

IT IS TIME FOR THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT

TO TAKE ACTION

THE IMPACTS OF THE 2020 PORT OF MONTREAL STRIKE ON THE PRODUCE INDUSTRY WERE SIGNIFICANT



To protect vulnerable industries and fresh produce availability for Canadians.

FOOD LOSS:

\$12M

Fresh Produce
Lost/Spoiled

ECONOMIC IMPACT:

\$13M

Lost product and
additional port charges

230

CONTAINERS IMPACTED
Many “held hostage”
on the Port of Montreal

**CUSTOMERS
CANCELLING
ORDERS**

searching for new sources

**450-500
JOBS
LOST**

**300-600%
INCREASE**

in container traffic at Ports of
Saint John & Halifax

**10-14
DAY DELIVERY**

delay for diverted product

**TIME TO
RETURN FULLY
TO NORMAL
OPERATIONS: 3
MONTHS**



Fresh produce is perishable so longer dwell times at ports and delayed delivery mean produce spoilage



Fresh produce already struggling with labour shortages and increased cost due to COVID



Loss of jobs, increased food insecurity, increased consumer prices – all could be the result of the strike

CPMA is a not-for-profit organization that represents a diverse membership made up of every segment of the produce industry supply chain who are responsible for 90% of the fresh fruit and vegetable sales in Canada.

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