

- VI. The Committee recommends that the Government complete its review of the role and mandate of the Farm Credit Corporation and recommends that, for now, the Corporation retain its role as a direct lender. Further, the Committee recommends that the role of the Farm Credit Corporation be expanded to allow it to become the agency responsible for disbursing the funds committed to the proposed interest-relief scheme described above.
- VII. The Committee recommends that the Government ensure that programs be implemented to provide farmers with direct and indirect assistance in developing the management information systems necessary to make well-informed decisions. The Committee considers that it is important for borrowers to maintain adequate records for use in a management information system compatible with farm operations. The Committee therefore recommends that federal lending agencies consider such records in determining farmers' access to federal government lending programs, whether direct or by guarantee.
- VIII. The Committee recommends that the Government create a secondary agricultural mortgage market and expand the mandate of the Farm Credit Corporation to allow it to function as the insurer of agricultural mortgages.
- IX. The Committee recommends that the concept of decoupling be thoroughly analyzed and commends Agriculture Canada for having undertaken a study of this concept. The Committee acknowledges that decoupling could radically change the use of programs forming the basis of Canadian farm policy. The Committee therefore recommends that any reform tied to the concept of decoupling take place only after in-depth consultations with all those involved in farming.