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Mexico Offers US New Trade Protocol on Cattle Trade - 2008/03

On March 06 2008, Mexico submitted a new trade protocol to the US Department of Agriculture for the importation of US cattle following Texas' decision to block specific Canadian cattle from crossing into Mexico through Texas.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples imposed the prohibition on March 04 2008 after Canada and Mexico signed an agreement allowing the trade of certain dairy and beef cattle less than 30 months of age, including breeding stock. The Commissioner argued that the Canada-Mexico agreement represented an unfair trade practice given that Mexico only allows the importation of U.S. dairy heifers under the age of 24 months, despite in-depth international negotiations to broaden this to include breeding stock.

Details of the protocol have yet to be made public.

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