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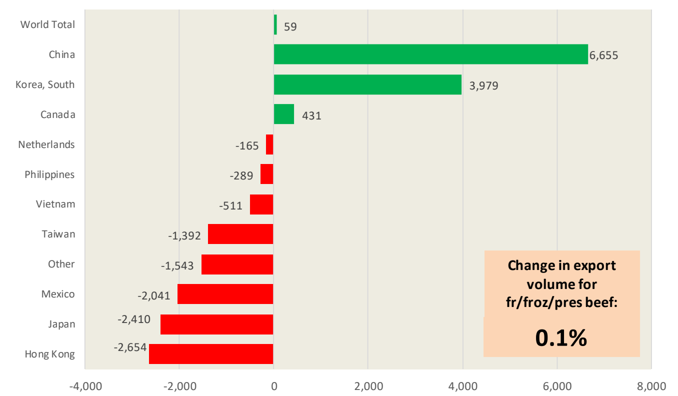
Trade data for the month of January was released at the end of last week and below is a brief recap:

Beef: The US beef trade balance turned positive in January, in large part thanks to ever expanding trade with China and the expected decline in imports from Australia. Total US beef exports for the month we1,402 MT, slightly higher than a year ago. Exports to a number of key markets, such as Japan and Mexico were lower than last year, but they were offset by higher exports to South Korea and China. Exports to South Korea in January were up near 4000 MT or 24% while exports to China were 7,863 MT compared to just 876 MT a year ago. The increase in US exports to China largely offset declines in a few other markets, including Mexico, Taiwan and Hong Kong. Exports to China were robust in February as well, despite the end to purchases for the Lunar New Year. Chinese buyers for the week ending February 26 also put in over 4600 MT of new orders. The resurgence of China buying is the key driver for the shift in the US beef trade balance in January. Imports, on the other hand, were 75,992 MT, almost 7,200 MT or 8.6% lower than the previous year. Imports from Australia at 11,647 MT declined by 10,359 MT or 47% compared to a year ago. The decline in imports from Australia was in part offset by higher New Zealand shipments, which increased by almost 4,4000 MT from last year (+47%) as well as higher imports from Uruguay and Brazil. Imports from Brazil were 4,294 MT, up from the limited supply that was available last year but below the monthly volume of imports in the summer and fall of 2020.

Pork: US pork exports were lower in January but it is important to remember how big exports were a year ago (see bottom chart). Total shipments of fresh/frozen and cooked pork for the month were 208,234 MT, down almost 26,000 MT or 11% compared to a year ago. The decline was largely due to a slowdown in exports to China. Shipments to that market in January were 50,.815 MT, down 23,500 MT or 32% lower than a year ago. However, in the previous four years, January US shipments to China averaged under 9,000 MT per month. Rather than focusing on the y/y change, it is more important in our view to recognize the share of exports vs. domestic production. The data reported on Friday were on a metric ton basis, shipped weight while production is reported on a carcass weight equivalent. Conversions done by USDA peg US pork exports in January at about 606 million pounds (carcass wt.) vs. pork production in January at 2.477 billion pounds, or a 24.5% share. In January 2020, pork exports represented a 26% share but in 2019 they were just 20.2% of production. US pork prices in January were firm, in part because of good export sales but also robust domestic demand and limited freezer inventories. US exports of pork variety meats in January were 3.7% higher than the previous year, thanks to strong Chinese demand. Exports to of variety meats to China in January were 20,991 MT, 52% higher than the previous year. China also represented 60% of all US variety meat exports. The value of variety meat exports in January was $68.1 million, 17% higher than the previous year. The value of those exports going to China was up 63% y/y.

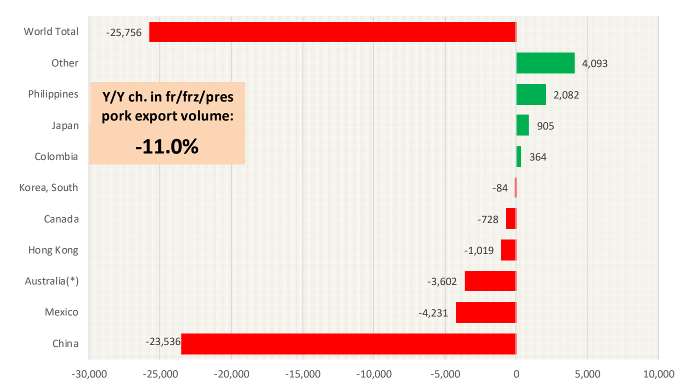
Y/Y Ch. in Jan. 21 vs. Jan 20 US Beef and Veal Export Volume

Source: USDA/FAS. Analysis by Steiner Consulting — Unit: Metric Ton



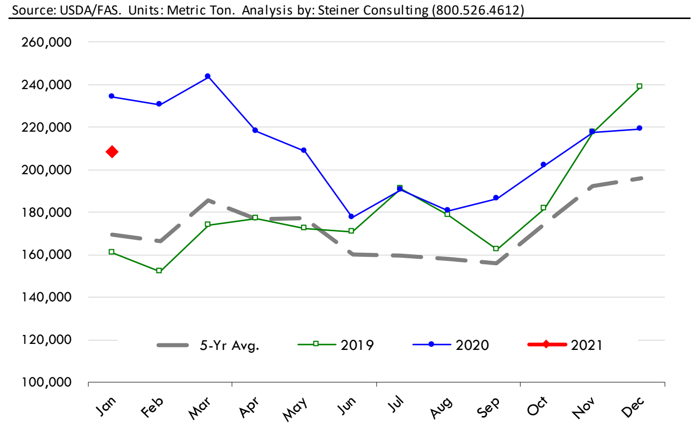
Y/Y Ch. in Jan. 21 vs. Jan 20 US Fr, Froz & Pres Pork Export Volume

Source: USDA/FAS. Analysis by Steiner Consulting — Units: Metric Tons



Quantity of US Exports of Fr/Frz/Cooked Pork: World Total

Source: USDA/FAS. Units: Metric Ton. Analysis by: Steiner Consulting (800.526.4612)



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PRODUCTION & WKLY AVG. PRICE SUMMARY Week Ending 3/6/2021

Source: Various USDA Agricultural Marketing Service reports. Some data are preliminary. *Weekly Avg. Prices*

	Item	Units	Current Week	Last Week	Pct. Change	Last Year	Pct. Change	YTD	Y/Y % Change
			6-Mar-21	27-Feb-21		7-Mar-20			
	Total Beef, Pork, Chicken, Turkey	**mil lbs., cwe**	**2,088**	**1,678**	24.49%	**2,032**	2.76%	**17,924**	-3.6%
	FI Slaughter	Thou. Head	665	666	-0.15%	649	2.39%	5,829	-3.5%
C	FI Cow Slaughter **	Thou. Head	106	129	-18.01%	129	-17.44%	1,023	-0.9%
T	Avg. Dressed Weight	Lbs.	843	844	-0.12%	834	1.08%	845	2.1%
T	Beef Production	Million Lbs.	559.2	561.1	-0.34%	540.2	3.52%	4,926	-1.5%
L	Live Fed Steer Price	$ per cwt	113.76	114.07	-0.27%	113.17	0.52%		
E	Dressed Fed Steer Price	$ per cwt	179.79	181.63	-1.01%	180.80	-0.56%		
	Oklahoma Steer (600-700 lbs)	$ per cwt	148.51	141.19	5.18%	150.61	-1.39%		
&	Choice Beef Cutout	$ per cwt	234.39	240.39	-2.50%	206.94	13.26%		
	Hide/Offal	$ per cwt, live wt	9.79	9.75	0.41%	8.75	11.89%		
B	Rib Primal, Choice	$ per cwt	383.64	395.54	-3.01%	331.09	15.87%		
E	Round Primal, Choice	$ per cwt	191.59	194.13	-1.31%	179.60	6.68%		
E	Chuck Primal, Choice	$ per cwt	199.37	204.43	-2.48%	164.94	20.87%		
F	Trimmings, 50%	$ per cwt	46.48	50.45	-7.87%	60.05	-22.60%		
	Trimmings, 90%	$ per cwt	232.87	231.59	0.55%	224.02	3.95%		
	FI Slaughter	Thou. Head	2,563	2,642	-2.99%	2,680	-4.35%	24,112	-4.0%
	FI Sow Slaughter **	Thou. Head	52.6	58.1	-9.35%	58.8	-10.43%	490	0.7%
H	Avg. Dressed Weight	Lbs.	218.0	218.0	0.00%	215.0	1.40%	219	1.7%
O	Pork Production	Million Lbs.	557.1	576.1	-3.30%	576.6	-3.38%	5,290	-2.3%
G	Iowa-S. Minn. Base	Wtd. Avg.	82.74	75.53	9.55%	50.61	63.49%		
S	Natl. Base Carcass Price	Wtd. Avg.	81.45	78.80	3.36%	59.46	36.98%		
	Natl. Net Carcass Price	Wtd. Avg.	83.43	80.88	3.15%	61.36	35.97%		
	Natl. Early Wean Feeder	Wtd. Avg.	54.66	56.62	-3.46%	35.55	53.76%		
	Pork Cutout	205 Lbs.	93.46	93.19	0.29%	66.45	40.65%		
	Ham Primal	$ per cwt	80.89	85.47	-5.36%	60.61	33.46%		
	Loin Primal	$ per cwt	81.74	80.24	1.87%	67.31	21.44%		
	Belly Primal	$ per cwt	160.19	157.41	1.77%	74.63	114.65%		
	Trimmings, 72%, Fresh	$ per cwt	99.49	96.09	3.54%	63.52	56.63%		
	Hog By-Product Value	$ per cwt, live wt	4.60	4.57	0.66%	3.59	28.13%		
C	Young Chicken Slaughter *	Million Head	177.4	95.9	84.96%	170.7	3.91%	1,413	-6.8%
H	Avg. Weight (RTC)	Lbs.	4.91	4.78	2.70%	4.72	4.03%	6.36	1.5%
I	Young Chicken Production (RTC)	Million Lbs.	871.1	458.6	89.96%	805.9	8.10%	6,836	-5.3%
C	Eggs Set (19-state)	Million	230.4	236.5	-2.60%	239.4	-3.76%	2,114	-1.6%
K	Chicks Placed (19-state)	Million Head	182.4	185.2	-1.50%	190.3	-4.14%	1,677	-2.1%
E	National Composite Whole Bird	Composite	83.37	83.05	0.39%	76.58	8.87%		
	Northeast Breast, B/S	$/cwt	138.34	141.02	-1.90%	100.07	38.24%		
	Northeast Leg Quarters	$/cwt	36.52	36.38	0.38%	37.03	-1.38%		
T	Total Turkey Slaughter *	Million Head	3.630	2.911	24.70%	4.201	-13.59%	32.151	-10.6%
U	Avg. Weight (RTC)	Lbs.	27.85	28.14	-1.05%	26.14	6.53%	33.82	1.3%
R	Turkey Production (RTC)	Million Lbs.	101.1	81.9	23.39%	109.8	-7.95%	872	-9.7%
K	National Hen (8-12 lb)	8-16 Lbs.	111.40	108.00	3.15%	100.69	10.64%		
G	Corn, Omaha	$ per Bushel	5.17	5.36	-3.54%	3.78	36.77%		
R	Soybeans, Cntrl IL	$ per Bushel	14.30	14.24	0.42%	9.05	58.01%		
A	Soybn Meal 48%, Cntrl IL	$ per Bushel	420.70	422.60	-0.45%	305.40	37.75%		
I	Distillers Grain, IL	$ per Bushel	245.00	247.50	-1.01%	162.50	50.77%		

* Chicken & turkey slaughter. Production, egg sets are 1 week earlier than the date at the top of this sheet.

** Cow and sow slaughter reflect levels from two weeks ago due to reporting lag.

*** Please note that the number of business days is different from one year to the next, which affects the YTD calculation