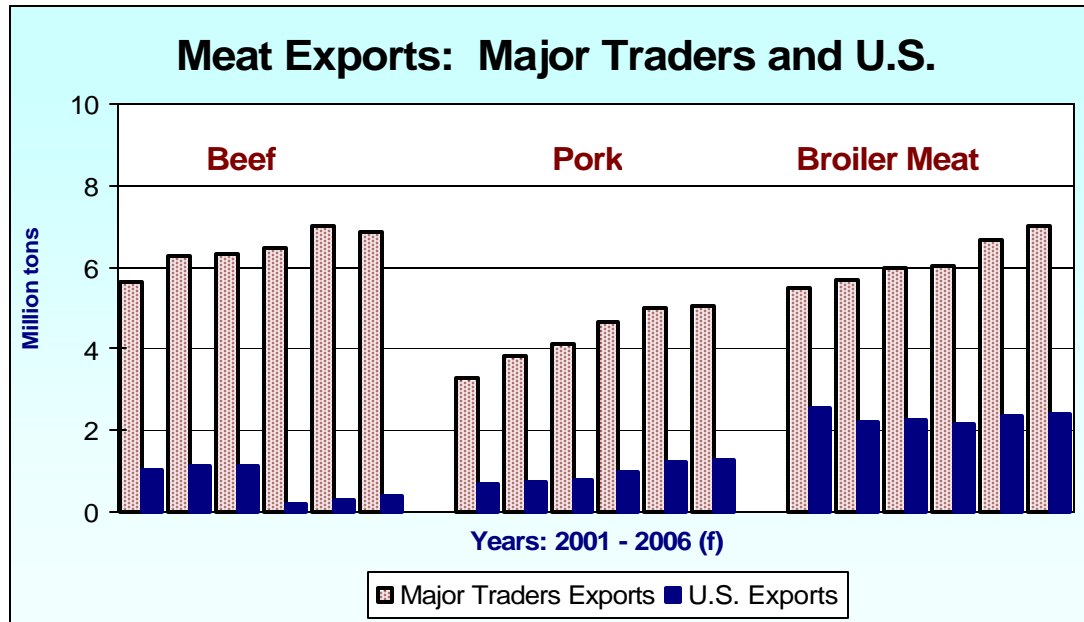




# Livestock and Poultry: World Markets and Trade

## Trade of Red Meats and Poultry Forecast Strong Among Major Traders in 2006 Despite Disease Outbreaks and Trade Restrictions



Source: Production, Supply and Distribution Database, FAS

Production and consumption of red meat and poultry products among selected countries remains robust despite the instability caused by continued animal disease outbreaks and their resulting trade impacts.

The November 2005 edition of *Livestock and Poultry: World Markets and Trade* forecasted trade of beef, pork and poultry by major exporters to reach record levels in 2006.

While this trend continues to be true for broiler meat and pork exports in the current forecast, the 2006 forecast of beef exports by major traders is revised downward to just below 7 million tons, slightly below the level exported in 2005.

In the current forecast pork exports will continue to remain above 5 million tons in 2006 for the second year in a row.

Although broiler exports are revised downward in the current forecast, they are still forecast to achieve record levels at almost 8 million tons in 2006. As anticipated in the November forecast and despite avian influenza (AI) concerns, broiler meat exports by major traders are forecast to surpass beef exports for the first time in 2006.

Note: Data in this document reflects the PSD (<http://www.fas.usda.gov/psd/>) and WASDE release of March 10, 2006.