U.S. Trade Balance in
Live Cattle, Beef, Beef Variety Meats, and Processed Beef

Decades of Neglect

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The Following Charts Include All Trade Data for Live Cattle, Beef, Beef Variety Meats, and Processed Beef

The U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) has determined that the following major product categories account for trade in beef; and categories for live cattle have been added to the ITC’s major beef categories

- HS 010210: Bovine Live, Pur
- HS 010290: Bovine Live
- HS 020110: Bovine Carcass, Fr/Ch
- HS 020120: Bovine Bone in, Fr/Ch
- HS 020130: Bovine Boneless, Fr/Ch
- HS 020210: Bovine Carcass, Froz
- HS 020220: Bovine Bone in, Froz
- HS 020230: Bovine Boneless, Froz
- HS 020610: Bovine Offal, Fr/Ch
- HS 020621: Bovine Tongue, Fr/Ch
- HS 020622: Bovine Livers, Fr/Ch
- HS 020629: Bovine Offal, Froz
- HS 021020: Bovine Meat, Salted
- HS 021020: Bovine Meat, Salted
- HS 021020: Bovine Meat, Prepared
- HS 160250: Bovine Meat, Prepared
U.S. Global Trade in Live Cattle, Beef, Beef Variety Meats and Processed Beef

22-Year Cumulative U.S. Trade Balance = Negative $20 Billion

Source: USDA FAS Global Agricultural Trade System

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17 Countries Participate in Free Trade Agreements with the U.S.

- Australia
- Bahrain
- Canada
- Chile
- Costa Rica
- Dominican Republic
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Israel
- Jordan
- Mexico
- Morocco
- Nicaragua
- Oman
- Peru
- Singapore
U.S. Trade in Live Cattle, Beef, Beef Variety Meats, and Processed Beef With 17 FTA Countries

22-Year Cumulative U.S. Trade Balance = Negative $41 Billion

Source: USDA FAS Global Agricultural Trade System

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U.S. Trade Balance in Live Cattle, Beef, Beef Variety Meats, and Processed Beef with Canada

22-Year Cumulative U.S. Trade Balance = Negative $26 Billion

Source: USDA FAS Global Agricultural Trade System

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U.S. Trade Balance in Live Cattle, Beef, Beef Variety Meats, and Processed Beef with Mexico

22-Year Cumulative U.S. Trade Balance = Positive $3 Billion

NAFTA Implemented in 1994

Source: USDA FAS Global Agricultural Trade System

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U.S. Trade Balance in Live Cattle, Beef, Beef Variety Meats, and Processed Beef with Canada and Mexico (NAFTA)
22-Year Cumulative Trade Balance = Negative $23 Billion

NAFTA Implemented in 1994

Source: USDA FAS Global Agricultural Trade System

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U.S. Trade Balance in Live Cattle, Beef, Beef Variety Meats, and Processed Beef with Australia

22-Year Cumulative U.S. Trade Balance = Negative $16 Billion

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U.S. Trade Balance In Live Cattle, Beef, Beef Variety Meats, and Processed Beef With Six CAFTA Countries

22-Year Cumulative U.S. Trade Balance = Negative $2 Billion

(Includes Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Dominican Republic)

Source: USDA FAS Global Agricultural Trade System

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U.S. Trade Balance In Live Cattle, Beef, Beef Variety Meats, and Processed Beef With Chile

22-Year Cumulative U.S. Trade Balance = Negative $1 Million

U.S.-Chile FTA
Implemented in 2004

Source: USDA FAS Global Agricultural Trade System

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U.S. Trade Balance In Live Cattle, Beef, Beef Variety Meats, and Processed Beef With Uruguay

22-Year Cumulative U.S. Trade Balance = Negative $2 Billion

Source: USDA FAS Global Agricultural Trade System

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