

**MULTILATERAL TRADE  
NEGOTIATIONS  
THE URUGUAY ROUND**

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1. The target prices for the main agricultural products, which were agreed upon in negotiations between the Government and producers' organizations in February 1989 for the crop year 1989/90, are as follows:

Milk	FIM 269.00 per litre
Beef and Veal	FIM 27.80 per kilo
Pigmeat	FIM 17.95 per kilo
Sheepmeat	FIM 27.45 per kilo
Eggs	FIM 9.20 per kilo
Wheat	FIM 2.51 per kilo
Rye	FIM 3.10 per kilo
Barley	FIM 1.78 per kilo
Oats	FIM 1.76 per kilo

These target prices are used inter alia as a basis for calculating export subsidies and import levies, but the prices actually received by producers may vary around the target prices. The target prices as such are not guaranteed.

In addition, producers for some products receive a direct price support financed by the Government. These price supplements are, in most cases, paid only on a certain share of the production, except for the smallest producers. The unit subsidies averaged for the total production as follows:

Milk	FIM 0.2173 per litre
Sheepmeat	FIM 8.15 per kilo
Beef and Veal	FIM 2.47 per kilo
Eggs	FIM 2.64 per kilo

2. There have been no changes in the Finnish import system which would have decreased access opportunities in 1989 compared to previous years. The average volume of imports for some basic products for 1987, 1988 and the average for 1984-86 is as follows:

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'000 metric tons

	1984-86	1987	1988
Wheat	54,686	59,243	141,910
Rye	24,765	33,010	57,694
Barley	2,910	19,529	38,652
Beef and Veal	5	1	2,522
Sheepmeat	34	52	448
Cheese	1,203	1,682	1,342

The variability of total harvest in Finland is rather high. Both 1987 and 1988 were years of exceptionally poor harvests.

Correspondingly, imports of cereals and coarse grains both in 1988 and 1989 were above average.