



Canadian Cattlemen's Association

News Release

Canadian Cattlemen's Association Statement on Positive BSE Test Result in U.S.

(June 24, 2005) The Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA) stated that today's announcement of a positive BSE test result in the United States is consistent with risk assessments that a few additional cases of BSE could be diagnosed in North America and is certainly no cause for alarm. Food safety precautions are in place in both the U.S. and Canada in recognition that a few additional cases might be found on either side of the border. There is no reason for Canada or any other country that imports cattle or beef from the United States to impose any new trade restricting measures.

The court challenges regarding the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) rule to re-open the U.S. border to imports of live cattle and additional beef products from regions at minimal risk of BSE will continue to play out as scheduled.

While the USDA has stated the epidemiological investigation into the animal's herd of origin is not yet complete, there is no indication that the animal was imported.

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