

Uruguay beef and sheepmeat Industry

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In 2020, Uruguay's beef export reached 20% of the country's total goods exports. Adding other meats and by-products, total exports add up to USD 1,9 billion, which is 23% of total

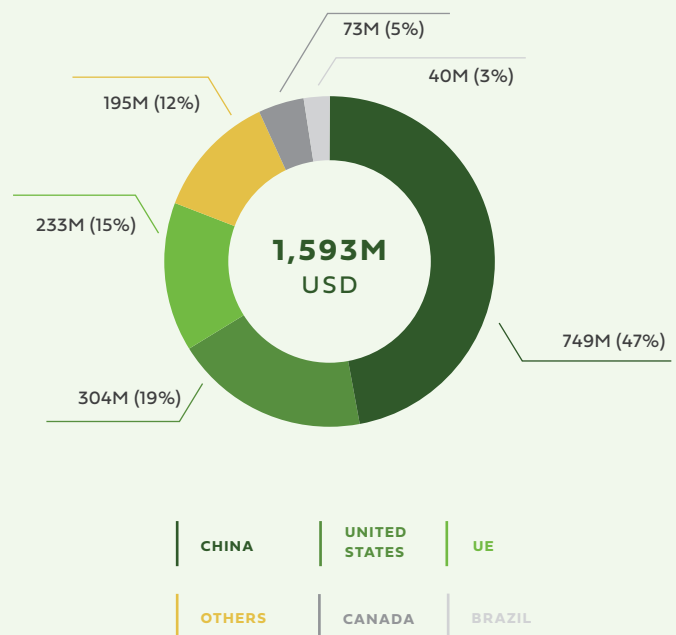
Herd facts and figures

- Around 48,900 farms are involved in the cattle industry. More than half are family farms.
- There were 11,8 million head of cattle and 6,3 million head of sheep in our country.
- This represents more than 3 cattle per capita.
- More than 90% of the entire herd is destined to meat production. The most popular breeds are Hereford and Angus.
- Each cattle has 1 hectare to roam.
- Hormone and antibiotic use as growth promoters are forbidden by law since 1962 and 2011, respectively.
- According to FAO, Uruguay is the country with the largest share of agricultural land worldwide. More than 80% of the surface has agricultural use.

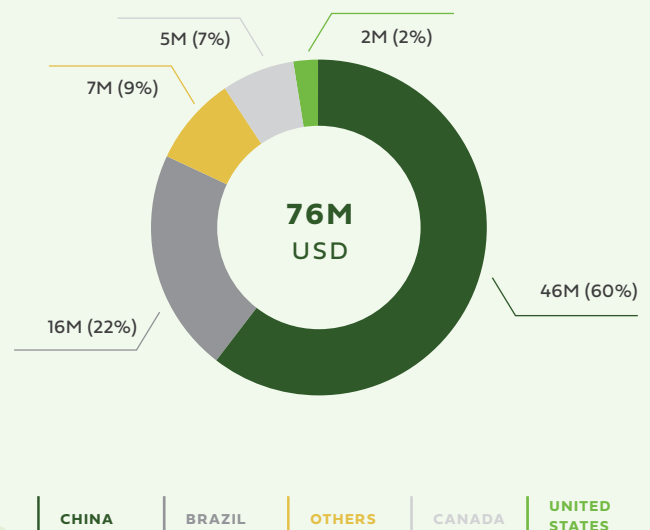
People in the industry

- Around 90.000 people are employed in the red meat industry, including on-farm production, processing, and associated services.

2020 Uruguay's beef export by country



2020 Uruguay's sheepmeat export by country



Commercialization

- In 2020, Uruguay produced around 550,000 tons CWE (Carcass Weight Equivalent) of beef.
- Most of our cattle is pasture raised and grass-fed. In 2020, only 14% of all cattle processed were produced under grain finished system (120 days).
- More than 17,000 tons CWE of sheep meat is commercialized between domestic market and exports.

Value of production

- The value of all beef produced in Uruguay was USD 1.8 billion in 2020.

Domestic value and consumption

- Uruguayans ate around 45 kg of beef meat in average during 2020.
- Beef consumption represented 53% of the total meat consumption in 2020.

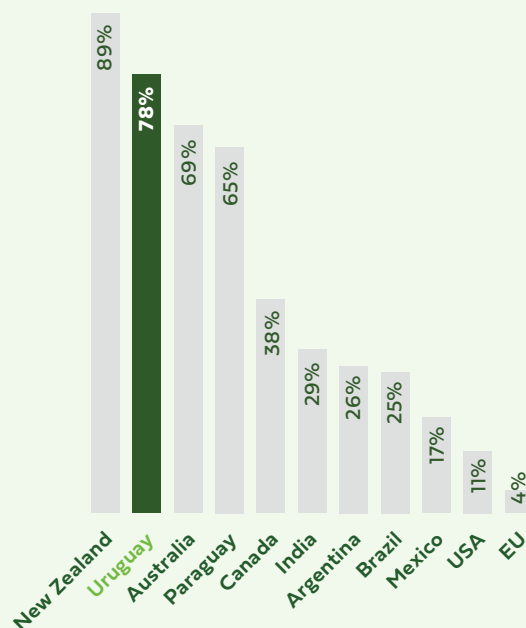
Export value and volume

- In 2020, Uruguay exported almost 80% of its total beef production to more than fifty countries.
- Uruguay has sanitary access to more than three quarters of the importing market. -This means that our country is one of the best 5 countries in this metric. Uruguayan beef can be imported by the most sophisticated markets, for example: US, Japan, Korea, Europe, and China.
- Almost 90% of sheep meat produced was exported in 2020.
- The value of total beef exports in 2020 was U\$S 1,5 billion.
- Uruguayan live cattle exports were valued at U\$S 104 million in 2020, with 131.000 heads exported.

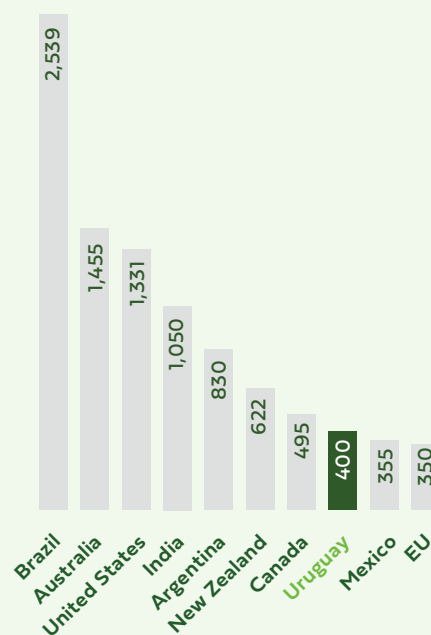
Uruguay's place in the world

- Uruguayan beef production and exports represented 1% and 4% of worldwide total, respectively, in 2020. In global beef exports, Uruguay ranked #9 in that year.

2020 Exports / Production ratio by country



Top ten beef exporting countries (thousands of tons CWE)



Bovine and sheep livestock

