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**International Trade Highlights:**

On December 6, 2018, U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) Robert Lightizer and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced that the government of Morocco has agreed to allow imports of U.S. beef and beef products into Morocco. 2018 is the first year that U.S. beef and poultry exporters have access to Morocco's market under the terms of the U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreement (FTA). Morocco opened its market to U.S. poultry in August 2018. To view the press released, visit the USTR website at <https://ustr.gov/>.

Recently, the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) Global Agricultural Information Network (GAIN) issued the report *Livestock Production under Pressure from ASF and Low Feed Stocks*. As stated by the report, Post estimated that swine inventories will decrease by one percent in 2018 due to low farm-gate prices and growing feed costs stemming from the 2018 drought. Swine inventories will continue to decline in 2019, because of reduced feed supplies during the first half of the year. Swine production remains under pressure from African swine fever (ASF), which continues to spread in Poland's eastern and central regions. Through October 31, 2018, 2,961 cases of ASF were reported in wild boars and 213 cases among domestic pigs. Pork production in 2018 will increase by four percent as a result of higher slaughter. 2018 piglet imports from Denmark, Germany, and the Netherlands will continue to grow because of insufficient domestic production. Cattle inventories will increase in 2018 by about one percent, driven mainly by an increase in Poland's dairy herd. Beef production will increase by three percent in 2018 because of higher cattle inventories and expanding beef slaughter. The entire report can be found on the FAS website at <https://www.fas.usda.gov/>.

The USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) recently published U.S. red meat export and import data for October 2018. According to the numbers, U.S. exports of beef and veal cuts and beef variety meats during October rose 7.0 percent over September to 117,842 MT. This was also 5.9 percent higher than October 2017. More specifically, fresh, chilled beef exports equaled 37,092 MT, which was up 1.1

percent over the previous month but was down 2.9 percent from October 2017. Frozen beef exports rose 8.0 percent over the previous month and rose 12.0 percent over October 2017 to 50,051 MT. U.S. beef variety meat exports during October totaled 27,865 MT. This was 13.0 percent more than the previous month and was 10.0 percent more than October 2017. Total year-to-date beef variety meat exports were 1.5 percent less than last year, amounting to 259,591 MT. Beef exports to Japan during October fell 4.0 percent from the previous month to 26,954 MT. Year-to-date beef exports to Japan equaled 279,824 MT, 7.4 percent higher than last year. Japan was the largest beef export market for the U.S. with 24.8 percent of the total. U.S. beef exports to South Korea during October equaled 20,172 MT, which was 5.5 percent more than the previous month. Year-to-date beef exports to South Korea totaled 200,665 MT, which was 34.6 percent greater than a year ago. During October, the U.S. exported 21,097 MT of beef to Mexico. This was 8.7 percent higher than the previous month. Total year-to-date beef exports to Mexico were up 1.3 percent over a year ago, amounting to 199,003 MT. Overall, U.S. total year-to-date beef and veal and beef variety meat exports equaled 1,127,315 MT, which was 8.6 percent more than the same period a year ago.

(Metric Tons)	Beef Variety		YTD*	YTD*	Percent Change
	Cuts	Meats	2018	2017	
Japan	22,043	4,910	279,824	260,490	7.4%
Mexico	12,633	8,464	199,003	196,451	1.3%
S. Korea	19,010	1,161	200,665	149,035	34.6%
Canada	8,757	598	95,577	95,479	0.1%
Egypt	23	5,136	53,399	65,792	-18.8%
Hong Kong	10,226	2,096	96,868	97,333	-0.5%
Taiwan	5,592	4	49,135	36,715	33.8%
All Others	10,626	5,497	143,752	126,519	13.6%
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>89,977</b>	<b>27,865</b>	<b>1,127,315</b>	<b>1,037,627</b>	<b>8.6%</b>

\*The year-to-date totals include variety meats.  
 Source: USDA Foreign Agricultural Service/U.S. Census Bureau

**U.S. Red Meat Exports Including Variety Meats  
Pork Exports for October 2018**

(Metric Tons)	Pork Variety		YTD*	YTD*	Percent Change
	Cuts	Meats	2018	2017	
Japan	34,021	1,112	330,406	322,371	2.5%
Mexico	55,823	9,664	642,394	644,001	-0.2%
Canada	15,463	1,844	166,858	172,689	-3.4%
S. Korea	18,382	977	188,777	134,141	40.7%
China	6,162	2,929	163,043	235,921	-30.9%
Colombia	9,650	108	74,950	55,231	35.7%
Hong Kong	1,485	11,104	111,096	149,566	-25.7%
All Others	24,342	4,168	251,090	211,527	18.7%
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>169,176</b>	<b>33,359</b>	<b>1,970,136</b>	<b>1,957,841</b>	<b>0.6%</b>

\*The year-to-date totals include variety meats.  
 Source: USDA Foreign Agricultural Service/U.S. Census Bureau

During October, U.S. exports of pork cuts and pork variety meats totaled 202,534 MT. This was 15.9 percent more than the previous month but was 1.8 percent less than October 2017. More specifically, exports of fresh, chilled pork equaled 79,537 MT, which was up 19.1 percent over the previous month and was up 2.5 percent over October 2017. Exports of frozen pork equaled 76,659 MT, which was up 23.5 percent over the previous month and was up 2.9 percent over October 2017. During October, U.S. pork variety meat exports totaled 33,359 MT, which was 18.2 percent higher than September but was 14.3 percent lower than October 2017. Total year-to-date pork variety meat exports were 16.4 percent lower than last year, amounting to 340,626 MT. U.S. pork exports to Mexico during October rose 17.7 percent over the previous month to 65,487 MT. Year-to-date pork exports to Mexico totaled 642,394 MT, slightly less than a year ago. Mexico was the leading U.S. pork export market with 32.6 percent of the total. During October, the U.S. exported 35,133 MT of pork to Japan. This was 16.7 percent higher than the previous month. Total year-to-date pork exports to Japan were 2.5 percent more than a year ago, amounting to 330,406 MT. Pork exports to South Korea during October equaled 19,359 MT, which was up 59.6 percent over the previous month. Year-to-date pork exports to South Korea totaled 188,777 MT, 40.7 percent higher than last year. Overall, U.S. total year-to-date exports of pork cuts and pork variety meats equaled 1,970,136 MT, a little more than the same period a year ago.

**U.S. Broiler & Turkey Meat Exports**

**Broiler & Turkey Meat Exports for October 2018**

(Metric Tons)	Broiler Meats	Turkey Meats	YTD* 2018	YTD* 2017	Percent Change
Angola	18,407	24	188,075	157,624	19.3%
Canada	11,191	571	124,051	132,559	-6.4%
Cuba	11,652	0	166,169	179,134	-7.2%
Hong Kong	10,607	2,345	91,903	92,420	-0.6%
Japan	1,582	561	55,144	55,989	-1.5%
Mexico	60,195	17,339	456,019	451,331	1.0%
Taiwan	13,323	143	353,593	272,704	29.7%
All Others	172,874	8,283	838,885	878,250	-4.5%
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>303,799</b>	<b>29,958</b>	<b>2,891,013</b>	<b>2,793,826</b>	<b>3.5%</b>

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

During October, the U.S. exported 333,757 MT of poultry meat, which was 17.9 percent higher than September and was 4.1 percent higher than October 2017. More specifically, exports of boiler meat totaled 303,799 MT, which was 15.8 percent more than the previous month and was 4.2 percent more than last year. Exports of turkey meat totaled 29,958 MT, which was 44.5 percent more than September. Also, this was up 2.8 percent over a year ago. During October, the U.S. exported 77,534 MT of poultry meat to Mexico, which was 25.4 percent higher than the previous month. Total year-to-date poultry exports to Mexico were up 1.0 percent over a year ago, amounting to 456,019 MT. Mexico was the largest export market of U.S. poultry meat, with 15.8 percent of the total. U.S. poultry meat exports to Taiwan during October rose 73.2 percent over the previous month to 13,467 MT. Year-to-date poultry exports to Taiwan totaled 353,593 MT, which was 29.7 percent above a year ago. During October, U.S. poultry meat exports to Angola equaled 18,431 MT. This was 17.5 percent less than the previous month. Total year-to-date poultry meat exports to Angola equaled 188,075 MT, which was up 19.3 percent over October 2017. Year-to-date poultry meat exports to Cuba were 7.2 percent less than last year, totaling 166,169 MT. Overall, U.S. total year-to-date exports of poultry meat equaled 2,891,013 MT, 3.5 percent above the same period a year ago.

During October, the U.S. exported 2,278 MT of egg and egg products, which was down 6.5 percent from the previous month and was down 42.1 percent from October 2017. During October, the U.S. exported 536 MT of egg and egg products to Japan. This was 13.4 percent less than the previous month. Year-to-date egg and egg product exports to Japan were down 16.1 percent over a year ago, amounting to 9,081 MT. Japan was the leading U.S. egg and egg product export market, with 32.9 percent of the total. U.S. egg and egg product exports to Canada during October rose 29.5 percent over the previous month to 533 MT. Year-to-date egg and egg product exports to Canada totaled 4,090 MT, which was 14.2 percent lower than last year. During October, egg and egg product exports to Mexico equaled 172 MT. This was 48.6 percent less than September. Total year-to-date egg and egg product exports to Mexico were down 32.8 percent from October 2017, amounting to 3,667 MT. Year-to-date egg and egg product exports to South Korea totaled 1,317 MT, which was 79.3 percent lower than a year ago. Overall, U.S. total exports of egg and egg products equaled 27,586 MT, 27.5 percent below the corresponding period a year ago.

**U.S. Egg & Egg Product Exports**  
**Egg & Egg Product Exports for October 2018**

(Metric Tons)	Egg Products	YTD* 2018	YTD* 2017	Percent Change
Canada	533	4,090	4,768	-14.2%
Japan	536	9,081	10,820	-16.1%
South Korea	98	1,317	6,358	-79.3%
Mexico	31	3,667	5,457	-32.8%
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>2,278</b>	<b>27,586</b>	<b>38,030</b>	<b>-27.5%</b>

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

**U.S. Red Meat Imports Excluding Variety Meats**  
**Beef & Veal Imports for October 2018**

(Metric Tons)	Total Beef	YTD* 2018	YTD* 2017	Percent Change
Australia	21,398	191,795	196,908	-2.6%
Brazil	2,871	28,832	30,983	-6.9%
Canada	23,771	231,769	216,316	7.1%
Central Am.	5,635	53,240	44,468	19.7%
Mexico	16,073	159,411	181,237	-12.0%
New Zealand	6,721	174,372	166,617	4.7%
Nicaragua	4,754	44,838	37,116	20.8%
Uruguay	3,135	30,324	33,856	-10.4%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>79,932</b>	<b>873,072</b>	<b>872,935</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

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

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

During October, U.S. beef and veal imports equaled 79,932 MT. This was 1.8 percent lower than September and was 5.2 percent lower than October 2017. More specifically, imports of fresh, chilled beef totaled 44,406 MT, which was down 1.0 percent from the previous month and was down 7.6 percent from October 2017. Imports of frozen beef totaled 31,108 MT, which was unchanged from the previous month but was down 5.9 percent from October 2017. During October, U.S. beef imports from Canada was 8.9 percent less than the previous month to 23,771 MT. However, this increased 1.7 percent over a year ago. Year-to-date beef imports from Canada totaled 231,769 MT, 7.1 percent above a year ago. Canada was the main provider of beef to the U.S. with 26.5 percent of the total imports. Beef imports from Australia during October equaled 21,398 MT, which was 3.2 percent higher than the previous month but was 11.1 percent lower than last year. Total year-to-date beef imports from Australia were 2.6 percent less than last year, amounting to 191,795 MT. During October, the U.S. imported 6,721 MT of beef from New Zealand. This was 13.8 percent more than the previous month but was 11.1 percent less than a year ago. Year-to-date beef imports from New Zealand equaled 174,372 MT, which was 4.7 percent more than last year. Overall, U.S. total year-to-date beef and veal imports equaled 873,072 MT, which was relatively unchanged from the corresponding period a year ago.

U.S. pork imports during October equaled 36,616 MT, which was up 8.4 percent over the previous month but was down 13.0 percent from October 2017. During October, fresh, chilled pork imports totaled 17,341 MT, which was 3.1 percent more than the previous month but was 19.0 percent less than October 2017. Likewise, frozen pork imports totaled 14,029 MT, which was 10.2 percent more than the previous month but was 13.8 percent less than October 2017. During October, the U.S. imported 24,051 MT of pork from Canada, which was 12.0 percent higher than the previous month. However, this was down 11.5 percent from last year. Total year-to-date pork imports from Canada were 12.4 percent lower than last year, amounting to 234,663 MT. Canada was the largest supplier of pork to the U.S. with 61.2 percent of the total. Pork imports from Poland during October equaled 3,222 MT. This was 19.1 percent lower than the previous month and was 48.0 percent lower than a year ago. Year-to-date pork imports from Poland totaled 59,520 MT, 5.1 percent higher than a year ago. During October, the U.S. imported 2,062 MT of pork from Denmark, which rose 6.2 percent over the previous month but fell 9.5 percent from a year ago. Overall, U.S. total year-to-date pork imports equaled 383,458 MT, which was 4.6 percent lower than the same period a year ago.

**U.S. Red Meat Imports Excluding Variety Meats**  
**Pork Imports for October 2018**

(Metric Tons)	Total Pork	YTD* 2018	YTD* 2017	Percent Change
Canada	24,051	234,663	267,878	-12.4%
Denmark	2,062	27,059	23,100	17.1%
Mexico	2,110	16,032	11,999	33.6%
Poland	3,222	59,520	56,606	5.1%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>36,616</b>	<b>383,458</b>	<b>402,014</b>	<b>-4.6%</b>

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

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

During October, U.S. poultry meat imports equaled 11,271 MT, which was 6.9 percent more than the previous month and was 10.9 percent more than last year. U.S. poultry meat imports from Canada during October totaled 5,450 MT. This was 10.0 percent more than September but was 14.6 percent less than October 2017. Total year-to-date U.S. poultry meat import from Canada totaled 57,769 MT, down 1.1 percent from a year ago. Canada was the main source of U.S. poultry meat imports with 55.7 percent of the total. During October, U.S. poultry meat imports from Chile were 4.6 percent higher than the previous month and were 56.2 percent higher than last year, amounting to 5,192 MT. Year-to-date U.S. poultry imports from Chile totaled 40,434 MT, which was up 20.9 percent over a year ago. During October, the U.S. imported 400 MT of poultry meat from Mexico. This was up 15.0 percent over the previous month and was up 25.8 percent over October 2017. Year-to-date poultry meat imports from Mexico equaled 3,127 MT, which was slightly higher compared to last year. Overall, U.S. total year-to-date poultry meat imports were 7.2 percent above the corresponding period a year ago, totaling 103,788 MT.

(Metric Tons)	Total Poultry	YTD* 2018	YTD* 2017	Percent Change
Canada	5,450	57,769	58,410	-1.1%
Chile	5,192	40,434	33,441	20.9%
Israel	153	1,675	1,342	24.8%
South Korea	45	552	355	55.5%
Mexico	400	3,127	3,113	0.5%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>11,271</b>	<b>103,788</b>	<b>96,821</b>	<b>7.2%</b>

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

U.S. Egg Imports  
Egg Imports for October 2018

(Metric Tons)	Total Egg	YTD* 2018	YTD* 2017	Percent Change
Canada	303,570	2,413,472	2,121,519	13.8%
China	163,916	1,712,285	1,904,968	-10.1%
France	47,340	244,692	114,122	114.4%
Taiwan	21,492	457,719	556,899	-17.8%
United Kingdom	10,499	142,175	144,386	-1.5%
<b>Total Imports</b>	<b>582,967</b>	<b>5,641,682</b>	<b>5,235,944</b>	<b>7.7%</b>

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

During October, U.S. egg imports totaled 582,967 dozen. This was up 25.7 percent over the previous month and was up 24.2 percent over October 2017. U.S. egg imports from Canada during October equaled 303,570 dozen. This was 43.9 percent higher than September and was 42.4 percent higher than last year. Total year-to-date U.S. egg imports from Canada totaled 2,413,472 dozen, 13.8 percent more than the same period a year ago. Canada was the main source of U.S. egg imports with 42.8 percent of the total. During October, the U.S. egg imports from China increased 126.8 percent over the previous month to 169,916 dozen. However, this was 9.5 percent lower than last year. Year-to-date U.S. egg imports from China totaled 1,712,285 dozen, which was 10.1 percent less than last year. During October, the U.S. imported 15,000 dozen eggs from Thailand, which fell 16.7 percent from the previous month but had no comparison to a year ago. Year-to-date U.S. egg imports from Thailand were up 123.4 percent over last year, equaling 519,650 dozen. Overall, U.S. total year-to-date egg imports

totalled 5,641,682 dozen, 7.7 percent above the corresponding period a year ago. To obtain further U.S. trade data, visit the FAS website at <http://www.fas.usda.gov/gats/>.

Recently, the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) published FSIS Notice 64-18 – Eligibility of Argentina to Export Raw Beef to the United States. According to the notice, although Argentina has been eligible to export cooked and ready-to-eat processed beef products to the U.S., it has not been eligible to export raw beef products for several years. Upon completion of an audit of Argentina's inspection system for beef slaughter and further processing, FSIS reinstated Argentina's raw beef equivalency, and has determined Argentina as eligible to export raw beef to the U.S. from cattle slaughter on and after November 27, 2018. To obtain the entire notice, visit the FSIS website at <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/home>.

**Pacific Rim:**

Recently, Japan's Agriculture and Livestock Industries Corporation (ALIC) published October 2018 beef, pork, poultry and egg products import data for Japan. According to the statistics, Japan's beef imports during October fell 1.6 percent from the previous month to 51,421 MT. However, this was up 18.7 percent over October 2017. Specifically, imports of frozen beef totaled 27,722 MT, which was down 11.9 percent from the previous month but was up 32.5 percent over October 2017. Imports of fresh, chilled beef were 13.9 percent higher than the previous month and were 5.7 percent higher than October 2017, totaling 23,647 MT. Japan's beef imports from Australia during October equaled 25,163 MT. This was 6.3 percent less than the previous month but was 20.0 percent more than October 2017. Total year-to-date beef imports from Australia equaled 259,762 MT, which was 7.8 percent higher than a year ago. Australia was the primary beef import market for Japan with 51.1 percent of the total. During October, Japan imported 21,529 MT of beef from the U.S., which was up 1.8 percent over September and was up 12.8 percent over October 2017.

(Metric Tons)	Oct 2018	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD Change
<b>Total Beef*</b>	<b>51,421</b>	<b>508,178</b>	<b>484,447</b>	<b>4.9%</b>
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>21,529</b>	<b>206,167</b>	<b>202,932</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
<b>Australia</b>	<b>25,163</b>	<b>259,762</b>	<b>240,946</b>	<b>7.8%</b>
<b>New Zealand</b>	<b>1,338</b>	<b>12,067</b>	<b>14,025</b>	<b>-14.0%</b>
<b>Chilled Total</b>	<b>23,647</b>	<b>230,832</b>	<b>220,253</b>	<b>4.8%</b>
<b>Frozen Total</b>	<b>27,722</b>	<b>276,828</b>	<b>263,669</b>	<b>5.0%</b>

\*Includes cheek, head & cooked meats.

Source: Japan's Agriculture & Livestock Industries Corporation

Year-to-date beef imports from the U.S. were 1.6 percent higher than last year, amounting to 206,167 MT. Beef imports from New Zealand during October rose 47.2 percent over the previous month to 1,338 MT. Also, this was 108.4 percent more than October 2017. Year-to-date beef imports from New Zealand equaled 12,067 MT, 14.0 percent lower than last year. Overall, Japan's total year-to-date beef imports equaled 508,178 MT, which was 4.9 percent higher than the same period a year ago. During October, Japan's beef marketings equaled 79,347 MT, which was 1.8 percent higher than the previous month and was 10.0 percent higher than a year ago. Imported beef marketings were up 18.5 percent over a year ago, amounting to 50,777 MT. Domestic beef marketings totaled 28,570 MT, 2.5 percent less than last year. Japan's beef stocks at the end of October equaled 123,268 MT, which was up slightly over the previous month and was up 4.2 percent over a year ago. Imported beef stocks totaled 113,669 MT, which was 4.7 percent more than a year ago. Stocks of domestic beef were down 2.3 percent from last year, totaling 9,599 MT.

Japan's Pork Imports

(Metric Tons)	Oct 2018	YTD 2018	YTD 2017	YTD Change
<b>Total Pork*</b>	<b>83,979</b>	<b>767,658</b>	<b>762,898</b>	<b>0.6%</b>
<b>U.S.</b>	<b>21,941</b>	<b>215,309</b>	<b>217,281</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>
<b>Denmark</b>	<b>10,199</b>	<b>91,866</b>	<b>96,259</b>	<b>-4.6%</b>
<b>Canada</b>	<b>20,593</b>	<b>180,833</b>	<b>174,117</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
<b>Chilled Total</b>	<b>35,739</b>	<b>331,250</b>	<b>321,025</b>	<b>3.2%</b>
<b>Frozen Total</b>	<b>48,238</b>	<b>436,393</b>	<b>441,855</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>

\*Includes edible offal.

Source: Japan's Agriculture & Livestock Industries Corporation

During October, Japan's pork imports rose 21.8 percent over September and rose 7.1 percent over October 2017 to 83,979 MT. More specifically, imports of frozen pork equaled 48,238 MT, which was up 25.2 percent over the previous month and was up 6.5 percent over October 2017. Imports of fresh, chilled pork equaled 35,739 MT, which was up 17.5 percent over the previous month and was up 7.9 percent over October 2017. During October, Japan imported 21,941 MT of pork from the U.S. This was 13.8 percent more than the previous month and was 4.5 percent more than October 2017. Total year-to-date pork imports from the U.S. were nearly 1.0 percent lower than a year ago, amounting to 215,309 MT. The U.S. was the largest source for Japan's pork imports with 28.0 percent of the total. Pork imports from Canada during October totaled 20,593 MT, which was up 22.9 percent over the previous month and was up 14.0 percent over October 2017. Total year-to-date pork imports from Canada equaled 180,833 MT, 3.9 percent more than a year ago. During October, pork imports from Denmark rose 24.2 percent over the

previous month to 10,199 MT. However, this was 1.5 percent less than October 2017. Year-to-date pork imports from Denmark totaled 91,866 MT, which was down 4.6 percent from last year. Overall, Japan's total year-to-date pork imports equaled 767,658 MT, slightly higher than the corresponding period a year ago. During October, Japan's pork marketings totaled 167,624 MT. This was 15.5 percent higher than the previous month and was 4.9 percent higher than a year ago. Marketings of imported pork were up 4.5 percent over last year, amounting to 85,761 MT. Domestic pork marketings totaled 81,863 MT, which was 5.3 percent more than a year ago. At the end of October, Japan's pork stocks totaled 165,907 MT. This was 1.0 percent lower than the previous month and was slightly lower than a year ago. Imported pork stocks equaled 147,729 MT, 2.9 percent less than a year ago. Stocks of domestic pork were up 22.2 percent over last year, amounting to 18,178 MT.

Japan's poultry imports during October totaled 54,411 MT. This was 35.1 percent more than September but was 5.9 percent less than October 2017. During October, Japan's poultry imports from Brazil equaled 39,067 MT, which was 43.3 percent more than the previous month but was 8.0 percent less than last year. Total year-to-date poultry imports from Brazil were 1.8 percent lower than a year ago, amounting to 335,469 MT. Brazil was Japan's main source for poultry imports with 71.4 percent of the total. Poultry imports from Thailand during October rose 21.1 percent over the previous month to 13,329 MT. Also, this was 4.9 percent higher than October 2017. Total year-to-date beef imports from Thailand were 14.3 percent more than a year ago, amounting to 118,578 MT. During October, Japan imported 1,862 MT of poultry from the U.S. This was 1.3 percent lower than the previous month and was 19.0 percent lower than October 2017. Year-to-date poultry imports from the U.S. totaled 14,227 MT, which was 15.2 percent less than last year. Overall, Japan's total poultry imports equaled 470,161 MT which was up nearly 1.0 percent over the same period a year ago. During October, Japan's poultry marketings equaled 190,807 MT. This was up 11.9 percent over the previous month and was up 3.2 percent over a year ago. Marketings of imported poultry were 13.9 percent more than a year ago, amounting to 51,575 MT. Domestic poultry marketings totaled 139,323 MT, which was relatively unchanged from last year. Japan's poultry stocks at the end of October totaled 166,766 MT. This was 2.4 percent higher than the previous month but was 2.7 percent lower than a year ago. Stocks of imported poultry totaled 137,832 MT, 4.6 percent less than last year. Domestic poultry stocks were up 7.8 percent over a year ago, amounting to 28,934 MT.

**Japan's Poultry Imports**

	Oct	YTD	YTD	YTD
(Metric Tons)	2018	2018	2017	Change
<b>Total Poultry*</b>	54,411	470,161	465,919	0.9%
<b>Brazil</b>	39,067	335,469	341,661	-1.8%
<b>Thailand</b>	13,329	118,578	103,777	14.3%
<b>U.S.</b>	1,862	14,227	16,776	-15.2%

Source: Japan's Agriculture & Livestock Industries Corporation

**Japan's Egg Imports**

	Oct	YTD	YTD	YTD
(Metric Tons)	2018	2018	2017	Change
<b>Pwd Egg Yolks</b>	385.0	2,507.8	2,234.2	12.2%
<b>Pwd Whole Eggs</b>	220.2	2,392.6	1,932.9	23.8%
<b>Other Yolks</b>	300.9	3,852.6	4,775.7	-19.3%
<b>Liquid Eggs</b>	389.6	3,475.9	2,864.2	21.4%
<b>Pwd Albumen</b>	687.1	8,271.6	7,697.8	7.5%
<b>Total Egg Product</b>	1,982.8	20,500.5	19,504.8	5.1%

Source: Japan's Agriculture & Livestock Industries Corporation

Japan's total egg product imports during October totaled 1,983 MT, which was 19.2 percent higher than the previous month and was slightly higher than October 2017. More specifically, during October, powdered egg albumen imports totaled 687 MT, which was slightly higher than September but was 20.0 percent lower than October 2017. This comprised of 40.3 percent of the total egg product imports for Japan. Total year-to-date powdered egg albumen imports were 7.5 percent more than the corresponding period a year ago, totaling 8,272 MT. During October, other egg yolk imports totaled 301 MT, which was down 24.6 percent from the previous month and was down 35.1 percent from October 2017. Year-to-date other egg yolks equaled 3,853 MT, 19.3 percent less than the corresponding period a year ago. Liquid egg imports increased 44.9 percent over the

previous month and 40.6 percent over October 2017, amounting to 390 MT. Year-to-date liquid egg imports equaled 3,476 MT, which was 21.4 percent higher than a year ago. Powdered egg yolk imports during October were 175.8 percent above last year, totaling 385 MT. Also, this was 65.5 percent higher than the previous year. Total year-to-date powdered egg yolk imports equaled 2,508 MT, 12.2 percent higher than the same period a year ago. Powdered whole egg imports during October were 27.9 percent higher than September and were 50.8 percent higher than a year ago, equaling 220 MT. Powdered whole egg total year-to-date imports were 23.8 percent more than the previous year, amounting to 2,393 MT. Overall, Japan's total year-to-date egg product imports equaled 20,501 MT, 5.1 percent above the corresponding period a year ago. Additional data on Japan's red meat trade can be found on 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).

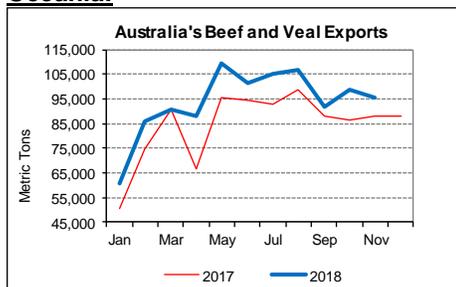
Recently, the Thailand's Thai Customs Department published Thailand's poultry export data for October 2018. According to the data, during October, Thailand exported 2,448 MT of poultry meat. This was 12.3 percent more than the previous month and was 22.9 percent more than the same period a year ago. More specifically, exports of other poultry meat totaled 2,075 MT, which was up 14.3 percent over September and was up 19.8 percent over October 2017. This comprised of 83.9 percent of total poultry meat. Exports of frozen poultry meat totaled 331 MT, which was 7.7 percent higher than the previous month and was 42.0 percent higher than a year ago. Exports of fresh and chilled poultry meat was 25.6 percent lower than the previous month, totaling 42 MT. However, this was up 57.6 percent over October 2017. During October, Thailand's poultry meat exports to Japan fell 8.2 percent from September and fell 8.0 percent from October 2017, totaling 1,109 MT. Year-to-date export totals to Japan was 13.9 percent greater than the same period a year ago, equaling 12,168 MT. Japan was the largest export market for Thailand poultry meat, comprising of 51.4 percent of the total. Thailand's poultry meat exports to Laos equaled 149 MT during October. This was 9.3 percent less than the previous month and was 37.1 percent less than a year ago. Total year-to-date exports to Laos reached 3,313 MT, up 4.3 percent over a year ago. During October, poultry meat exports to Malaysia totaled 252 MT, which was 5.1 percent more than the previous month. Also, this was 2.2 percent higher than last year. Year-to-date export totals to Malaysia equaled 2,919 MT, up 30.4 percent over a year ago. Overall, year-to-date poultry exports from Thailand were 26.5 percent above the corresponding period a year ago, totaling 23,691 MT. Additional data on Thailand's poultry meat trade can be found on the Thai Customs website at [http://en.customs.go.th/index.php?lang=en&top\\_menu=menu\\_homepage](http://en.customs.go.th/index.php?lang=en&top_menu=menu_homepage).

**Thailand's Poultry Meat Exports**

	Oct	YTD	YTD	YTD
(Metric Tons)	2018	2018	2017	Change
<b>Total Poultry Meat*</b>	2,448	23,691	18,728	26.5%
<b>Japan</b>	1,109	12,168	10,681	13.9%
<b>Laos</b>	149	3,313	3,178	4.3%
<b>Hong Kong</b>	252	2,919	2,239	30.4%
<b>Fresh/Chilled</b>	42	590	261	125.9%
<b>Frozen</b>	331	3,228	2,636	22.5%
<b>Other</b>	2,075	19,873	15,831	25.5%

Source: Thai Customs

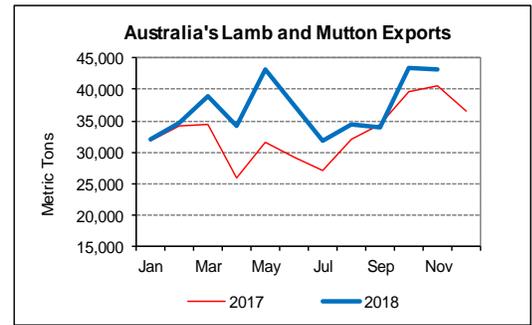
**Oceania:**



Australia's Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) recently published Australia's red meat export data for November 2018. According to the numbers, Australia's beef and veal exports during November fell 3.5 percent from the previous month to 95,469 MT. However, this was up 8.7 percent over November 2017. More specifically, exports of frozen beef equaled 68,178 MT, which accounted for 71.4 percent of the total. Exports of fresh, chilled beef equaled 27,292 MT. Australia's beef exports to Japan during November rose 8.2 percent over the previous month and rose 12.8 percent over November 2017 to 29,107 MT. Year-to-date beef exports to Japan were 8.4 percent above a year ago, totaling 290,967 MT. Japan was the primary beef export market for Australia with 28.1 percent of the total. During November, Australia exported 15,965 MT of beef to the U.S. This was 19.0 percent lower than the previous month but was 8.6 percent higher than November 2017. Total year-to-date beef exports to the U.S. equaled 215,427 MT, which was relatively unchanged from a year ago.

During November, Australia's beef exports to South Korea equaled 14,831 MT. This was up 4.6 percent over the previous month and was up 7.9 percent over November 2017. Year-to-date beef exports to South Korea totaled 154,233 MT, 14.8 percent higher than a year ago. Overall, Australia's total year-to-date beef and veal exports equaled 1,034,836 MT, which was 11.6 percent above the corresponding period a year ago.

Australia's lamb exports during November totaled 24,623 MT. This was 7.2 percent higher than October and was 3.0 percent higher than November 2017. During November, Australia exported 6,622 MT of lamb to the Middle East, which was up 7.2 percent over the previous month and was up 7.3 percent over November 2017. Total year-to-date lamb exports to the Middle East were 19.2 percent more than last year, amounting to 69,224 MT. The Middle East was Australia's largest lamb export market with 28.2 percent of the total. During November, Australia's lamb exports to the U.S. totaled 6,019 MT. This was 20.9 percent higher than the previous month and was 12.5 percent higher than November 2017. Total year-to-date lamb exports to the U.S. equaled 51,138 MT, 2.0 percent greater than a year ago. Lamb exports to China during November fell 3.0 percent from the previous month and 13.7 percent from November 2017 to 4,280 MT. Year-to-date lamb exports to China totaled 48,884 MT, 11.3 percent higher than a year ago. Overall, Australia's total year-to-date lamb exports reached 245,431 MT, 7.0 percent more than the same period a year ago. In the meantime, Australia's mutton exports during November fell 8.8 percent from the previous month to 18,605 MT. However, this was up 11.2 percent over November 2017. During November, Australia exported 8,303 MT of mutton to China, which was 14.6 percent higher than the previous month and was 12.6 percent higher than November 2017. Year-to-date mutton exports to China totaled 47,619 MT, 63.9 percent above a year ago. China was Australia's main mutton export mutton with 29.4 percent of the total. Australia's mutton exports to the Middle East during November fell 23.6 percent from the previous month to 3,484 MT. However, this was up 26.2 percent over November 2017. Year-to-date mutton exports to the Middle East totaled 42,533 MT, which was 2.6 percent more than last year. Mutton exports to Malaysia during November equaled 1,070 MT, which was 30.5 percent less than the previous month and was 29.1 percent less than November 2017. Total year-to-date mutton exports to Malaysia equaled 16,077 MT, 23.4 percent higher than last year. Overall, Australia's total year-to-date mutton exports equaled 162,137 MT, 23.0 percent above the corresponding period a year ago. Additional data on Australia's exports is available on the DAFF website at <http://www.daff.gov.au/>.



**North America:**

On November 29, the USDA Economic Research Service (ERS) and the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) released the quarterly *Outlook for U.S. Agricultural Trade*. According to the publication, fiscal year (October/September) 2019 agricultural exports are projected at \$141.5 billion, down \$1.9 billion from fiscal year 2018 and \$3.0 billion from the August 2018 forecast, largely due to decreases in soybeans and cotton. Livestock, dairy, and poultry exports are forecast down \$200 million to \$30.1 billion as weaker demand for dairy, poultry and products, and hides and skins, as well as for rendered products, offsets growth in beef and pork. Beef is up \$500 million largely on higher unit values, as export volumes are fractionally higher. Pork is up \$100 million as strong demand in Latin America and other emerging markets supports slightly higher export volumes. Poultry and poultry products are forecast \$200 million lower to \$5.1 billion on weaker prices and volumes for eggs and turkey meat. Exports to Japan are raised \$200 million to \$12.6 billion on strong demand for beef. The forecast for South Korea is up \$300 million to \$8.2 billion as demand for beef and corn is expected to be robust. Meanwhile, agricultural imports in fiscal year 2019 are forecast to increase to \$127.0 billion, \$500 million above the August forecast but \$600 million below the total value of imports in fiscal year 2018. The expected increases in imports of horticultural products, sugar and tropical products, and grains and feed more than offset the expected decreases in livestock, dairy, and poultry products and in oilseeds and oilseed products. Imports of livestock, dairy, and poultry products in fiscal year 2019 are forecast down \$200 million, compared to the August forecast, to \$17.00. Beef imports are down by \$300 million on a marginal decline in volumes and a significant decline in unit values. Imports of pork are forecast \$100 million lower. Imports of dairy products are raised by \$100 million as domestic demand for imported products is expected to remain stable at last year's level. The entire report, which includes a world economic outlook and regional information, is available on the ERS website at <https://www.ers.usda.gov/>.

Recently, the USDA FAS Global Agricultural Information Network (GAIN) issued the report *Opportunities for U.S. Duck Sales in Mexico*. According to the publication, Mexico imported nearly \$4.4 million of frozen duck meat in 2017. The U.S. is Mexico's main duck meat supplier, 97 percent by volume of the total amount imported. While the market for duck meat is relatively modest, there is room for growth. In order to help expand the market, USAPEEC, in conjunction with FAS-Mexico and the Indiana Soybean Alliance, hosted a series of events to promote U.S. duck meat with foodservice professionals in Mexico City. To view the entire report, visit the FAS website at <https://www.fas.usda.gov/>.

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- [Australian Lot Feeders' Association \(ALFA\)](#)

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