



## 2012 Legislative Agriculture Chairs Summit

### Resolution on Country of Origin Labeling

- Whereas,** the State Ag and Rural Leaders, (SARL) is comprised of agriculture and rural leaders of state and provincial legislative bodies from the US and Canada; and
- Whereas,** the U.S. Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) legislation has been a source of trade dispute between the U.S. and Canada; and
- Whereas,** the World Trade Organization (WTO) has ruled that the means by which COOL was implemented is not consistent with U.S. trade obligations; and
- Whereas,** the strength of the U.S.-Canadian trade relationship has created jobs and financial growth in both countries; and now therefore be it
- Resolved,** that SARL encourages the U.S. to waive an appeal of the WTO Dispute Panel's ruling on COOL and further encourages the United States Congress to make a legislative amendment that would bring COOL into conformity with the U.S. WTO obligations without hindering the ability of the United States to continue to implement COOL for informed consumer decisions.

*Approved by members of State Agriculture and Rural Leaders  
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