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Canadian beef producers applaud secure access to U.S. market

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Calgary, AB - The Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA) congratulates Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland on reaching an agreement that preserves and secures the duty-free access upon which the Canadian beef cattle sector has been built over the past 25 years.

This is particularly important as we enter the time of year when the majority of beef calves in Canada are marketed. Cattle buyers can feel confident about the long-term stability of the market and compete aggressively to acquire calves.

The new United States, Mexico and Canada Agreement (USMCA), once ratified via the legislative processes of the three countries will update, modernize and replace the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). In the meantime, the existing NAFTA remains in place.

In addition to preserving duty-free trade in live cattle and beef, producers are pleased that the existing rules of origin and the most important dispute settlement provisions remain intact; there is nothing in the agreement on country of origin labelling for meat or livestock.

Two new chapters on Good Regulatory Practices and Competitiveness are of great interest to Canadian beef producers. There is ongoing interest to address regulatory matters affecting cattle and beef trade and to continuously improve the competitiveness of the North American beef sector. These new chapters provide an institutionalized pathway to continue these objectives.

The CCA will review the full text of the agreement and provide further updates as warranted.

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