



# South American Beef Supply

## ARGENTINA

For the Period January 1-May 31

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

Graded Slaughter				Average Wt			
	2001	2000	% chg		2001	2000	% chg
Steers (400 -580 kg)	1,442,438	1,417,950	1.7	Steers	273	277	-1.3
Light Steers (280-370 kg)	1,033,179	847,145	22.0	Light Steers	204	205	-0.1
Bulls	66,494	58,933	12.8	Bulls	342	342	0.0
Cows	750,044	701,401	6.9	Cows	228	228	-0.2
Heifers	819,177	702,600	16.6	Heifers	173	174	-0.3
Calves	738,626	615,871	19.9	Calves	126	125	0.7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,849,958</b>	<b>4,343,900</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>-1.9</b>

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

### New Estimate of Argentina's Supply and Demand for Beef (000 Metric Tonnes)

	2001 (1)	2001 (2)	% chg		2001 (1)	2001 (2)	% chg
Slaughter (000 head)	13,500	13,400	0.7	Endings Stocks	21	21	0.0
Opening Stocks	25	25	0.0	Consumption	2,740	2,600	5.4
Production	2,950	2,900	1.7	Exports	220	310	-29.0
Imports	6	6	0.0	<b>Distribution</b>	<b>2,981</b>	<b>2,931</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Supply</b>	<b>2,981</b>	<b>2,931</b>	<b>1.7</b>				

Notes: (1) New Projection; (2) Old Projection

The new Projections (1) are based on the FMD outbreak in the country and the closing of almost all markets for Argentina's and frozen beef.

Source: USDA, L & M

## URUGUAY

### Slaughter (head)

For the Period January 1-May 31	2001	2000	% chg
Cows	324,708	428,407	-24.2
Bulls	381,136	509,068	-25.1
Steers	15,453	28,191	-45.2
Calves	11,865	16,908	-29.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>733,162</b>	<b>982,574</b>	<b>-25.4</b>

### FMD Situation into the Region

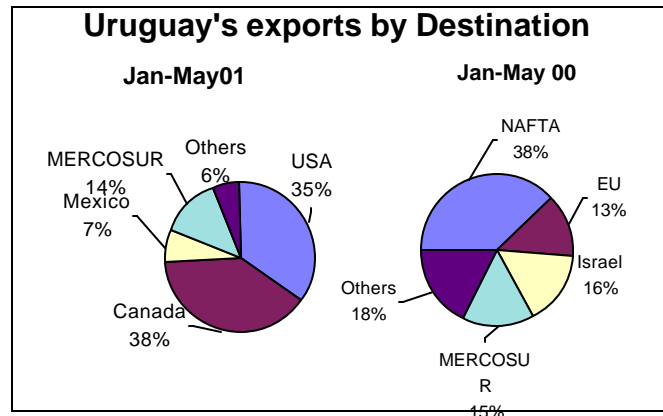
1,737 FMD outbreaks has been confirmed by the Uruguay Agricultural Ministry as of June 21.

In Argentina, the Agricultural Ministry has also confirmed 1 outbreaks as of June 23. Primary vaccination is continuing is due to be completed in early July.

For the Period January 1-June 23

Beef exports	2001	2000	% chg
<b>(Metric Tonnes)</b>			
Canada	23,209	20,474	13.4
USA	19,189	20,834	-7.9
Mexico	3,985	15,804	-74.8
EU	20,135	18,691	7.7
Israel	19,732	22,871	-13.7
MERCOSUR	19,055	21,935	-13.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>113,099</b>	<b>146,861</b>	<b>-23.0</b>

Source: National Meat Institute of the Republic of Uruguay



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