

CCA Responds to Government of Canada RFP call for foot-and-mouth disease vaccine bank

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The Canadian Cattle Association (CCA) is pleased to see the Government continue to move forward on their commitment from Budget 2023 with today's announcement outlining next steps towards establishing the Canadian Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) Vaccine Bank.

"We hope to never need to use it, but having a vaccine bank in place is critical to protect Canada's beef producers. If FMD occurred in Canada, having a vaccine would minimize spread and expedite a return to normal trade. Today's news is positive on the progress on preparedness and is the first step of many to follow." – Nathan Phinney, CCA President

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) request for proposal was issued by Public Services and Procurement Canada on behalf of the CFIA to provide FMD vaccine doses. CCA continues to advocate to the Government of Canada along with other stakeholders to ensure the FMD vaccine bank is fully established as soon as possible. The FMD vaccine bank is an essential component to Canada's preparedness and response plans.

FULL GOVERNMENT OF CANADA NEWS RELEASE <https://www.canada.ca/en/food-inspection-agency/news/2024/08/government-of-canada-announces-requests-for-proposal-for-the-foot-and-mouth-disease-vaccine-bank.html>

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