

- Canadians are divided on the question of whether or not the federal government should sign the GATT.
- Most Canadians do not believe the GATT will benefit family farmers, or that more jobs will be created.
- A majority feel that GATT will hurt Canadian farmers because it threatens their marketing boards for chicken, eggs and milk. However, a majority also believe that GATT will help Canadian grain farmers because it opens up world markets for Canadian exports.
- Canadians are split on whether the GATT will be good for consumers because it lowers the price of chicken, eggs and milk. There is also division on whether the GATT will create jobs in the Canadian food processing sector.
- Less than a third think there will be an increase in the cost of prescription drugs for Canadian consumers if Canada signs the GATT.
- A strong majority would prefer an open approach to GATT negotiations, even if it exposes Canada's negotiating position to other countries.

NAFTA

- A strong majority believe the federal government must be involved in the NAFTA discussions to protect Canada's interests.
- Canadians are split on whether Canada's concerns will be reflected in the final NAFTA agreement.
- Less than a third of those surveyed agree with the view that a NAFTA won't make much difference to Canada because we don't have much trade with the Mexicans now, and this is unlikely to change under the trade deal.
- Support for NAFTA has crashed since September 1991. Currently, only 29% of those surveyed support a NAFTA. Opposition is driven mostly by the belief that cheaper Mexican labour will threaten Canadian jobs. In addition, there are doubts that Canada can compete with Mexico because of its lower wages, environmental and safety standards.