



CANADIAN
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National Voice Of Cattle Producers

Statement

Statement from the CCA President

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The Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA) is collaborating with industry stakeholders and the Government of Canada (GoC) to ensure both stable beef production and trade during and following the COVID-19 pandemic. Ensuring Canadians have continued access to high-quality and nutritious beef products is a top priority in these discussions.

CCA, industry stakeholders and the GoC are working to support business continuity. There are no fundamental changes to the export and import of food and livestock related to the COVID-19 outbreak. This is a fluid situation and we recommend all partners in beef production stay up to date with and follow Federal and Provincial government policies.

There have been no reports of livestock being infected with COVID-19, nor any evidence to support that domestic animals can spread the virus. Canadian beef producers should continue normal biosecurity measures on their operations and exercise good hygiene practices by washing hands and disinfecting surfaces often.

For on-farm resources, the Canadian Agriculture Human Resources Council has put together a website to support agricultural operations in implementing best practices to limit the impact and spread of COVID-19 within agricultural operations, this information can be found [here](#).

Supporting the continuation of food production in Canada, preparing for and limiting the impact of COVID-19 is the focus of our work. We all need to work together to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and limit the impact on our communities and industry.

In this challenging time, we thank all front-line workers for their efforts to keep Canadians healthy, safe and well fed.

Sincerely,

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