



The **Five Nations Beef Alliance (FNBA)** is a private entity which includes the national organizations representing beef cattle producers in Australia, Canada, Mexico, New Zealand and the United States. Together, the Cattle Council of Australia, Canadian Cattlemen’s Association, Confederación Nacional de Organizaciones Ganaderas, Beef + Lamb New Zealand and National Cattlemen’s Beef Association represent cattlemen from countries that account for one-third of global beef production.

The role of the FNBA is to develop strategies that address the mutual concerns of its members and ensure that global beef trade increases.

The FNBA’s **overriding principle** is **“to exceed global consumers’ expectations in respect to beef, while eliminating non-scientific and political trade restrictions.”**

The FNBA:

- Continues to push for further trade liberalization in the Doha Round of the World Trade Organization (WTO) negotiations.
- Unequivocally supports improved market access through the removal of tariff and non-tariff barriers, the elimination of export subsidies and substantial reductions in domestic support.
- Urges all beef-importing countries to ensure that sound science remains the only basis for addressing Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) issues.
- Works with other international and inter-governmental organizations to ensure that global beef trade is determined using science-based standards.
- Urges countries to conduct risk assessments that only use science-based methodologies and to implement only science-based measures that adhere to the international standards of the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) so that trade in cattle, genetic material, beef and beef products can be conducted without interruptions due to non-scientifically based criteria.
- Supports the ongoing development of animal identification systems that will lead to the eradication of animal disease and management of animal health concerns in the beef industry, and provide confidence to beef consumers.
- Urges all governments and quarantine authorities to remain vigilant in preventing the introduction of exotic diseases that affect cattle and beef production.
- Endorses the ongoing need to maintain animal welfare codes and/or legislation that are science-based, outcome-focused and do not impede trade.
- Actively encourages the use of management practices that result in a sustainable beef supply while protecting the environment, supporting healthy communities and ensuring economically viable agricultural production and livelihoods.