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Casey G. Vander Ploeg is the Vice President of the Alberta Cattle Feeders' Association (ACFA). ACFA was established in 1973 to represent cattle feeders on government policies and issues that impact the competitiveness of beef production. Casey is also Vice President of the National Cattle Feeders' Association (NCFA). NCFA was established in 2007 to represent Canadian cattle feeders on national issues and collaborate with other cattle organizations to strengthen Canada's beef industry.

Prior to joining ACFA in 2013, Casey served as a Senior Policy Analyst with the Canada West Foundation (CWF), one of the nation's leading independent public policy think tanks. During his 22 years at Canada West, Casey authored and co-authored over 75 published research reports and policy studies, and also took the lead on numerous Foundation projects and public policy initiatives.

While Casey's work on municipal finance and infrastructure drew significant attention and established him as one of Canada's experts in the area, his policy work, publishing, and public commentary has cut a wide swath touching on issues of rural economic development, water resources management, constitutional renewal, Canadian federalism, national unity, federal, provincial, and municipal finance, direct democracy, citizen consultation, Senate reform, and Canadian demographic trends.

Casey is a sought-after speaker at conferences and a regular contributor and commentator on issues in the media. Casey holds a BA in Political Science (with Distinction) from the University of Lethbridge. Prior to joining ACFA and the Canada West Foundation, Casey worked as a news reporter and columnist with an award-winning weekly newspaper in southern Alberta.

