



## North American Agriculture: Assessing NAFTA at 12

Friday, January 13, 2006

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Sacramento Hilton, 2200 Harvard Street

Luncheon Speaker: Dan Walters, *Sacramento Bee*, California in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

*This conference examines the promises and pitfalls of freer trade for California agriculture. The focus is on NAFTA, which expanded trade in farm commodities between Canada, Mexico, and the US as expected. However, barriers to trade in farm commodities remain, and there are long-running disputes over specific commodities, including Canadian wheat and cattle and Mexican tomatoes, avocados and sugar. Is the transition to almost teen status a marker of maturity or the start of a troublesome period in the drive for freer trade?*

Sessions Include (complete agenda on reverse):

- Assessing NAFTA, CAFTA, and the FTAA
- Trends in Specific Commodities
- NAFTA's People Impacts
- What's Next with Doha?

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Registration fee: \$75 includes the meals and breaks. Make checks out to UC Regents and mail to Philip Martin, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, 1 Shields Ave, Davis, CA 95616 before December 13, 2005 (\$95 after December 13, 2005). For more information about the conference. contact Phil Martin at 530-752-1530.

The North American Free Trade Agreement turns 12 on January 1, 2006. Is the transition to almost teen status a marker of maturity or the start of a troublesome period in the drive for freer trade?

The U.S. and California agriculture have been largely staunch supporters of free trade, but that may be changing. NAFTA was approved in the 435-seat House by 34 votes, while CAFTA was approved by 2 votes. California exports about 20 percent of its farm commodities, but support for freer trade may be waning, especially among producers facing increased competition at home and abroad.

We have reserved rooms at the Sacramento Hilton at the special rate of \$84 plus tax. These rooms must be reserved by December 20, 2005, and we are the UC-Giannini Group, code SDA. The hotel has ample free parking, especially in the rear, which is near the ballroom in which the seminar is being held.

There is a registration fee of \$75 (\$95 after December 13, 2005) that includes the meals and breaks on the agenda as well as conference materials; registrations received will be acknowledged with receipts and conference materials. There are no refunds. Please send with check for \$75 (\$95 after December 13, 2005) made to **UC Regents** to: Philip Martin, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, 1 Shields Ave, Davis, CA 95616 **before December 13, 2005.**

For questions, please contact Philip Martin at 530-752-1530 or [plmartin@ucdavis.edu](mailto:plmartin@ucdavis.edu). We are grateful to the Giannini Foundation (<http://giannini.ucop.edu>) for support of this conference.

#### AGENDA

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| 8AM     | Registration and continental breakfast   |
| 9AM     | Welcome and introduction, David Zilberman, UC Berkeley   |
| 9:15AM  | <i>Assessing NAFTA, CAFTA, and the FTAA</i> . Chair, Philip Martin, UC Davis<br>Gary Hufbauer, Institute of International Economics<br>Discussants, Ann Harrison, UC Berkeley; Rob Feenstra, UC Davis                                |
| 10:15AM | Coffee break   |
| 10:30AM | <i>Trends in Specific Commodities</i> , Chair, David Zilberman, UC Berkeley<br><i>Canada-U.S. Trade</i> , Colin Carter, UC Davis<br><i>Mexico-U.S. Trade</i> , Steve Zahniser, USDA<br>Discussant, Roberta Cook, UC Davis            |
| 12PM    | Lunch, Dan Walters, <i>Sacramento Bee</i> , <i>California in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</i>   |
| 2PM     | <i>NAFTA'S People Impacts</i> , Chair, Colin Carter, UC Davis<br><i>Mexico-U.S. Migration</i> , Ed Taylor, UC Davis<br><i>Impacts of Mexican Migration</i> , Philip Martin, UC Davis<br>Discussant, Alix Peterson Zwane, UC Berkeley |
| 3:30PM  | Coffee break   |
| 3:45PM  | Jason Hafemeister, Director for WTO Agricultural Negotiations, U.S. Trade Representative's Office, <i>What Can Agriculture Expect from Doha?</i>   |
| 4:30PM  | Adjourn  |