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## **Mission: Possible**

### **CLGA Participates in Canadian Mission to Colombia and Mexico**

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Building relationships with partners in other countries is essential for industry and the same is true for relationships between Government officials. To be able to do this in concert - with industry and Government from two countries all in the same room is the quickest way to make progress. It takes a lot of time and energy and commitment but in the end, it pays off. So when Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada asked CLGA if we wanted to participate in Minister Ritz' mission to Colombia and Mexico, the answer was: "Yes!"

We know from experience the positive results that these missions can generate and since we have a few outstanding market access issues in both countries, CLGA appreciated that Minister Ritz was taking the lead and providing the opportunity to raise the profile of issues important to our members.

In Colombia, we made significant progress in negotiations re live cattle and live sheep and goat access and in reviewing the situation with respect to poultry genetics and horses. We also had the opportunity to raise the matter of small ruminant embryo access.

In Mexico, we mapped out a course of action with respect to live sheep and goats and furthered the discussions on poultry genetics access.

With industry input, CFIA has already engaged with their counterparts in dealing with the unresolved technical issues.

We thank Minister Ritz for his continued personal commitment to enhancing Canadian agri-food trade.

The Canadian Livestock Genetics Association is a nationwide, not-for-profit trade association representing the market access and animal health interests of those involved in the sale, service and promotion of livestock genetics both domestically and internationally.

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