**A Comment to Milked and Feathered: The Regressive Welfare Effects of Canada’s Supply Management Regime by Cardwell et al. (2015)**

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**Abstract**

This research is a response to Cardwell et al. (2015) that suggests supply management has created distributional effects on Canadian consumers, most severely impacting the poorest households. More research is needed to understand how grocery prices differ between countries, and all possible reasons for the discrepancies. Canada has higher prices for many items beyond supply managed food products, this fundamental price difference is explored to further understand prices at the consumer level. To examine the difference in grocery prices, we collected panel data on 25 traditional grocery items across seven stores throughout Canada and the United States over a span of 25 weeks in 2019. Retailer strategy may be a primary cause of price differences between homogenous products, the frequency of sales for equivalent products needs to be considered when addressing price variations. Other reasons price differences may exist are explored, as well as the time lag of the exchange rate to be reflected in retail prices.