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Canada-United States Bilateral Working Group Joint Statement

Provincial and state agricultural leaders from Canada and the United States continue to strengthen economic ties, expand trade relationships, and address challenges and opportunities between respective jurisdictions. Innovation, global food security, and sustainable agriculture systems are shared priorities that were discussed in-depth.

Delegates agree to support enhanced communication and coordination on animal disease surveillance, prevention, and rapid response. States and provinces affirm the value and role of zoning arrangements to help manage animal disease outbreaks, while minimizing economic losses and disruptions in our integrated livestock sectors. Delegates urge federal partners to coordinate efforts to create a joint certification, for veterinarians and laypersons and urge federal partners to coordinate cross-border table-top exercises involving federal, state/provincial, industry and academic partners.

Delegates reaffirm their stance that the North American agri-food sustainability story is important to share internationally, given recent progress made in production practices. Delegates promote science-driven agricultural practices that support conserving and sustaining natural resources for the economic and environmental benefits of future generations.

While issues of concern remain between Canada and the United States regarding dairy trade, country of origin labeling, and policies that restrict scientifically based agricultural production practices, delegates are united in their opposition to the growing international threat of arbitrary, non-scientific barriers to trade.

Provincial and state leaders urge federal partners to continue to challenge policies in Europe, Mexico, and elsewhere that favor a purely precautionary approach and ignore standards based on scientifically robust risk assessments.

Delegates recognize that there are opportunities to leverage the strength of the integrated North American agricultural market to expand trading relationships with emerging markets. States and provinces recognize labor shortages are a pressing barrier facing the agriculture sector, and will continue to collaborate on initiatives to ensure our nations maintain resilient food systems, including improved cross-border harmonization.

Delegates will seek opportunities to collaborate on policies and programs that improve economic opportunities for Indigenous communities, which are essential to strengthen our North American agriculture sector together.