

Part 6: Listening for Viewpoints



You will hear a presentation about farm boards.

Track 1

Listen to the report.

1. Before becoming a private company, the Wheat Board
 - assisted farmers when production was low.
 - bought farmers' wheat at pre-arranged prices.
 - marketed each farmer's whole wheat crop.
 - matched local prices to world wheat prices.
2. Researcher Vince Levin believes
 - consumers demand higher food quality.
 - dairy foods should be strictly regulated.
 - farm marketing boards help restaurants.
 - government regulation limits development.
3. Which policy would Vince Levin probably support?
 - fixed pricing for Canadian dairy products
 - high interest rates on loans to new farmers
 - tougher fines by federal food inspection agencies
 - marketing training for new farmers starting up
4. Journalist Eric Molinsky supports
 - moving cautiously towards free-market agriculture.
 - increasing the availability of bailouts for farmers.
 - extending price regulation to other food products.
 - eliminating marketing boards as quickly as possible.

5. Wheat farmer Rebecca Hogue wants

bigger farms with maximum production.

a privatized farm marketing board.

international open market monitoring.

price protection for specialty crops.

6. Who would most likely agree with Rebecca Hogue?

large companies producing pesticides for farmers

international farmers exporting products to Canada

financially struggling restaurant owners

specialty crop farmers on family-run farms