

**COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

***Why did Canada make a separate agreement on agriculture with Mexico?***

This allows us to negotiate improved opportunities in Mexico's markets while keeping Canadian import quotas in support of the supply management system.

***How can Canadian fruit and vegetable producers compete against Mexico, with its longer growing season and lower wages?***

Mexican fruit and vegetable exports to Canada are small and most of them are already entering duty free during the winter months, when Canada has to import fresh produce. Canadian horticultural producers will be shielded during the transition period for sensitive commodities. The NAFTA will provide export opportunities for Canadian temperate fruits (apples, blueberries) and potatoes and potato products.

***What was accomplished with respect to export subsidies?***

On exports to Mexico, there is an understanding that Canada and the U.S. will not use export subsidies except where competition is subsidized. The overall question of export subsidies is being addressed in the Multilateral Trade Negotiations, as this is a global issue.