

PETITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

We, the undersigned, citizens of Canada

wish to bring to the attention of the Government of Canada that

In the past few years, weather extremes caused significant jumps in food prices, causing economic, political and social disturbances in both developing and developed countries. This past summer in Atlantic Canada, the multi-million dollar lobster industry was trying to overcome low prices over the last four seasons, and an unusually large lobster haul in Maine. That state's lobster catch swamped the market and drove prices so low that Canadian fisherman were saying that it would not even be worth trapping lobster. Climate change might have accounted for the warmer water temperatures and the large harvest in Maine.

In many regions across Canada, farmers were struggling with hot, dry conditions which devastated their crops. The Ontario provincial government asked for federal support to help farmers dealing with drought. Farmers were also forced to sell their live stock at low prices because the drought has raised feed costs beyond what they could afford.

THEREFORE, we request the Government of Canada

TO

acknowledge the urgency of climate change and the magnitude of challenges remaining;

recognise that a sector-by-sector approach will be too slow, and build on the provincial climate action success stories; and

develop real-world solutions for farmers, as drought conditions become the norm, and for vulnerable families as food prices increase.

Signatures

(Sign your name. Do not print.)

Addresses

(Give your full home address.)
