

### TRADE HIGHLIGHTS

Recently the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) released *Livestock and Products Annual 2013* reports for the countries of Australia, Russia and South Korea. The reports include summaries, outlooks, slaughter data, livestock inventories, trade situations, consumption statistics and current data on production and supply. Each report is available on the FAS Global Agricultural Information Network (GAIN) at <http://gain.fas.usda.gov/>.

On March 14, the USDA Economic Research Service (ERS) released a special report, *Japan Announces New Rules for Imports of U.S. Beef*. The report discusses beef trade with Japan since the discovery of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in the U.S. in 2003. The report also details the implications of Japan's new rules, which will open beef trade with the U.S. To read the entire report, visit the ERS website at <http://www.ers.usda.gov/media/1058618/ldpm225sa.pdf>.

### PACIFIC RIM

The Korea International Trade Association (KITA) recently released February 2013 beef and pork import data for South Korea. According to the numbers, South Korea's beef imports during February equaled 18,023 MT, which was down 41.9 percent from January and was down 13.6 percent from February 2012. More specifically, imports of frozen beef equaled 15,405 MT, which accounted for 85.5 percent of the total. Fresh, chilled beef imports equaled 2,618 MT. During February, South Korea imported 9,157 MT of beef from Australia. This was 38.9 percent lower than the previous month and was 6.5 percent lower than February 2012. Total year-to-date beef imports from Australia were 18.9 percent greater than a year ago, amounting to 24,143 MT. Australia was the main beef import market with 49.2 percent of the total imports. South Korea's beef imports from the U.S. during February fell 49.6 percent from the previous month and 24.2 percent from February 2012 to 6,447 MT. Year-to-date beef imports from the U.S. totaled 19,241 MT, 10.2 percent more than last year. The U.S. was the second largest source for South Korea's beef imports with 39.2 percent of the total. During February, South Korea imported 2,177 MT of beef from New Zealand. This was down 25.3 percent from the previous month and was down slightly from February 2012.

Year-to-date beef imports from New Zealand equaled 5,093 MT, which was 14.8 percent higher than last year. Overall, South Korea's total year-to-date beef imports equaled 49,064 MT, which was 14.2 percent greater than the same period a year ago. Meanwhile, during February, South Korea imported 24,518 MT of pork. This was 28.6 percent less than the previous month and was 26.6 percent less than February 2012. Pork imports from the U.S. during February fell 41.6 percent from January and fell 10.7 percent from February 2012 to 8,977 MT. Total year-to-date pork imports from the U.S. equaled 24,351 MT, which was slightly higher than a year ago. The U.S. was the main supplier of pork to South Korea with 41.4 percent of the total imports. During February, South Korea imported 3,738 MT of pork from Canada. Although this was up 1.0 percent over the previous month, it was down 18.4 percent from February 2012. Year-to-date pork imports from Canada totaled 7,439 MT, which was 26.7 percent below a year ago. South Korea's pork imports from Chile during February equaled 2,977 MT. This was down 12.4 percent from the previous month and was down 2.0 percent from February 2012. Year-to-date pork imports from Chile were 10.1 percent higher than a year ago, amounting to 6,376 MT. Overall, South Korea's total year-to-date pork imports equaled 58,840 MT, which was 17.7 percent less than the corresponding period a year ago. To obtain further data on South Korea's trade, go to the KITA website at <http://www.kita.org/>.

#### South Korea Red Meat Imports

##### Beef Imports for February 2013

(Metric Tons)	Feb 2013	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	Percent Change
U.S.	6,447	19,241	17,454	10.2%
Australia	9,157	24,143	20,313	18.9%
New Zealand	2,177	5,093	4,436	14.8%
<b>Total Beef</b>	<b>18,023</b>	<b>49,064</b>	<b>42,957</b>	<b>14.2%</b>

##### Pork Imports for February 2013

(Metric Tons)	Feb 2013	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	Percent Change
U.S.	8,977	24,351	24,127	0.9%
Canada	3,738	7,439	10,153	-26.7%
Germany	2,222	5,182	8,029	-35.5%
Chile	2,977	6,376	5,791	10.1%
Spain	1,127	2,966	4,264	-30.4%
Poland	901	1,794	3,203	-44.0%
<b>Total Pork</b>	<b>24,518</b>	<b>58,840</b>	<b>71,494</b>	<b>-17.7%</b>

Source: Korea International Trade Association

**PACIFIC RIM (CONTINUED)**

Recently, Japan's Agriculture and Livestock Industries Corporation (ALIC) published Japan's beef and pork import data for January 2013. According to the data, during January, Japan imported 34,443 MT of beef. This was 5.7 percent lower than the previous month and was 7.3 percent lower than a year ago. More specifically, imports of frozen beef totaled 20,527 MT, which was up slightly over the previous month but was down 13.3 percent from a year ago. Conversely, imports of fresh, chilled beef were down 13.9 percent from the previous month but were up 3.3 percent over a year ago, amounting to 13,869 MT. During January, Japan's beef imports from Australia fell 13.3 percent from the previous month and 13.6 percent from a year ago to 21,486 MT. Australia was the primary source for Japan's beef imports with 62.4 percent of the total. Japan's beef imports from the U.S. during January equaled 7,846 MT. Although this was up 1.1 percent over the previous month, it was down slightly from a year ago. Beef imports from New Zealand during January totaled 2,353 MT, which was 12.7 percent more than the previous month and was 5.8 percent more than a year ago. During December, Japan's beef marketings totaled 81,585 MT, which was up 3.9 percent over the previous month and was up slightly over year ago. More specifically, marketings of imported beef equaled 43,894 MT, 4.5 percent less than a year ago. Marketings of domestic beef equaled 37,691 MT, 6.4 percent higher than a year ago. At the end of December, Japan's beef stocks totaled 96,780 MT. This was 9.3 percent lower than the previous month and was slightly lower than a year ago. Stocks of imported beef were 1.4 percent higher than a year ago, amounting to 83,114 MT. Domestic beef stocks totaled 13,666 MT, which was 10.1 percent less than a year ago.

Japan's Beef Imports for January 2013

(Metric Tons)	Jan 2013	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	YTD Change
Total Beef*	34,443	34,443	37,158	-7.3%
United States	7,846	7,846	7,896	-0.6%
Australia	21,486	21,486	24,881	-13.6%
New Zealand	2,353	2,353	2,225	5.8%
Chilled Total	13,869	13,869	13,424	3.3%
Frozen Total	20,527	20,527	23,687	-13.3%

\*Includes cheek, head &amp; cooked meats.

Source: Japan's Agriculture &amp; Livestock Industries Corporation

Japan's Pork Imports for January 2013

(Metric Tons)	Jan 2013	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	YTD Change
Total Pork*	61,995	61,995	68,727	-9.8%
United States	24,717	24,717	27,800	-11.1%
Denmark	10,625	10,625	10,488	1.3%
Canada	11,348	11,348	14,842	-23.5%
Chilled Total	21,844	21,844	19,230	13.6%
Frozen Total	40,145	40,145	49,491	-18.9%

\*Includes edible offal.

Source: Japan's Agriculture &amp; Livestock Industries Corporation

During January, Japan imported 61,995 MT of pork. Although this was 4.7 percent higher than the previous month, it was 9.8 percent lower than a year ago. More specifically, frozen pork imports equaled 40,145 MT, which was up 9.2 percent over the previous month but was down 18.9 percent from a year ago. Fresh, chilled pork imports equaled 21,844 MT, which was down 2.5 percent from the previous month but was up 13.6 percent over a year ago. During January, Japan's pork imports from the U.S. equaled 24,717 MT. This was 12.0 percent more than the previous month but was 11.1 percent less than a year ago. The U.S. was the leading provider of pork to Japan with 39.9 percent of the total. Pork imports from Canada during January fell 17.5 percent from the previous month and fell 23.5 percent from a year ago to 11,348 MT. During January, Japan imported 10,625 MT of pork from Denmark, which was up 35.3 percent over the previous month and was up 1.3 percent over a year ago. During December, Japan's marketings of pork totaled 153,470 MT. This was up 1.5 percent over the previous month and was up 1.0 percent over a year ago. Marketings of imported pork were 1.2 percent higher than a year ago, amounting to 72,128 MT. Marketings of domestic pork equaled 81,342 MT, which was a little higher than a year ago. Pork stocks at the end of December totaled 164,552 MT. This was down 7.0 percent from the previous month and was down nearly 1.0 percent from a year ago. Imported pork stocks totaled 143,192 MT, which was unchanged from a year ago. Domestic pork stocks were 6.3 percent lower than a year ago, amounting to 21,360 MT. To obtain additional data, visit the ALIC website at [http://lin.alic.go.jp/alic/statis/dome/data2/e\\_nstatis.htm](http://lin.alic.go.jp/alic/statis/dome/data2/e_nstatis.htm).

**NORTH AMERICA**

CanFax recently published Canada's 2013 feedlot demographic survey results. According to the report, as of January 1, 2013, the total number of feedlots in Alberta and Saskatchewan was 172, down from 193 a year ago. The total bunk capacity in the two provinces was 1,526,000 head, down 6.1 percent from 2012. The decline was due to feedlot closures or feedlots no longer using total capacity to finish cattle, backgrounding cattle instead. Alberta saw a decrease in the total number of feedlots from 182 in 2012 to 164 in 2013. In Saskatchewan, there were 8 feedlots, compared to 11 a year ago. For the complete report, go to the CanFax website at <http://www.canfax.ca/>.

**NORTH AMERICA (CONTINUED)**Canadian Cattle On Feed  
in Alberta & Saskatchewan Feedlots

On Feed February 1, 2013	893,520
Placed on Feed During February	132,430
Fed Cattle Marketed During February	128,233
Other Disappearances During February	7,134
On Feed March 1, 2013	890,583

Source: CanFax

CanFax recently published Canada's current cattle on feed numbers for terminal feedlots with 1,000 or more head in the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. According to the numbers, Canada's total cattle on feed on March 1, 2013 equaled 890,583 head. This was 7.2 percent less than one year ago and was 6.4 percent less than the five year average. During February, the number of cattle placed on feed fell 23.9 percent from one year ago to 132,430 head. Also, this was 27.8 percent lower than the five year average. Steers placed on feed totaled 95,290 head, which accounted for 72.0 percent of the total.

Heifers placed on feed totaled 37,140 head. More specifically, feeder cattle placements were lower in all weight categories compared to a year ago. Placements of feeder cattle weighing less than 600 pounds equaled 15,155 head, 21.1 percent less than last year. Placements weighing 600 to 699 pounds totaled 26,625 head, 15.4 percent lower than a year ago. Placements of feeder cattle weighing 700 to 799 pounds were down 33.5 percent from last year, totaling 41,062 head. Finally, placements of feeder cattle weighing more than 800 pounds equaled 49,588 head, 19.6 percent less than last year. Meanwhile, Canada's fed cattle marketings totaled 128,233 head, which was 10.9 percent lower than one year ago and was 10.7 percent lower than the five year average. To view the entire report, visit the CanFax website at <http://www.canfax.ca/>.

On March 22, the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) published its monthly *Cattle on Feed* report. According to the data, on March 1, 2013, cattle and calves on feed for the U.S. slaughter market for feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.86 million head. This was down 7.0 percent from one year ago and was down 4.6 percent from two years ago. The number of cattle placed on feed during February declined 13.5 percent from one year ago to 1.48 million head. Also, this was 11.1 percent lower than two years ago.

Placements are the lowest for February since the series began in 1996. More specifically, placements of feeder cattle declined in each weight category from a year ago. Placements weighing less than 600 pounds totaled 355,000 head, which was 11.3 percent lower than a year ago. Placements of feeder cattle weighing 600 to 699 pounds totaled 270,000 head, 19.4 percent below last year. Placements weighing 700 to 799 pounds were down 13.2 percent from last year, amounting to 407,000 head. Finally, placements of feeder cattle weighing more than 800 pounds equaled 450,000 head, which was 11.8 percent less than a year ago. Meanwhile, during February, U.S. fed cattle marketings totaled 1.64 million head. This was down 6.7 percent from one year ago and was down 8.5 percent from two years ago. The complete report is available on the NASS website at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>.

On March 22, USDA NASS released its monthly *Cold Storage* report. According to the report, as of February 28, 2013, beef in U.S. cold storage facilities equaled 490.3 million pounds. This was 4.1 percent more than last year and was 8.8 percent more than the five year average. More specifically, boneless beef in cold storage totaled 433.6 million pounds, which was 5.0 percent higher than a year ago. Beef cuts in cold storage equaled 56.7 million pounds, 2.0 percent less than last year. Meanwhile, at the end of December, 636.7 million pounds of pork was in U.S. cold storage. This was up 2.3 percent over the previous year and was up 9.5 percent over the five year average. Specifically, the volume of hams in storage equaled 110.5 million pounds, which was little changed from a year ago. The volume of pork bellies in storage was 30.7 percent below last year, totaling 42.7 million pounds. Pork loins in storage equaled 41.9 million pounds, 3.6 percent less than a year ago. The volume of ribs in storage was up 27.7 percent over a year ago, amounting to 122.6 million pounds. Pork butts in cold storage totaled 28.6 million pounds, which was 2.9 percent higher than last year. Pork trimmings in storage totaled 64.3 million pounds, which was down 1.0 percent from a year ago. The volume of pork variety meats in cold storage was down 13.5 percent from last year, totaling 32.4 million pounds. Veal in U.S. cold storage equaled 4.9 million pounds, 11.3 percent higher than last year. Lamb and mutton in cold storage totaled 19.8 million pounds, which was 4.8 percent less than a year ago. To obtain the entire report, go to the NASS website at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/>.

## U.S. Cattle on Feed

1,000 + Capacity Feedlots	1,000 Head
On Feed February 1, 2013	11,073
Placed on Feed During February	1,482
Fed Cattle Marketed During February	1,638
Other Disappearance During February	60
On Feed March 1, 2013	10,857

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service

## SOUTH AMERICA

According to Uruguay's National Institute of Meat (INAC), during 2012, Uruguay's beef exports totaled 379,349 MT. This was 8.5 percent more than 2011. During 2012, Uruguay exported 97,987 MT of beef to Russia, which was 13.3 percent less than 2011. Russia was Uruguay's largest beef export market with 25.8 percent of the total. Beef exports to the EU during 2012 were 2.4 percent more than 2011, amounting to 60,933 MT. This accounted for 16.1 percent of Uruguay's total beef exports. During 2012, Uruguay exported 47,616 MT of beef to the U.S. This was 27.3 percent greater than 2011 and comprised 12.6 percent of Uruguay's total beef exports. Uruguay's cattle slaughter during 2012 totaled 2,078,783 head, 3.4 percent higher than 2011. Meanwhile, during 2012, Uruguay exported 18,235 MT of sheep meat. This was 5.0 percent more than 2011 due to lower prices. Sheep meat exports to the Brazil during 2012 increased 29.9 percent over 2011 to 6,438 MT. Brazil was the main sheep meat export market for Uruguay with 35.3 percent of the total. During 2012, Uruguay exported 4,617 MT of sheep meat to the EU, which was 26.5 percent less than 2011. This accounted for 25.3 percent of the total exports. Sheep meat exports to China during 2012 rose 1.4 percent over 2011 to 3,162 MT. Uruguay's sheep slaughter during 2012 totaled 1,127,799 head, which was 2.4 percent below 2011. To obtain further data on Uruguay's meat sector, visit the INAC website at <http://www.inac.gub.uy/>.

## OCEANIA

Australian Cattle On Feed  
October 1 to December 31, 2012

	(Number of Head)
On Feed December 31, 2012	792,218
Quarterly Marketings	684,411
Feedlot Capacity	1,275,337

Source: Australian Lot Feeders' Association,  
Meat & Livestock Australia

Recently, the Australian Lot Feeders' Association (ALFA) and Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) published the results of Australia's fourth quarter cattle on feed survey. According to the numbers, as of December 31, 2012, Australia's cattle on feed totaled 792,218 head. This was up 10.5 percent over the previous quarter but was little changed from a year ago. The majority of Australia's cattle on feed were located in the state of Queensland, which had 488,539 head of cattle on feed. This accounted for 61.7 percent of the total. Also, this was 5.6 percent greater than the previous quarter. Combined, Queensland and New South Wales had 709,919 head, or 89.6 percent of the total. Cattle on feed numbers increased in all states over a year ago. In the fourth quarter, Australia's feedlot capacity equaled 1,275,337 head. This was slightly less than the previous quarter and was 2.9 percent less than a year ago. Queensland was the state with the largest feedlot capacity with 660,603 head, which comprised 51.8 percent of the total capacity. Combined, Queensland and New South Wales had a feedlot capacity of 1,057,045 head, 82.9 percent of the total. During the fourth quarter, Australia's cattle marketings totaled 684,411 head, which was up 17.1 percent over the previous quarter and was up 19.1 percent over a year ago. Total marketings during 2012 equaled 2,505,250 head, which was 2.5 percent more than 2011 but were 1.1 percent less than 2010. The entire report can be found on the ALFA website at <http://www.feedlots.com.au/>.

## TRADE AND PRODUCTION STATISTICS

### U.S. Actual Slaughter under Federal Inspection

(# Head)	W/E		YTD	YTD	Percent Change
	3/16/13	3/9/13	2013	2012	
Cattle	607,769	598,334	6,525,994	6,684,145	-2.4%
Calves	14,478	15,243	164,058	157,929	3.9%
Hogs	2,194,283	2,198,316	23,642,384	23,636,385	0.0%
Sheep	43,920	42,065	415,795	405,497	2.5%
Goats	10,390	8,941	98,211	104,430	-6.0%

Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News  
[http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/SJ\\_LS711.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/SJ_LS711.txt)

### U.S. Red Meat Production

(Million lbs)	W/E		YTD	YTD	Percent Change
	3/16/13	3/9/13	2013	2012	
Beef	480.9	474.4	5,201	5,251	-1.0%
Calf & Veal	2.2	2.2	24	25	-2.8%
Pork	455.6	456.4	4,905	4,931	-0.5%
Lamb/Mutton	3.1	3.1	30	31	-3.2%

Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News  
[http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/SJ\\_LS711.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/SJ_LS711.txt)

### Canadian Federally Inspected Slaughter

(# Head)	W/E		YTD	YTD	Percent Change
	3/16/13	3/9/13	2013	2012	
Cattle	51,536	51,836	522,618	583,178	-10.4%
Calves	4,243	4,437	45,151	47,986	-5.9%
Sheep	4,738	3,027	33,089	32,199	2.8%
Hogs	397,366	394,887	4,332,223	4,413,602	-1.8%

Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada  
[http://www.agr.gc.ca/redmeat/index\\_eng.htm](http://www.agr.gc.ca/redmeat/index_eng.htm)

### Canada Red Meat Production

(Million lbs)	W/E		YTD	YTD	Percent Change
	3/16/13	3/9/13	2013	2012	
Beef	43.2	43.4	430.8	473.9	-9.1%
Pork	87.0	86.9	949.2	958.7	-1.0%

Source: CanFax  
<http://www.canfax.ca/>

### U.S. Livestock Exports to Mexico

(# Head)	W/E		YTD	YTD	Percent Change
	3/16/13	3/9/13	2013	2012	
Sltr Ewes	284	594	2,828	0	---

Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News  
[http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/AL\\_LS635.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/AL_LS635.txt)

### U.S. Livestock Imports from Mexico

(# Head)	W/E		YTD	YTD	Percent Change
	3/16/13	3/9/13	2013	2012	
Feeder Cattle	25,833	30,814	249,307	370,767	-32.8%

Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News  
[http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/AL\\_LS625.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/AL_LS625.txt)

### Canadian Slaughter Cattle Average Prices

(U.S. \$/cwt)	W/E		Year	Percent Change
	3/16/13	3/9/13	Ago	
Alberta Steers	No Quote	\$111.30	\$116.54	---
Alberta Heifers	\$110.61	\$110.46	\$116.19	-4.8%
Alberta Cows	\$74.17	\$72.60	\$77.05	-3.7%
Ontario Steers	\$115.11	\$111.24	\$119.82	-3.9%
Ontario Heifers	\$111.02	\$114.28	\$116.89	-5.0%
Ontario Cows	\$71.19	\$69.11	\$78.40	-9.2%

Source: CanFax  
[http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/WA\\_LS718.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/WA_LS718.txt)

### Canadian Feeder Cattle Average Prices

(U.S. \$/cwt)	W/E		Year	Percent Change
	3/16/13	3/9/13	Ago	
<i>Alberta Steers</i>				
500-600	\$151.44	\$151.46	\$184.69	-18.0%
600-700	\$139.91	\$140.00	\$167.28	-16.4%
700-800	\$129.70	\$130.09	\$152.34	-14.9%
<i>Alberta Heifers</i>				
500-600	\$133.70	\$133.45	\$162.44	-17.7%
600-700	\$125.57	\$125.49	\$149.11	-15.8%
700-800	\$119.33	\$119.67	\$140.07	-14.8%
<i>Saskatchewan Steers</i>				
500-600	\$146.33	\$144.95	\$178.11	-17.8%
600-700	\$136.83	\$136.83	\$163.10	-16.1%
700-800	\$128.82	\$128.42	\$150.56	-14.4%
<i>Saskatchewan Heifers</i>				
500-600	\$128.88	\$128.83	\$159.14	-19.0%
600-700	\$122.75	\$122.42	\$146.64	-16.3%
700-800	\$116.93	\$116.16	\$136.85	-14.6%

Source: CanFax  
[http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/WA\\_LS718.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/WA_LS718.txt)

### Exchange Rates

U.S. \$ Converted to Major Currencies	W/E		Year
	3/16/13	3/9/13	Ago
Australian Dollar	0.96	0.98	0.95
Brazilian Real	1.97	1.95	1.80
Canadian Dollar	1.02	1.03	0.99
Euro	0.767	0.765	0.766
Japanese Yen	95.88	95.51	83.66
Mexican Peso	12.43	12.73	12.68
New Zealand Dollar	1.22	1.21	1.23
South Korean Won	1108.9	1088.5	1126.0

Source: OANDA  
<http://www.oanda.com/converter/classic>

## TRADE AND PRODUCTION STATISTICS

### Australia's Cattle, Lamb & Sheep Slaughter

(# Head)	W/E		YTD		Percent Change
	3/16/13	3/9/13	2013	2012	
Cattle	147,693	137,255	1,311,517	1,297,473	1.1%
Calves	9,768	8,839	64,577	82,127	-21.4%
Lamb	315,686	352,805	3,344,213	3,321,314	0.7%
Sheep	150,590	157,848	1,540,399	972,948	58.3%

*Source: National Livestock Reporting Service*

### Japanese Monthly Retail Pork Prices

(U.S. \$/cwt)	Jan-13	Jan-12	Percent Change
<i>Domestic Pork</i>			
Normal Shoulder	\$647.77	\$772.30	-16.1%
Normal Loin	\$1,244.54	\$1,473.85	-15.6%
Normal Ham	\$810.99	\$955.06	-15.1%
Bargain Loin	\$882.40	\$1,102.44	-20.0%
<i>Imported Pork</i>			
Normal Loin	\$734.48	\$937.37	-21.6%
Bargain Loin	\$479.45	\$601.33	-20.3%

*Source: Agriculture & Livestock Industries Corporation*

[http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/WA\\_LS683.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/WA_LS683.txt)

### U.S. Prices for Mexico Feeder Cattle Imports

(U.S. \$/cwt, FOB)	W/E 3/16/13	W/E 3/9/13	Year Ago
<i>Feeder Steers, Medium &amp; Large, 1 &amp; 2</i>			
300-400 lbs	\$170-\$182	\$168-\$182	\$185-\$200
400-500 lbs	\$153-\$166	\$153-\$166	\$175-\$188
500-600 lbs	\$136-\$150	\$138-\$150	\$165-\$176
<i>Feeder Heifers, Medium &amp; Large 1 &amp; 2</i>			
400-500 lbs	\$130-\$142	\$130-\$142	\$160-\$170

*Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News*

[http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/AL\\_LS626.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/AL_LS626.txt)

### Japanese Monthly Retail Beef Prices

(U.S. \$/cwt)	Jan-13	Jan-12	Percent Change
<i>Australia</i>			
Chuck Roll	\$1,055.82	\$1,214.45	-13.1%
Brisket	\$1,040.51	\$1,344.15	-22.6%
Sirloin	\$1,632.18	\$1,898.32	-14.0%
Round	\$831.39	\$1,137.81	-26.9%
<i>Wagyu</i>			
Chuck	\$3,228.66	\$3,820.23	-15.5%
Brisket	\$3,136.85	\$3,908.66	-19.7%
Sirloin	\$5,972.76	\$6,909.42	-13.6%
Round	\$3,131.74	\$3,678.74	-14.9%

*Source: Agriculture & Livestock Industries Corporation*

[http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/WA\\_LS681.txt](http://www.ams.usda.gov/mnreports/WA_LS681.txt)

### U.S. Cold Storage

(Million Pounds)	Feb-13	Feb-12	Percent Change
Beef	490.3	470.8	4.1%
Pork	636.7	622.7	2.2%

*Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service*

<http://www.nass.usda.gov/>

### USDA Prospective Plantings

March 28, 2013 (1,000 Acres)	2013	2012	Change
Corn	97,282	97,155	0.1%
Soybeans	77,126	77,198	-0.1%
All Wheat	56,440	55,736	1.3%

*Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics*

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- USDA Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)
- USDA Economic Research Service (ERS)
- USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)
- USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)
- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- CanFax
- Statistics Canada
- Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry - Australia (DAFF)
- Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA)
- Australian Lot Feeders' Association (ALFA)
- New Zealand's Beef + Lamb (B+LNZ)
- Agriculture and Livestock Industries Corporation (ALIC)
- Korea International Trade Association (KITA)
- Argentina's Agriculture Food, Health and Quality (SENASA)
- Uruguay's National Meat Institute (INAC)
- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
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