The **Trans-Pacific Partnership** (**TPP**) is a proposed [trade agreement](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trade_agreement) between several [Pacific Rim](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pacific_Rim) countries concerning a variety of matters of [economic policy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Economic_policy). Among other things, the TPP seeks to lower [trade barriers](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trade_barriers) such as tariffs, establish a common framework for [intellectual property](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intellectual_property), enforce standards for [labour law](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Labour_law) and [environmental law](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Environmental_law), and establish an [investor-state dispute settlement](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Investor-state_dispute_settlement) mechanism.[[](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trans-Pacific_Partnership#cite_note-7)

Historically, the TPP is an expansion of the Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement (TPSEP or P4) which was signed by [Brunei](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brunei), [Chile](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chile), [Singapore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore), and [New Zealand](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Zealand) in 2006. Beginning in 2008, additional countries joined for a broader agreement: [Australia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australia), [Canada](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canada), [Japan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japan), [Malaysia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malaysia), [Mexico](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexico), [Peru](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peru), the [United States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States), and [Vietnam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vietnam), bringing the total number of participating countries to twelve.

**TPP talks stumbling on dairy hurdle**.

1. Which two countries are reluctant to give NZ access to their dairy and/or agricultural markets?
2. Explain in detail why Japan is “heavily lobbying its government?
3. What levels of tariff does the Canadian dairy industry have?
4. What does Nathan Penny mean by …”without a quid pro quo from Canada, the US was also unlikely to open up…?
5. What does DairyNZ chairman John Luxton want from the TPP?
6. Who is the world’s largest global milk processor and dairy exporter?
7. What are NZ’s main dairy exports and what is their worth?

**Federated Farmers: Dairy industry faces new global reality.**

1. What does it mean by the following ….. the dairy price boom in 2013 sowed the seeds of its own demise…?
2. Why has there been less of a presence of the Chinese buyers in the milk powder market in the past year?
3. How has Russia’s trade ban contributed to falling dairy prices?
4. Briefly explain the European Union’s milk production quota system.