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One hundred thirty riders expected for the 26th Tour de Beauce

Saint-Georges, June 3, 2011 – The 26th Tour de Beauce is planning to welcome 18 teams, made up of more than 130 riders, to the starting line this coming June 14.

The organizers are more than satisfied with the teams selected as much by their number as by their quality, and anticipate that the calibre will be very strong in the tradition of previous years, while presenting a consistently strong pack made up of several teams able to win the race.

Canadians will once again be well represented with 6 teams, most notably **Pro Continental : Spidertech** powered by C10 under the leadership of Steve Bauer, along with captain Svein Tuft, winner of the 2008 Tour de Beauce, and many other talented riders. The **Canadian National Team** is another one to watch with a selection of the best cyclists out there plus Dominique Rollin who is back competing after an injury at the start of the season. Completing the Canadian delegation will be **Garneau Club Chaussures, Le Gaspésien, Rocky Mountain** and **H&R Block**.

The United States will be represented by a strong delegation, with two Pro Continental teams, **Type 1 - Sanofi Aventis** and **UnitedHealthCare** plus the Continentals : **Chipotle Development Team, Realcyclist.com** with directeur sportif Gord Fraser and **Kenda - 5-Hour Energy** with the winner of the 2007 and 2010 Tours, Ben Day.

Among the foreign teams are the returning **Amore & Vita** registered in the Ukraine, **V Australia**, and **Champion System** of Hong Kong with Ed Beamon at the helm, surely the directeur sportif with the most victories at the Tour de Beauce. Add to them Team **PureBlack Racing** of New Zealand, the British teams **Motorpoint** and **Raleigh**, as well as Team **Fuji-Cyclingtime.com** of Japan who is directed by Sébastien Pilote of Quebec.