

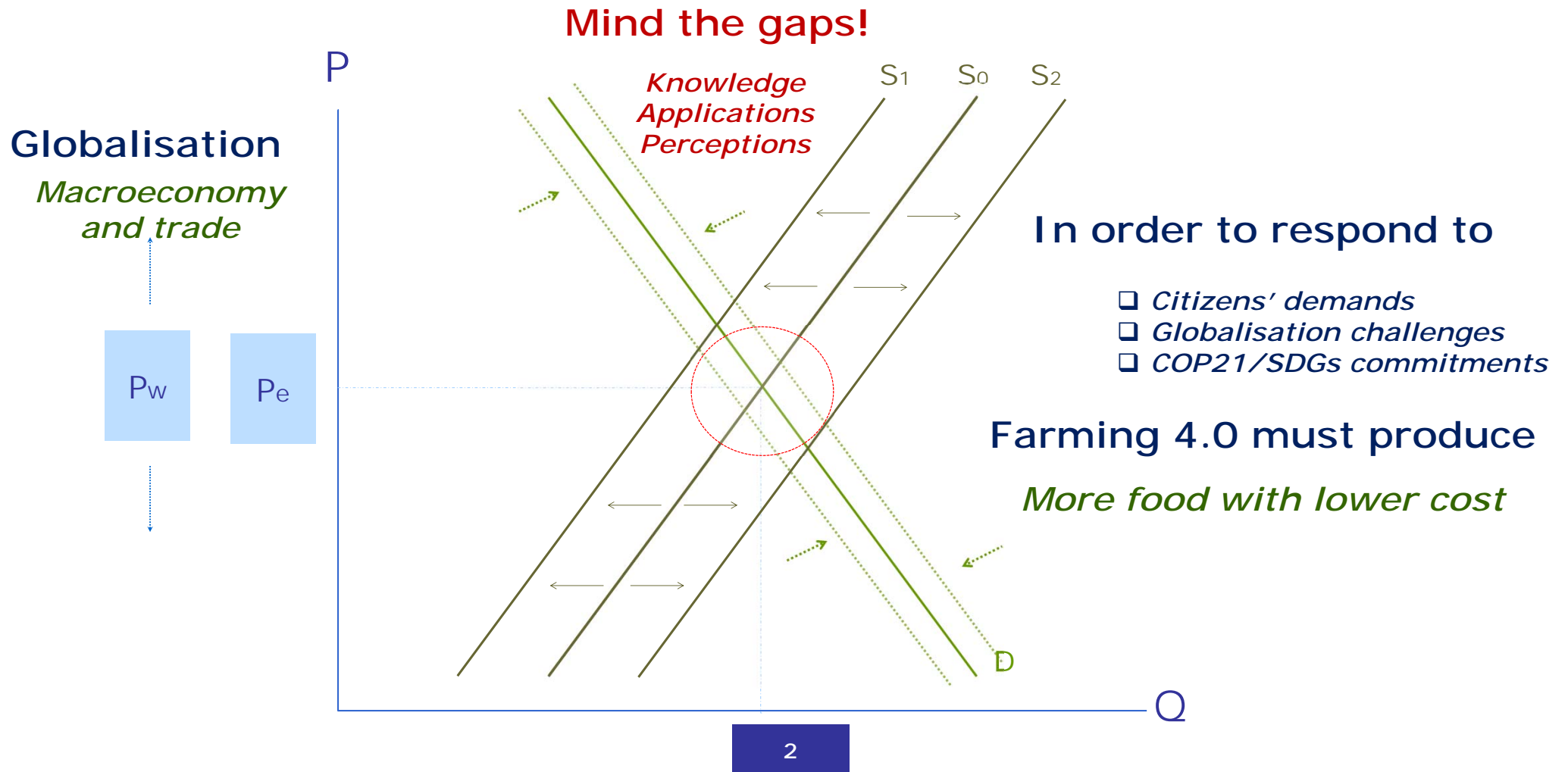
Food, Climate, Trade:
global challenges and their implications in the food policy debate

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Global challenges – from ECON 101 to Farming 4.0



Back to some basic issues that need to be addressed

Food is not just a supply-driven challenge...

- *... but increasingly one reflecting competing and contradictory shifts in consumer/citizen choices*

Climate and environmental issues are bound to and should dominate farm policy...

- *... but jointly achieving more economic and environmental efficiency requires a change in mindsets*

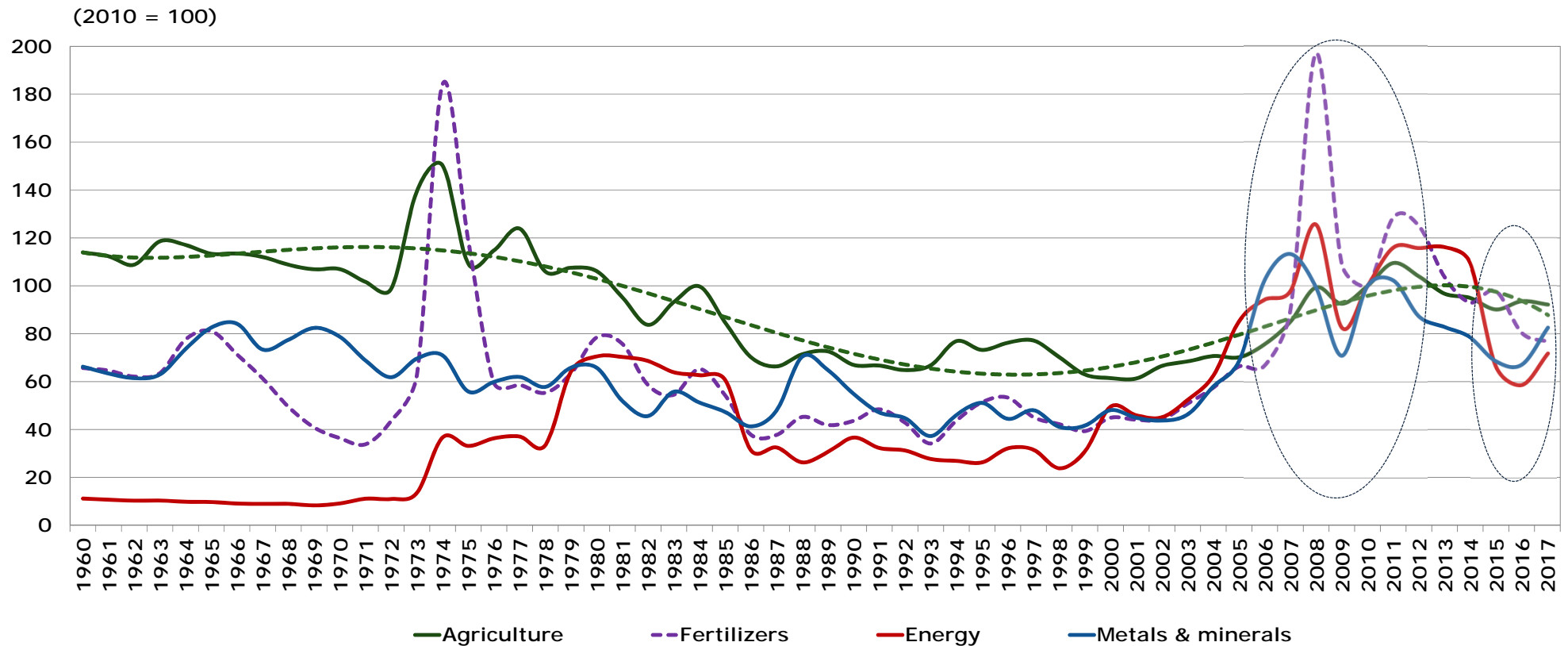
There is no doubt that trade liberalisation increased overall welfare...

- *... but winners should not “forget” to compensate the losers – and to communicate the results!*

So where do we go from here?

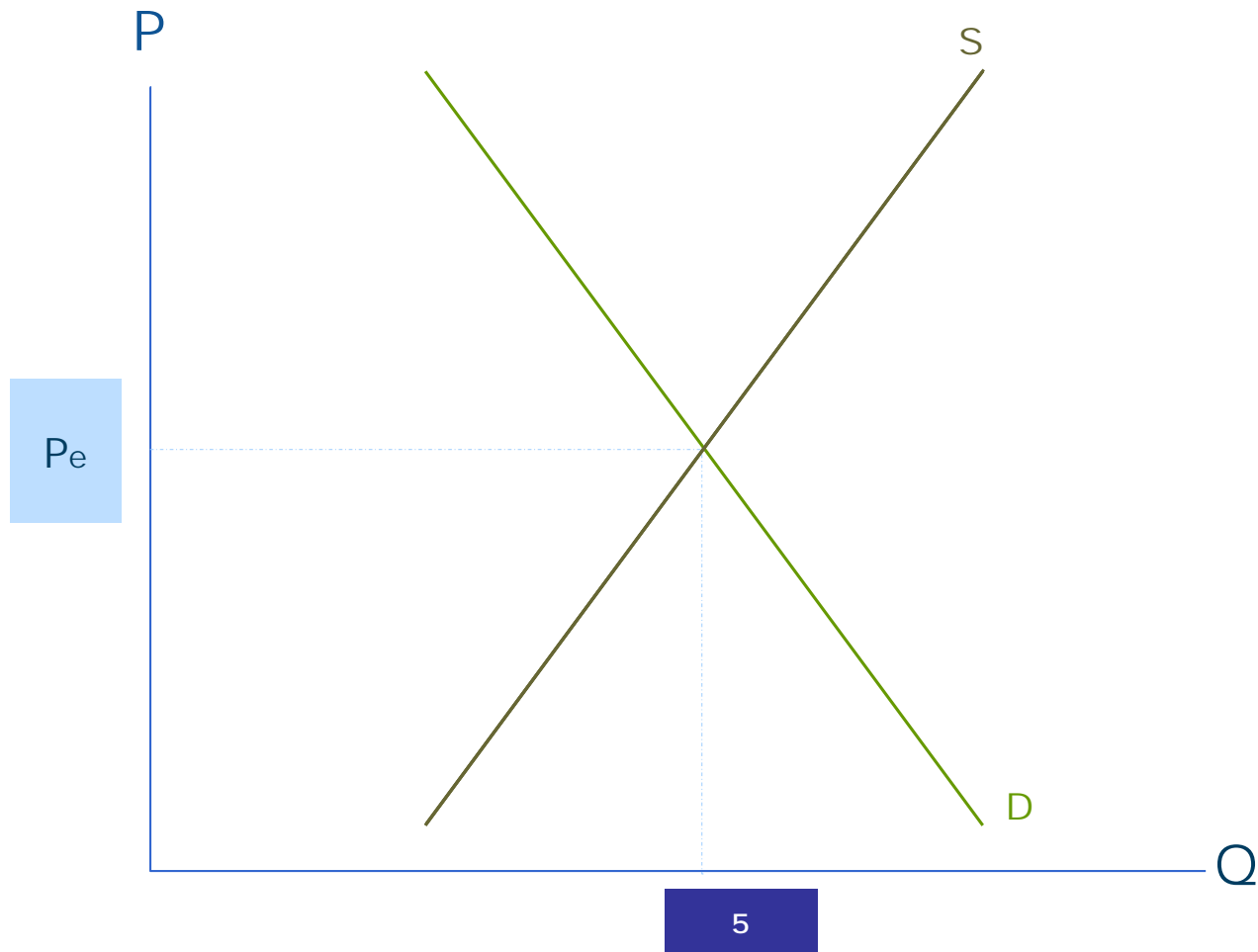
- *... analyse, communicate, but also change our thinking - what type of farm policies do we really want?*

Commodity price waves (real price indices)

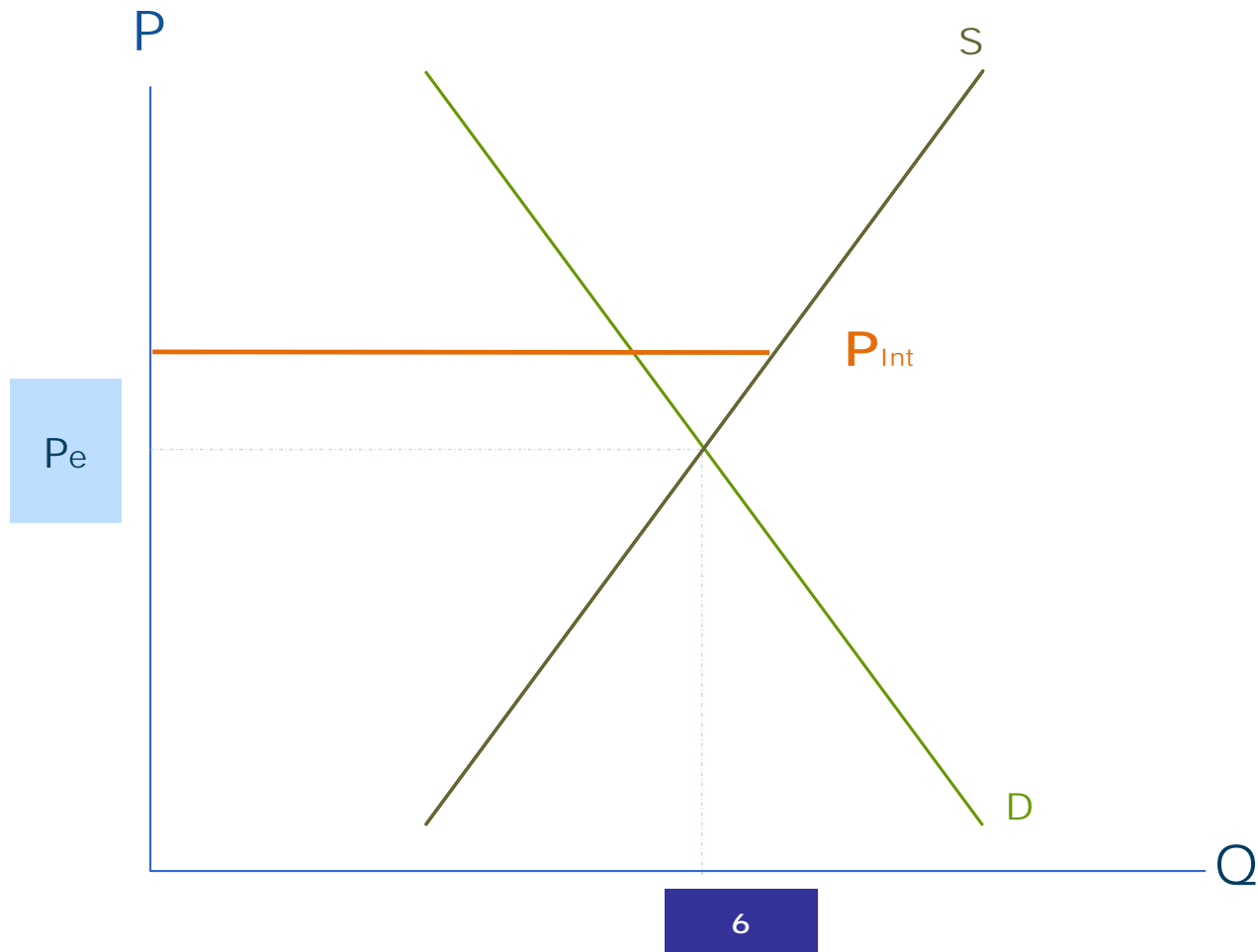


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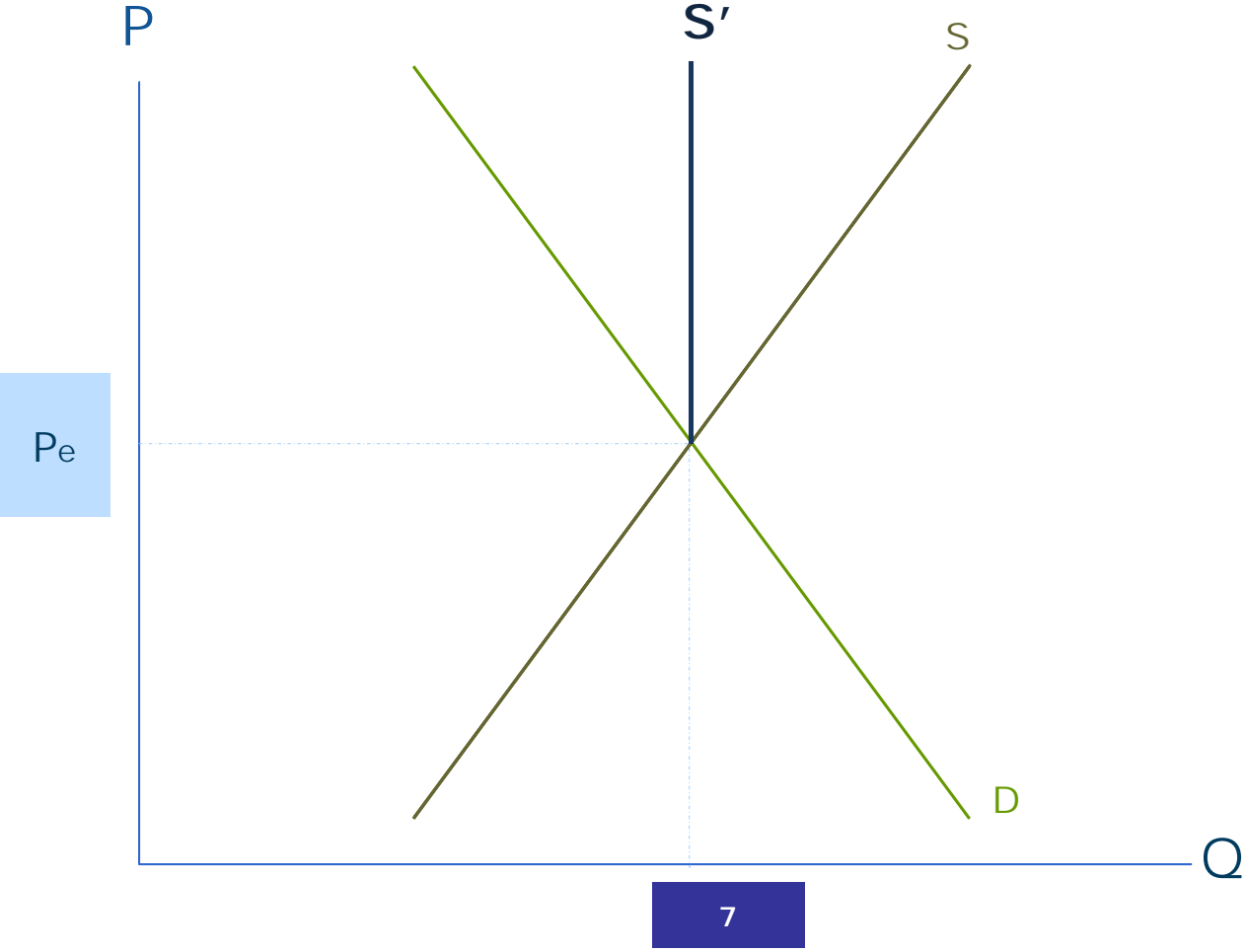
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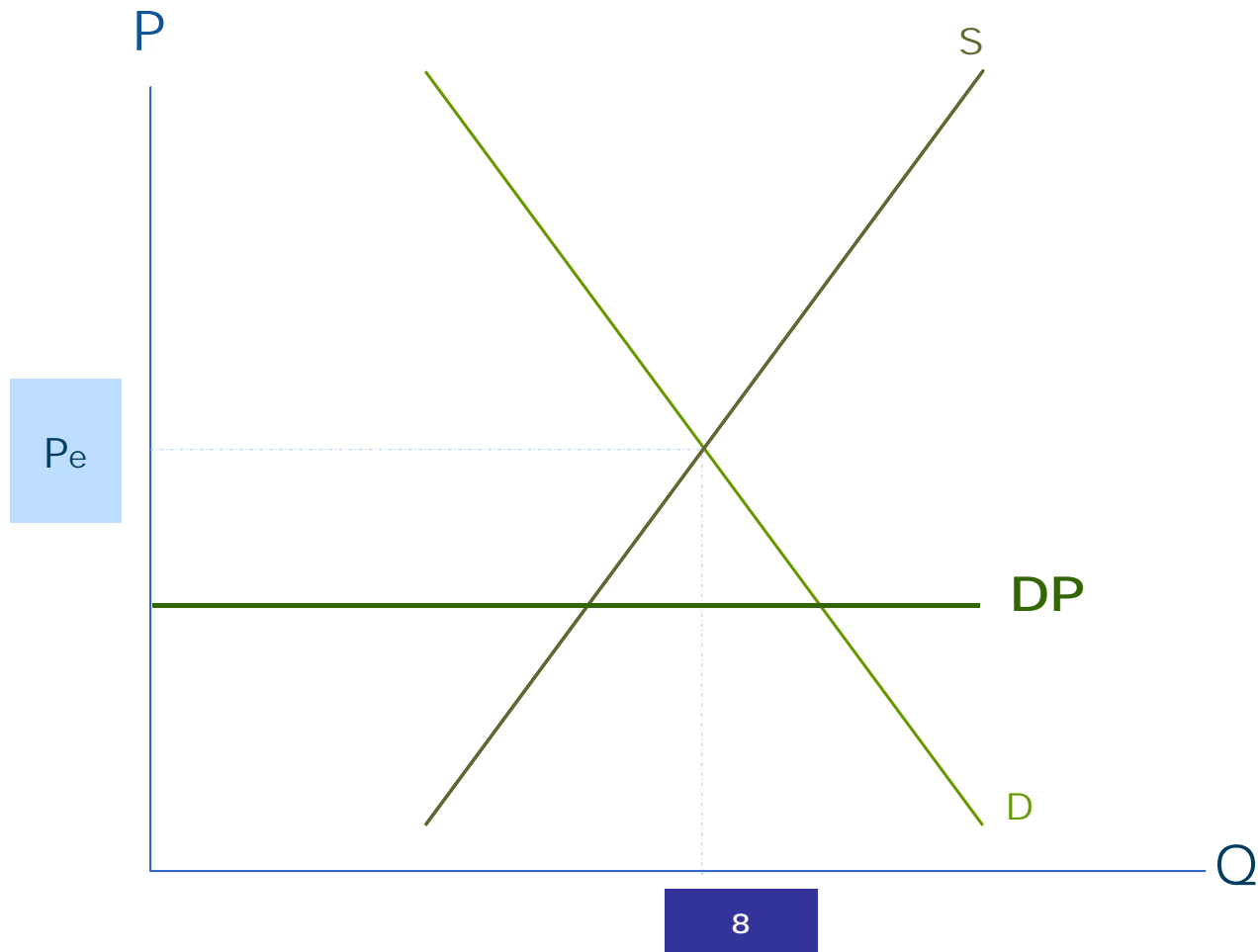
What type of farm policies do we want? "Amber"?



What type of farm policies do we want? "Blue"?



What type of farm policies do we want? "Green"?



Thank you!