



# International Agricultural Trade

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## Beef, Pork, & Poultry Trade Update

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (April - June) 2000 Trade Performance

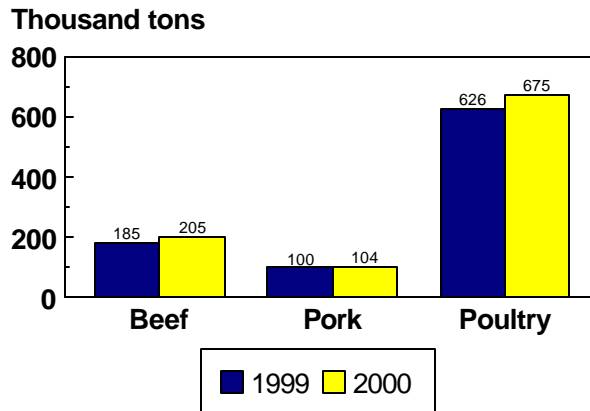
#### Summary

U.S. total red meat and poultry exports for the second quarter 2000 (April, May, and June) increased 8 percent due to continued strong demand in foreign markets, especially in Korea. U.S. beef exports for the second quarter amounted to 204,500 tons (product weight equivalent), an increase of 11 percent over the same time a year ago. U.S. pork exports for the period were 104,400 tons, an increase of 4 percent, while poultry exports totaled 675,100 tons, 8 percent higher than the same time a year ago.

#### Beef

Beef exports for second quarter 2000 increased 11 percent to 204,500 tons over the same period last year. Exports to Japan, Mexico, Korea, and Canada, the top U.S. beef export markets, contributed to the increase. Beef exports to Japan increased 4 percent to 96,100 tons compared to the second quarter of 1999, while the value increased 19 percent to \$395 million. Cumulating the first two quarters of 2000, beef exports to Japan were up by 4 percent to 187,800 tons over the same period in 1999, with value rising 21 percent to \$784 million. Beef exports to Mexico increased 12 percent to 38,800 tons compared to the second quarter of 1999, while the value increased 16 percent to \$115 million. For the first half of the year, beef exports to Mexico in 2000 were up 19 percent to 82,900 tons over 1999, and value was up 24 percent to \$247 million. Beef exports to Korea increased 54 percent to 34,100 tons compared to the second quarter of 1999, while the value increased 77 percent to \$121 million. Adding the first and second quarters of 2000 together, beef exports to Korea were up 40 percent to 65,900 tons over the first half of 1999, and value was up 83 percent to \$246 million. Beef exports to Canada increased 7 percent to 21,400 tons compared to the second quarter of 1999, while the value increased 13 percent to \$73 million. For January-June 2000, beef exports to Canada rose 8 percent compared to the same period in 1999, to 44,300 tons, with value rising 17 percent to \$152 million.

Beef, Pork, and Poultry Exports for 2nd Qtr 1999 and 2000



## **Pork**

Pork exports for the second quarter 2000 increased 4 percent to 104,400 tons over the same period a year ago, with much of the increase resulting from exports to Mexico and Japan. Pork exports to Mexico increased 54 percent to 19,400 tons over the second quarter of 1999, while value increased 60 percent to \$38 million. For January-June 2000, pork exports to Mexico rose to a cumulative 44,400 tons, 82 percent over the same period in 1999, and to a value of \$84 million, 91 percent over 1999. Pork exports to Canada decreased 1 percent in volume (to 9,800 tons), but increased 22 percent in value (to \$27 million). For the first half of 2000, pork exports to Canada rose 12 percent over the first half of 1999, to 20,700 tons, with value increasing 29 percent to \$55 million. Pork exports to Japan increased 12 percent over the second quarter of 1999 to 53,900 tons, while value increased 27 percent to \$209 million. Cumulating the first two quarters of 2000, pork exports to Japan were up 13 percent over the same period in 1999, to 103,900 tons, and up 29 percent in value terms to \$397 million.

## **Poultry**

U.S. total poultry meats exports for the second quarter of 2000 were 675,100 tons, an increase of 8 percent from the same period a year ago. Broiler meat exports were 601,600 tons, a 13-percent increase from the same time a year ago, while turkey exports were 41,400 tons, a 4-percent increase. Exports for other poultry meats decreased 42 percent. Continuing strong demand in major markets, particularly Canada, China, Korea, and Mexico, resulted in higher poultry meat exports. Poultry exports to Canada and Mexico increased 18 percent to 28,900 tons and 10 percent to 61,200 tons, respectively, over the second quarter of 1999, while exports to Korea and China increased 23 percent to 21,900 tons and 31 percent to 27,500 tons, respectively. Comparing the first half of 2000 with the first half of 1999, poultry exports to Canada rose 32 percent in 2000, to 58,000 tons, and poultry exports to Mexico rose 18 percent to 125,000 tons. Korea took in 67 percent more poultry in the first 6 months of 2000 than in the same period of 1999, with volumes rising to 45,000 tons. U.S. poultry exports to Russia for the second quarter of 2000 were 125,300 tons, compared with 28,400 tons for the same time period last year.

Exports (1,000 MT)	Apr-Jun 1999	Apr-Jun 2000
Beef	185	205
Pork	100	104
Poultry	626	675
Broilers	530	602
Turkey	40	41
Other poultry	55	32

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