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International Trade Highlights:

Recently, the USDA FAS GAIN released the Livestock and Products Annual for Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, EU-28, New Zealand and Paraguay. FAS GAIN released the Poultry and Product Annual for Argentina, EU-28, South Africa, South Korea, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine and United Arab Emirates. The complete reports, including supplemental livestock information for the New Zealand 2018 Annual report, are available on the FAS GAIN at <http://gain.fas.usda.gov/>.

Recently, the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) released the monthly *Economic Landscape*. According to the report, exports of shell eggs in July totaled 15.1 million dozen valued at \$34.3 million. This was an increase of 3 percent in volume and 4 percent in value compared with June and an increase of 3 percent in volume and 17 percent in value compared with July 2017. Through July 2018 exports were up 5 percent in volume and up 15 percent in value compared with 2017. The U.S. exported \$10.1 million of egg products in July, 6 percent above June but 11 percent below last July. For the first seven months of 2018, the value of egg products exports was unchanged compared to the same period in 2017. Mexico, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, and Brazil were the five largest imports of U.S. eggs and egg products in July. Meanwhile, U.S. turkey exports in July totaled 21.3 thousand metric tons valued at \$47.8 million. Exports in July were down 2 percent in volume and 5 percent in value compared with June and down 10 percent in volume and unchanged in value compared with last July. For the first seven months of the year, exports were up 4 percent in volume and up 9 percent in value compared with 2017. The top five destinations for exports of turkey in July were Mexico, Japan, Canada, the Dominican Republic, and Hong Kong. In the meantime, the U.S. exported 265 thousand metric tons of chicken products in July with a value of \$266 million. July's exports were 3 percent above June in volume and even in value and were 5 percent in volume above July 2017 but 2 percent below in value. Through July 2018, exports were up 2 percent in volume and up 6 percent in value compared with the same period in 2017. In July, our five largest export destinations for chicken were Mexico, Canada, Angola, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. Meanwhile, compared to July 2017, beef and veal exports (including variety meats) increased 12 percent to 117 thousand MT, and the export value rose 16 percent to \$722 million. The export volume and value were both up 1 percent from June. Cumulative beef exports were higher in volume by 10 percent relative to 2017, and value was 20 percent higher. Japan, South Korea and Canada were our largest export markets in July. Year-over-year beef import volumes were 3 percent lower at 104 thousand MT, and up 2 percent in value to \$561 million. Compared to June, beef imports were up 1 percent, but value

was down slightly. Year-to-date beef and veal imports were up less than 1 percent and import values were up 10 percent from last year. Australia, Canada and New Zealand were the largest sources of imported beef to the U.S. In the meantime, pork exports in July (including variety meats) were up 2 percent from 2017 at 172 thousand MT, but the value was 7 percent lower at \$434 million. Pork export volume was 8 percent below June while the value was down 9 percent. For 2018 so far, pork exports are up from 2017 by 2 percent in volume and 2 percent in value. The largest overseas markets for U.S. pork were Japan, Mexico and Canada. Compared to 2017, July pork import volumes fell 7 percent to 39 thousand MT, and values lost 10 percent at \$140 million. The volume of pork imports rose 3 percent relative to June, and the value was up 8 percent. Year-to-date pork import volume and value were down 1 and 3 percent respectively. The countries of Canada, Poland and Denmark imported the largest volumes of pork to the U.S. Finally, July lamb exports were up 67 percent from 2017 at 309 MT, and up 25 percent in value to \$1.3 million. Compared to June, export volume was down 4 percent and the value was down 14 percent. Year-to-date exports of lamb added 22 percent in volume and 10 percent in value over this period in 2017. Mexico, United Arab Emirates and the Bahamas were the largest export markets for lamb and mutton. U.S. lamb imports in June were up 42 percent from 2017 at 11 thousand MT, and the value rose 44 percent to \$98 million. The June import volume was up 16 percent from June and value increased 19 percent. 2018 total lamb imports were up 10 percent in volume and 18 percent in value from last year. Australia, New Zealand and Chile were the largest sources of imports. To obtain the full report, visit the AMS website at www.ams.usda.gov.

The USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) recently issued July 2018 U.S. red meat export and import data. According to the numbers, during July, U.S. exports of beef and veal cuts and beef variety meats equaled 116,572 MT. This was slightly higher than the previous month and was 11.8 percent higher than July 2017. Specifically, fresh, chilled beef exports equaled 39,990 MT, which was down a little from the previous month but was up 4.2 percent over July 2017. Frozen beef exports equaled 50,158 MT, which was up 5.8 percent over the previous month and up 31.4 percent over July 2017. During July, U.S. beef variety meat exports fell 3.2 percent from June to 24,169 MT. Also, this was 5.1 percent less than July 2017. Total year-to-date beef variety meat exports were 4.0 percent less than a year ago, amounting to 182,401 MT. U.S. beef exports to Japan during July rose 2.4 percent over the previous month to 31,883 MT. Year-to-date beef exports to Japan totaled 191,237 MT, which was 7.1 percent higher than a year ago. Japan was the main beef export market for the U.S. with 24.5 percent of the total. During July, the U.S. exported 20,037 MT of beef to Mexico. This was 7.6 percent more than June. Year-to-date beef exports to Mexico equaled 137,561 MT, 2.4 percent higher than last year. Beef exports to South Korea during July rose 10.3 percent over the previous month to 23,614 MT. Total year-to-date beef exports to South Korea equaled 136,895 MT, 38.3 percent higher than last year. Overall, U.S. total year-to-date beef and veal and beef variety meat exports equaled 779,452 MT, which was 9.7 percent higher than the same period a year ago.

U.S. Red Meat Exports Including Variety Meats
Beef & Veal Exports for July 2018

(Metric Tons)	Beef Cuts	Variety Meats	YTD* 2018	YTD* 2017	Percent Change
Japan	27,015	4,868	191,237	178,479	7.1%
Mexico	13,135	6,901	137,561	134,390	2.4%
S. Korea	22,729	885	136,895	98,979	38.3%
Canada	9,258	913	68,529	67,174	2.0%
Egypt	4,880	4,540	40,185	51,138	-21.4%
Hong Kong	5,107	1,259	68,055	65,380	4.1%
Taiwan	5,637	2	32,503	24,235	34.1%
All Others	4,643	4,799	98,598	84,642	16.5%
Total Exports	92,403	24,169	779,452	710,785	9.7%

*The year-to-date totals include variety meats.

Source: USDA Foreign Agricultural Service/U.S. Census Bureau

U.S. Red Meat Exports Including Variety Meats

(Metric Tons)	Pork Exports for July 2018				
	Pork Cuts	Variety Meats	YTD* 2018	YTD* 2017	Percent Change
Japan	29,732	1,507	230,244	228,440	0.8%
Mexico	47,041	8,345	460,326	449,846	2.3%
Canada	14,091	1,446	111,171	117,352	-5.3%
S. Korea	12,763	1,065	146,410	101,784	43.8%
China	5,740	4,659	136,352	183,382	-25.6%
Colombia	5,801	101	51,954	34,560	50.3%
Hong Kong	1,635	7,378	81,168	103,825	-21.8%
All Others	23,643	2,217	171,248	153,155	11.8%
Total Exports	143,529	28,255	1,415,427	1,394,132	1.5%

*The year-to-date totals include variety meats.

Source: USDA Foreign Agricultural Service/U.S. Census Bureau

13,828 MT, which was down 17.2 percent from the previous month. Year-to-date pork exports to South Korea totaled 146,410 MT, 43.8 percent higher than last year. Overall, U.S. total year-to-date exports of pork cuts and pork variety meats equaled 1,415,427 MT, which was 1.5 percent higher than the corresponding period a year ago.

During July, the U.S. exported 286,453 MT of poultry meat, which was 2.1 percent higher than June and was 3.4 percent higher than July 2017. More specifically, exports of boiler meat totaled 265,202 MT, which was 2.5 percent more than the previous month and was 4.6 percent more than last year. Exports of turkey meat totaled 21,251 MT, which was 2.3 percent less than June. Also, this was down 9.6 percent from a year ago. During July, the U.S. exported 67,541 MT of poultry meat to Mexico, which was 1.6 percent higher than the previous month. Total year-to-date poultry exports to Mexico were up 3.5 percent over a year ago, amounting to 410,334 MT. Mexico was the largest buyer of poultry meat, with 20.8 percent of the total. U.S. poultry meat exports to Taiwan during July fell 14.0 percent from the previous month to 13,060 MT. Year-to-date poultry exports to Taiwan totaled 178,349 MT, which was 46.9 percent above a year ago. During July, U.S. poultry meat exports to Angola equaled 21,179 MT. This was 47.2 percent more than the previous month. Total year-to-date poultry meat exports to Angola equaled 126,049 MT, which was up 8.7 percent over July 2017. Year-to-date poultry meat exports to Cuba were 4.3 percent more than last year, totaling 125,120 MT. Overall, U.S. total year-to-date exports of poultry meat equaled 1,998,994 MT, 2.5 percent above the same period a year ago.

U.S. Broiler & Turkey Meat Exports
Broiler & Turkey Meat Exports for July 2018

(Metric Tons)	Broiler & Turkey Meat Exports for July 2018				
	Broiler Meats	Turkey Meats	YTD* 2018	YTD* 2017	Percent Change
Angola	21,155	24	126,049	115,976	8.7%
Canada	11,600	521	87,345	92,472	-5.5%
Cuba	14,183	0	125,120	119,928	4.3%
Hong Kong	10,754	934	71,877	80,090	-10.3%
Japan	1,994	761	26,090	24,206	7.8%
Mexico	54,260	13,281	410,334	396,559	3.5%
Taiwan	12,712	348	178,349	121,391	46.9%
All Others	133,675	4,666	784,033	820,099	-4.4%
Total Exports	265,202	21,251	1,968,994	1,920,980	2.5%

Source: USDA Foreign Agricultural Service/U.S. Census Bureau

U.S. Egg & Egg Product Exports

Egg & Egg Product Exports for July 2018

(Metric Tons)	Egg & Egg Product Exports for July 2018			
	Egg Products	YTD* 2018	YTD* 2017	Percent Change
Canada	386	2,671	3,172	-15.8%
Japan	842	7,124	7,573	-5.9%
South Korea	51	1,018	4,540	-77.6%
Mexico	0	2,750	3,474	-20.8%
Total Exports	2,570	20,222	25,994	-22.2%

Source: USDA Foreign Agricultural Service/U.S. Census Bureau

amounting to 2,671 MT. Year-to-date egg and egg product exports to South Korea totaled 51 MT, which was 53.6 percent lower than a year ago. Overall, U.S. total exports of egg and egg products equaled 20,222 MT, 22.2 percent below the corresponding period a year ago.

During July, U.S. beef and veal imports totaled 99,961 MT, which was nearly 1.0 percent higher than June but was 1.8 percent lower than July 2017. More specifically, imports of fresh, chilled beef totaled 45,585 MT, which was down 1.5 percent from the previous month and was down 6.1 percent from July 2017. Imports of frozen beef totaled 49,514 MT, which was down slightly from the previous month but was up slightly over July 2017. Beef imports from Canada during July equaled 25,133 MT, which was 1.2 percent less than the previous month. Year-to-date beef imports from Canada reached 156,756 MT, 8.6 percent more than last year. Canada was the leading provider of beef to the U.S. with 25.3 percent of the total imports. During July, the U.S. imported 24,039 MT of beef from New Zealand. This was 9.7 percent less than the previous month but was 3.4 percent more than last year. Total year-to-date beef imports from New Zealand were 7.7 percent higher than last year, amounting to 147,474 MT. Beef imports from Australia during July rose 2.4 percent over June to 21,744 MT. However, this was down 7.1 percent from last year. Year-to-date beef imports from Mexico equaled 127,286 MT, nearly 1.0 percent higher than last year. During July, the U.S. imported 17,087 MT of beef from Mexico. This was 5.1 percent lower than the previous month and was 12.0 percent lower than last year. Year-to-date beef imports from Mexico were 12.2 percent less than last year, totaling 110,961 MT. Overall, U.S. total year-to-date beef and veal imports equaled 619,614 MT, slightly higher than the corresponding period a year ago.

U.S. Red Meat Imports Excluding Variety Meats
Beef & Veal Imports for July 2018

(Metric Tons)	Beef & Veal Imports for July 2018			
	Total Beef	YTD* 2018	YTD* 2017	Percent Change
Australia	21,744	127,286	126,162	0.9%
Brazil	3,325	19,125	25,577	-25.2%
Canada	4,235	34,482	30,255	14.0%
Central Am.	25,133	156,756	144,404	8.6%
Mexico	17,087	110,961	126,437	-12.2%
New Zealand	24,039	147,474	136,870	7.7%
Nicaragua	3,458	28,505	25,007	14.0%
Uruguay	4,228	20,806	22,791	-8.7%
Total Imports	99,961	619,212	614,317	0.8%

*The year-to-date totals do not include variety meats.

Source: USDA Foreign Agricultural Service/U.S. Census Bureau

U.S. Red Meat Imports Excluding Variety Meats

Pork Imports for July 2018

(Metric Tons)	Total	YTD* 2018	YTD* 2017	Percent Change
Canada	22,110	167,585	185,812	-9.8%
Denmark	3,335	19,933	15,557	28.1%
Mexico	1,355	10,658	7,853	35.7%
Poland	6,650	47,942	38,307	25.2%
Total Imports	37,771	276,988	276,443	0.2%

*The year-to-date totals do not include variety meats.

Source: USDA Foreign Agricultural Service/U.S. Census Bureau

3,335 MT of pork from Denmark. This rose 35.2 percent over the previous month and rose 60.5 percent over July 2017. Year-to-date pork imports from Denmark were 28.1 percent higher than last year, totaling 19,933 MT. Overall, U.S. total year-to-date pork imports were slightly higher than the same period a year ago, amounting to 276,988 MT.

U.S. pork imports during July equaled 37,771 MT, which was 4.2 percent higher than the previous month but was 5.7 percent lower than July 2017. Fresh, chilled pork imports totaled 16,405 MT, which was up 1.6 percent over the previous month but was down 20.2 percent from July 2017. Frozen pork imports totaled 16,751 MT, which was up 6.2 percent over the previous month and was up 9.5 percent over July 2017. During July, the U.S. imported 22,110 MT of pork from Canada. This was 4.0 percent more than the previous month but was 16.2 percent less than last year. Total year-to-date pork imports from Canada were 9.8 percent lower than last year, amounting to 167,585 MT. Canada remained the largest supplier of pork to the U.S. with 60.5 percent of the total imports. Pork imports from Poland during July totaled 6,650 MT, which was 5.7 percent higher than the previous month and was 2.9 percent higher than July 2017. Year-to-date pork imports from Poland totaled 47,942 MT, 25.2 percent more than last year. During July, the U.S. import

During July, U.S. poultry meat imports equaled 9,843 MT, which was 5.9 percent less than the previous month but was 6.9 percent more than last year. U.S. poultry meat imports from Canada during July totaled 5,543 MT. This was 10.9 percent less than June but was 5.3 percent more than July 2017. Total year-to-date U.S. poultry meat import from Canada totaled 41,187 MT, down a little from a year ago. Canada was the main source of U.S. poultry meat imports with 57.9 percent of the total. During July, U.S. poultry meat imports from Chile were 7.7 percent higher than the previous month and were 8.0 percent higher than last year, amounting to 3,763 MT. Year-to-date U.S. poultry imports from Chile totaled 26,196 MT, which was up 12.2 percent over July 2017. U.S. poultry meat imports from Mexico during July were 25.9 percent lower than the previous month but were 24.8 percent higher than a year ago, equaling 306 MT. Year-to-date poultry meat imports from Mexico equaled 2,083 MT, which was 1.6 percent more than last year. During July, U.S. poultry meat imports from Israel totaled 162 MT, 19.0 percent lower than the previous month. However, this rose 24.6 percent over a year ago. Overall, U.S. total year-to-date poultry meat imports were 4.5 percent more than the corresponding period a year ago, totaling 71,178 MT.

U.S. Poultry Meat Imports

Poultry Meat Imports for July 2018

(Metric Tons)	Total	YTD* 2018	YTD* 2017	Percent Change
Canada	5,543	41,187	41,447	-0.6%
Chile	3,763	26,196	23,351	12.2%
Israel	162	1,196	901	32.7%
South Korea	68	416	270	53.8%
Mexico	306	2,083	2,050	1.6%
Total Imports	9,843	71,178	68,115	4.5%

Source: USDA Foreign Agricultural Service/U.S. Census Bureau

**U.S. Egg Imports
Egg Imports for July 2018**

(Metric Tons)	Total	YTD* 2018	YTD* 2017	Percent Change
Canada	249,726	1,679,854	1,462,314	14.9%
China	80,666	1,248,708	1,367,858	-8.7%
France	9,893	110,093	102,302	7.6%
Taiwan	36,900	330,078	372,627	-11.4%
United Kingdom	15,652	122,016	108,596	12.4%
Total Imports	495,303	3,861,405	3,766,317	2.5%

Source: USDA Foreign Agricultural Service/U.S. Census Bureau

dozen. During July, U.S. egg imports from Thailand was up 41.7 percent over June, reaching 84,600 dozen. Also, this was 944.4 percent greater than a year ago. Overall, U.S. total year-to-date egg imports totaled 3,861,405 dozen, 2.5 percent above the corresponding period a year ago. To obtain further U.S. trade data, visit the FAS website at <http://www.fas.usda.gov/gats/>.

During July, U.S. egg imports totaled 495,303 dozen. Although, this was down 9.5 percent from the previous month, it was up slightly over July 2017. U.S. egg imports from Canada during July equaled 249,726 dozen. This was 4.2 percent greater than June and was 22.5 percent greater than last year. Total year-to-date U.S. egg imports from Canada totaled 1,679,854 dozen, 14.9 percent more than the same period a year ago. Canada was the main source of U.S. egg imports with 43.5 percent of the total. During July, the U.S. egg imports from China decreased 49.3 percent from the previous month to 80,666 dozen. Also, this was 57.1 percent lower than last year. Year-to-date U.S. egg imports from China totaled 1,248,708 dozen, 8.7 percent less than last year. U.S. egg imports from Taiwan during July totaled 36,900 dozen. This was 28.8 percent less than the previous month and was 43.4 percent less than July 2017. Year-to-date U.S. egg imports from Taiwan were down 11.4 percent from last year, equaling 330,078

Recently, the World Agricultural Outlook Board released June's issue of the *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates*. According to the report, the forecast for total meat production in 2018 is reduced from last month on decreases in commercial pork and turkey production. The annual beef production forecast is unchanged as increases in second-half cattle slaughter are offset by lighter expected carcass weights. The 2018 pork production forecast is reduced on the current pace of slaughter and slightly lighter expected carcass weights in the third quarter. USDA will release the *Quarterly Hogs and Pigs* report on September 27, providing an indication of producer farrowing intentions into early 2019. The second-quarter broiler production estimate is raised slightly, reflecting revised hatchery data but no change is made to outlying forecasts. Second-half turkey production is lowered on recent production data. For 2019, beef, pork, broiler, and egg production forecast are unchanged; only a small increase is made to turkey production. Beef import forecasts are unchanged for 2018 and 2019, while export forecasts are raised on expectations of continued strong demand to a number of key trading partners. Pork imports for 2018 and 2019 are lowered from last month. Pork export forecasts for 2018 and 2019 are raised from the previous month as U.S. pork is expected to remain competitively priced in international markets. Broiler, turkey, and egg export forecasts for 2018 and 2019 are unchanged. The third-quarter fed steer price forecast is raised from last month on current price strength but the fourth-quarter forecast is reduced as the pace of marketings is raised. Hog price forecasts for 2018 are lowered on current prices and pressure from expected abundant meat supplies. For 2019, the first-quarter hog price forecast is reduced slightly, but the annual price forecast range is unchanged. Broiler prices are reduced from last month for 2018 and 2019 on strong competition with other meats. The annual turkey price forecast is reduced for 2018 as slightly higher third-quarter turkey prices are more than offset by expected lower prices in the fourth quarter; the 2019 forecast is reduced. The third-quarter egg price forecast for 2018 is reduced on recent prices, but no change is made to the outlying forecasts. To view the report in its entirety, visit the USDA Office of the Chief Economist at <https://www.usda.gov/oce/commodity/>.

North America:

Canada Poultry Exports

(Metric Tons)	Jul 2018	YTD* 2018	YTD* 2017	Percent Change
U.S.	3,587	31,483	39,781	-20.9%
Philippines	1,360	11,900	16,252	-26.8%
Taiwan	651	7,558	7,736	-2.3%
South Africa	106	478	3,789	-87.4%
Jamaica	214	1,721	1,974	-12.8%
All Others	353	4,194	5,228	-19.8%
Total Exports	6,539	59,688	77,035	-22.5%

Source: Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada

Recently, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada released Canada's chicken, which includes whole carcasses, parts, others and further processed, export and import statistics for July 2018. According to the data, Canada exported 6,539 MT of chicken, which was down 33.5 percent from June and was down 25.5 percent from a year ago. More specifically, total further processed totaled 3,145 MT, which was 37.6 percent less than the previous month and was 11.6 percent less than a year ago. Total further processed chicken comprised of 48.1 percent of the total chicken exports. Total chicken parts were 25.9 percent lower than last month and were 36.8 percent lower than July 2017, equaling 1,828 MT. This comprised of 28.0 percent of the total chicken exports. Total other chicken totaled 1,402 MT, down 29.3 percent from the previous month and down 34.9 percent from last year. Other chicken was 21.4 percent of the total chicken exports. Whole chicken carcass exports were 51.7 percent less than June and 9.6

percent less than July 2017, amounting to 165 MT, and comprised of 2.5 percent of total chicken exports. During July, Canada exported 3,587 MT of chicken to the U.S. This was 39.1 percent lower than the previous month. Year-to-date, chicken export totals to the U.S. equaled 31,483 MT, which was 20.9 percent lower than last year. The U.S. was the primary chicken export market for Canada, with 52.7 percent of the total. Canada's chicken exports to the Philippines during July fell 20.9 percent from the previous month to 1,360 MT. Year-to-date export totals to the Philippines decreased 26.8 percent from a year ago, amounting to 11,900 MT. The Philippines was the second largest market for chicken exports from Canada, with 19.9 percent of the total. During July, Canada exported 651 MT of chicken to Taiwan, which was up 55.6 percent over the previous month. Total year to date chicken exports to Taiwan reached 7,558 MT, 2.3 percent lower than last year. Overall, year to date exports from Canada were 22.5 percent below the corresponding period a year ago, totaling 59,688 MT.

Meanwhile, during July, Canada imported 9,644 MT of chicken. This was 34.0 percent lower than the previous month and was 22.4 percent lower than a year ago. More specifically, total chicken parts totaled 6,048 MT, which was down 30.7 percent from June and was down 24.5 percent from July 2017. This comprised of 62.7 percent of total chicken imports. Total further processed chicken was 39.6 percent lower than the previous month and was 9.5 percent lower than a year ago, amounting to 3,466 MT. This comprised of 35.9 percent of total chicken imports. Total other chicken during July equaled 128 MT, down 3.4 percent from the previous month and down 67.3 percent from a year ago. This comprised of 1.3 percent of total chicken imports. During July, Canada imported 8,166 MT of chicken from the U.S. This was 32.0 percent less than the previous month. Year-to-date total imports from the U.S. equaled 69,465 MT, 6.6 percent less than a year ago. The U.S. was the leading chicken import market, with 83.2 percent of the total. Canada's chicken imports from Brazil during July fell 34.4 percent from last month, equaling 679 MT. Year-to-date imports from Brazil were down 33.2 percent from the previous year, amounting to 6,189 MT. Brazil was the second leading chicken import market for Canada, with 7.4 percent of the total. During July, Canada imported 417 MT of chicken from Thailand. This was 47.3 percent lower than the previous month. Year-to-date imports from Thailand increased 6.1 percent over last year, reaching 3,905 MT. Overall, year-to-date imports to Canada totaled 83,499 MT, 7.0 percent below the corresponding period a year ago. Additional data on Canada's poultry meat trade can be found on the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada website at <http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/home/?id=1395690825741>.

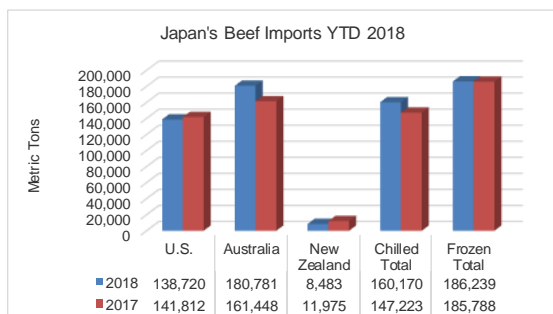
Canada Poultry Imports

(Metric Tons)	Jul 2018	YTD* 2018	YTD* 2017	Percent Change
U.S.	8,166	69,465	74,351	-6.6%
Brazil	679	6,189	9,263	-33.2%
Thailand	417	3,905	3,681	6.1%
Hungary	205	2,520	1,738	45.0%
All Others	176	1,420	783	81.4%
Total Exports	9,644	83,499	89,815	-7.0%

Source: Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada

Pacific Rim:

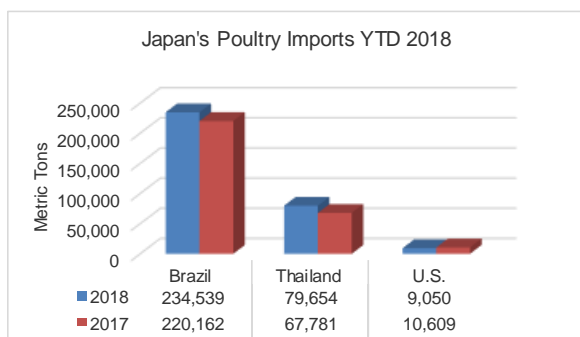
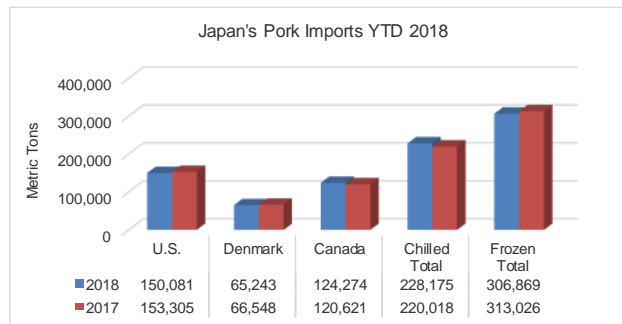
Recently, the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) Global Agricultural Information Network (GAIN) published the report *African Swine Fever Outbreaks Continue in China*. According to the report, from August 3 until September 7, 2018, China's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs has officially reported 14 outbreaks of African Swine Fever, across six different provinces. On August 29, MARA held a press conference where it stated that additional outbreaks were likely. On September 2, MARA also announced new movement restrictions on live swine and pork products from "epidemic" provinces. MARA has not fully communicated to the international community how it is implementing the transportation bans indicated in its African Swine Fever Contingency Plan. For more information, please visit the FAS GAIN website at <https://www.fas.usda.gov/>.



Recently, Japan's Agriculture and Livestock Industries Corporation (ALIC) published Japan's beef, pork, poultry and egg import data for July 2018. According to the statistics, Japan's beef imports during July rose 38.4 percent over the previous month to 65,501 MT. Also, this was up 16.2 percent over July 2017. Specifically, frozen beef imports totaled 39,513 MT, which was up 65.7 percent over the previous month and was up 15.1 percent over July 2017. Fresh, chilled beef imports totaled 25,939 MT, which was 10.6 percent higher than the previous month and was 17.8 percent higher than July 2017. Japan's beef imports from Australia during July equaled 31,806 MT, which was 28.1 percent higher than the previous month and 33.4 percent higher than July 2017. Total year-to-date beef imports from Australia equaled 180,781 MT, 12.0 percent above a year ago. Australia was the leading source for Japan's beef imports with 52.1 percent of the total. During July, Japan imported

28,099 MT of beef from the U.S. This was 52.1 percent more than the previous month and was 6.6 percent more than July 2017. Year-to-date beef imports from the U.S. were 2.2 percent lower than last year, totaling 138,720 MT. Japan's beef imports from New Zealand during July were 8.2 percent higher than the previous month but 35.8 percent lower than July 2017, reaching 1,576 MT. Year-to-date beef imports from New Zealand totaled 8,483 MT, 29.2 percent less than a year ago. Overall, Japan's total year-to-date beef imports equaled 346,774 MT, 4.0 percent above the same period a year ago. During July, Japan's beef marketings totaled 86,244 MT, which was up 21.5 percent over the previous month and was up 8.5 percent over a year ago. Imported beef marketings equaled 56,455 MT, 10.9 percent higher than a year ago. Domestic beef marketings totaled 29,789 MT, up 4.3 percent over a year ago. At the end of July, Japan's beef stocks totaled 115,645 MT, which was up 8.5 percent over the previous month and was up 1.7 percent over a year ago. Imported beef stocks were 3.1 percent higher than a year ago, amounting to 106,870 MT. Domestic beef stocks equaled 8,775 MT, 12.6 percent less than last year.

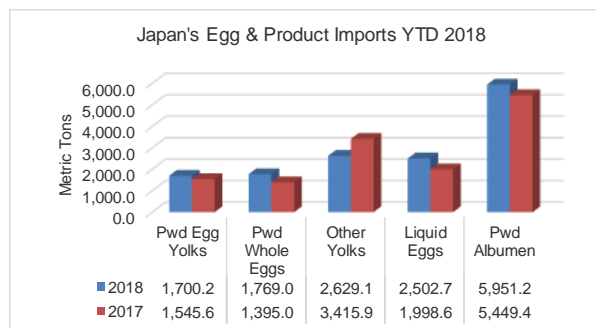
Japan's pork imports during July rose 1.8 percent over June and rose 4.9 percent over July 2017 to 78,084 MT. More specifically, frozen pork imports equaled 45,622 MT, which was up 1.4 percent over the previous month and was up 3.0 percent over July 2017. Likewise, fresh, chilled pork imports equaled 32,462 MT, which was up 2.4 percent over the previous month and was up 7.6 percent over July 2017. During July, Japan's pork imports from the U.S. totaled 21,028 MT. This was 1.5 percent more than the previous month and was 11.6 percent more than July 2017. Total year-to-date pork imports from the U.S. equaled 150,081 MT, which was 2.1 percent less than a year ago. The U.S. was Japan's primary source for pork imports with 28.0 percent of the total. Pork imports from Canada during July rose 3.9 percent over the previous month and rose 6.1 percent over July 2017 to 18,508 MT. Total year-to-date pork imports from Canada were 3.0 percent higher than last year, amounting to 124,274 MT. During July, Japan imported 10,974 MT of pork from Denmark, which was up 16.4 percent over the previous month and was up 29.8 percent over July 2017. Year-to-date pork imports from Denmark totaled 65,243 MT, 2.0 percent less than last year. Overall, Japan's total year-to-date pork imports equaled 535,053 MT, which was slightly higher than the same period a year ago. Japan's pork marketings during July totaled 149,228 MT. This was up nearly 1.0 percent over the previous month and was up 2.4 percent over a year ago. Imported pork marketings totaled 80,466 MT, 3.6 percent more than last year. Marketing of domestic pork were up 1.0 percent over a year ago, amounting to 68,762 MT. At the end of July, Japan's pork stocks equaled 176,037 MT. This was 1.4 percent less than the previous month but was relatively unchanged from a year ago. Stocks of imported pork were down 1.8 percent from a year ago, totaling 158,705 MT. Domestic pork stocks equaled 17,332 MT, 19.9 percent higher than last year.



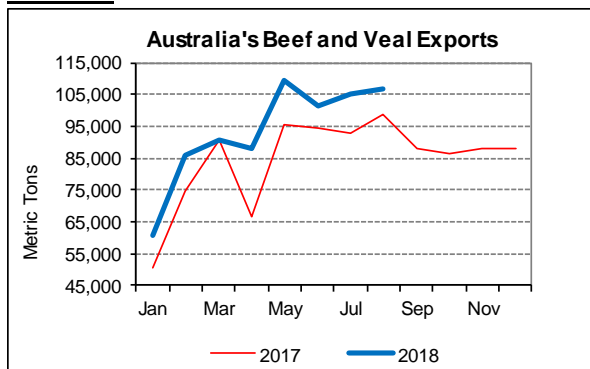
During July, Japan imported 45,671 MT of poultry. This was 4.0 percent more than June and 12.1 percent more than July 2017. During July, Japan's poultry imports from Brazil equaled 32,071 MT, which was 7.0 percent higher than the previous month and was 19.5 percent higher than July 2017. Total year-to-date poultry imports from Brazil were up 6.5 percent over a year ago, amounting to 234,539 MT. Brazil was Japan's main source for poultry imports with 72.2 percent of the total. Poultry imports from Thailand during July rose 2.2 percent over the previous month to 12,397 MT. Also, this was 9.9 percent higher than July 2017. Total year-to-date beef imports from Thailand were 17.5 percent more than a year ago, amounting to 79,654 MT. Thailand was Japan's second leading poultry import market with 24.5 percent of the total. During July, Japan imported 1,030 MT of poultry from the U.S. This was 35.5 percent lower than the previous month and was 48.9 percent lower than July 2017. Year-to-date poultry imports from the U.S.

totalled 9,050 MT, which was 14.7 percent less than last year. Overall, Japan's total poultry imports equaled 324,685 MT which was 8.0 percent higher than the same period a year ago. During July, Japan's poultry marketings equaled 171,856 MT. This was down 7.1 percent from the previous month but was up 1.6 percent over a year ago. Marketings of imported poultry were slightly more than a year ago, amounting to 42,940 MT. Domestic poultry marketings totaled 128,916 MT, 1.9 percent greater than last year. At the end of July, Japan's poultry stocks totaled 167,950 MT. This was 1.2 percent higher than the previous month and was 13.7 percent higher than a year ago. Stocks of imported poultry totaled 139,496 MT, 14.2 percent more than last year. Domestic poultry stocks were up 11.3 percent over a year ago, amounting to 28,454 MT.

Japan's total egg product imports during July totaled 1,923 MT, which was 9.1 percent higher than the previous month but was 1.5 percent lower than July 2017. More specifically, during July, powdered egg albumen imports totaled 828 MT, which was 14.2 percent higher than June and was 12.0 percent higher than July 2017. This comprised of 40.9 percent of the total egg product imports for Japan. Total year-to-date powdered egg albumen imports were 9.2 percent more than the corresponding period a year ago, reaching 5,951 MT. During July, other egg yolk imports totaled 354 MT, which was down 19.6 percent from the previous month and was down 25.6 percent from July 2017. Year-to-date other egg yolks equaled 2,629 MT, 23.0 percent less than the corresponding period a year ago. Liquid egg imports were up 5.7 percent over the previous month and were up 9.8 percent over July 2017, amounting to 319 MT. Year-to-date liquid egg imports equaled 2,502 MT, which was 25.2 percent more than last year. Powdered whole egg imports during July were 57.4 percent above last year, totaling 217 MT. Also, this was 39.7 percent higher than the previous year. Total year-to-date powdered whole egg imports equaled 1,769 MT, 26.8 percent higher than the same period a year ago. Powdered egg yolk imports during July were 30.5 percent more than June but were 29.6 percent less than a year ago, equaling 205 MT. Powdered egg yolk total year-to-date imports were 10.0 percent greater than the previous year, amounting to 1,700 MT. Overall, Japan's total year-to-date egg product imports equaled 14,552 MT, 5.4 percent above the corresponding period a year ago. Additional data on Japan's red meat trade can be found on the ALIC website at http://lin.alic.go.jp/alic/statis/dome/data2/e_nstatis.htm.



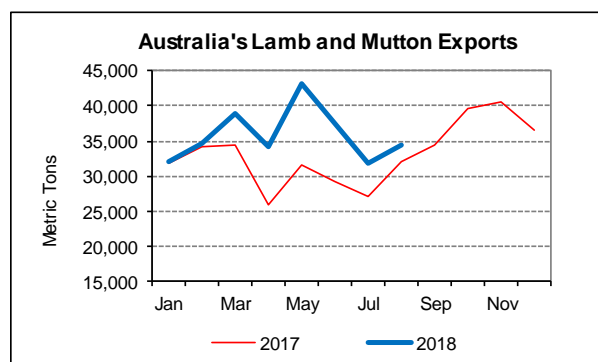
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Recently, Australia's Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) published Australia's red meat export numbers for August 2018. During August, Australia exported 106,921 MT of beef and veal, which was up 1.7 percent over the previous month and was up 8.3 percent over August 2017. More specifically, exports of frozen beef totaled 79,270 MT, which accounted for 74.1 percent of the total exports. Exports of fresh, chilled beef totaled 27,651 MT. During August, Australia's beef exports to Japan equaled 27,610 MT. This was 8.6 percent less than the previous month and was 5.8 percent less than August 2017. Year-to-date beef exports to Japan were 8.3 percent higher than last year, amounting to 212,249 MT. Japan was Australia's main beef export market with 28.3 percent of the total. Australia's beef exports to the U.S. during August fell 1.2 percent from the previous month and fell 10.3 percent from August 2017 to 23,030 MT. Total year-to-date beef exports to the U.S. equaled 160,096 MT, which was 1.2 percent below a year ago. During August, Australia exported 18,047 MT of beef to South Korea. This was up 11.8 percent over the previous month and was up 31.8

percent over August 2017. Year-to-date beef exports to South Korea totaled 109,440 MT, 14.8 percent more than a year ago. Overall, Australia's total year-to-date beef and veal exports equaled 748,811 MT, which was 12.6 percent above the same period a year ago.

During August, Australia exported 18,603 MT of lamb. This was 14.0 percent less than the previous month and was 8.3 percent less than August 2017. Lamb exports to the Middle East during August fell 3.6 percent from July to 5,946 MT. However, this was 5.9 percent higher than August 2017. Year-to-date lamb exports to the Middle East totaled 51,507 MT, which was 26.5 percent higher than a year ago. The Middle East was the main lamb export market for Australia with 28.1 percent of the total. Australia's lamb exports to China during August equaled 3,883 MT. This was down 20.2 percent from the previous month but was up 12.8 percent over August 2017. Total year-to-date lamb exports to China were 17.9 percent greater than last year, amounting to 37,544 MT. During August, Australia exported 3,645 MT to the U.S., which was 14.7 percent less than the previous month. Also, this was 16.2 percent less than August 2017. Year-to-date lamb exports to the U.S. totaled 37,183 MT, 5.2 percent more than a year ago. Overall, Australia's total year-to-date lamb exports reached 183,003 MT, 12.1 percent higher than the same period a year ago. Meanwhile, during August, Australia exported 15,741 MT of mutton. This was up 53.4 percent over the previous month and was up 32.9 percent over August 2017. During August, Australia exported 4,114 MT of mutton to the Middle East. This was 52.1 percent more than the previous month and was 15.3 percent more than August 2017. Year-to-date mutton exports to the Middle East totaled 29,789 MT, which was 3.6 percent lower than a year ago. The Middle East was the primary mutton export market for Australia with 28.6 percent of the total. During August, Australia's mutton exports to China rose 55.4 percent over July to 4,293 MT. Also, this was up 118.3 percent over August 2017. Year-to-date mutton exports to China were 115.5 percent more than last year, amounting to 25,243 MT. Mutton exports to Malaysia during August equaled 1,928 MT, which was 53.6 percent higher than the previous month and was 51.6 percent higher than August 2017. Total year-to-date mutton exports to Malaysia equaled 11,507 MT, 41.0 percent more than last year. Overall, Australia's total year-to-date mutton exports equaled 104,068 MT, which was 24.7 percent above the same period a year ago. To obtain additional red meat data for Australia, visit the DAFF website at <http://www.daff.gov.au/>.



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- [New Zealand Beef + Lamb \(B+LNZ\)](#)
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