

April 23, 2026

Dear Member of Parliament,

On behalf of the National Cattle Feeders' Association (NCFA), I want to reinforce the beef sector's opposition to Canada negotiating beef access in the Mercosur trade deal.

NCFA is the voice of Canada's cattle feeders and we support global trade that is science-based, transparent, sustainable and responsible.

We recognize that the Government of Canada is moving quickly with Mercosur negotiations and we urge all Members of Parliament to ensure that the outcome of these negotiations does not result in a negative impact for Canada's beef producers.

Allowing beef access in the Mercosur trade deal would result in increased imports of low-quality beef raised with lower standards for animal health, labour, food safety and environmental.

Primarily, NCFA's has ongoing concerns regarding the FMD history, the BSE reporting transparency, and the SPS compliance in parts of the Mercosur region. Protecting animal health is foundational to Canada's beef industry and must remain an absolute priority in trade policy.

NCFA shares the government's priority of global trade diversification. However, we call upon our negotiators to only make deals that are responsible deals for Canadian farmers - deals that protect the health of our national herd and thus protect our access to other export markets.

Canadian agriculture is a key pillar for the economic growth that our country is striving for in this volatile trade environment. **Canadian Beef is NOT a bargaining chip.** Please stand up for Canadian ranchers and farmers and say no to Mercosur beef access.

Sincerely,



Brad Deleeuw
Chair