



Canadian Cattlemen's Association

News Release

Canadian Cattlemen's Association Continues to Seek Status in R-CALF vs USDA Suit

(June 14, 2005) In its continuing effort to ensure the interests of Canadian cattle producers are represented in the hearing for a permanent injunction against Canadian live cattle exports, the Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA), joined by provincial cattle associations, has again submitted a "friend of the court" brief in the case to be heard July 27 in U.S. District Court, Montana Division.

Friend of the court, or *amicus curiae*, briefs permit those affected by the outcome of a case to provide relevant information for consideration by the judge or judges deciding the matter. CCA first submitted an *amicus curiae* brief to the District Court last February, which was rejected by the judge. The CCA and Alberta Beef Producers (ABP) then applied for intervenor status that would have permitted Canadian cattle producers to be represented at the hearing. The judge also rejected that request. That rejection has been appealed by CCA and ABP to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals based in San Francisco.

The decision to again file an *amicus curiae* brief was made following the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals' acceptance of *amicus curiae* briefs from both CCA and ABP in the appeal of the temporary injunction currently blocking live cattle exports. That hearing will be held July 13 in Seattle. It's hoped that the judge in the District Court will reconsider his previous rejection and permit Canadian cattle producers to provide pertinent information.

The decision by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals into the granting of intervenor status is still pending. While CCA remains hopeful that intervenor status will be granted, allowing the organization to more fully represent the interests of Canadian cattle producers, the application for friend of the court status has also been filed to ensure all efforts have been made to have the voice of Canadian cattle producers heard.

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