

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.

Energy

Two basic ideas underlie the energy section of the Agreement: Canada will be a reliable supplier if the United States is a reliable customer and both countries will share their energy supplies in the event of an energy shortage.

This is not a new idea. It builds on our longstanding commitment made through the