## International Trade

## The Case for Trade

## Trade and Exporting Countries



## Exporting Country: Winners \& Losers

- Without trade,consumer surplus is $\mathrm{F}+\mathrm{C}+\mathrm{D}$ and Producer surplus is $A+B$.
- With trade, consumer surplus is F in exporting country, producer surplus is $C+D+E+B+A$
- Producers win; consumers lose, but winners can compensate losers


## Trade and Importing Countries

Price w.o. trade

Price with trade


## Importing Country: Winners \& Losers

I Without trade, consumer surplus is $\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{B}$; producer surplus is C+D+F.
I With trade, consumer surplus is
$A+B+C+D+E$.
Producer surplus is F.


- Consumers win; producers lose, but again winners can compensate losers.


## Import Quotas



## Main Points

- Winners and losers

I Winners: consumers in importing country and producers in exporting country
I Losers: consumers in exporting country and producers in importing country

- Case for trade

I Total surplus is greater; winners can compensate losers.

- What is case against trade?

I Concerns about distribution
I Cultural disruption.

