

4.3.4.13 Ontario (Northern) Livestock Program

This program reimbursed Northern Ontario farmers for 20% of the purchase costs of boars (among other animals). It was determined that the program was terminated prior to April 1, 1991, and that no residual benefits were provided during the 1991-1992, 1992-1993 and 1993-1994 review periods.

4.3.4.14 Ontario Rabies Indemnification Program

This program enabled producers to apply for compensation through a federal inspector, who determined whether an animal was rabid and had to be destroyed. Farmers received a maximum of C\$100 per hog under the program. Commerce found it to be countervailable on the basis that the legislation made the program available only to livestock producers. It was found countervailable for the review periods of 1991-1992, 1992-1993 and 1993-1994.

4.3.4.15 Prince Edward Island Hog Marketing and Transportation Subsidies

This program defrayed the cost of hog transportation and processing. Inasmuch as these benefits were regional subsidies within the province, it was found to be countervailable in 1984.

4.3.4.16 Quebec Meat Sector Rationalization Program

This program provided technical assistance and grants for the establishment, standardization, expansion or modernization of slaughterhouses, processing plants, or plants preparing food containing meat. Because the grants were limited to the meat sector and thus to specific groups, the program was found to be countervailable.

4.3.4.17 Quebec Special Credits for Hog Producers

This program provided low-interest loans or loan interest subsidies to agricultural producers during "critical" periods. A critical period was defined as a natural disaster that created an emergency, an unexpected, uncontrollable drop in prices, or the disappearance of production for reasons beyond the control of the producer. Because of the specificity of the program, it was found to be countervailable. The Government of Quebec reported that it had stopped giving interest subsidies to pork producers as of March 1983. However, delayed payments were made in 1984 and were therefore calculated for that period.

4.3.4.18 Saskatchewan Financial Assistance for Livestock and Irrigation

This program provided low-interest long-term loans, grants and loan guarantees to farmers for the acquisition of livestock, including swine. Loans to each participant were limited to C\$350,000. This programme was found to confer countervailable subsidies.