

The TPP & Supply Management

KNOW the FACTS!

The Trans-Pacific Partnership is one of the

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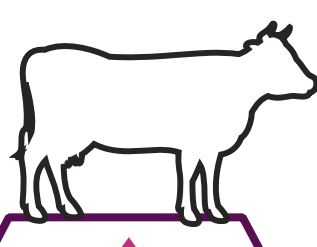
multilateral trade negotiations in the world.

In such a heated environment, it's important that supporters of supply management be armed with the facts.

MYTH: SUPPLY MANAGEMENT RAISES PRICES FOR CONSUMERS

FALSE. Supply management only controls what farmers get for food. Chicken farmers get \$1.58 per kg – much less than what chicken costs at the grocery store. The price that Canadians pay is set by restaurateurs and retailers, who set prices based on what the market will bear.

Supply-managed food has had stable prices since 2013:



BEEF HAS RISEN BY 33.5%



PORK HAS RISEN BY 17.9%



CHICKEN HAS ONLY RISEN BY 5.2%

MYTH: SUPPLY MANAGEMENT IS BLOCKING THE TPP

NOT TRUE.

Supply Management has existed in Canada for over 40 years. In that time, The Government of Canada has successfully negotiated **12 trade agreements** with **43 countries** internationally. All of these agreements have preserved the system of supply management. There is no reason to believe that the TPP should be any different.

COUNTRIES THAT HAVE FREE TRADE DEALS WITH CANADA

Andean Community • Argentina • Armenia
Australia • Barbados • Chile • Colombia
Costa Rica • Côte d'Ivoire • Croatia
Czech Republic • Ecuador • Egypt
European Union • Honduras • Hungary
Iceland • Israel • Jordan • Latvia • Lebanon
Liechtenstein • Mali • Mexico • Norway
Palestine • Panama • Peru • Philippines
Poland • Romania • Russian Federation
Senegal • Slovak Republic • South Africa
Southern Cone Market • Switzerland
Thailand • Trinidad and Tobago • Ukraine
United States of America • Uruguay
Venezuela

MYTH: SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SHOULD BE ABOLISHED BECAUSE IT DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

WRONG. THE ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION OF CANADA'S DAIRY, POULTRY, AND EGG INDUSTRIES:

16,667 farmers | 332,006 total jobs | \$27.5 billion to Canada's GDP | \$6.4 billion in taxes

Supply management as a whole contributes nearly

\$28 BILLION

to Canada's GDP annually.

MYTH: ABOLISHING SUPPLY MANAGEMENT WILL HELP CONSUMERS

NOT EVEN CLOSE.

Abolishing supply management does not guarantee price reductions. Chicken is presently the least expensive lean protein, having risen by 5.2% since 2013, compared to 33.5% for beef and 17.9% for pork. At the same time, the farmer live price has gone down 7.7% – yet more evidence that farmers don't set retail prices.

In New Zealand, where supply management was **dismantled**, even while dairy farmers suffer from rock-bottom world prices for milk, consumers are seeing price increases. For example, the average domestic price for 2L of milk **JUMPED 11.3% from May 2013 to May 2015.**

Supply management is a system that has protected farmers and consumers for over 40 years. It mandates world-class food safety, biosecurity and farming practices.

It is worth protecting.

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