

Fast Facts

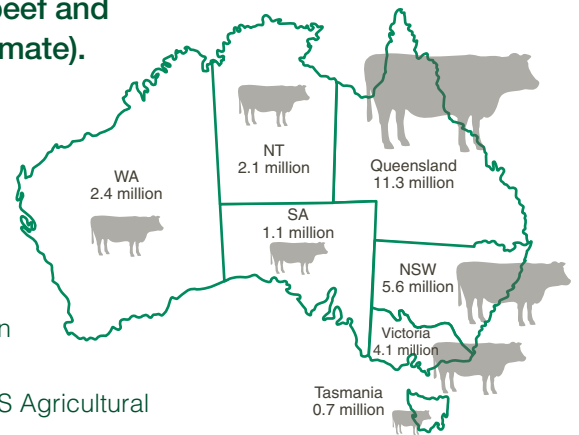
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Australia's beef industry

Australia is one of the world's most efficient producers of cattle and was the world's largest exporter of beef. The off-farm value (domestic expenditure plus export value) of the Australian beef and cattle industry was \$17.87 billion in 2015-16 (ABS, MLA estimate).

At the time of publication, figures included in this document were the most up to date available but may be subject to revision.

National cattle numbers
as at June 2015: 27.4 million head



Source: ABS (final estimates 2015)

Herd facts and figures:

- 71,659 businesses with cattle (ABS Agricultural Commodities 2014-15).
- 27.4 million head of cattle in Australia as of 2014-15, including 2.8 million head of dairy cattle (ABS Agricultural Commodities 2014-15).
- 12.5 million beef cows and heifers one year and over as of 2014-15 (ABS Agricultural Commodities 2014-15).
- The cattle industry involves 58% of all farms with agricultural activity

People in the industry:

- Around 200,000 people are employed in the red meat industry, including on-farm production, processing and retail (MISP 2015).

How much is produced?

- In 2015-16, Australia produced approximately 2.34 million tonnes cwt of beef and veal (ABS).
- In 2015-16, 2.8 million grainfaced cattle were marketed – 35% of all adult cattle slaughtered.

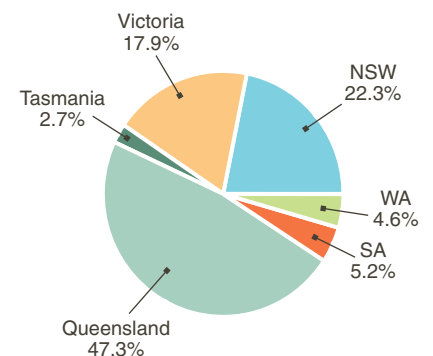
What is the value of production?

- The gross value of Australian cattle and calf production (including live cattle exports) in 2015-16 was estimated at \$14.3 billion (ABARES Agricultural Commodities June 2016).
- Cattle are estimated to have contributed 25% of the total farm value of \$57.8 billion in 2015-16 (ABARES Agricultural Commodities June 2016).

Domestic value and consumption:

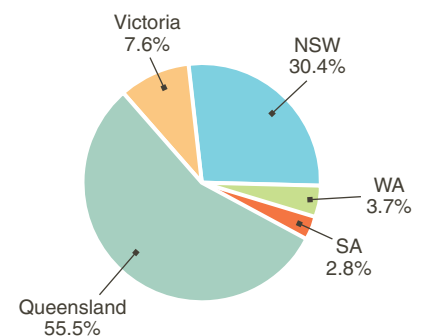
- Domestic expenditure on beef was approximately \$7.83 billion in 2015-16 (MLA estimate).
- Australians ate around 25.4kg of beef per person in 2015-16 – maintaining its position as the sixth largest consumer in the world (FAO).
- Around 95.7% of Australian fresh meat buyers purchased beef in 2015-16 (AC Nielsen Homescan).
- In terms of number of meals, beef is the second most popular fresh meat consumed through the foodservice industry after chicken (MLA).

Australian beef and veal production
2.3 million tonnes cwt (2015-16)



Source: ABS

Australian lotfed cattle marketings
2.83 million head (2015-16)



Source: ALFA/MLA

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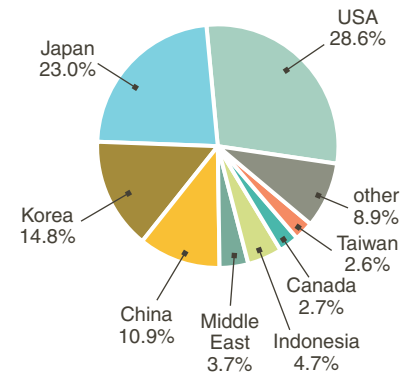


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Export value and volume:

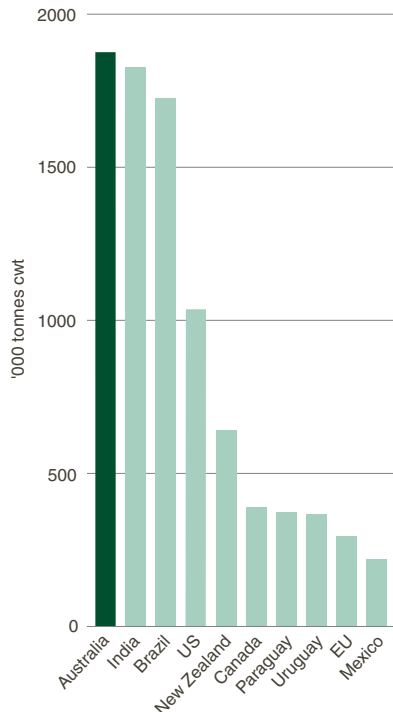
- In 2015-16, Australia exported 74% of its total beef and veal production to 84 countries (DA, ABS).
- The value of total beef and veal exports in 2015-16 was \$8.5 billion (ABS).
- Australian live cattle exports were valued at \$1.5 billion in 2015-16 (ABS), with 1.2 million head exported.
- Australia's place in the world:
 - Australia has approximately 3% of the world cattle and buffalo inventory, with India, Brazil and China taking the top three places (USDA 2016).
 - Australia produces 4% of the world's beef supply and was the world's largest beef exporter during 2015 (USDA 2015).

Australian beef exports
1.17 million tonnes swt (2015-16)



Source: DA

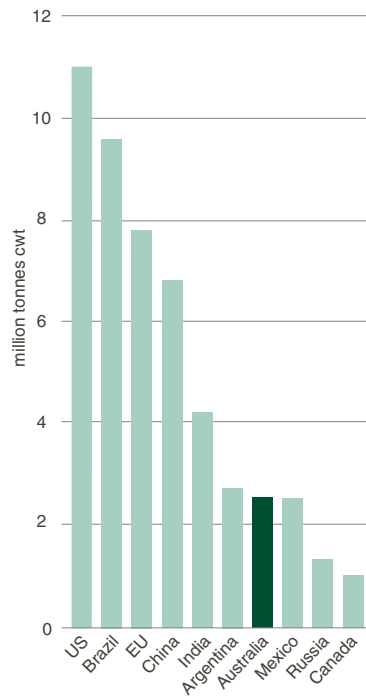
Top ten world beef exporters*
(2015)



* includes buffalo meat

Source: USDA

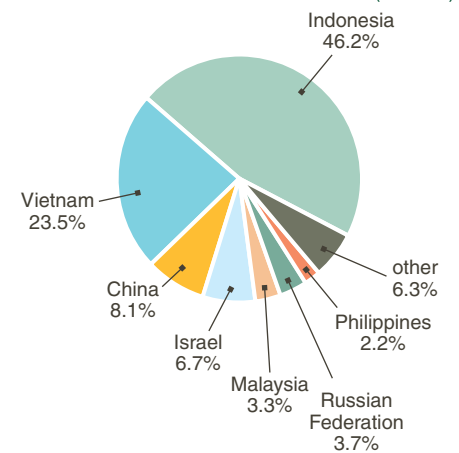
Top ten beef producing countries*
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Australian live cattle exports*
1.2 million head (2015-16)



* includes dairy cattle
Source: ABS