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USDA/Global Agricultural Information Network Reports

Below is a summary of export trade news highlights, compiled by the International Trade Office.

Canada Livestock and Products Annual Report

The Canadian cattle herd is forecast to enter the consolidation phase in 2026. Heifer retention practices in 2025 and a slight increase to the breeding herd to begin 2026 will support a slightly larger calf crop. Consequently, slaughter numbers and beef production are forecast to see stability following declines in 2025. Heifer retention and reduced cow culls will continue in 2026 in efforts towards a herd rebuild. The Canadian swine herd is also forecast to remain relatively stable in 2026. — More Info

Colombia Reopens Market for US Live Cattle

On September 10, 2025, Colombia officially reopened its market to U.S. live cattle under the same import requirements as previously established, following successful discussions between USDA Bogota and Colombia's Plant and Health Authority (ICA). Import requirements are now accessible through ICA's SISPAP system. This development resolves the April 2024 restrictions on U.S. live cattle and select bovine products, which were initially imposed due to concerns over Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza. – More Info

Mexico Grain and Feed Update

Improved dam levels and increased demand for local white corn and rice are expected to drive up production in marketing year 2025/2026. Sorghum and wheat production are projected to decline due to weaker price expectations. Higher corn production is likely to stabilize imports, even as domestic demand remains robust. Imports of wheat, rice and sorghum are forecast to increase, as production is unable to meet rising consumption. – More Info

Guatemala FAIRS Country Report Annual Report

Regulations for importing food and agricultural products in Guatemala remain unchanged since the 2024 FAIRS report. In July 2025, the Ministry of Health launched SNAP-GT, a digital platform designed to streamline the registration of processed foods and the issuance of import permits. – <u>More Info</u>

Argentina Livestock and Products Annual Report

Argentina is set to remain a powerhouse in global beef trade, with 2026 exports forecast at 830,000 tons carcass weight equivalent (CWE), the second highest on record. Robust international prices and a more competitive peso are breathing new life into packer margins. China will continue to dominate as the leading market, while shipments to the United States and European Union strengthen. Despite booming exports, beef production is expected to remain stagnant for a fifth straight year. – More Info

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China Grain and Feed Update

USDA forecasts Marketing Year (MY) 2025/26 China corn production at 298 million metric tons (MMT), up 3 MMT from MY 2024/25. MY 2025/26 corn imports are projected at 7 MMT, down sharply from 23 MMT in MY 2023/24 as Beijing restricts grain imports. Wheat production is forecast at 140 MMT for MY 2025/26, unchanged from MY 2024/25, with imports projected at 6 MMT, up from 4.2 MMT as feed demand increases. Rice production remains stable at 146 MMT for MY 2025/26, unchanged from MY 2024/25, while imports increase to 2.8 MMT from 2.3 MMT due to competitive international prices. — More Info

Japan Poultry and Products Annual Report

FAS/Tokyo forecasts Japan's chicken market to remain stable in 2026, with modest growth in imports driven by steady demand and evolving challenges. Production is expected to match 2025 levels, as rising costs—due to yen depreciation, high feed prices and biosecurity measures—limit expansion. Consumption remains strong, with inflation shifting demand from higher-priced thigh meat to more affordable breast meat. — More Info

Japan Livestock and Products Annual Report

Japan's beef industry faces challenges in 2026 as the domestic cattle herd declines, resulting in reduced slaughter/inventory. Rising beef prices, outpacing income growth, weaken consumer demand, making beef less accessible. Fast-food chains may benefit, but other sectors will struggle. Beef imports may rise slightly to offset stagnant production but remain limited due to weak demand and high costs. – More Info

Vietnam Oilseeds and Products Update

Vietnam's soybean crushers are expanding capacity with new production lines. As a result, soybean imports are expected to rise, while local soybean meal production increases and imported soybean meal declines in MY 2025/26. – More Info

Philippines Livestock and Products Annual Report

FAS/Manila forecasts pork production in 2026 at 980 thousand metric tons (TMT) CWE, a rebound from the estimated production in 2025. While the resurgence in African Swine Fever during the second half of 2024 continues to dampen production, expanded coverage of the government-controlled vaccine roll out, strengthened biosecurity measures and adoption of improved technologies will facilitate production growth in 2026. – More Info

India Retail Foods Annual Report

This report provides an in-depth analysis of India's rapidly growing food retail industry. It highlights import trends, with the U.S. leading as a supplier of consumer-oriented food products, and explores opportunities in emerging segments like online grocery, frozen food, premium chocolates, healthy snacks and functional drinks. – More Info

Taiwan Retail Foods Annual Report

The retail sector in Taiwan includes convenience stores, supermarkets and hypermarkets, which generated more than \$30 billion in sales in 2024. The U.S. remains the leading supplier of consumer-oriented food and agricultural products to Taiwan. U.S. consumer-oriented products such as beef, poultry and fresh fruit enjoyed more than 20% of the total market share. – More Info

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Australia Livestock and Products Annual Report

Australian beef production is forecast to remain at a near record level in 2026, following a record high in 2025. Adult cattle slaughter is similarly expected to ease slightly in 2026 after reaching record levels in 2025. These near-record outcomes are supported by elevated female slaughter rates for a 3rd consecutive year, driven by strong global demand for beef. Live cattle exports are projected to soften marginally but remain robust in 2026. Australian pork production is forecast to achieve its 4th consecutive year of growth in 2026. Domestic consumption and pork imports are also expected to rise slightly. The U.S., which regained its position in 2024 as Australia's leading source of pork imports, is projected to maintain this dominant position in 2026. — More Info

Germany Retail Foods Annual Report

Germany, with over 84 million wealthy consumers, is the third largest importer of consumer-oriented agricultural products. In 2024, grocery retail sales reached approximately USD 293 billion, with imports of consumer-oriented agricultural products rising sharply by 33% to USD 91.9 billion. The retail market is highly competitive, price-sensitive and consolidated, but also features a significant segment of consumers willing to pay premium prices for quality and value. Rising inflation and energy costs have increased food prices, leading many consumers to be more strategic in their purchases. Private label products have profited from the recent economic slowdown. They hold a market share of 36.2% in 2024. Key trends include growth in e-commerce grocery delivery, demand for convenience foods, health-conscious and ethical purchasing, increased importance of product labeling, and a rise in quality meat consumption and decline in vegan diets. – More Info

Egypt Grain and Feed Update

FAS/Cairo forecasts Egypt's wheat imports in marketing year 2025/26 at 12.7 MMT, up from the previous marketing year due to higher consumption driven by population growth. Egypt's wheat production in MY 2025/26 is also forecasted up from the previous marketing year. Egypt's rice production has expanded significantly in response to lower costs of production and higher profitability, while corn production has fallen, due to less area planted. Consequently, corn imports are forecast higher to offset the production shortfall, with U.S. corn shipments returning to the Egyptian market on price competitiveness and high quality. — More Info

Saudi Arabia Retail Foods Annual Report

In 2024, the Saudi food retail market was estimated at more than \$50 billion and projected to increase by more than 5% annually in the coming years due to the continued urbanization, growing population, changing shopping habits, expansion of physical store locations and increasing popularity of online platforms. Saudi consumers prefer U.S. agricultural products, and the United States is well positioned to gain additional market share over the next several years. – More Info

Turkiye Drops its Retaliatory Tariffs on US Ag Products

On September 22, 2025, ahead of an upcoming presidential summit, Turkiye announced it was lifting its retaliatory tariffs on U.S. rice, tree nuts, distilled spirits and a few other agricultural items. The zeroing out of these added duties will contribute to increased U.S. ag exports and help narrow the agricultural trade deficit. – More Info

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