

## **New Zealand**

**Gross Domestic Product (GDP):** US\$43 billion (1993); US\$46 billion (1994 est.)  
**GDP Growth Rate:** 5.2% (1993); 3.9% (1994 est.)  
**GDP Per Capita:** US\$12,635 (1993); US\$13,230 (1994 est.)  
**Population:** 3.5 million (1994)

**Head of State:** Queen Elizabeth II, represented by Governor General Catherine Tizard  
**Head of Government:** Prime Minister Jim Bolger  
**Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs:** Don McKinnon  
**Minister of Commerce, Industry and Trade Negotiations:** Philip Burdon

## **Canada–New Zealand Relations**

- Canada's relationship with New Zealand is rooted in the shared inheritance of British parliamentary democracy and Commonwealth membership, as well as in mutual experience and interests.
- Senior officials of both countries consult each other regularly on political, economic and trade matters, and there is an ongoing exchange of public servants. As well, a limited program of defence co-operation is in place.
- Mutual support extends to the international arena, particularly in United Nations affairs and in the Asia-Pacific and South Pacific regions.

## **Trade and Investment**

- Canada and New Zealand enjoy excellent trading relations based on the Trade and Economic Co-operation Agreement signed in August 1981. It provides for the continued exchange of preferential tariffs and commits both countries to expanded and closer business relationships.
- In the first half of 1995, Canada exported goods valued at \$86.7 million to New Zealand. In 1994, Canadian exports reached nearly \$141 million, up from \$121 million in 1993. Canadian imports from New Zealand totalled nearly \$321 million in 1994, compared to \$254 million in 1993.