



Canadian Cattlemen's Association

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Canadian Cattlemen's Association Welcomes News of First Beef Shipment to U.S.

The Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA) said today the news that a shipment of beef has moved across the border into the U.S. is very encouraging for the industry. Hopefully the permitting process will become smoother as people get used to the paperwork and Canada will begin to see a lot more beef flowing south.

This is the first shipment of beef to the U.S. since the diagnosis of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) in a Canadian cow was made on May 20. Some shipments of veal moved across the border earlier in the week. Currently the only beef products from Canada being accepted by the U.S. are boneless beef from cattle under 30 months of age, boneless veal and liver.

"While this is good news, we're not out of the woods yet," commented CCA President Neil Jahnke. "Our industry won't begin to recover until we also have the way cleared for live cattle exports. Canadians have given our industry tremendous support by buying Canadian beef in record quantities. We're calling on them to continue that support, because we still need it."

Intensive work will continue until all classes of Canadian cattle and all Canadian beef products are once again eligible for export.

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