

Comparison Between the United States Cattle Industry and Brazil's Cattle Industry
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Country	United States	Brazil
2010 Total Cattle Inventory	93,881,000 head	185,159,000 head
2010 Calf Crop	35,685,000 head	49,200,000 head
2010 Total Slaughter	35,315,000 head	39,400,000 head
2010 Beef Production	12,048,000 MT	9,115,000 MT
2010 Calf Crop as Percent of Total Inventory	38%	27%
2010 Total Slaughter as Percent of Inventory	38%	21%
2010 Production as Percent of Total Inventory	13%	5%

Sources: USDA FAS Production, Supply and Distribution Online; USDA FAS World Markets and Trade.

Questions:

What is Brazil doing with all its cattle if not producing beef?

Does Brazil have a large number of "wild" cattle?

Is the apparent inefficiency of Brazil's cattle industry suggestive of poor management? If so, shouldn't that raise significant concerns regarding Brazil's ability to identify and control diseases like FMD?