



Canadian Cattlemen's Association

News Release

Canadian Cattlemen's Association Welcomes U.S. Packer Support to Open U.S. Border

(March 11, 2005) The Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA) today commended the U.S. National Meat Association (NMA) for its decision to file an emergency appeal to protect its members from imminent economic collapse due to the continued closure of the U.S. border to live Canadian cattle. NMA members process cattle and other livestock.

The NMA has also asked the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to require R-CALF to post a bond sufficient to protect American companies from the devastating impact of continued lack of access to Canadian cattle as long as the preliminary injunction remains in effect.

"The U.S. needs to recognize that this ongoing dispute is forcing the Canadian industry to undergo fundamental structural changes," says Stan Eby, CCA President. "We will no longer be a partner with the U.S. industry; we will become a fierce competitor. The result will be the continued loss of American jobs. The NMA appeal drives home that point."

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