



Canadian Cattlemen's Association

News Release

Canadian Cattle Producer Associations File for Standing in R-CALF vs. USDA Suit

(March 21, 2005) The Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA) and Alberta Beef Producers (ABP) today jointly filed for intervener status in the R-CALF vs. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) law suit to be heard in U.S. District Court for Montana, Billings Division in late July.

The request for intervener status argues that the Canadian cattle producers have substantial interests in the outcome of this case, and no other party to the proceeding can adequately represent those interests. The CCA represents over 90,000 Canadian beef cattle producers. ABP represents 28,000 cattle producers in the province of Alberta.

The CCA had filed a Motion for Leave to File a Brief Amicus Curiae ("friend of the court") to the District Court in February, but that motion was rejected by the Court. The Court's explanation in ordering a preliminary injunction to delay the border re-opening demonstrates that there is a fundamental lack of information before the Court with respect to BSE controls in Canada and numbers of cattle available. CCA's amicus curiae brief would have provided this highly relevant information to the Court had it not been denied. Consequently, CCA and ABP have no other recourse but to seek to inform the Court as interveners.

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