## No appetite for fruits of apartheid



As Palestinian agricultural organisations have noted, Israeli agricultural export companies are at the heart of Israel's system of domination over the Palestinian people. They are an integral component of the on-going process of colonisation and environmental destruction of Palestinian land, the destruction of Palestinian agriculture, the theft of water, and the abuse of Palestinian workers' rights, including child labourers. Agriculture is a vital part of the Palestinian economy and national heritage, yet Palestinian farmers are being displaced from their

lands and prevented from accessing it. Israel systematically exploits Palestinian natural resources in violation of international law and implements a range of restrictions on Palestinian agriculture in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, while allowing Israeli agricultural corporations to profit from Israel's illegal settlement enterprise.

As was demonstrated in the struggle to end apartheid in South Africa and the wide international solidarity movement with it, citizens can make a difference by refraining from buying products of complicit companies and by working to convince their supermarkets to stop trading with them.



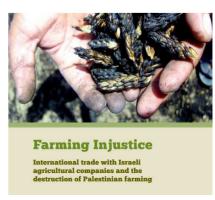
Exposing the complicity of these Israeli agricultural corporations, building boycotts of their produce and pressuring wholesalers and retailers not to trade with them is an effective and vital means of solidarity with the Palestinian struggle for freedom, justice and equality.



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