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Grain Support Calculations

Article 705 of the FTA calls for Canada to eliminate its import permit requirements for U.S. origin wheat, barley and oats, and their products, when the level of government support for these grains in the USA becomes equal to or less than the level of government support in Canada. The process for determining support levels is set out in Article 705 and conducted annually by the two countries.

The 1991 support levels are now being calculated and the results are expected early May.

1989 determinations resulted in Canadian import permit requirements being removed for U.S. oats and oat products, but not for wheat and barley and their products. The 1990 determinations reaffirmed the need for Canadian import permits on wheat, barley and their products.