

4.3.2.4 Canada-Quebec Agri-Food Agreement—Technological Innovation Program

Funding for this agreement was shared equally by the federal and provincial governments. Through the agreement, grants were made to private businesses and academic organizations to fund projects in the areas of research, technological innovation and support for strategic alliances as they related to the agri-food industry. Since assistance under the Technological Innovation Program was provided by the federal government to industries located within a designated geographic region of Canada (i.e. Quebec), Commerce determined that the federal contributions were countervailable.

4.3.3 Provincial Income Stabilization Programs

Commerce determined all the following hog price stabilization programs to be limited to a specific group of enterprises or industries, and thus countervailable.

4.3.3.1 British Columbia Farm Income Insurance Program

This program was intended to assure income to farmers when commodity market prices went below the basic costs of production. It was funded equally by producers and the provincial government. Premiums were paid in all quarters regardless of market returns. In the administrative reviews for the periods of 1992-1993 and 1993-1994, Commerce found the program to be countervailable because it was limited to a specific group of enterprises or industries. It was found countervailable in administrative reviews for the periods of 1992-1993 and 1993-1994.

4.3.3.2 British Columbia Swine Producers' Farm Income Plan

Created in 1979, this program assured hog producers in British Columbia a specified level of return over certain basic production costs. The program was funded in roughly equal proportion by the provincial government and participating hog producers. In 1984, the provincial share of the support payment to hog producers averaged C\$10.73 per hog.

4.3.3.3 Manitoba Hog Income Stabilization Plan (HISP)

Created in 1983 and ending in 1986, the HISP provided price support payments to hog producers in Manitoba. It was funded by both the Government of Manitoba and hog producers in the province. Participation in the program was voluntary. Provincial government contributions accounted for approximately 30% of the stabilization payment. In fiscal year 1984, the provincial share of the support payment to hog producers averaged C\$5.26 per hog.