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## **10 000 FRENCH FARMERS BLOCK HIGHWAYS WITH THEIR IN PROTEST OF THE AGRIBASHING**

### **FEEL DISREGARDED AND UNDERPAID**

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**USPA NEWS** - According to FNSEA, Farmers' Union, and JFA, Young Farmers, 10 000 angry French farmers travelled from all over the rural places driving slowly their 1500 tractors towards the big cities. It is now midnight in Paris, the French Farmer, stopped the blockade, and stepped back after FNSEA, called up for an end of the protest, for now. Christine Lambert, President of GNSEA, spent 1h and a half at the Ministry of Agriculture, for negotiating with the Minister Didier Guillaume and the General Secretary of Elysee. The farming unions FNSEA and JA (Young Farmers Union) gave called on their members to stage road blockades on major routes around the country today, November 27th, in the ring way of the Paris region and the main highways of all France, as they drove their tractors, while throwing hay on the roads. Traffic was extremely slowed down, while farmers, backed by their minister Didier Guillaume, announced that they had enough food to stay two days there. The Minister of agriculture Didier Gullaume stated. Meanwhile the Farmers shouted « Agribashing, which damages the image of our daily business, trade agreements aimed at importing food that we do not want and distortions o

### **FRENCH FARMERS SUPPORTED BY THEIR MINISTER WHO THINKS THEY ARE BASHED & UNDERPAID**

"We support this movement because they are right because the current farmer income is not enough and farmers must be better paid," said Minister of Agriculture Didier Guillaume. Besides the issue of pesticide (People complain about pesticide in France, because it has one of the highest levels of pesticide use in Europe ) use in agriculture, French farmers have already shown their anger across the country aimed at highlighting their plight. This led the French Farmers, who are suffering when it comes to their wages, are also, feeling pointed and considered as evil, and disregarded by the French Ecologist lobby.

Eventually, French farmers, and over their unions, have protested and expressed their anger at the CETA, the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the EU and Canada, that substantially lowers tariffs on imports including food. They fear the imports of cheaper food, especially the meat, which they consider to be an unfair competition. The Prime Minister, Edouard Philippe has immediately proposed, a few days before the big general strike of 5 December, a promise of a minimum wage of 1000 €, and invites farmers to meet them on 3 December in Matignon.

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