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**International Trade Highlights:**

According to data from the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), as reported by the USDA Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News (LPGMN), during 2016, U.S. imports of feeder cattle from Canada totaled 179,045 head. This was 37.7 percent lower than the previous year. Imports of slaughter steers and heifers from Canada equaled 315,115 head, which was 46.0 percent higher than a year ago. During 2016, slaughter cow and bull imports were 11.7 percent less than 2015, totaling 259,502 head. Imports of feeder pigs from Canada during 2016 equaled 4,623,627 head, 7.3 percent more than a year ago. Slaughter hog imports were down 16.2 percent from the previous year, totaling 957,281 head. Additionally, according to recent data from USDA LPGMN, during 2016, the U.S. imported 935,138 head of feeder cattle from Mexico. This was 17.3 percent less than the one year ago and was 13.8 percent less than two years ago. To obtain each weekly report, visit the LPGMN website at <https://www.ams.usda.gov/market-news/livestock-poultry-grain>.

Recently, the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) released U.S. red meat trade data for November 2016. According to the data, during November, U.S. exports of beef and veal cuts and beef variety meats equaled 115,334 MT. This was up 8.9 percent over the previous month and was up 20.2 percent over November 2015. Specifically, exports of fresh, chilled beef totaled 37,280 MT, which was 19.4 percent

<b>U.S. Red Meat Exports Including Variety Meats</b>					
<b>Beef &amp; Veal Exports for November 2016</b>					
	<b>Beef</b>	<b>Variety</b>	<b>YTD*</b>	<b>YTD*</b>	
<b>(Metric Tons)</b>	<b>Cuts</b>	<b>Meats</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Japan</b>	18,393	5,205	237,232	190,725	24.4%
<b>Mexico</b>	11,157	10,834	217,791	201,494	8.1%
<b>S. Korea</b>	17,647	1,708	158,946	114,880	38.4%
<b>Canada</b>	10,642	1,210	104,794	114,014	-8.1%
<b>Egypt</b>	6	7,489	85,157	97,221	-12.4%
<b>Hong Kong</b>	12,224	1,245	100,413	106,815	-6.0%
<b>Taiwan</b>	4,010	49	39,299	32,134	22.3%
<b>All Others</b>	9,917	3,600	126,580	116,362	8.8%
<b>Total Exports</b>	83,995	31,339	1,070,212	973,643	9.9%

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

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

more than the previous month and was 37.1 percent more than November 2015. Exports of frozen beef totaled 43,326 MT, which was 3.4 percent more than the previous month and was 16.9 percent more than November 2015. During November, the U.S. exported 31,339 MT of beef variety meats, which was 4.3 percent higher than the previous month and was 10.3 percent higher than November 2015. Year-to-date beef variety meat exports totaled 308,719 MT, 9.3 percent higher than a year ago. Beef exports to Japan during November equaled 18,393 MT. This was up 22.5 percent over the previous month. Year-to-date beef exports to Japan were up 24.4 percent over a year ago, totaling 237,232 MT. Japan was the main U.S. beef export market with 22.2 percent of the total. During November, U.S. beef exports to Mexico rose 8.1 percent over the previous month to 11,157 MT. Total year-to-date beef exports to Mexico were 8.1 percent more than last year, amounting to 217,791 MT. U.S. beef exports to South Korea during November totaled 17,647 MT, which was up 10.8 percent over the previous month. Year-to-date beef exports to South Korea equaled 158,946 MT, 38.4 percent more than a year ago. Overall, U.S. total year-to-date beef and veal and beef variety meat exports equaled 1,070,212 MT, 9.9 percent above the same period a year ago.

**U.S. Red Meat Exports Including Variety Meats**  
**Pork Exports for November 2016**

	<b>Pork</b>	<b>Variety</b>	<b>YTD*</b>	<b>YTD*</b>	
<b>(Metric Tons)</b>	<b>Cuts</b>	<b>Meats</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Japan</b>	36,312	1,005	357,762	375,218	-4.7%
<b>Mexico</b>	61,272	11,521	640,948	642,207	-0.2%
<b>Canada</b>	17,734	1,015	186,169	183,088	1.7%
<b>S. Korea</b>	12,411	616	118,708	153,387	-22.6%
<b>China</b>	11,837	15,232	303,366	159,208	90.5%
<b>Taiwan</b>	441	285	8,174	18,019	-54.6%
<b>Hong Kong</b>	3,209	14,317	164,483	123,773	32.9%
<b>All Others</b>	30,558	3,388	263,945	251,965	4.8%
<b>Total Exports</b>	173,774	47,379	2,043,555	1,907,722	7.1%

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

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

During November, U.S. exports of pork cuts and pork variety meats equaled 221,153 MT. This was up 11.9 percent over the previous month and was up 24.0 percent over November 2015. More specifically, fresh, chilled pork exports totaled 81,541 MT, which was 13.5 percent higher than the previous month and was 23.3 percent higher than November 2015. Frozen pork exports totaled 75,358 MT, which was 13.3 percent higher than the previous month and was 16.8 percent higher than November 2015. U.S. pork variety meat exports during November rose 6.3 percent over October to 47,379 MT. Also, this was up 62.3 percent over November 2015. Year-to-date pork variety meat exports totaled 424,183 MT, which was 26.1 percent more than a year ago. During November, the U.S. exported 61,272 MT of pork to Mexico. This was up 14.2 percent over the previous month. Total year-to-date pork exports to Mexico were slightly lower than a year ago, amounting to 640,948 MT. Mexico was the main pork export market for the U.S. with 31.4 percent of the

total. Pork exports to Japan during November rose 21.1 percent over the previous month to 36,312 MT. Year-to-date pork exports to Japan totaled 357,762 MT, 4.7 percent less than last year. During November, the U.S. exported 11,837 MT of pork to China. This was 25.9 percent higher than the previous month. Year-to-date pork exports to China were 90.5 percent higher than last year, totaling 303,366 MT. Overall, U.S. total year-to-date exports of pork cuts and pork variety meats equaled 2,043,555 MT, which was 7.1 percent above the same period a year ago.

**U.S. Red Meat Imports Excluding Variety Meats  
Beef & Veal Imports for November 2016**

(Metric Tons)	Total Beef	YTD* 2016	YTD* 2015	Percent Change
Australia	12,633	239,499	402,977	-40.6%
Brazil	4,538	32,826	34,626	-5.2%
Canada	18,983	229,696	196,962	16.6%
Central Am.	5,088	43,516	41,828	4.0%
Mexico	19,811	166,077	135,199	22.8%
New Zealand	6,930	194,198	208,730	-7.0%
Uruguay	3,634	34,960	41,196	-15.1%
All Others	353	3,044	2,420	25.8%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>71,970</b>	<b>943,816</b>	<b>1,064,222</b>	<b>-11.3%</b>

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

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

During November, U.S. beef and veal imports fell 6.9 percent from the previous month to 71,970 MT. However, this was 11.8 percent higher than November 2015. Specifically, fresh, chilled beef imports totaled 41,552 MT, which was down 10.8 percent from the previous month but was up 24.6 percent over November 2015. Frozen beef imports totaled 24,336 MT, which was 8.4 percent lower than the previous month and was 13.0 percent lower than November 2015. Beef imports from Australia during November equaled 12,633 MT, which was down 12.2 percent from October. Total year-to-date beef imports from Australia were 40.6 percent less than last year, amounting to 239,499 MT. Australia was the largest provider of beef to the U.S. with 25.4 percent of the total. During November, the U.S. imported 18,983 MT of beef from Canada, which was down 23.4 percent from the previous month. Year-to-date beef imports from Canada totaled 229,696 MT, 16.6 percent above a year ago. Beef imports from New Zealand during November fell 19.1 percent from the previous month to 6,930 MT. Year-to-date beef imports from New Zealand equaled 194,198 MT, 7.0 percent less than last year. During November, the U.S. imported 19,811 MT of beef from Mexico. This was 3.3 percent more than the previous month. Total year-to-date beef imports from Mexico were 22.8 percent greater than last year, amounting to 166,077 MT. Overall, U.S. total year-to-date beef and veal imports equaled 943,816 MT, 11.3 percent less than the corresponding period a year ago.

During November, U.S. pork imports totaled 42,085 MT, which was 7.7 percent more than the previous month but was 2.6 percent less than November 2015. More specifically, imports of fresh, chilled pork equaled 26,240 MT, which was up 9.3 percent over the previous month but was down 2.2 percent from November 2015. Imports of frozen pork equaled 11,167 MT, which was up 5.4 percent over the previous month but was down 6.8 percent from November 2015. U.S. pork imports from Canada during November totaled 32,982 MT, which was 9.9 percent higher than October. Total year-to-date pork imports from Canada equaled 319,236 MT, 7.2 percent less than last year. Canada was the main supplier of pork to the U.S. with 73.3 percent of the total imports.

During November, pork imports from Denmark totaled 1,549 MT, which was down 22.1 percent from the previous month. Year-to-date pork imports from Denmark totaled 24,746 MT, 6.6 percent lower than last year. Overall, U.S. total year-to-date pork imports equaled 435,450 MT, which was nearly 1.0 percent less than the same period a year ago. Additional U.S. trade data is available on the FAS website at <https://apps.fas.usda.gov/gats/default.aspx>.

**U.S. Red Meat Imports Excluding Variety Meats  
Pork Imports for November 2016**

(Metric Tons)	Total Pork	YTD* 2016	YTD* 2015	Percent Change
Canada	32,982	319,236	343,913	-7.2%
Denmark	1,549	24,746	26,500	-6.6%
All Others	7,554	91,469	68,330	33.9%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>42,085</b>	<b>435,450</b>	<b>438,743</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>

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

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

**Pacific Rim:**

**Japan's Beef Imports for November 2016**

(Metric Tons)	Nov 2016	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD Change
<b>Total Beef*</b>	<b>43,680</b>	<b>458,182</b>	<b>457,239</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
<b>United States</b>	<b>15,898</b>	<b>174,264</b>	<b>151,818</b>	<b>14.8%</b>
<b>Australia</b>	<b>24,168</b>	<b>248,595</b>	<b>267,947</b>	<b>-7.2%</b>
<b>New Zealand</b>	<b>1,517</b>	<b>14,882</b>	<b>15,597</b>	<b>-4.6%</b>
<b>Chilled Total</b>	<b>21,118</b>	<b>205,797</b>	<b>185,730</b>	<b>10.8%</b>
<b>Frozen Total</b>	<b>22,523</b>	<b>251,780</b>	<b>270,852</b>	<b>-7.0%</b>

\*Includes cheek, head & cooked meats.

Source: Japan's Agriculture & Livestock Industries Corporation

Japan's Agriculture and Livestock Industries Corporation (ALIC) recently released Japan's beef and pork import statistics for November 2016. According to the data, during November, Japan imported 43,680 MT of beef, which was up 5.9 percent over October but was down 2.4 percent from November 2015. More specifically, frozen beef imports equaled 22,523 MT, which was 5.1 percent lower than the previous month and was 14.3 percent lower than November 2015. Conversely, fresh, chilled beef imports equaled 21,118 MT, which was 20.8 percent higher than the previous month and was 15.0 percent higher than November 2016. During November, Japan's beef imports from Australia rose 12.6 percent over the previous month but fell 7.4 percent from November 2015 to 24,168 MT. Year-to-date beef imports from Australia totaled 248,595 MT, which was 7.2 percent less than last year. Australia was the main source for Japan's beef imports with 54.3

percent of the total. Beef imports from the U.S. during November equaled 15,898 MT. This was 1.5 percent lower than the previous month but was 3.1 percent higher than a year ago. Total year-to-date beef imports from the U.S. were 14.8 percent higher than a year ago, amounting to 174,264 MT. Beef imports from New Zealand during November rose 10.5 percent over the previous month to 1,517 MT. Also, this was 67.1 percent more than November 2015. Total year-to-date beef imports from New Zealand equaled 14,882 MT, 4.6 percent less than a year ago. Overall, Japan's total year-to-date beef imports were slightly above the same period a year ago, amounting to 458,182 MT. Japan's beef marketings during November totaled 79,307 MT, which was 3.3 percent more than the previous month and was 2.0 percent more than a year ago. Marketings of imported beef equaled 46,894 MT, 3.8 percent higher than last year. Marketings of domestic beef were down a little from a year ago, amounting to 32,413 MT. At the end of November, Japan's beef stocks totaled 113,126 MT, which was down 2.7 percent from the previous month and was down 19.4 percent from a year ago. Stocks of imported beef equaled 101,814 MT, which was 21.3 percent lower than a year ago. Stocks of domestic beef were 2.4 percent more than last year, amounting to 11,312 MT.

Japan's pork imports during November totaled 76,319 MT, which was 9.3 percent more than the previous month and was 16.4 percent more than November 2015. Specifically, frozen pork imports equaled 46,201 MT, which was 12.1 percent higher than the previous month and was 24.6 percent higher than November 2015. Fresh, chilled pork imports equaled 30,118 MT, which was 5.4 percent higher than the previous month and was 5.6 percent higher than November 2015. During November, Japan's pork imports from the U.S. rose 10.5 percent over October and 12.9 percent over November 2015 to 23,209 MT. Year-to-date pork imports from the U.S. totaled 241,996 MT, 1.3 percent higher than a year ago. The U.S. was the primary source for Japan's pork imports with 30.8 percent of the total. During November, Japan imported 14,913 MT of pork from Canada. This was down 5.0 percent from the previous month but was up 3.4 percent over November 2015. Year-to-date pork imports from Canada were 6.3 percent higher than a year ago, amounting to 161,193 MT. Pork imports from Denmark during November equaled 12,542 MT, which was 24.4 percent more than the previous month and was 22.5 percent more than November 2015. Year-to-date pork imports from Denmark totaled 108,409 MT, 7.4 percent above last year. Overall, Japan's total year-to-date pork imports equaled 786,881 MT, which was 9.0 percent more than the corresponding period a year ago. Japan's pork marketings during November equaled 155,741 MT. This was up 3.9 percent over the previous month and was up 5.5 percent over a year ago. Imported pork marketings were 6.1 percent higher than a year ago, amounting to 74,376 MT. Domestic pork marketings totaled 81,385 MT, which was 4.9 percent more than last year. At the end of November, Japan's pork stocks equaled 164,236 MT, which was nearly unchanged from the previous month but was up 3.1 percent over a year ago. Stocks of imported pork totaled 148,069 MT, 3.2 percent more than last year. Domestic pork stocks equaled 16,167 MT, 1.9 percent higher than last year.

**Japan's Pork Imports for November 2016**

(Metric Tons)	Nov 2016	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD Change
<b>Total Pork*</b>	76,319	786,881	722,190	9.0%
<b>United States</b>	23,209	241,996	238,805	1.3%
<b>Denmark</b>	12,542	108,409	100,949	7.4%
<b>Canada</b>	14,913	161,193	151,609	6.3%
<b>Chilled Total</b>	30,118	323,702	294,597	9.9%
<b>Frozen Total</b>	46,201	463,158	429,555	7.8%

\*Includes edible offal.

Source: Japan's Agriculture & Livestock Industries Corporation

**Oceania:**

**Australia Lamb & Mutton Exports for December 2016**

(Metric Tons)	Dec 2016	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD Change
<b>Lamb Exports</b>				
<b>U.S.</b>	5,964	54,422	49,903	9.1%
<b>Middle East</b>	5,102	61,789	68,339	-9.6%
<b>China</b>	3,757	38,816	31,323	23.9%
<b>EU</b>	1,406	11,446	10,629	7.7%
<b>Japan</b>	592	8,047	7,830	2.8%
<b>New Guinea</b>	898	15,452	15,716	-1.7%
<b>All Others</b>	5,517	51,267	50,260	2.0%
<b>Total Lamb</b>	23,236	241,239	234,000	3.1%
<b>Mutton Exports</b>				
<b>Middle East</b>	3,805	46,090	48,938	-5.8%
<b>U.S.</b>	1,228	9,995	12,972	-22.9%
<b>Malaysia</b>	1,656	14,932	14,963	-0.2%
<b>China</b>	1,756	20,269	28,894	-29.9%
<b>Singapore</b>	738	9,315	8,883	4.9%
<b>All Others</b>	2,723	30,711	36,280	-15.4%
<b>Total Mutton</b>	11,906	131,312	150,930	-13.0%

Source: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry

Recently, Australia's (DAFF) published Australia's red meat export data for December 2016 and the year-end. According to the statistic, during December, Australia's lamb exports rose 9.4 percent over November and 19.7 percent over December 2015 to 23,236 MT. Australia's lamb exports to the Middle East during December equaled 5,102 MT, which was 7.8 percent higher than the previous month and was slightly higher than December 2015. During 2016, Australia's total lamb exports to the Middle East equaled 61,789 MT, 9.6 percent lower than 2015. The Middle East was Australia's leading destination for lamb exports with 25.6 percent of the total. During December, Australia exported 5,964 MT of lamb to the U.S. This was 23.0 percent more than the previous month and was 23.6 percent more than December 2015. Lamb exports to the U.S. during 2016 reached 54,422 MT, 9.1 percent higher than 2015. Lamb exports to China during December totaled 3,757 MT, which was up 26.2 percent over the previous month and was up 37.5 percent over December 2015. Australia's lamb exports to China during 2016 totaled 38,816 MT, which was 23.9 percent more than 2015. Overall, during 2016, Australia's lamb exports equaled 241,239 MT, 3.1 percent above 2015. Meanwhile, during December, Australia's mutton exports totaled 11,906 MT. This was up 15.6 percent over the previous month but was down 20.6 percent from December 2015. Mutton exports to the Middle East during December totaled 3,805 MT, which was 11.7 percent higher than November but was 13.0 percent lower than December 2015. During 2016, Australia's total mutton exports to the

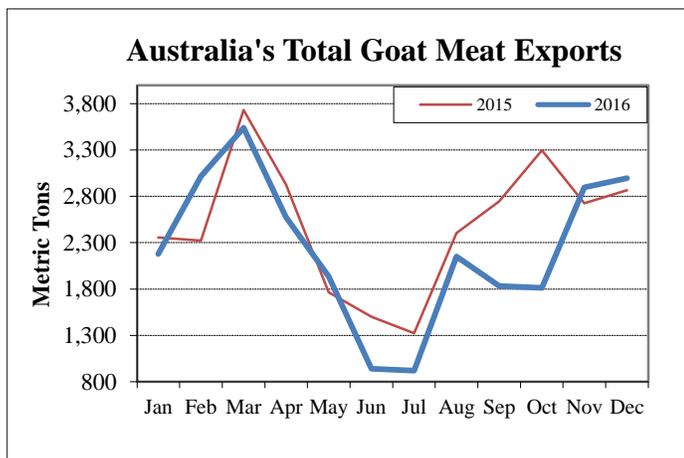
Middle East were 5.8 percent lower than 2015, totaling 46,090 MT. The Middle East was Australia's primary buyer of mutton with 35.1 percent of the total exports. During December, Australia exported 1,756 MT of mutton to China. This was up 8.9 percent over the previous month but was down 46.8 percent from December 2015. Total mutton exports to China during 2016 were 29.9 percent below 2015, equaling 20,269 MT. Mutton exports to Malaysia during December rose 48.4 percent over the previous month to 1,656 MT. Also, this was 32.1 percent higher than December 2015. During 2016, mutton exports to Malaysia totaled 14,932 MT, nearly unchanged from 2015. Overall, during 2016, Australia's total mutton exports equaled 131,312 MT, which was 13.0 percent below 2015.

During December, Australia exported 89,350 MT of beef and veal. This was 3.0 percent more than the previous month but was 20.6 percent less than December 2015. More specifically, frozen beef exports equaled 65,009 MT, which comprised 72.8 percent of the total. Fresh, chilled beef exports equaled 24,342 MT. During 2016, Australia's exports of frozen beef totaled 732,475 MT, while exports of fresh, chilled beef totaled 278,357 MT. Australia's beef exports to Japan during December fell 12.7 percent from November to 23,254 MT. However, this was 5.6 percent higher than December 2015. During 2016, Australia's total beef exports to Japan equaled 263,458 MT, which was 7.6 percent below 2015. Japan was the leading market for Australia's beef exports during 2016 with 26.0 percent of the total. During December, Australia exported 23,307 MT of beef to the U.S. This was 115.8 percent higher than the previous month but was 41.6 percent lower than December 2015. Beef exports to the U.S. during 2016 were down 42.1 percent from 2015, totaling 240,942 MT. During December, Australia's beef exports to South Korea equaled 17,191 MT, which was down 13.2 percent from the previous month but was up 1.2 percent over December 2015. Total beef exports to South Korea during 2016 were 7.7 percent more than 2015, amounting to 179,375 MT. Overall, during 2016, Australia's total beef and veal exports equaled 1,014,054 MT, 21.1 percent below 2015. Additional data on Australia's export market is available on the DAFF website at <http://www.daff.gov.au/>.

**Australia Beef & Veal Exports for December 2016**

	Dec	YTD	YTD	YTD
(Metric Tons)	2016	2016	2015	Change
<b>Japan</b>	23,254	263,458	285,222	-7.6%
<b>U.S.</b>	23,307	240,942	415,952	-42.1%
<b>S. Korea</b>	17,191	179,375	166,587	7.7%
<b>Indonesia</b>	4,611	61,282	39,134	56.6%
<b>China</b>	8,048	93,551	148,221	-36.9%
<b>Taiwan</b>	2,679	31,301	30,448	2.8%
<b>Middle East</b>	2,194	30,629	53,355	-42.6%
<b>All Others</b>	8,066	113,516	146,161	-22.3%
<b>Total Beef</b>	89,350	1,014,054	1,285,080	-21.1%

Source: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry



According to recent statistics from Australia's Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF), during the fourth quarter of 2016, Australia's goat meat exports totaled 7,707 MT. This was up 57.2 percent over the previous quarter but was down 13.3 percent from a year ago. During the final quarter of 2016, Australia's goat meat exports to the U.S. equaled 4,791 MT, which was 58.9 percent more than the previous quarter but was 17.4 percent less than a year ago. During 2016, Australia's total goat meat exports to the U.S. were 1.0 percent above 2015, amounting to 17,807 MT. The U.S. was the primary destination for Australia's goat meat exports with 66.5 percent of the total. Goat meat exports to Taiwan during the fourth quarter totaled 1,329 MT. This was 92.9 percent higher than the previous quarter and was 26.7 percent higher than a year ago. Total goat meat exports to Taiwan during 2016 equaled 3,139 MT, which was 15.6 percent less than 2015. Taiwan was Australia's second

largest goat meat export market with 11.7 percent of the total. During the fourth quarter, goat meat exports to the Caribbean equaled 573 MT, which was up 20.9 percent over the previous quarter and was up 100.3 percent over a year ago. During 2016, Australia's goat meat exports to the Caribbean totaled 1,866 MT, which was 6.3 percent below 2015. During 2016, goat meat exports to Canada were 35.5 percent lower than 2015, totaling 1,108 MT. Overall, during 2015, Australia's total goat meat exports equaled 26,793 MT, 10.6 percent below a year ago. Additional data on Australia's export market is available on the DAFF website at <http://www.daff.gov.au/>.

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