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GDP/Income





Total
Production

Total
Purchases



Inventories
fall

AE₁

Y

O



**Firms
increase
output**



If AE
increase

Y₁



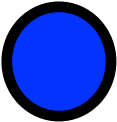
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