



South American Beef Supply

ARGENTINA

For the Period January 1-June 30

Estimated Average dead weight Kg/head (Jan-Jun)

Graded Slaughter	2001	2000	% chg	Average Weight	2001	2000	% chg
Steers (400 -580 kg)	1,728,401	1,988,438	-13.1	Steers	273	276	-1.2
Light Steers (280-370 kg)	1,240,494	1,189,174	4.3	Light Steers	204	205	-0.2
Bulls	79,554	83,241	-4.4	Bulls	341	342	-0.2
Cows	900,283	1,018,788	-11.6	Cows	228	228	-0.1
Heifers	961,421	966,681	-0.5	Heifers	173	174	-0.1
Calves	849,375	881,034	-3.6	Calves	126	125	0.7
TOTAL	5,759,528	6,127,356	-6.0	TOTAL	213	217	-1.8

For the period January 1-May 31

Exports by Product	2001	2000	% chg	Beef Exports	2001	2000	% chg
Tonnes product weight							
Chilled	31,777	64,845	-51.0	Canada	5105	16146	-68.4
Quarters	5,382	10,217	-47.3	United States	11,626	16,979	-31.5
Processed	16,539	19,799	-16.5	Chile	4,116	13,549	-69.6
Offals	23,477	31,021	-24.3	Brazil	4,645	10,988	-57.7
				Germany	4,038	12,242	-67.0
Total	154,350	251,764	-38.7	Israel	6,838	8,477	-19.3

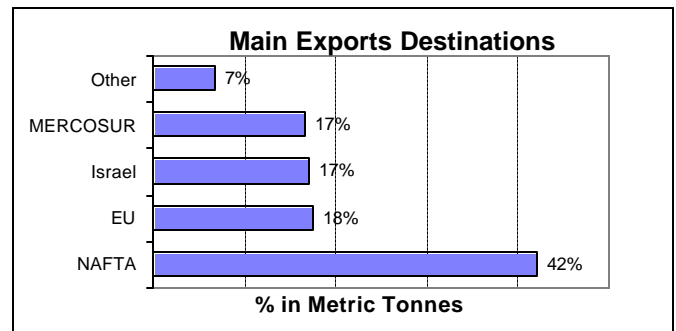
Source: Secretaria de Agricultura, Ganaderia, Pesca y Alimentacion - SAGPyA, Livestock & Meat Market Intelligence Divi

URUGUAY

For the Period January 1 - June 30

Slaughter (head)	2001	2000	% chg	Exports by Product	2001	2000	% chg
Cows	333,402	428,407	-22.2	Chilled	25,991	31,511	-17.5
Bulls	12,293	16,908	-27.3	Frozen	80,122	112,483	-28.8
Steers	387,196	509,068	-23.9	Processed and Salted	9,977	8,355	19.4
Calves	15,363	28,191	-45.5	Total	116,090	152,349	-23.8
TOTAL	748,254	982,574	-23.8				

Average Weight	2001	2000	% chg
Kgs/head			
Cows	206.7	196.1	9.3
Bulls	301.0	275.5	9.3
Steers	257.2	253.7	1.4
Calves	138.4	131.4	5.3
TOTAL	225.8	214.2	5.4



Source: National Meat Institute of the Republic of Uruguay

On July 18, Brazil's Agriculture Secretariat announced the discovery of 9 cattle showing clinical signs of Foot-and-mouth disease in the state of Rio Grande do Sul. With 30 confirmed outbreaks since May 6, Rio do Sul is the only state that has been affected by the recent outbreak. Brazil is on schedule to be FMD-free by 2005.

The FMD crisis continues in Argentina. The Agricultural Secretary announced that the country would be able to eliminate FMD until the end of 2002 or the beginning of 2003. The crisis, which began in March 2001, came less than a year after the country achieved OIE status of FMD-free without vaccination.