

Media Release

Animal Industry Corn Users Worried About Global Competitiveness Following Canada Border Services Agency Ruling

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Ottawa -- The Animal Industry Corn Users (AICU), a coalition consisting of the Canadian Pork Council, Canadian Cattlemen's Association, and Animal Nutrition Association of Canada, was shocked and outraged by the CBSA final decision released today, to reaffirm the preliminary determination of dumping and subsidizing, and maintain the duty of \$US 1.65/bushel until the Canadian International Trade Tribunal (CITT) concludes its inquiry in mid-April. The only glimmer of hope was the reduction of the dumping and countervail margin to \$US 1.47/bushel.

Clare Schlegel, President of the Canadian Pork Council explains, "The newly established rate is still prohibitively high, and doesn't prove that Canadian corn producers are suffering injury caused by U.S. corn imports. We will argue this at next week's Trade Tribunal hearings."

On April 18, the CITT will issue a final injury decision on U.S. grain corn imports. Adds Ian McKillop, a Director of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association, "We are confident that we can demonstrate to the CITT that imports of U.S. grain corn are not causing injury to Canadian corn growers, nor is there a causal connection between these imports and U.S. subsidies."

"Canada is a net importer of grain corn. The evidence, over many years, is that U.S. corn imports are residual and complementary to Canadian production", said Kathleen Sullivan, General Manager of the Animal Nutrition Association of Canada.

"We have offered to work cooperatively with corn growers and governments to find solutions that do not negatively impact other Canadian industries," asserts Ian McKillop. "We were prepared to engage in cooperative discussions at any time with counterparts who are willing to seek out common ground."

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