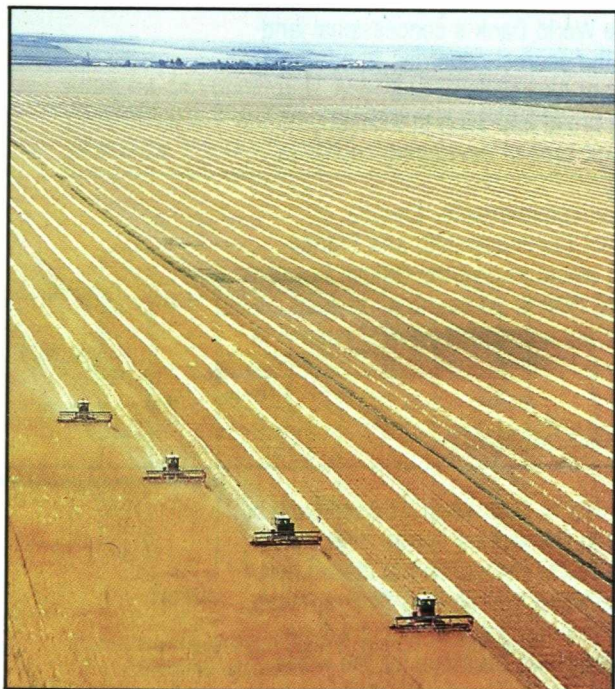


addressed. At Canada's initiative and with strong support from the United States, leaders at Tokyo for the first time expressed their common concern about the domestic subsidies and protectionist policies that have distorted world markets for agricultural products. At this same meeting, Canada secured a consensus to move forward with the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations (MTN), which were formally launched at Punta del Este, Uruguay, in September of that year.

The agricultural trade issue was raised once more by Canada at the Venice Summit in 1987, and leaders agreed to review the progress made on agriculture in the MTN Round when they meet again in Toronto.



Encouraged by the recognition among summit partners of the need to achieve freer trade in agricultural products, Canada played an important role in the founding, in 1986, of the "Cairns Group" of like-minded agricultural exporters from both developed and developing countries. The goal of the group is to promote