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This is the eighth in a series of annual workshop proceedings designed to produce economic information on NAFTA trade and policy issues in relation to the agricultural and agri-food industries. The workshops are conducted with the objective of contributing to reduction of trade and policy disputes among the NAFTA partners.

This workshop was conceived in an environment of crisis conditions in the European animal sector following outbreaks of BSE and Hoof and Mouth disease in England, and the resulting border closures within Europe and around the world. Animal agriculture and meat trade are major components of trade within NAFTA. An outbreak of a major animal or plant disease could have catastrophic consequences for trade within NAFTA if border closure occurred. In addition, trade actions, or threats of trade actions, in wheat, corn, tomatoes and sugar within North America continued to create the potential for border closures from disagreement based on policy differences.

This publication, *Keeping the Borders Open*, considers each of these potential sources of trade disruption within North America. It provides description and analysis of the existing policy and regulatory framework within NAFTA to deal with plant and animal disease problems, and to deal with trade actions that produce countervailing and dumping duties.

The workshop was held in March, 2002, and like earlier programs, was attended by academic and government economists, and industry and interest group representatives. The publication is intended for readers with a general interest in the North American agricultural and food sector, in the effects of trade agreements on markets and trade, and the nature of agricultural trade disputes among Canada, Mexico and the United States. The material is also intended to be relevant to decision makers at all levels of the food chain to inform on economic relationships and market reality as a means to reducing trade and policy stress.

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