

An agricultural policy that addresses both the short- and long-term problems facing farmers, then, might allow an enhanced role for the Farm Credit Corporation. The FCC, in addition to remaining an agricultural lender, could distribute funds committed to an interest-relief scheme, and act as the insurer of loans under a secondary market. As well, the Farm Debt Review Boards could play an increased role, both expediting the application process for farmers referred by them to the Canadian Rural Transition Program, and making recommendations to the Farm Credit Corporation about farmers' eligibility for assistance under an interest-relief scheme. The Committee is convinced that the implementation of such an agricultural policy will ensure the long-term survival of the family farm.