

impossible to ensure food security without maintaining high production levels continuously. Farmers are sensitive to trade stimuli and, if increased production and improved food security are desired, it is essential that the producers receive adequate returns.

Food aid and international emergency food reserves

Canada supports the annual minimum figure of 10 million tons of cereals as an objective for a food aid agreement which would be incorporated into a new international wheat agreement, on the understanding that new donors should be encouraged to contribute to the pursuit of this objective and traditional donors should be prepared to increase their commitments. We have also accepted the recommendations of the World Food Council with regard to the establishment of a permanent International Emergency Reserve. Canada has already provided substantial assistance to the reserve, of which the 500,000 ton objective has almost been reached at this time.