

# Canadian National, Canadian Pacific sued for alleged overcharges

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VANCOUVER, B.C. — A group of farmers in western Canada has sued Canadian National and Canadian Pacific for alleged overcharges in freight rates since 1983, Reuters has reported. In a suit filed in a Saskatchewan court, five grain producers say the two railroads overcharged by more than C\$1 billion.

The suit focuses on a period following a 1983 law that limits what the two railroads can charge farmers based on costs incurred. The farmers cite a Canadian Transport Agency review that found the railroads pocketed C\$72 million after claiming car-repair charges that cost one-third what the railroads said they did.

Both railroads declined to comment on the suit, which the court hasn't yet granted class-action status.