

AGRICULTURAL SECTOR : LIST OF QUESTIONS

- 1) A) What general gains will there be for Canadian producers of agricultural goods under a NAFTA?  
B) – How will Mexican goods compete with Canadian exports to the U.S. market?
- 2) What aspects of Mexican and Canadian trade are especially sensitive to NAFTA?
- 3) Considering the alleged lower health and sanitary regulations in place in Mexico, will a NAFTA not result in pressure to reduce Canadian standards?
- 4) Given that Mexico has very different wage rates for agricultural workers, there is a tendency to higher volatility in prices due to other variables. How does the Canadian government plan to deal with such volatility in prices?
- 5) How would a NAFTA mesh with an agreement on subsidies in agriculture through the GATT?
- 6) Will Mexican products not compete directly with Canadian products, especially during the Canadian marketing seasons?
- 7) A) Under the FTA, certain Canadian fruit and vegetable provisions were maintained such as restrictions imports in bulk packs and the prohibition of consignment sales. What affect will a NAFTA have on non-tariff barriers?  
B) What international interests does Canada have with respect to non-tariff barriers?
- 8) A) What stance will Canada adopt with respect to the NAFTA negotiations for the reduction of subsidies?  
B) What will happen to agricultural marketing boards under NAFTA?
- 9) Given the liberalization of markets under a NAFTA, what affect will there be on the dairy industry?
- 10) A) Under a NAFTA agreement, given the U.S. exports of grains to Mexico, what opportunities will develop for Canadian grain producers?  
B) For pulse crops?
- 11) Given the liberalization of Mexican markets that will occur under the NAFTA, how will the Canadian cattle and pork industries fare?