



South American Beef Supply ARGENTINA

For the Period January 1 - September 30

For the period January 1 - August 31

| Graded Slaughter | | | | Exports by product | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| | 2001 | 2000 | % chg | | 2001 | 2000 | % chg |
| Steers (400 -580 kg) | 2,636,093 | 3,074,157 | -14.2 | Chilled | 33,595 | 133,674 | -74.9 |
| Light Steers (280-370 kg) | 1,825,155 | 1,730,252 | 5.5 | Quarters | 5,383 | 26,034 | -79.3 |
| Bulls | 120,880 | 125,434 | -3.6 | Processed | 26,345 | 48,864 | -46.1 |
| Cows | 1,318,961 | 1,510,083 | -12.7 | Offals | 27,196 | 67,502 | -59.7 |
| Heifers | 1,386,081 | 1,411,723 | -1.8 | Total | 92,519 | 276,074 | -66.5 |
| Calves | 1,254,358 | 1,286,116 | -2.5 | | | | |
| TOTAL | 8,541,529 | 9,137,766 | -6.5 | | | | |

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

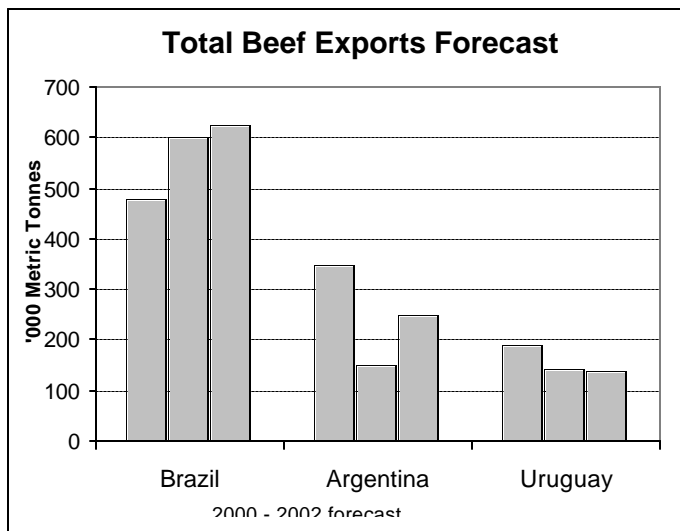
URUGUAY

For the Period January 1 - October 27

Volume (Tonnes Carcass Weight)

| Slaughter (head) | | | | Beef Exports | | | |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| | 2001 | 2000 | % chg | | 2001 | 2000 | % chg |
| Cows | 474,562 | 704,327 | -32.6 | Canada | 40,368 | 33,709 | 19.8 |
| Bulls | 17,853 | 24,876 | -28.2 | US | 21,499 | 31,820 | -32.4 |
| Steers | 553,609 | 824,685 | -32.9 | Mexico | 3,985 | 25,456 | -84.3 |
| Calves | 20,264 | 40,788 | -50.3 | EU | 24,741 | 31,393 | -21.2 |
| TOTAL | 1,066,288 | 1,594,676 | -33.1 | Brazil | 12,961 | 20,116 | -35.6 |
| | | | | Argentina | 5,808 | 9,861 | -41.1 |
| | | | | Chile | 3,479 | 6,202 | -43.9 |
| | | | | Israel | 19,804 | 36,523 | -45.8 |
| | | | | Total | 141,889 | 238,257 | -40.4 |

Source: National Meat Institute of the Republic of Uruguay



Source: USDA, FAS; MLA

Uruguay and Argentina hope to resume exports to Europe

Following the recent visit by EU veterinarians to Uruguay, the EU Permanent Veterinary Committee has stated that the FMD outbreak in Uruguay is now under control and voted in favour of lifting the restrictions on fresh beef imports. Meat from any animal slaughtered on or after November 1 is now eligible to be imported to Europe.

EU veterinarians will visit Argentina next week to assess the country's FMD control. As for Uruguay, if their report is favorable, Argentina will be able to regain access to EU markets after the Epizootic International Office (EIO) checks. This may have a positive impact and cause some other countries to re-open their markets.

Note that in the USDA's 2002 projections, beef exports from Argentina and Brazil are forecast to recover. On the contrary, Uruguay beef exports are expected to decline slightly.

