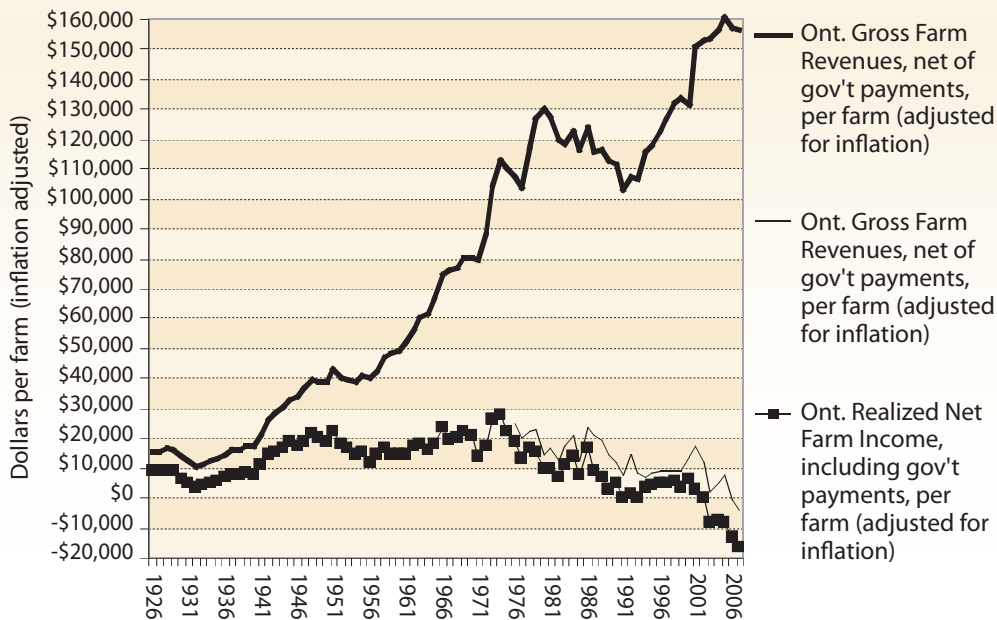


PLAIN TALK ABOUT THE FARM INCOME CRISIS

ONTARIO PER-FARM GROSS REVENUE & NET INCOME: 1926-2007



What has happened to Farm Income in Ontario?

The top line on the graph represents the total yearly wealth created by the average farm. Increases in yield, efficiency and gross farm income are the success story of agriculture.

The bottom line represents the portion of that wealth the average farm family manages to hang on to.

These facts are compatible with only one explanation of the Farm Crisis: the rewards of farmer productivity, efficiency and cost cutting are being seized by more powerful players in the agrifood chain. Farmers are being plundered and liquidated.

"The Farm Crisis and Corporate Profits" – www.nfu.ca

Government and Corporate policies will destroy the family farm within this generation.

“ The free market is a myth. Everybody knows that. Just very few people say it... You can't have farming on a total laissez-faire system because the sellers are too weak and the buyers are too strong.”

~ Dwayne Andreas, CEO of Archer Daniels Midland Corporation

SOME ISSUES THE FAMILY FARM MEMBERS OF THE NFU ARE TAKING ACTION ON:

- Pushing for government programs that focus on family farmers and cap payments to agri-business.
- Working towards a long term goal of farmers making a living from a functional market place.
- Calling for an investigation into government policy and direction and its affects on family farms, rural communities and the public trust.
- Calling for an investigation into the present livestock crisis and processor profits.
- Supporting initiatives for local food, networking and marketing opportunities for farmers
- Defending farmers' rights to save their own seed.



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In Union is Strength

Our goal as family farmers is to work together to achieve agricultural policies which will ensure dignity and security of income for farm families while enhancing the land for future generations.