

HOW DOES THE FTA BENEFIT AGRICULTURE?

- The U.S. market is now wide open to Canadian exports of red meat.
- Tariff elimination means more competitive access for Canadian agricultural products to the U.S.
- The FTA liberalizes agricultural trade while preserving our agricultural marketing systems.
- Canadian fruit and vegetable producers will have a 20-year period during which Canada can temporarily restore tariffs on fresh fruits and vegetables under depressed price conditions.
- Canadian grain producers have suffered from the international trade subsidy war. The FTA will strengthen Canada's position in the GATT Round where we are actively pursuing the elimination of subsidies that distort agricultural trade.