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BEEF AND VEAL TRADE

Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan and Minister of State (International Trade) Ed Lumley today announced that the federal government has concluded an arrangement with the U.S.A. with respect to trade in beef and veal between the two countries for 1982. Canada anticipates that its exports of beef and veal to the U.S.A. will not exceed 121.1 million pounds in 1982. Similarly, the U.S. expects that its exports of beef and veal to Canada will not exceed 21.4 million pounds.

To implement this arrangement, export permits will be required for all exports of fresh, chilled and frozen beef and veal to the U.S.A. effective October 1, 1982. In addition, import permits will be required for all imports of fresh, chilled, and frozen beef and veal.

"The U.S.A. asked the principal beef exporters to the U.S.A. - Australia, New Zealand and Canada - to voluntarily restrain their exports for the balance of 1982 so as not to trigger import quotas under the U.S. Meat Import Law", Mr. Lumley said. He noted that if the U.S.A. had imposed import quotas under its Meat Import Law, Canadian exports would have been limited to 101.1 million pounds, well below the level anticipated in the arrangement.

"We had previously expected that the U.S. market would remain unrestricted in 1982," Mr. Lumley said. "However, in the last month it became apparent that U.S. import quotas could be triggered, largely as a result of