

Fuel ethanol markets are quite well developed in the United States, based on ethanol produced from corn. In Canada, fuel ethanol is used only minimally and the market is small. Brazil and several Caribbean countries export fuel ethanol.

Ethanol for fuel purposes is subject to import duty in Canada. However, this duty is currently waived for the small number of importers as there is no Canadian fuel ethanol industry to protect. It is not clear whether such an industry, if it were to be developed in the future, would need or would be entitled to the protection provided by import duties.

#### Farm Wages

Farm wages, without board, expressed in Canadian dollars, have been slightly higher in the United States than in Canada during the period 1979-1983. On the average, United States wages have been 9 cents per hour or less than \$1.00 per day higher than Canadian wages. Such a small difference is unlikely to induce on any Canadians to seek work across the border. Table 2 shows the relevant data for the 1970 to 1984 period.

#### Conclusion

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