

Joint European farmers' declaration

... in favour of fair and responsible trade policy

Europe is launching free trade agreements with Canada (CETA), Japan (JEFTA), certain Mercosur countries¹, New Zealand and Australia – to name just a few of the many in the pipeline. Even with the poor and poorest countries of the world, Europe is negotiating deals within the framework of so-called Economic Partnership Agreements (EPA).

These trade agreements lead to agricultural products being dumped at throw-away prices, to higher standards being dismantled, to labour standards being weakened and to multinationals becoming even more powerful.

Therefore, we collectively demand:

CETA and Co. must be stopped.

What Europe really needs is fair trade policy to ensure

- fair producer prices
- fair working conditions
- environmental protection and animal welfare
- high-quality food
- food sovereignty.

Signed by the farmer organisations

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Milcherzeuger Interessengemeinschaft Belgien (MIG-Belgien)

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European Coordination Via Campesina (ECVC)
European Milk Board (EMB)

France

Association des Producteurs de Lait Indépendants (APLI)
Confédération Paysanne (CP)

Germany

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Dutch Dairymen Board (DDB)
Dutch Poultry Farmers Union (NVP)
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