

A FARMER'S CHARTER

As a farmer I commit myself to:

- Produce food to the highest standards of taste and nutrition
- Using sustainable farming methods to improve biodiversity and ensure healthy soil
- Making decisions on the basis of openness and honesty

I believe that:

- Technological developments need to include the following conditions:
- The owners of technology must not be allowed to use it control farmers
- The balance of nature must be respected

I recognize that:

- The relationship between farmers, consumers and agro-business must be established on a basis of giving a proper return for all in the food chain while meeting the needs of humanity
- Each country ought, as far as possible source its food close to the point of production
- Exports at prices other than those of fair competition prevent balanced development of markets, and are very damaging to farmers in developing countries
- Farmers earning a decent living will be better placed to effectively meet the nutritional needs of humanity

I affirm that:

- Agriculture is central to the vitality of rural life
- An economy geared to the needs of people will give greater priority to agriculture resulting in it becoming a growing and more stable source of employment
- Agricultural activity embraces issues which go well beyond the farming world, we undertake to seek a long-term vision for agriculture

I am convinced that:

- A stable and economically viable food policy will become a major tool for peace in the world

We are stewards of the soil and plan to pass it on in better condition to coming generations.

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