

Agreement is entirely consistent with this direction and will help Vancouver to build on its international orientation towards the Pacific Rim.

For British Columbia's fisheries, the Agreement will end the abuse of U.S. technical standards and the removal of the tariff will improve British Columbia's competitive edge in U.S. markets. The right to control the export of unprocessed fish will be pursued under the GATT. In recognition of the seasonal nature of horticultural production in the province, the Agreement keeps the right to restore temporary tariffs on fresh fruits and vegetables for the next two decades.

With over 75 percent of its exports headed south, the Agreement provides prodigious opportunity to Alberta. The oilpatch will soon find that its entry into the U.S. market is more secure as tariffs, as well as customs user and import fees, are removed. The removal of tariffs and non-tariff barriers on petrochemicals will secure the industry's future. Canada is a world leader in the exploration and development of energy resources -- now we will have free access to a market to match our expertise.

Cattle ranchers will find the market for their beef and veal wide open without the threat of quotas under the U.S. meat import law, nuisance border inspections or misuse of health standards. By the end of the next decade, Alberta's meat and livestock, grains and oilseeds will be able to compete in the U.S. market on an equal footing with Americans without fear of barrier.

Saskatchewan thrives on its exports and the Agreement has benefits for all industries. The uranium industry, which exports over \$300 million worth of its product to the U.S., will benefit from the removal of threat of import restrictions. Firms like Eldorado Nuclear have already indicated that millions of dollars in new investment will result from the security of access to U.S. markets guaranteed by the Agreement. For potash producers, who send 60 percent of their ore to the U.S., the dispute settlement mechanisms created by the Agreement will ensure that future actions are subject to accountability with better enforcement of rules. As Canada's second largest oil producer, Saskatchewan will gain more secure access for future exports. The Agreement also marks the first tangible effort to address the current agricultural subsidy war being waged worldwide. Saskatchewan beef producers will benefit from their exemption under the U.S. Meat