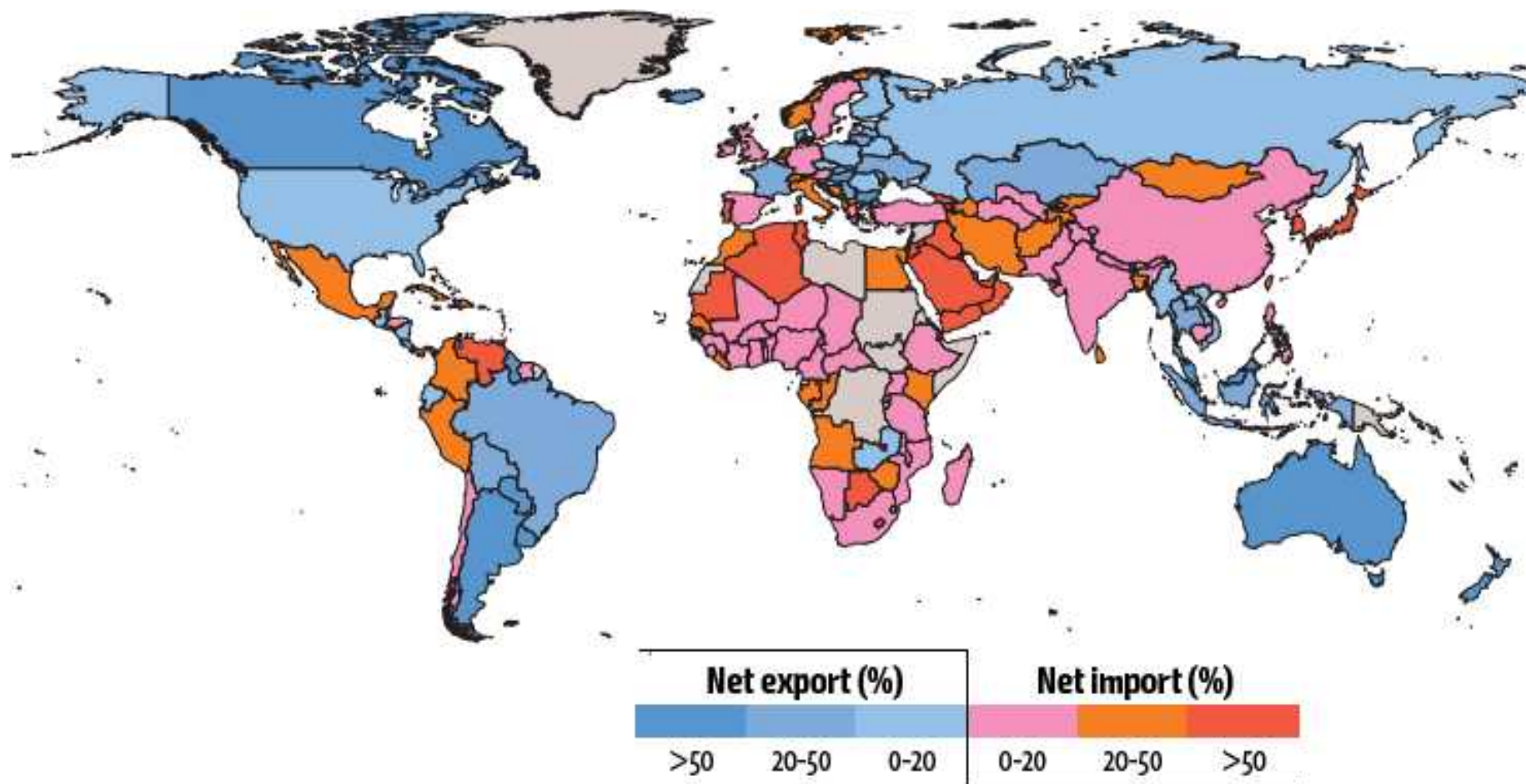
The Role of Trade Liberalization in Food Security: The Debate

Trade as a Means to Achieve Food Security	Trade as a Potential Threat to Food Security
Promote allocative efficiency in the use of resources	Rebound effects: greater efficiency encourages overproduction and overconsumption Least efficient producers lose their livelihoods and compete for resources against export-led agriculture
Food travels from food surplus to food deficit regions	Food travels to where the purchasing power is Resources are exploited to serve high-value markets (« virtual » imports of land/water)
More trade is required because of climate change, increasing dependency of whole regions on imports	Climate change shall result in more volatile markets and call for a deconcentration of food production – to avoid excessive dependency



The vicious cycle of high-input, export-led agriculture and rural poverty

Percentage in net food imports in domestic food supply in total calories



Source: FAO, The Future of Food and Agriculture (2017)

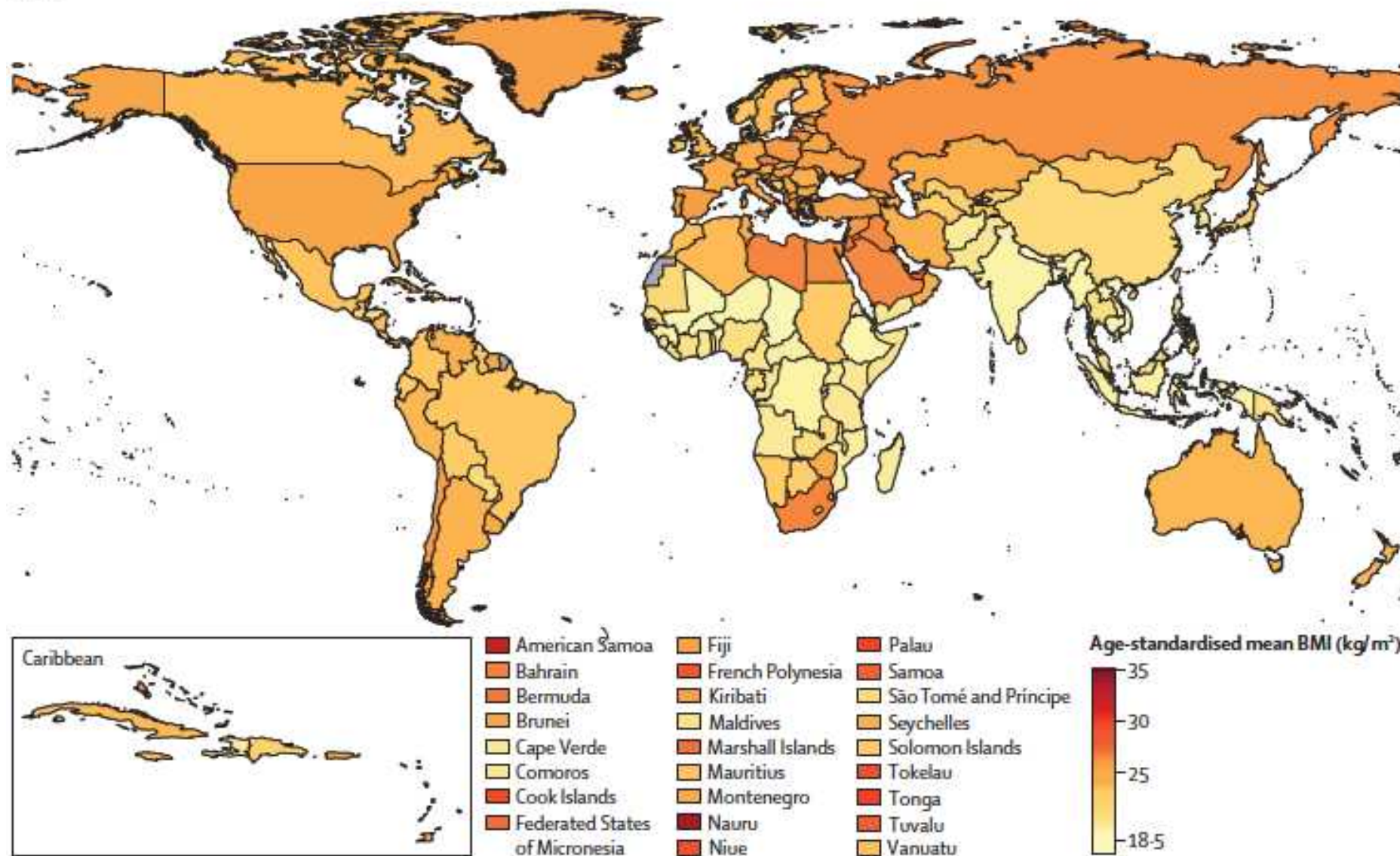
VICIOUS CYCLES OF SOIL AND WATER DEGRADATION IN INDUSTRIAL SYSTEMS



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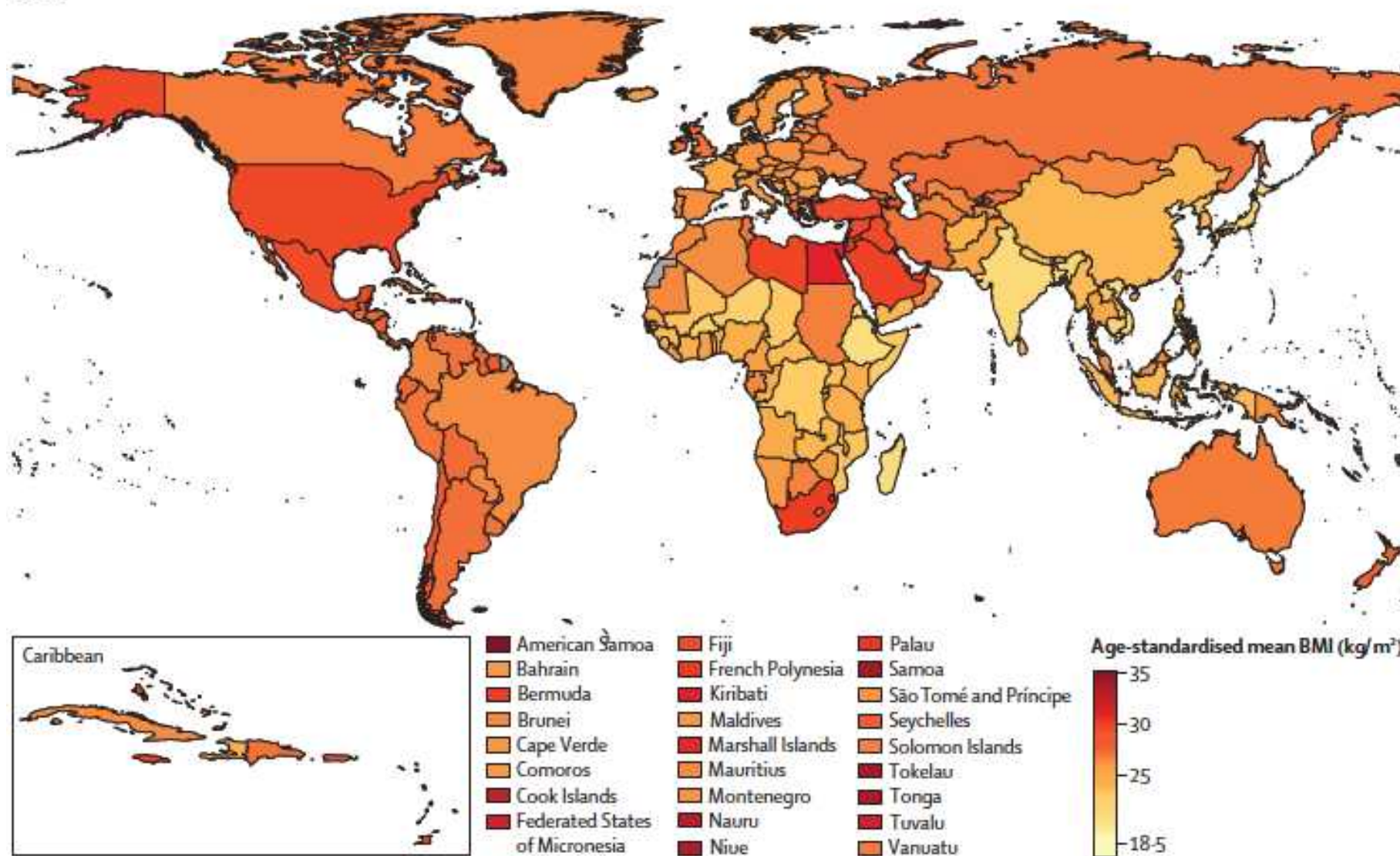
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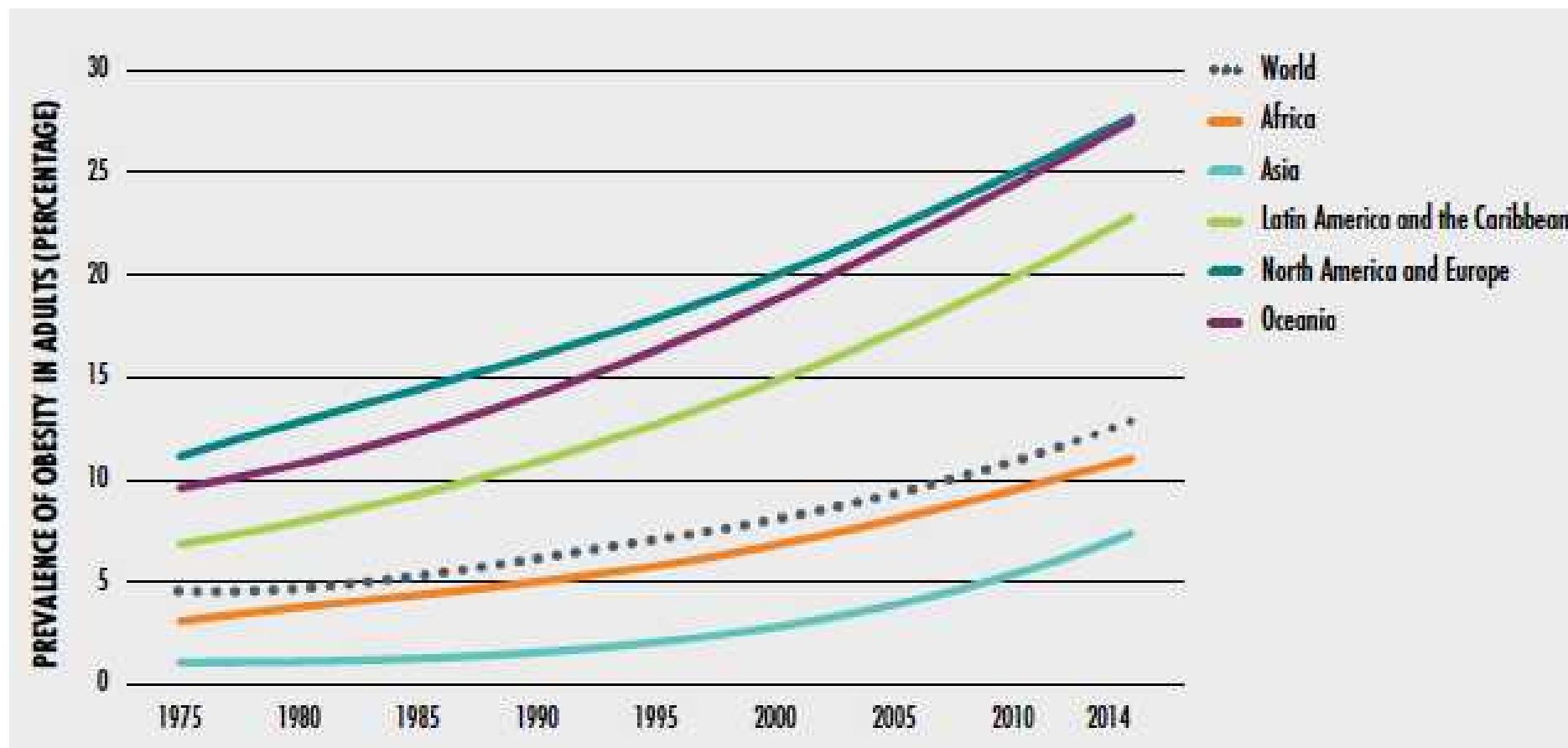
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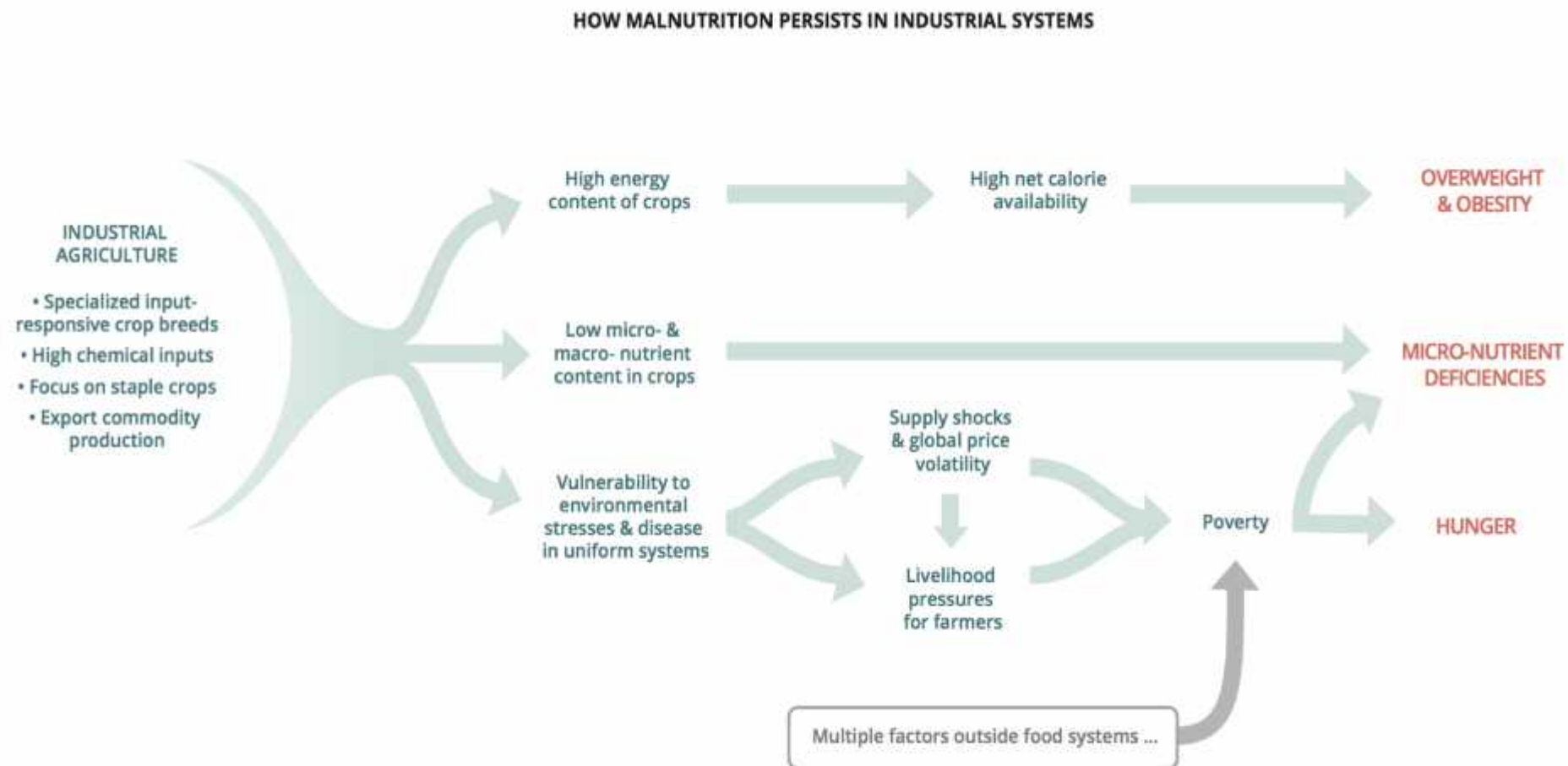
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Prevalence of obesity in adults 18 years and over, 1975-2014



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