

Special provisions ensure that acreages converted from grape growing to other fresh fruits and vegetables are covered by this protection. Beef exports between the two countries will be exempt from restrictions, ensuring that Canadian beef and veal has year-round access to the U.S. market. No export subsidies will be permitted on trade in agricultural products between Canada and the U.S. Canada will also be exempt from any U.S. restrictions affecting products containing 10 per cent or less sugar, a measure of great importance to the Canadian food-processing industry.

The Agreement does not affect the right of federal and provincial governments to protect and stabilize farm incomes. The existence of farm marketing boards for grains, dairy, poultry and egg industries, as well as Canada's right to establish new boards, will not be affected by free trade.

Canada's farmers will make real gains. Those agricultural and food products that Canadians produce in abundance — meat and livestock, grains, oilseeds and potatoes — will compete on an equal footing with U.S. products in the huge American market.

Fisheries

Fishermen on both coasts will have tariff-free access to the U.S. market for all fish products. This will provide better opportunities for Canadian fish processors. In addition, the Free Trade Agreement will curtail the abuse of technical standards that in the past has handicapped Canadian fish exporters. The Agreement will introduce accountability to dispute settlements which in the past have been arbitrary and unilateral. East