



MEDIA NOTICE

October 20th, 2010

PRESS CONFERENCE – Ottawa, Ontario. The National Farmers Union will hold a press conference on Friday, October 22nd, at the Charles-Lynch Press Conference Room, Parliament Centre Block. The National Farmers Union President, Terry Boehm, is raising public awareness of what is at stake for farmers and Canadian citizens in CETA (Canada – European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement), which is being negotiated this week in Ottawa.

CETA is the most far reaching trade agreement in the twenty years since NAFTA and is happening without public dialogue or consultation. The draft agreement puts Canadian people at risk – farmers' rights and citizens' democratic rights will be severely curtailed by this agreement – a global corporate bill of rights.

CETA will eliminate the age old practice of the farmer's ability to save, reuse, exchange, and sell seed. Canada's supply management, farm support programs and the Canadian Wheat Board, are at risk. Federal, provincial, and municipal governments including cities, schools and hospitals will be prohibited from giving preference to local food and locally owned businesses and services. Product and food safety will be at risk as Canadian standards cannot exceed international standards. Imported products cannot be inspected until after a problem has occurred.

For background information on how CETA will affect farmers and citizens please refer to the attached article "**Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement is Offensive in Every Sense**" by Terry Boehm, President of National Farmers Union. Additional CETA material is available at the NFU website nfu.ca. Please confirm your attendance via email nfu@nfu.ca

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Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Charles-Lynch Press Conference Room
Parliament Centre Block
Ottawa, Ontario