

## Economic Integration: FTAA and Agriculture

### QUESTION

What are the implications for agriculture in Canada in the FTAA? Aren't we already under seige with the U.S. and upcoming WTO talks?

### SUGGESTED REPLY

- There are no implications until an agreement is negotiated and agreed to, and FTAA negotiations are expected to last some seven years.
- The creation of a separate negotiating group on Agriculture in the FTAA was a political priority for many FTAA countries.
- As for all other areas, Canada's negotiating positions in Agriculture are being developed in consultation with the agricultural sector. They are also fully co-ordinated with our positions in the preparations for the WTO talks on Agriculture.
- Canada will continue to defend the interests of supply management.