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NAAMIC concluded with 5th Workshop (2008)

Market integration is a term that is often used but seldom defined. It exists when countries are on the same terms and conditions as within countries. It implies trade between distinct markets or countries on the same basis as they are within a country. It is a product of globalization, of technological change, freer trade, and of institutions like the World Trade Organization (WTO) and trade agreements. Despite its pervasive nature, market integration, trade, and outsourcing, is a controversial topic. Perhaps this is because it fosters a new relationship among peoples and countries.

The objective of NAAMIC is to foster dialog among policy makers, agrifood industry, and academics on agriculture and food-related market integration issues among its members. Its specific objectives include:

- To share information and to foster interaction among industry, academic, and government stakeholders on issues relating to market integration.
- To foster research on market integration.
- To evaluate impacts and interactions of country policies, programs, and market integration.
- To identify, define, and evaluate policies that could contribute to market integration.

NAAMIC accomplishes its objectives mainly through the conduct of annual workshops. These workshops provide a potential for support of original scholarly thought and research on topics and issues related to market integration. Papers are commissioned in preparation for these workshops for discussion by industry, government and academic participants. The papers are designed to develop lessons from current and past experiences, while looking for new opportunities and additional alliances in consideration of contemporary and anticipated agricultural developments.

NAAMIC grew out of the [Policy Disputes Information Consortium](#), which conducted workshops that identified and evaluated the conditions that have led to trade disputes and legal foundations of trade disputes, the policies that foster trade disputes

resolving them. The NAAMIC workshops are designed to move the discussion encompassing and proactive discussion of the concept of market integration, encouraging and impeding market integration, and the impacts of public and programs, and regulations on market integration.

These series of workshops are organized through the direction and leadership committee of academic and government representatives. These events are possible and continuous support from the governments of the NAFTA countries, from financial in-kind contributions by the participating universities and from some of the participants.

Annual Workshops

2004 - [North American Agrifood Market Integration: Current Situation and Perspectives](#)

2005 - [Agrifood Regulatory and Policy Integration under Stress](#)

2006 - [Achieving NAFTA Plus](#)

2007 - [Contemporary Drivers of Integration](#)

2008 - [New Generation of NAFTA Standards](#)

The North American Agrifood Market Integration Consortium is a joint activity

- [Agricultural and Food Policy Center](#) -- [Texas A&M University](#)
- [Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada](#)