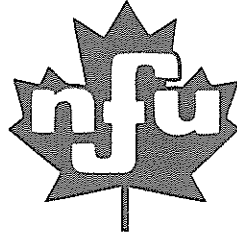


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Dear Mr. Walton:

In reply to your November 3, 2009 letter, let me begin by saying that I am truly grateful to your organization for taking the time to contact the NFU and to ascertain the truth behind unfounded allegations that our organization is in any way working with the US group R-Calf.

I would also like to take this opportunity to reach out to your organization and ask if there is some way that our two groups might work together toward easing the crisis hitting cattle farms and ranches. As you may know, the NFU has undertaken significant work toward analyzing and correcting some of the problems within the sector. We continue that work. We believe that there is sufficient money in the cattle and beef sectors for all links—cow-calf producers, feeders, packers, and retailers—to make adequate returns. But as things stand right now, cow-calf producers and independent feeders are suffering while some players (retailers, for instance) appear to be pocketing unreasonably large margins. I would be very happy to hear from your organization any suggestions as to how our two organizations may work together.

Finally, to the point of your letter, let me address your question regarding R-Calf. I have been sitting as a Board member of the National Farmers Union continuously for the last 12 years, serving as President for the past 8 years. Over these 12 years, the NFU has had no relationship with R-CALF whatsoever. Other than attending a tri-national 14-organization meeting in Billings, Montana that R-Calf also attended, NFU officials and staff have never talked with R-Calf officials in any meeting, nor have we communicated with them by any other means. We have never worked with them on any issue, nor do we plan to do so. I would ask you to share the preceding with your Board and membership.

Again, I thank you for contacting us on this matter. If I can be of any further help, please call, write, or email.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stewart Wells". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Stewart Wells
NFU President