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TRADE HIGHLIGHTS

On January 26, USDA Agriculture Secretary Vilsack announced the allocation of \$234.5 million to 70 U.S. trade organizations to help promote American food and agricultural products overseas. The funding was allocated under the Market Access Program (MAP) and the Foreign Market Development (FMD) Cooperator Program. Both programs are administered by the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS). To view the press released and obtain a list of the allocations, visit the USDA website at <http://www.usda.gov/>. To learn more about the programs, go to the FAS website at <http://www.fas.usda.gov/>.

NORTH AMERICA

U.S. Cattle Inventory
As of January 1, 2010

(1,000 Head)	2010	2009	Change
Total Cattle & Calves	93,701	94,521	-0.9%
Cows & Heifers (have calved)	40,456	41,045	-1.4%
Heifers, 500 lbs & over	19,666	19,576	0.5%
Steers, 500 lbs & over	16,440	16,769	-2.0%
Bulls, 500 lbs & over	2,190	2,184	0.3%
Calves, under 500 lbs	14,949	14,948	0.0%
Cattle on Feed	13,642	13,856	-1.5%

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

On January 29, the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) published its semi-annual *Cattle* report. According to the data, the number of cattle and calves in the U.S. on January 1, 2010 totaled 93.70 million head. This was nearly 1.0 percent less than a year ago. Cows and heifers that have calved equaled 40.46 million head, which was down 1.4 percent from 2009. Of the total cows and heifers, beef cows equaled 31.78 million head, 1.1 percent lower than a year earlier. Heifers weighing more than 500 pounds numbered 19.67 million head. This was slightly higher than a year ago. More specifically, the number of heifers for beef cow replacement was down 1.7 percent from a year ago, amounting to

5.44 million head. Steers weighing more than 500 pounds totaled 16.44 million head, 2.0 percent lower than 2009. The inventory of calves weighing less than 500 pounds was unchanged from a year ago, totaling 14.95 million head. The number of cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots on January 1 equaled 13.64 million head, which was 1.5 percent less than a year ago. During 2009 the calf crop totaled 35.82 million head, which was down almost 1.0 percent from 2008. The state with the largest concentration of cattle was Texas with 14.2 percent of the total inventory, or 13.30 million head. To obtain the entire report, visit the NASS website at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>.

Additionally, on January 29, USDA NASS released its semi-annual *Sheep and Goats* report. According to the numbers, the sheep and lamb inventory in the U.S. on January 1, 2010 equaled 5.63 million head. This was down 2.0 percent from 2009. The number of breeding sheep and lambs were 1.3 percent lower than a year ago, amounting to 4.19 million head. Specifically, replacement lambs under one year of age equaled 655,000 head, 1.2 percent more than a year ago. The number of ewes, one year and older, declined 1.9 percent from 2009 to 3.34 million head. Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.44 million head. This was 4.0 percent lower than 2009. Market lambs weighing less than 65 pounds equaled 360,000 head, 2.9 percent higher than a year ago. Market lambs weighing 65 to 84 pounds totaled 172,000 head, which was nearly 1.0 percent higher than a year ago. The number of market lambs weighing 85 to 105 pounds fell 12.4 percent from last year to 275,000 head. Market lambs weighing more than 105 pounds totaled 548,000 head, which was down 6.3 percent from a year ago. During 2009, the U.S. lamb crop equaled 3.69 million head, a little less than 2008. Texas had the largest concentration of sheep with 830,000 head, which accounted for 14.7 percent of the total inventory. Shorn wool production in the U.S. during 2009 totaled 30.86 million pounds, which was 6.4 percent below 2008. The price per pound for wool was 79 cents, compared to 99 cents in 2008. In the meantime, on January 1, 2010, the U.S. total goat inventory equaled 3.04 million head. This was down slightly from 2009. The breeding goat inventory was unchanged from 2009 with 2.54 million head. During 2009, the U.S. kid crop equaled 1.94 million head, which was down 1.0 percent from 2008. To view the complete report, go to the NASS website at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>.

U.S. Sheep and Lamb Inventory
As of January 1, 2010

(1,000 Head)	2010	2009	Change
All Sheep & Lambs	5,630	5,747	-2.0%
Breeding Sheep & Lambs	4,190	4,247	-1.3%
Replacement Lambs	655	647	1.2%
Ewes	3,340	3,405	-1.9%
Rams	195	196	-0.5%
Market Sheep & Lambs	1,440	1,500	-4.0%

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

NORTH AMERICA (CONTINUED)

U.S. Cattle on Feed

1,000 + Capacity Feedlots	1,000 Head
On Feed December 1, 2009	11,277
Placed on Feed During December	1,546
Fed Cattle Marketed During December	1,742
Other Disappearance During December	72
On Feed January 1, 2010	11,009

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

On January 22, USDA NASS released its monthly *Cattle on Feed* report. According to the statistics, the number of cattle and calves on feed for the U.S. slaughter market for feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.01 million head on January 1, 2010. This was down 2.0 percent from one year ago and was down 9.0 percent from two years ago. During December, 1.55 million head of cattle were placed on feed, which was 6.1 percent less than one year ago and was 9.1 percent less than two years ago. Steers and steer calves on feed totaled 6.88

million head, which was 2.7 percent lower than one year ago and accounted for 62.5 percent of the total. Heifers and heifer calves on feed totaled 4.07 million head, slightly lower than a year ago. More specifically, placements of feeder cattle weighing less than 600 pounds equaled 430,000 head, which was up 1.2 percent over last year. Placements weighing 600 to 699 pounds were down 14.3 percent from last year, totaling 420,000 head. Placements weighing 700 to 799 pounds decreased 1.5 percent from a year ago, amounting to 401,000 head. Feeder cattle placements weighing more than 800 pounds totaled 295,000 head, which was 9.2 percent less than a year ago. Meanwhile, fed cattle marketings during December increased 3.5 percent over one year ago and 5.9 percent over two years ago to 1.74 million head. The complete report can be found on the NASS website at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>.

On January 22, USDA NASS released its *Livestock Slaughter* report. According to the data, U.S. cattle slaughter during the final quarter of 2009 totaled 8.09 million head. This was down 3.5 percent from the previous quarter but was up a little over a year ago. U.S. beef production during the fourth quarter of 2009 fell 4.1 percent from the previous quarter to 6.33 billion pounds. However, this was slightly higher than a year ago. Live cattle weights at the end of December equaled 1,299 pounds, seven pounds less than a year ago due to extreme winter weather conditions. During 2009, U.S. cattle slaughter totaled 32.77 million head, which was down 3.1 percent from 2008. Total U.S. beef production during 2009 equaled 25.60 billion pounds, which was 2.3 percent lower than 2008. Meanwhile, U.S. hog slaughter during the fourth quarter of 2009 totaled 29.36 million head. Although this was up 4.3 percent over the previous quarter, it was down 2.0 percent from a year ago. Fourth quarter pork production increased 5.3 percent over the previous quarter to 5.95 billion pounds. However, this was 1.7 percent less than a year ago. Live hog weights at the end of December averaged 270 pounds, one pound less than a year ago. During 2009, total U.S. hog slaughter reached 112.61 million head, which was 2.4 percent lower than 2008. Pork production during 2009 decreased 1.5 percent from 2008 to 22.83 billion pounds. In the meantime, during the final quarter of 2009, U.S. sheep and lamb slaughter totaled 618.8 thousand head. This was up 6.3 percent over the previous quarter and was up 2.8 percent over year ago. Lamb and mutton production during the last quarter of 2009 increased 5.8 percent over the previous quarter to 41.9 million pounds. Also, this was 2.4 percent higher than a year ago. During 2009, U.S. total sheep and lamb slaughter equaled 2.32 million head, 2.9 percent less than 2008. Total lamb and mutton production during 2009 was 2.4 percent lower than 2008, amounting to 161.7 million pounds. The complete monthly report can be found on the NASS website at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>.

U.S. Federally Inspected Quarterly Livestock Slaughter
From October 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

Thousand Head	Qtr 4 2009	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	Percent Change
Cattle	8,089	32,765	33,805	-3.1%
Calves	253	930	942	-1.2%
Hogs	29,358	112,611	115,421	-2.4%
Sheep & Lambs	619	2,323	2,393	-2.9%

U.S. Federally Inspected Quarterly Red Meat Production
From October 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

Million Pounds	Qtr 4 2009	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	Percent Change
Beef	6,330	25,598	26,200	-2.3%
Veal	36	135	140	-3.4%
Pork	5,952	22,826	23,170	-1.5%
Lamb & Mutton	42	162	166	-2.4%

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

On January 22, USDA NASS released its monthly *Cold Storage* report. According to the statistics, on December 31, 2009, beef in U.S. cold storage facilities totaled 429.7 million pounds. This was 12.8 percent lower than a year ago. Also, this was 9.6 percent lower than the five year average. Pork in U.S. cold storage equaled 474.8 million pounds, which was down 14.5 percent from a year ago. However, this was up slightly over the five year average. To obtain the detailed report, visit the NASS website at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>.

PACIFIC RIM

Japan's Ministry of Finance recently reported Japan's October 2009 beef and pork import data, as published by the Agriculture and Livestock Industries Corporation (ALIC). According to the numbers, Japan's beef imports during October rose 35.3 percent over the previous month and 32.8 percent over October 2008 to 49,207 MT. Specifically, frozen beef imports totaled 31,156 MT, which was up 62.0 percent over the previous month and was up 55.0 percent over October 2008. Likewise, fresh, chilled beef imports were up 5.4 percent over the previous month and were up 6.6 percent over October 2008, totaling 18,014 MT. Japan's beef imports from Australia during October equaled 35,749 MT.

This was 30.8 percent higher than the previous month and was 28.0 percent higher than October 2008. Total year-to-date beef imports from Australia were 2.7 percent more than a year ago, amounting to 306,858 MT. Australia was the leading market for Japan's beef imports with 75.8 percent of the total. During October, Japan imported 57,593 MT of beef from the U.S., which was 35.6 percent more than September and was 45.3 percent more than October 2008. Year-to-date beef imports from the U.S. totaled 57,593 MT, which was 29.9 percent above a year ago. Japan's beef imports from New Zealand during October rose 14.5 percent over the previous month to 1,914 MT. Also, this was 6.7 percent higher than October 2008. Year-to-date imports of beef from New Zealand were 5.1 percent less than a year ago, totaling 25,932 MT. Overall, Japan's total year-to-date beef imports equaled 404,779 MT, which was 5.8 percent greater than the corresponding period a year ago. During October, Japan's beef marketings totaled 80,838 MT, which was 26.6 percent more than the previous month and was 16.8 percent more than a year ago. Imported beef marketings were up 26.7 percent over a year ago, amounting to 48,571 MT. Domestic beef marketings were up 4.4 percent over a year ago, totaling 32,267 MT. At the end of October, Japan's beef stocks equaled 87,466 MT. This was little changed from the previous month and from a year ago. Imported beef stocks totaled 75,472 MT, 2.6 percent higher than a year ago. Domestic beef stocks totaled 11,994 MT, 16.2 percent lower than a year ago.

Japan's pork imports during October rose 9.4 percent over September to 55,365 MT. However, this was 27.2 percent less than October 2008. More specifically, frozen pork imports equaled 37,514 MT, which was up 17.0 percent over the previous month but was down 21.8 percent from October 2008. Fresh, chilled pork imports equaled 17,849 MT, which was down 3.8 percent from the previous month and was down 36.5 percent from October 2008. During October, Japan imported 22,618 MT of pork from the U.S. Although this was 10.1 percent more than the previous month, it was 29.8 percent less than October 2008.

Year-to-date pork imports from the U.S. were down 13.0 percent from a year ago, amounting to 244,005 MT. Japan's main source for pork imports was the U.S. with 41.4 percent of the total. Japan's pork imports from Canada during October totaled 16,495 MT, which was 26.0 percent higher than the previous month but was 4.3 percent lower than October 2008. Total year-to-date pork imports from Canada equaled 141,112 MT, 1.4 percent below a year ago. Pork imports from Denmark during October fell 12.4 percent from September and 52.1 percent from October 2008 to 7,217 MT. Year-to-date pork imports from Denmark were 24.4 percent lower than a year ago, totaling 103,825 MT. Overall, Japan's total year-to-date pork imports equaled 588,800 MT, which was 14.1 percent less than the same period a year ago. Japan's pork marketings during October equaled 146,391 MT. This was 8.2 percent more than the previous month but was 7.9 percent less than a year ago. Marketings of imported pork totaled 63,118 MT, 19.8 percent less than a year ago. Marketings of domestic pork totaled 83,273 MT, 3.9 percent higher than a year ago. At the end of October, Japan's pork stocks were 3.9 percent less than the previous month, amounting to 175,399 MT. Also, this was 5.3 percent less than a year ago. Stocks of imported pork were 8.0 percent lower than a year ago, totaling 147,133 MT. Domestic pork stocks equaled 28,266 MT, which was 11.1 percent more than a year ago.

Japan's Beef Imports for October 2009

(Metric Tons)	Oct 2009	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	YTD Change
Total Beef*	49,207	404,779	382,507	5.8%
United States	8,220	57,593	44,350	29.9%
Australia	35,749	306,858	298,898	2.7%
New Zealand	1,914	25,932	27,336	-5.1%
Chilled Total	18,014	177,640	164,640	7.9%
Frozen Total	31,156	226,782	217,447	4.3%

*Includes cheek, head & cooked meats.

Source: Japan's Agriculture & Livestock Industries Corporation

Japan's Pork Imports for October 2009

(Metric Tons)	Oct 2009	YTD 2009	YTD 2008	YTD Change
Total Pork*	55,365	588,800	685,827	-14.1%
United States	22,618	244,005	280,315	-13.0%
Denmark	7,217	103,825	137,261	-24.4%
Canada	16,495	141,112	143,057	-1.4%
Chilled Total	17,849	197,965	225,103	-12.1%
Frozen Total	37,514	390,790	460,654	-15.2%

*Includes edible offal.

Source: Japan's Agriculture & Livestock Industries Corporation

SOUTH AMERICA

Recently, Argentina's National Service of Agriculture Food, Health and Quality (SENASA) published Argentina's fourth quarter beef export data. The numbers include fresh beef, offals, process beef and Hilton cuts. During the fourth quarter of 2009, Argentina exported 145,071 MT of beef. Although this was 14.1 percent lower than the previous quarter, it was 35.7 percent higher than a year ago. Beef exports to Russia during the final quarter of 2009 equaled 48,615 MT, which was 16.7 less than the previous quarter but was 227.9 percent more than a year ago. During 2009, Argentina exported 177,034 MT of beef to Russia. This was more than double the volume from 2008. Russia was the main beef export market for Argentina with 31.2 percent of the total. Argentina's beef exports to Hong Kong during the final quarter of 2009 rose 21.8 percent over the previous month and 21.0 percent over a year ago to 16,678 MT. During 2009, beef exports to Hong Kong totaled 57,226 MT, which was 54.3 percent greater than 2008 and comprised 10.1 percent of Argentina's total beef exports. During the fourth quarter, Argentina's beef exports to Germany totaled 7,902 MT. This was down 7.9 percent from the previous quarter and was down nearly 1.0 percent from a year ago. During 2009, Argentina's beef exports to Germany totaled 32,974 MT, which was 10.0 percent more than 2008. This accounted for 5.8 percent of Argentina's total beef exports. Beef exports to the U.S. during the final quarter of 2009 equaled 2,320 MT. This was 24.7 percent lower than the previous quarter and was 56.8 percent lower than a year ago. Total beef exports to the U.S. during 2009 were 29.7 percent below 2008, totaling 9,734 MT. This made up 1.7 percent of the total exports. During 2009, Argentina's largest market for exports of Hilton cuts was Germany with 58.5 percent of the total. The primary fresh beef export market was 39.1 percent of the total. The U.S. was the main export market for Argentina's processed beef exports with 27.2 percent of the total. Of Argentina's total beef exports during 2009, fresh beef made up 63.2 percent of the total, offals comprised 26.6 percent of the total, processed beef was 6.3 percent of the total, and Hilton cuts accounted for 3.9 percent of the total. Overall, Argentina's total beef exports during 2009 were 50.4 percent above 2008, amounting to 571,207 MT.

2009 Argentina Quarterly Beef Exports

Metric Tons	4th Quarter	YTD
U.S.	2,320	9,734
Russia	48,615	177,034
Germany	7,902	32,974
Chile	13,643	44,559
Hong Kong	16,678	57,226
Israel	5,856	31,745
Other	50,057	214,710

Fresh, Processed, Offals, Hilton Cuts
Source: Senasa

OCEANIA**Australia Beef & Veal Exports for January 2010**

(Metric Tons)	Jan 2010	YTD 2010	YTD 2009	YTD Change
U.S.	9,950	9,950	15,715	-36.7%
Japan	17,896	17,896	21,905	-18.3%
S. Korea	5,923	5,923	4,282	38.3%
Indonesia	3,005	3,005	3,127	-3.9%
All Others	7,935	7,935	4,999	58.7%
Total Beef	44,709	44,709	50,028	-10.6%

Source: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry

Recently, Australia's Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry (DAFF) published Australia's red meat export numbers for January 2010. According to the data, during January, Australia's beef and veal exports total 44,709 MT. This was 42.8 percent lower than the previous month and was 10.6 percent lower than January 2009. More specifically, exports of frozen beef equaled 31,138 MT, which comprised 69.6 percent of the total. Exports of fresh, chilled beef equaled 13,571 MT. During January, Australia exported 17,896 MT of beef to Japan, which was down 37.9 percent from the previous month and was down 18.3 percent from January 2009. Beef exports to Japan accounted for 40.0 percent of the total. Australia's beef exports to the U.S. during January fell 33.0 percent from December to 9,950 MT. Also, this was 36.7 percent less than January 2009. During January, Australia exported 5,823 MT of beef to South Korea, which was 51.9 percent lower than the previous month but was 38.3 percent higher than a year ago. Australia's beef exports to Indonesia were down 51.7 percent from the previous month and 3.9 percent from January 2009, amounting to 3,005 MT. Further data is available on the DAFF website at <http://www.daff.gov.au/>.

According to *Meat & Livestock Weekly*, on January 20, the European Union (EU) granted Australia access to its new 20,000 MT grain-fed beef quota. This will allow imports of some Australian beef into the EU on a duty-free basis. The strict product specifications of the new quota are likely to limit exports to those companies willing to operate in such a specialized market.

TRADE AND PRODUCTION STATISTICS

U.S. Actual Slaughter under Federal Inspection

(# Head)	W/E		YTD	YTD	Percent Change
	1/23/10	1/16/10	2010	2009	
Cattle	669,749	655,823	1,972,359	1,868,229	5.6%
Calves	19,878	19,856	61,472	60,376	1.8%
Hogs	2,177,027	2,173,648	6,447,849	6,939,951	-7.1%
Sheep	42,997	43,215	130,014	126,300	2.9%
Goats	11,093	10,506	32,528	35,284	-7.8%

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/SJ_LS711.txt

U.S. Red Meat Production

(Million lbs)	W/E		YTD	YTD	Percent Change
	1/23/10	1/16/10	2010	2009	
Beef	516.4	506.4	1,524	1,457	4.6%
Calf & Veal	2.8	2.8	9	8	1.2%
Pork	443.6	442.4	1,313	1,419	-7.5%
Lamb/Mutton	3.1	3.0	9	9	2.2%

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/SJ_LS711.txt

Canadian Federally Inspected Slaughter

(# Head)	W/E		YTD	YTD	Percent Change
	1/23/10	1/16/10	2010	2009	
Cattle	62,282	62,240	186,147	195,468	-4.8%
Calves	4,808	4,780	13,805	14,396	-4.1%
Sheep	3,120	3,154	8,648	8,588	0.7%
Hogs	431,140	435,876	1,305,069	1,309,594	-0.3%

Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

http://www.agr.gc.ca/redmeat/index_eng.htm

Canada Red Meat Production

(Million lbs)	W/E		YTD	YTD	Percent Change
	1/23/10	1/16/10	2010	2009	
Beef	50.1	50.6	151.2	152.7	-1.0%
Pork	89.5	87.0	265.6	281.5	-5.6%

Source: CanFax

<http://www.canfax.ca/>

U.S. Livestock Exports to Mexico

(# Head)	W/E		YTD	YTD	Percent Change
	1/23/10	1/16/10	2010	2009	
Sltr Cattle	0	0	0	0	---
Sltr Hogs	0	0	0	0	---
Sltr Ewes	968	2,106	5,709	5,091	12.1%
Sltr Lambs	0	0	0	0	---

Source: USDA AMS Livestock & Grain Market News

http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/AL_LS635.txt

U.S. Cattle Imports from Mexico

(# Head)	W/E		YTD	YTD	Percent Change
	1/23/10	1/16/10	2010	2009	
Feeder Cattle	15,232	12,369	29,132	27,963	4.2%

Source: USDA AMS Livestock & Grain Market News

http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/AL_LS625.txt

Canadian Slaughter Cattle Average Prices

(U.S. \$/cwt)	W/E		Year	Percent Change
	1/23/10	1/16/10	Ago	
Alberta Steers	\$74.57	\$76.25	\$70.95	5.1%
Alberta Heifers	\$73.89	\$76.00	\$71.63	3.2%
Alberta Cows	\$39.61	\$42.56	\$34.09	16.2%
Ontario Steers	\$78.00	\$81.57	\$79.23	-1.6%
Ontario Heifers	\$77.75	\$80.72	\$79.55	-2.3%
Ontario Cows	\$41.98	\$42.29	\$45.05	-6.8%

Source: CanFax

http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/WA_LS718.txt

Canadian Feeder Cattle Average Prices

(U.S. \$/cwt)	W/E		Year	Percent Change
	1/23/10	1/16/10	Ago	
<i>Alberta Steers</i>				
500-600	\$102.59	\$102.24	\$88.05	16.5%
600-700	\$95.39	\$95.90	\$83.13	14.7%
700-800	\$90.82	\$91.60	\$79.86	13.7%
<i>Alberta Heifers</i>				
500-600	\$87.70	\$89.83	\$76.17	15.1%
600-700	\$84.40	\$85.95	\$74.12	13.9%
700-800	\$81.82	\$84.29	\$71.26	14.8%
<i>Saskatchewan Steers</i>				
500-600	\$102.12	\$104.95	\$89.69	13.9%
600-700	\$94.97	\$96.84	\$83.54	13.7%
700-800	\$90.30	\$92.31	\$79.45	13.7%
<i>Saskatchewan Heifers</i>				
500-600	\$85.72	\$87.17	\$77.40	10.7%
600-700	\$81.34	\$83.18	\$72.90	11.6%
700-800	\$79.62	\$80.76	\$70.03	13.7%

Source: CanFax

http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/WA_LS718.txt

Exchange Rates

U.S. \$ Converted to Major Currencies	W/E		Year
	1/23/10	1/16/10	Ago
Australian Dollar	1.11	1.08	1.52
Brazilian Real	1.82	1.77	2.35
Canadian Dollar	1.05	1.03	1.26
Euro	0.708	0.694	0.769
Japanese Yen	90.15	90.99	88.99
Mexican Peso	12.96	12.71	13.83
New Zealand Dollar	1.40	1.35	1.89
South Korean Won	1152.2	1124.7	1376.5

Source: OANDA

<http://www.oanda.com/converter/classic>

TRADE AND PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Australia's Cattle, Lamb & Sheep Slaughter

(# Head)	W/E		YTD	YTD	Percent Change
	1/23/10	1/16/10	2010	2009	
Cattle	116,221	105,449	306,902	373,716	-17.9%
Calves	4,694	4,484	14,996	21,395	-29.9%
Lamb	306,642	290,773	855,452	1,227,499	-30.3%
Sheep	129,384	121,014	376,464	569,977	-34.0%

Source: National Livestock Reporting Service

Japan Monthly Livestock Slaughter

(# Head)	YTD		YTD	Percent Change
	Nov	2009	2008	
Cattle	115,707	1,106,714	1,115,038	-0.7%
Hogs	1,499,746	15,391,383	14,638,536	5.1%

Source: Agriculture & Livestock Industries Corporation

http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/WA_LS660.txt

Japanese Monthly Retail Beef Prices

(U.S. \$/cwt)	Nov-09	Nov-08	Percent Change
<i>U.S.</i>			
Chuck Roll	No Quote	No Quote	---
Brisket	No Quote	No Quote	---
Sirloin	No Quote	No Quote	---
<i>Australia</i>			
Chuck Roll	\$1,128.16	\$1,145.03	-1.5%
Brisket	\$1,184.06	\$1,313.28	-9.8%
Sirloin	\$1,682.07	\$1,757.28	-4.3%
Round	\$884.23	\$962.76	-8.2%
<i>Wagyu</i>			
Chuck	\$3,318.40	\$3,126.65	6.1%
Brisket	\$3,298.08	\$3,257.51	1.2%
Sirloin	\$6,199.77	\$5,776.58	7.3%
Round	\$3,262.50	\$3,023.83	7.9%

Source: Agriculture & Livestock Industries Corporation

http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/WA_LS681.txt

U.S. Prices for Mexico Feeder Cattle Imports

(U.S. \$/cwt, FOB)	W/E 1/23/10	W/E 1/16/10	Year Ago
<i>Feeder Steers, Medium & Large, 1 & 2</i>			
300-400 lbs	\$100-\$115	No Quote	\$88-\$98
400-500 lbs	\$90-\$105	No Quote	\$80-\$90
500-600 lbs	\$85-\$96	No Quote	\$77-\$82
<i>Feeder Heifers, Medium & Large 1 & 2</i>			
400-500 lbs	No Quote	No Quote	No Quote

Source: USDA AMS Livestock & Grain Market News

http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/AL_LS626.txt

U.S. Cold Storage

(Million Pounds)	Dec-09	Dec-08	Percent Change
Beef	429.7	492.6	-12.8%
Pork	474.8	555.6	-14.5%

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

<http://www.nass.usda.gov/>

Canadian Cold Storage

(Million Pounds)	Jan-10	Jan-09	Percent Change
Beef	56.4	51.4	9.7%
Imported Beef	13.3	11.1	20.0%
Pork	101.0	114.2	-11.6%

Source: Statistics Canada

<http://www.statcan.ca/>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SOURCES INCLUDE:

- ❖ USDA, AMS, Livestock & Grain Market News Branch
- ❖ USDA, Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)
- ❖ USDA, Economic Research Service (ERS)
- ❖ USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)
- ❖ USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)
- ❖ U. S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF)
- ❖ Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- ❖ Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry - Australia (AFFA)
- ❖ Agriculture and Livestock Industry Corporation (ALIC)
- ❖ CanFax Weekly Summary
- ❖ Korea International Trade Association (KITA)
- ❖ *Meat & Livestock Weekly* by Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) and National Livestock Reporting Service
- ❖ News wire services

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