

Excerpt from Submission by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture to the House of Commons Committee on Agriculture and Colonization on Feed Grain, December 10, 1963

"The Canadian Federation of Agriculture has recommended to the Federal government the 'formation of a special Federal agency entrusted with looking to the interest of farmer-consumers of feed grains'.

"The Federation's official statement of policy on the agency reads as follows:

"The need for an agency is this: there should be a means of administration of feed freight assistance and other feed grain policies in the producer interest for which they were designed. There should be a means for continuing and comprehensive attention by an authoritative body, operating in the interests of farmer-consumers of feed grains, to problems, policies and developments in the feed grain situation. There should be a means by which farmer-consumers of feed grains might have a recognized role to play in advising on and developing policy with respect to feed grains. We conceive the scope of interest of such agency to embrace the supply and movement of western feed grains moving to Eastern Canada, and also the supply and movement of Ontario feed grains, particularly wheat and corn.

"These requirements would in our opinion be best met by establishing a special Federal agency whose declared purpose is to serve the interests of farmer-consumers of feed grains.

"This agency should have, advisory to it, and charged with definite and defined responsibilities, a committee composed of persons formally representative of organized farm groups.

"The specific functions of such an agency should be:

1. The administration of the feed freight assistance policy.
2. The exercise of adequate powers to require action, when needed, to make eastern public grain storage available for needed supplies of feed grains.
3. To administer the storage subsidy programs for feed grains recommended in this submission.
4. To advise the government on feed grain import permit policy.
5. To generally study and advise on all aspects of feed grain policy. In this connection the agency should study, and advise on, supply and market developments which may create undesirable and short-run distortions and fluctuations in price. It shall not, however, interfere with the exercise by the Canadian Wheat Board of its responsibility to market western grain in an orderly fashion in the interests of producers of western grain'."