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Table A.1 - Bovine Cattle Numbers and Herd Structure

('000 head)

As at June	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977
Total cattle	49,800	52,300	54,800	57,800	59,800	60,000	60,000
Total cows ^{1/}	19,200	20,800	21,800	23,000	23,800	24,000	24,000
Calves ^{2/}	11,000	11,500	12,000	12,500	13,000	13,000	13,000
Other cattle	19,600	20,000	21,000	22,300	23,000	23,000	23,000

^{1/} Two years and over

^{2/} Less than one year

Table B.1 Inspected and Total Slaughtering and Average Carcass Weights (Av.C.W.)

(000 head)

	Cows ¹			Heifers ²			Other adult cattle ³			Calves ⁴			Total adult cattle and calves		
	Inspected	Total	Av.C.W. (kg.)	Inspected	Total	Av.C.W. (kg.)	Inspected	Total	Av.C.W. (kg.)	Inspected	Total	Av.C.W. (kg.)	Inspected	Total	Av.C.W. (kg.)
1971	1,014	2,262		572	1,097		3,993	5,328		635	781		6,214	9,468	211
1972	1,317	2,502		574	1,022		4,643	5,909		496	577		7,030	10,010	219
1973	1,269	2,499		417	865		4,355	5,961		413	493		6,454	9,818	219
<u>1974</u>	<u>1,241</u>	<u>2,607</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>409</u>	<u>803</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>4,260</u>	<u>6,049</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>565</u>	<u>656</u>	<u>115</u>	<u>6,475</u>	<u>10,115</u>	<u>214</u>
I	327			99			1,015			110			1,551	2,465	
II	347			109			1,076			201			1,733	2,661	
III	309			84			966			99			1,458	2,354	
IV	258			117			1,203			155			1,733	2,635	
<u>1975</u>	<u>1,460</u>	<u>3,001</u>	<u>195</u>	<u>928</u>	<u>1,424</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>4,571</u>	<u>6,339</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>1,124</u>	<u>1,382</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>8,204</u>	<u>12,146</u>	<u>201</u>
I	270			181			1,079			260			1,790	2,804	
II	361			232			1,096			414			2,103	3,135	
III	447			246			1,134			270			2,097	3,026	
IV	382			269			1,262			301			2,214	3,181	
<u>1976</u>	<u>2,225</u>	<u>3,940</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>1,131</u>	<u>1,762</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>4,995</u>	<u>6,624</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>1,286</u>	<u>1,501</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>9,637</u>	<u>13,868</u>	<u>203</u>
I	530			299			1,134			372			2,335	3,440	
II	704			288			1,088			375			2,455	3,539	
III	538			286			1,414			275			2,513	3,573	
IV	453			258			1,359			264			2,334	3,316	
<u>1977</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,200</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,800</u>	<u>168</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,500</u>	<u>203</u>
I	580			254			1,143			307			2,284		
II	793			295			1,307			443			2,838		

¹Two years and over ²From one to two years ³One year and over ⁴Less than one year⁵Slaughtering inspected by the Argentine Meat Bureau

Table B.2 Total Production of Bovine Meat

('000 metric tons, carcass weight)

	<u>Total</u>
1971	2,001
1972	2,191
1973	2,149
<u>1974</u>	<u>2,163</u>
I	537
II	557
III	502
IV	567
<u>1975</u>	<u>2,438</u>
I	568
II	610
III	607
IV	653
<u>1976</u>	<u>2,811</u>
I	686
II	701
III	735
IV	689
<u>1977</u>	<u>2,944</u>
I	661
II	766
III	785
IV	732

Table B.3 Private and Public Stocks of Bovine Meat

('000 metric tons, carcass weight)

A. Private stocks of bovine meat (at wholesale level)					
B. Stocks held by or for regulatory or marketing authorities					
	Beef		Veal		Total
	A	B	A	B	A
1971					45
1972					48
1973					33
<u>1974</u>					<u>50</u>
I					41
II					58
III					51
IV					50
TOTAL					
<u>1975</u>					<u>54</u>
I					60
II					63
III					54
IV					54
TOTAL					
<u>1976</u>					<u>61</u>
I					60
II					61
III					67
IV					61
<u>1977</u>					-
I					68
II					78

Table B.4 Consumption of Bovine Meat

	Total consumption of bovine meat ('000 metric tons, carcass weight)	Per caput consumption (kg.)	Population ('000)
1971	1,507	64	23,600
1972	1,485	62	24,000
1973	1,613	66	24,400
<u>1974</u>	<u>1,857</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>24,700</u>
I	430	70	24,600
II	453	73	24,700
III	459	74	24,800
IV	515	83	24,900
<u>1975</u>	<u>2,172</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>25,100</u>
I	514	82	25,000
II	555	88	25,100
III	535	85	25,200
IV	568	90	25,300
<u>1976</u>	<u>2,278</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>25,500</u>
I	579	91	25,400
II	560	88	25,500
III	592	92	25,600
IV	547	85	25,700
<u>1977</u>	<u>2,394</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>25,900</u>
I	538	83	25,800
II	609	94	25,900

Table C.3.1 - Exports of Cattle on the Hoof¹ by volume

	Number ('000 head)	Carcass weight equivalent ('000 metric tons)
<u>1971</u>	<u>46.3</u>	<u>13.0</u>
I	6.6	1.8
II	8.1	2.3
III	12.1	3.4
IV	19.5	5.5
<u>1972</u>	<u>33.5</u>	<u>9.4</u>
I	14.1	3.9
II	11.7	3.3
III	2.0	0.6
IV	5.7	1.6
<u>1973</u>	<u>10.3</u>	<u>2.9</u>
I	6.0	1.7
II	1.7	0.5
III	2.1	0.6
IV	0.5	0.1
<u>1974</u>	<u>0.2</u>	<u>0</u>
I	0.2	0
II	-	-
III	-	-
IV	-	-
<u>1975</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
I	-	-
II	-	-
III	-	-
IV	-	-
<u>1976</u>	<u>7.8</u>	<u>2.2</u>
I	-	-
II	-	-
III	1.2	0.4
IV	6.6	1.8
<u>1977</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
I	3.7	1.1
II	5.4	1.7

¹Excluding cattle exported for breeding purposes.

Table C.3.2 Exports of Beef and Veal by
Volume

('000 metric tons)

	Fresh and chilled		Frozen		Other (canned, cooked etc.)		Total beef and veal	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
<u>1971</u>								
I	8.1	10.2	39.2	52.4	8.5	21.4	55.8	84.0
II	14.6	16.1	39.3	52.6	19.3	48.3	73.2	117.0
III	20.4	23.4	40.5	54.5	23.6	57.1	84.5	135.0
IV	23.9	31.0	50.0	68.4	18.2	41.6	92.1	141.0
Total	67.0	80.7	169.1	227.9	69.6	168.4	305.6	477.0
<u>1972</u>								
I	27.0	33.0	50.4	68.1	18.3	44.9	95.7	146.0
II	28.0	34.9	74.6	100.8	20.5	50.3	123.1	186.0
III	30.4	39.6	64.0	89.6	18.9	45.8	113.3	175.0
IV	28.4	38.5	82.6	114.5	17.7	43.0	128.7	196.0
Total	113.8	146.0	271.6	373.0	75.4	184.0	460.8	703.0
<u>1973</u>								
I	26.4	36.2	78.2	110.1	14.5	35.7	119.1	182.0
II	18.7	26.2	57.6	81.0	12.5	29.8	88.8	137.0
III	16.9	23.3	42.2	59.0	14.8	34.2	73.9	117.0
IV	20.5	28.3	33.7	48.2	16.6	38.5	70.8	115.0
Total	82.5	114.0	211.7	298.3	58.4	138.7	352.6	551.0
<u>1974</u>								
I	13.0	19.5	22.5	32.0	20.1	47.5	55.6	99.0
II	12.2	17.7	20.4	31.5	15.7	37.8	48.3	87.0
III	1.2	1.7	15.4	22.3	10.9	26.0	27.5	50.0
IV	0.6	0.9	21.0	31.5	8.2	20.6	29.8	53.0
Total	27.0	39.8	79.3	117.3	54.9	131.9	161.2	289.0
<u>1975</u>								
I	0.4	0.6	15.7	23.4	8.2	20.0	24.3	44.0
II	0.6	1.0	19.3	27.8	9.4	23.2	29.3	52.0
III	0.7	0.9	21.0	31.6	19.9	48.5	41.6	81.0
IV	1.2	1.7	20.2	28.0	22.1	55.3	43.5	85.0
Total	2.9	4.2	76.2	110.8	59.6	147.0	138.7	262.0
<u>1976</u>								
I	2.2	3.1	34.0	48.6	20.5	49.3	56.7	101.0
II	2.2	3.0	55.8	78.6	23.6	58.4	81.6	140.0
III	1.8	2.3	59.4	80.1	22.8	54.6	84.0	137.0
IV	3.9	5.4	64.7	87.3	23.1	56.3	91.7	149.0
Total	10.1	13.8	213.9	294.6	90.0	218.6	314.0	527.0
<u>1977</u>								
I	2.0	-	49.0	-	18.0	-	69.0	116.0
II	4.0	-	69.0	-	21.0	-	94.0	147.0
III	5.0	-	68.0	-	22.0	-	95.0	150.0

A = Product weight

B = Carcass weight equivalent

Table C.3.3 Exports of Cattle, Beef and Veal by
Value (f.o.b.)

(US\$'000)

	A	B	C	D	E
	Cattle on the hoof ^{1/}	Beef and veal ^{2/}	Total (A and B)	Total value (f.o.b.) merchandise exports	Ratio C/D
<u>1971</u>					
I					
II					
III					
IV					
Total	<u>15,250</u>	<u>350,888</u>	<u>366,138</u>	<u>1,740,348</u>	<u>21.0</u>
<u>1972</u>					
I					
II					
III					
IV					
Total	<u>11,310</u>	<u>586,914</u>	<u>598,724</u>	<u>1,941,098</u>	<u>30.8</u>
<u>1973</u>					
I					
II					
III					
IV					
Total	<u>4,275</u>	<u>658,604</u>	<u>662,879</u>	<u>3,266,003</u>	<u>20.3</u>
<u>1974</u>					
I					
II					
III					
IV					
Total	<u>104</u>	<u>330,658</u>	<u>330,762</u>	<u>3,930,700</u>	<u>8.4</u>
<u>1975</u>					
I					
II					
III					
IV					
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>200,507</u>	<u>200,507</u>	<u>2,961,300</u>	<u>6.8</u>
<u>1976</u>					
I					
II					
III					
IV					
Total	<u>2,286</u>	<u>371,700</u>	<u>373,986</u>	<u>3,985,000</u>	<u>9.4</u>
<u>1977(x)</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>447,000</u>	<u>450,000</u>	<u>4,900,000</u>	<u>9.2</u>

(x) Estimated

^{1/} Excluding cattle exported for breeding purposes^{2/} Fresh, chilled, frozen and other (canned, cooked, etc.)

Table C.4.2. - Exports of Fresh and Chilled Beef and Veal by Country of Destination.

Quantity ("Q" = Product Weight '000 Metric Tons) and Value ("V" = US\$ million f.o.b.)

Country of destination	1971		1972		1973		1974		1975		1976		Jan/Aug '77	
	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V
<u>TOTAL EXPORTS</u>	<u>67.0</u>	<u>77.8</u>	<u>113.8</u>	<u>166.0</u>	<u>82.5</u>	<u>191.7</u>	<u>27.0</u>	<u>65.8</u>	<u>2.9</u>	<u>6.3</u>	<u>10.1</u>	<u>16.9</u>	<u>9.5</u>	<u>17.4</u>
EEC (9)	33.8	48.6	74.9	126.5	68.5	166.1	24.2	58.8	1.4	2.3	6.4	10.0	5.6	10.4
Chile	32.5	27.8	35.7	34.1	6.6	8.5	-	-	-	-	0.9	0.8	1.3	1.5
Switzerland	0.7	1.4	1.5	3.5	2.2	6.5	1.4	4.2	1.5	4.0	2.2	5.6	1.9	4.8
Greece	-	-	1.7	1.9	0.2	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brazil	-	-	-	-	5.0	10.4	1.4	2.8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7

Table C.4.1 - Exports of Cattle^{1/} by Country of Destination.

Quantity ("Q" = '000 Head) and Value ("V" = US\$ million f.o.b.)

Country of destination	1971		1972		1973		1974		1975		1976		Jan/Aug '77	
	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V
<u>TOTAL EXPORTS</u>	<u>46.3</u>	<u>15.2</u>	<u>33.5</u>	<u>11.8</u>	<u>10.3</u>	<u>4.3</u>	<u>0.2</u>	<u>0.1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7.8</u>	<u>2.3</u>	<u>13.2</u>	<u>5.2</u>
Chile	46.3	15.2	33.5	11.8	10.3	4.3	0.2	0.1	-	-	6.9	2.2	13.2	5.2
Paraguay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.9	0.1		

^{1/} Excluding cattle exported for breeding purposes.

Table C.4.3 Exports of Frozen Beef and Veal by Country of Destination

Quantity ("Q" = Product Weight, '000 Metric Tons) and Value ("V" = US\$ million f.o.b.)

Country of destination	1971		1972		1973		1974		1975		1976		Jan/Aug 1977	
	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V
TOTAL EXPORTS:	169.0	164.9	271.6	306.4	211.7	339.5	79.3	129.5	76.2	95.3	213.9	205.7	167.6	186.1
EEC (9)	117.8	119.0	205.6	241.2	150.9	251.1	39.8	72.6	25.5	38.6	67.9	84.5	46.8	63.0
Israel	19.1	12.9	18.6	15.0	19.9	24.2	5.7	8.4	10.4	12.4	16.3	18.3	9.3	12.4
Greece	10.3	8.6	13.7	12.6	13.9	18.4	6.6	9.0	5.4	5.5	24.1	21.7	14.4	14.3
Spain*	4.8	6.0	4.5	6.4	5.3	11.3	3.5	6.9	4.1	6.2	20.0	22.5	24.7	28.2
Switzerland	7.8	9.9	9.2	12.7	8.6	15.1	3.4	6.3	0.6	1.2	2.0	3.2	0.8	1.3
Portugal	1.4	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.4	0	0	22.9	13.9	12.2	11.9
Chile	2.1	1.9	8.1	8.0	9.6	14.1	-	-	-	-	0	0	0.8	0.9
Peru	3.2	2.1	4.3	3.2	0.3	0.2	-	-	-	-	1.7	1.1	2.3	1.8
Cyprus	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.6	1.0	1.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	-	-	-	-
Hong Kong	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.3	0	0	0.1	0.2	-	-
Lebanon	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0	0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0	0	0	0
Philippines	0.1	0.2	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Germany	-	-	1.8	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.9	0.8
Poland	-	-	2.3	2.0	0.8	0.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hungary	-	-	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Austria	-	-	-	-	0.5	0.9	-	-	0.4	0.4	12.0	10.2	0	0
Russia	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.2	23.7	28.1	29.7	11.0	9.4	22.6	22.1
Ivory Coast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.1	0.5	10.4	4.6	2.0	1.5
Egypt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.4	9.0	4.9	5.0
Other	1.3	1.7	1.5	1.5	0.3	0.8	0.6	1.5	0.4	0.5	10.1 ^(a)	7.1 ^(a)	26.0 ^(a)	23.0 ^(a)

* including Canary Islands

Breakdown (a):	Congo	1.8	0.9	1.1	0.8	Brazil	2.4	1.9	-	-
	Ghana	1.6	0.7	0.3	0.2	Other	1.7	2.2	-	-
	Angola	1.1	0.6	4.9	4.0	Algeria	-	-	1.9	2.8
	Zaire	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.7	Tunisia	-	-	4.4	3.9
	Morocco	0.7	0.4	-	-	Togo	-	-	4.8	4.0

Table C.4.4 Exports of other Beef and Veal (canned, cooked, etc.) by Country of Destination

Quantity ("Q" = Product Weight, '000 Metric Tons) and Value ("V" = US\$ million f.o.b.)

Country of destination	1971		1972		1973		1974		1975		1976		Jan/Aug 1977	
	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V
<u>TOTAL EXPORTS:</u>	<u>69.6</u>	<u>108.2</u>	<u>75.4</u>	<u>114.6</u>	<u>58.4</u>	<u>127.5</u>	<u>54.9</u>	<u>135.3</u>	<u>59.9</u>	<u>99.4</u>	<u>90.0</u>	<u>149.2</u>	<u>53.6</u>	<u>92.3</u>
United States	43.6	71.1	41.2	65.1	36.1	85.9	33.3	83.7	27.3	44.3	38.3	62.8	22.6	38.9
EEC (9)	23.4	33.1	28.3	40.8	17.9	33.2	15.4	36.7	24.9	42.3	42.4	71.0	23.7	41.4
Canada	0.8	1.3	1.6	2.4	1.3	2.8	1.3	3.7	1.5	2.6	1.9	3.6	1.1	2.1
Puerto Rico	0.8	1.2	1.7	2.5	1.2	2.1	2.4	6.1	1.9	3.2	3.0	5.1	2.2	3.7
Japan	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.9	0.7	1.3	0.4	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Philippines	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.3	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sweden	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3
Greece	-	-	0.1	0.1	-	-	-	-	0.6	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.5
Jamaica	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.5	0.6	0.9	0.2	0.3
Spain*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Other	0.3	0.4	1.4	1.9	0.8	1.4	1.4	2.5	2.1	3.3	3.1	4.9	3.1	4.6

*including Canary Islands

PART D

Prices

Table D.1 - Beef prices, US\$ per 100 kgs.

	<u>Average wholesale prices (per kg. live weight - Liniers market)</u>		<u>Representative export price f.o.b.</u>
	(steers)	(cows manufacturing type)	(Frozen quality cuts of steers' hindquarters)
1971	40	24	140
1972	47	28	160
1973	68	45	250
<u>1974</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>215</u>
I	61	41	240
II	56	29	210
III	55	34	205
IV	57	27	200
<u>1975</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>160</u>
I	43	17	180
II	41	13	165
III	32	11	150
IV	23	9	140
<u>1976</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>155</u>
I	38	15	160
II	29	13	160
III	28	15	135
IV	41	25	160
<u>1977</u>			
I	45	26	175
II	38	21	160
III	43	24	170