

**National Farmers Union in N. B.  
Union nationale des fermiers au N-B**

## **NFU in NB's October E-Newsletter**

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### **1. Announcements**

## Biggest Scandal Yet: Harper concludes sell-out of Canada in the CETA

(NFU, Saskatoon, SK) - Of all the negative actions that Harper has taken, the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA) is by far the worst. Harper has sold Canadians out to be governed by foreign corporations.



“The devil is always in the detail, which this government has never disclosed,” contended Terry Boehm, President of the National Farmers Union (NFU). “We do know from leaked draft texts and from the EU’s similar agreement with South Korea that CETA is essentially a ‘Corporate Bill of Rights.’”

“Canadians are losing the fundamental tools of economic policy. We cannot restrict the movement of capital, which make us vulnerable to wild currency fluctuations. Except for six-month terms during emergencies, we cannot take measures to influence our balance of payments. This is disastrous for our economic sovereignty,” Boehm pointed out. “Nor can we use offsets in regard to covered procurements – all those goods and services tendered by all levels of government, such as schools hospitals and creatures of government such as crown corporations.”

Boehm quoted the definition of an offset from a leaked draft of the CETA text: “any condition or undertaking that encourages local development or improves a party’s balance of payment accounts such as the use of domestic content, the licensing of technology, investment, countertrade and similar actions or requirements.”

“We are witnessing the destruction of our autonomy as farmers, governments and citizens. Local food systems will be severely restricted. Harper’s negotiating tactic allowing increased importation of European cheeses will have negative effects on dairy farmers. As well, the increase in beef exports to the EU is a red herring - we have not filled existing export quotas for hormone-free beef to this point,” he exclaimed.

“From reading CETA’s precursor texts, this deal is horrendous no matter which way you look at it. We need Harper to open CETA’s final text for all to see, and to let Canadians say no if they don’t like what they see. Canada’s successful future depends on it,” Boehm concluded.

**To voice your opinion on CETA contact your [Member of Parliament](#)**

## NB Farmer Opinion Sought

The NFU/UNF has been approached by Rob English (NB DAA) to provide feedback on regulations affecting farmers in NB. Please can you reply with an answer to this question:

### Question

What rules or regulations are preventing you or hindering you from expanding or improving your farm business?

We'd love to hear back from farmers in all sectors/commodity groups in the province and will share the results in our next newsletter. Please respond by email to [Marieka Chaplin](mailto:Marieka.Chaplin@nfu-nb.ca) or phone 1-888-210-5583



*Young farmers thinking outside the barn: Mahalia, Luke and Claire Chaplin*

## 2. Opportunities



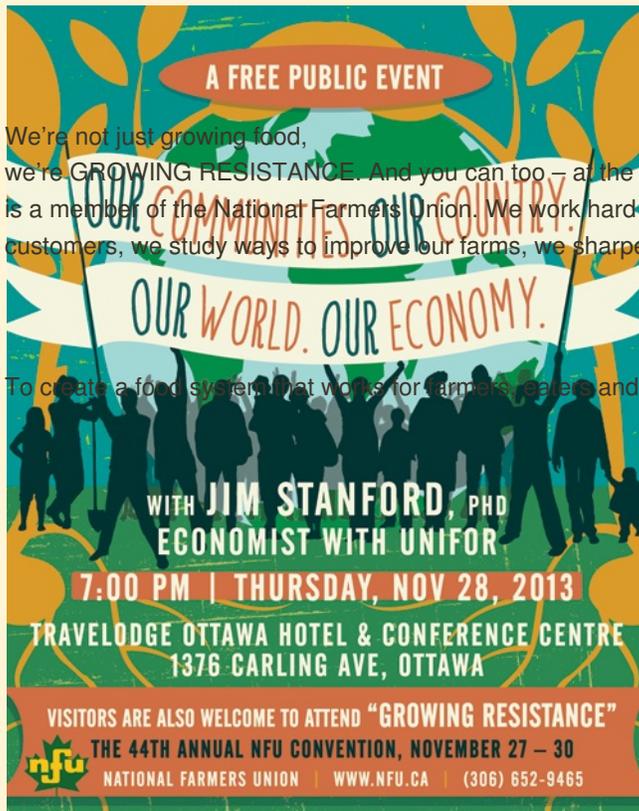
*Reverse side of "Achetez N-B/Buy NB" t-shirt*

### FREE T-Shirt and Hat :

As a thank you to our new and returning members we are holding a competition. The competition winner will receive a FREE T-shirt (pictured) and hat. To enter the competition electronically all you have to do is forward this newsletter to a farmer and enter to win by emailing our Executive Director. All entries must be received by November 18.

Submit your email to the [NFU/UNF Executive Director](#)

## 3. News and Events



## We're not just growing food, we're growing resistance

We're not just growing food, we're GROWING RESISTANCE. And you can too -- at the NFU Annual Convention. Our farm family is a member of the National Farmers Union. We work hard to raise the food we sell, we listen to our customers, we study ways to improve our farms, we sharpen our pencils to make good business decisions. But we know that is not enough.

To create a food system that works for farmers, eaters and the land, we have to work together -- with fellow farmers and non-farm allies like you -- to GROW RESISTANCE to the one-sided policies that benefit corporations at our expense. That's why we joined the NFU.

We would like to invite you to attend this year's NFU Convention with us -- to learn, to share, to meet other farmers and food activists -- to be part of the growing movement for a food system that works!

## 44th Annual National Farmers Union Convention

November 27 to 30, 2013

Travelodge Ottawa Hotel & Conference Centre,  
1376 Carling Avenue, Ottawa.

Registration at the door starting 6 PM November 27

\$175 Registration fee (includes spouse & children)

\$ 85 per day for those not planning on attending the entire convention

\$ 15 per day for students

*Note: Fees do not include meals.*

See [www.nfu.ca/about/conventions](http://www.nfu.ca/about/conventions) for program details

## Letter to the Editor: Prime Minister moves to complete free trade deal in Europe.

Source: Ottawa Citizen, October 18, 2013

The European trade deal is part of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's unrelenting bid to further destroy Canada's domestic economy and hand the shreds over to transnational corporations. It will blast a hole in our supply management regime for dairy.

We are told this will lower prices to consumers. Really? There is no supply management for beef, and when beef cattle prices went through the floor, the price of beef in the stores did not budge. It is not the price the farmers get that determines the retail price.

The only beneficiaries of this deal will be the large meat packers in Alberta and the foreign-owned dairy conglomerates with offices in Montreal, while our small-scale dairies and artisanal cheesemakers - and the local economies they enhance - will probably disappear. How does this benefit consumers?

*Cathleen Kneen  
Ottawa*



## 4. Upcoming Events

**October 31 Time to Renew** your Farm Business Registration (RPAP Card). Online registration form [here](#).

**November 10-16** Agroecology Training Course in Cuba with La Via Campesina and the National Association of Small Farmers (ANAP). For more information contact: [info@nfunb.org](mailto:info@nfunb.org) To learn more about agroecology [click here](#).)

**November 20-22** Cultivating Organic Resilience - the 14th Annual ACORN conference and trade show. Moncton, NB <http://acornconference.org/>

**November 27-30** National Farmers Union 44th Annual Convention. Ottawa, ON. Visit: [www.nfu.ca/about/conventions](http://www.nfu.ca/about/conventions)

**February 3-14** Canada - Cuba Farmer to Farmer Tours. Website: <http://www.wendyholm.com/cuba>

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