

Cattle and Beef Products, Exports versus Imports (Million Dollars)

Exports

Imports

	Exports						Imports					
	Beef & Veal	Variety Meats	Tallow	Hides	Live Cattle	Total	Beef & Veal	Variety Meats	Tallow	Hides	Live Cattle	Total
1981	300.0	250.8	700.2	661.5	65.5	1978.0	1407.6	5.4	1.5	29.8	191.1	1635.4
1982	373.2	247.2	615.3	732.7	50.1	2018.5	1363.8	21.6	0.7	18.1	297.7	1701.9
1983	391.8	218.0	556.0	765.0	44.0	1974.8	1362.9	23.7	1.1	20.8	312.6	1721.1
1984	469.6	230.3	661.5	1112.7	56.5	2530.6	1228.4	22.7	3.0	24.7	285.8	1564.6
1985	467.2	248.6	582.3	1035.6	122.3	2456.0	1276.5	26.4	2.9	29.7	306.5	1642.0
1986	634.3	289.7	388.0	1245.4	110.9	2668.3	1288.5	25.8	2.0	24.5	441.3	1782.1
1987	771.2	305.5	373.7	1370.9	105.2	2926.5	1562.2	32.4	0.5	23.1	421.4	2039.6
1988	1109.0	375.1	505.5	1554.0	201.8	3745.4	1679.3	32.4	0.3	33.8	598.3	2344.1
1989	1418.2	301.6	426.6	1452.5	108.4	3707.3	1639.8	82.8	1.0	44.2	661.9	2429.7
1990	1580.2	297.5	354.2	1458.8	88.5	3779.2	1861.0	75.7	2.5	39.0	978.3	2956.5
1991	1757.8	387.1	340.2	1158.2	187.1	3830.4	1961.3	77.5	4.9	72.4	951.6	3067.7
1992	2042.9	469.1	405.7	1144.7	193.5	4255.9	1878.7	79.4	6.3	78.2	1244.7	3287.3
1993	1995.3	468.0	392.6	1080.1	124.0	4060.0	1935.0	86.2	7.5	81.2	1341.3	3451.2
1994	2304.0	455.0	448.3	1265.5	185.1	4651.7	1798.5	81.7	7.9	90.6	1151.7	3140.5
1995	2657.7	603.6	626.0	1425.9	72.0	5385.1	1444.0	85.3	8.4	97.0	1413.4	3048.0
1996	2429.2	616.2	463.2	1244.2	113.4	4866.2	1341.2	108.6	7.6	95.6	1121.3	2607.4
1997	2493.6	474.0	413.8	1378.6	177.3	4937.3	1609.4	55.1	18.0	96.8	1124.3	2903.7
1998	2335.3	506.3	494.6	1028.1	162.4	4526.6	1841.9	57.8	13.3	85.4	1144.2	3142.7
1999	2724.0	557.2	353.6	952.3	174.0	4761.0	2135.9	78.1	12.8	80.5	1000.5	3307.8
2000	2986.4	628.2	266.9	1281.1	271.6	5434.2	2399.3	86.3	9.1	88.6	1151.86	3735.1
2001	2632.5	772.2	211.9	1555.7	270.1	5442.4	2712.1	91.9	13.5	74.6	1461.15	4353.2
2002	2585.4	618.5	279.6	1395.2	131.4	5010.1	2741.3	84.1	10.4	58.7	1446.3	4340.9
2003	3144.9	710.7	322.2	1445.0	63.2	5686.1	2622.8	75.3	5.3	52.2	866.716	3622.3
2004	550.4	257.3	397.2	1404.1	3.2	2612.3	3625.6	57.8	8.7	58.4	542.9	4293.4
2005	930.0	447.5	306.5	1314.4	7.2	3005.6	3651.2	76.0	11.4	59.5	1039.3	4837.3
2006	1522.4	519.1	332.7	1438.6	26.5	3839.3	3220.1	92.4	7.3	45.7	1545.7	4911.2
2007	2004.5	612.8	579.2	1558.2	46.5	4801.2	3285.4	128.1	17.5	41.1	1884.9	5357.0
2008	2820.1	799.5	645.9	1300.0	116.0	5681.5	3028.8	132.0	32.4	38.1	1868.0	5099.3

Sources: USDA and Cattle-Fax

The most significant change in the cattle and beef export business in recent years has been a dramatic increase in U.S. exports of beef. By-products like hides and variety meats remain important to cattle producers. Dollar-value exports of cattle products continue to exceed imports by a substantial margin.

Beef exports in 1993 decreased somewhat for the first time in years. Exports increased again in 1994 and 1995. A further increase was expected in 1996, but decreases in exports to Japan and Korea, partly because of concerns about E.coli 0157:H7, later brought decreases in total beef exports for the year in total. Exports during 1998 and 1999 were stronger as Asian economies began to recover.



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