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Arrangement Regarding Bovine Meat

International Meat Council

REPLY TO QUESTIONNAIRE

ARGENTINA

(1975 to First Quarter of 1981)

Note: The present reply relates to:

PART A: Table A.1

PART B: Tables B.1, B.2, B.3, B.4

PART C: Tables C.3.1, C.3.2, C.4.1, C.4.2, C.4.3, C.4.4

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PART A

Table A.1 Bovine Cattle Numbers and Herd Structure

('000 head)

As at June	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	Forecast	
							1981	1982
<u>Total cattle and calves</u>	<u>58.000</u>	<u>59.000</u>	<u>60.000</u>	<u>59.000</u>	<u>57.000</u>	<u>57.000</u>	<u>57.000</u>	
Bulls ¹	1.850	1.900	1.900	1.900	1.800	1.800	1.800	
Dairy cows ¹	2.800	2.800	2.900	2.900	2.700	2.700	2.700	
Dairy heifers ¹	0.650	0.650	0.700	0.700	0.650	0.650	0.650	
Beef cows ¹	20.400	20.800	21.100	20.700	20.100	20.100	20.100	
Beef heifers ¹	8.650	8.750	8.900	8.600	8.450	8.450	8.450	
Steers ¹	11.150	11.400	11.500	11.500	11.000	11.000	11.000	
Calves ¹	12.500	12.700	13.000	12.700	12.300	12.300	12.300	

¹Reporting country to provide explanatory note on how it defines these classes of stock if different from the following: dairy cows - female stock aged two years or more and kept mainly for milk purposes; dairy heifers - female stock aged one to two years being raised mainly for milk purposes; beef cows - female stock aged two years or more and kept mainly for beef purposes; beef heifers - female stock aged one to two years being kept mainly for beef purposes; calves - all cattle aged less than one year.

PART B

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

('000 head)

	Cows and heifers			Adult male cattle			Calves			Total cattle and calves		
	Inspected	Total	Av.D.C.W. (kg.)	Inspected	Total	Av.D.C.W. (kg.)	Inspected	Total	Av.D.C.W. (kg.)	Inspected	Total	Av.D.C.W. (kg.)
1975	2,388	4,425	186	4,571	6,339	234	1,245	1,382	112	8,204	12,146	201
1976	3,356	5,763	187	4,995	6,684	235	1,286	1,421	113	9,637	13,868	203
1977	3,785	6,180	186	5,337	7,000	230	1,437	1,568	110	10,559	14,748	198
1978	4,393	6,650	184	5,737	7,400	229	2,023	2,200	110	12,153	16,250	194
1979												
I	1,111	1,735		1,459	1,880		498	569		3,069	4,184	196
II	1,227	1,877		1,447	1,807		644	729		3,318	4,413	190
III	876	1,389		1,306	1,695		310	383		2,491	3,467	201
IV	768	1,234		1,535	1,983		264	334		2,567	3,551	207
Total	3,982	6,235	186	5,747	7,365	232	1,716	2,015	112	11,445	15,615	198
1980												
I	831	1,306		1,449	1,870		337	431		2,617	3,607	205
II	810	1,270		1,337	1,730		387	501		2,534	3,501	201
III	769	1,207		1,483	1,889		280	358		2,532	3,454	203
IV	725	1,120		1,590	2,020		290	350		2,605	3,490	210
Total	3,135	4,903	188	5,859	7,509	236	1,294	1,640	113	10,288	14,052	205
1981												
I	883	1,350		1,451	1,820		390	480		2,724	3,650	202
FORECAST 1981											14,300	203

PART B

Table B.2 Total Production of Bovine Meat

('000 metric tons, dressed carcass weight)

	Total meat production from slaughtered animals		
	Beef	Veal	Total
1975	2.283	155	2.438
1976	2.651	160	2.811
1977	2.742	172	2.914
1978	2.904	242	3.146
<u>1979</u>			
I	752	64	816
II	758	82	840
III	657	43	700
IV	699	37	736
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>2.866</u>	<u>226</u>	<u>3.092</u>
<u>1980</u>			
I	691	48	739
II	646	56	702
III	662	40	702
IV	693	40	733
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>2.692</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>2.876</u>
<u>1981</u>			
I	683	54	737
<u>FORECAST</u> 1981			2.900

PART B

Table B.3 Private and Public Stocks of Bovine Meat

('000 metric tons, dressed 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.	
1975					54
1976					61
1977					83
1978					55
<u>1979</u>					
I					67
II					77
III					44
IV					56
TOTAL					<u>56</u>
 <u>1980</u>					
I					51
II					35
III					42
IV					35
TOTAL					<u>35</u>
 <u>1981</u>					
I					32
 <u>FORECAST</u>					
1981					
1982					

PART B

Table B.4 Consumption of Bovine Meat

	Total consumption of bovine meat, thousand metric tons dressed carcass weight	Per caput annual consumption (kg.)
1975	2.172	85
1976	2.277	87
1977	2.309	87
1978	2.434	90
<u>1979</u>		
I	628	92
II	624	91
III	558	82
IV	584	85
TOTAL	<u>2.394</u>	<u>88</u>
<u>1980</u>		
I	602	87
II	596	86
III	604	87
IV	626	89
TOTAL	<u>2.428</u>	<u>87</u>
<u>1981</u>		
I	642	90
FORECAST		
1981	2.450	87

PART C

Table C.3.1 Exports of Cattle, Beef and Veal by Volume

('000 head or '000 metric tons, dressed carcass weight equivalent)

	Live Cattle ^{1/}		Beef and Veal			Total Beef and Veal	Total Cattle Beef and Veal
	Number ('000 head)	Weight	Fresh and chilled	Frozen	Other (canned cooked etc.)		
1975							
I.	-	-	0,6	23,4	20,0	44	44
II.	-	-	1,0	27,8	23,2	52	52
III.	-	-	0,9	31,6	48,5	81	81
IV.	-	-	1,7	28,0	55,3	85	85
TOTAL	-	-	4,2	110,8	147,0	262	262
1976							
I.	-	-	3,1	48,6	49,3	101	101
II.	-	-	3,0	78,6	58,4	140	140
III.	1,2	0,2	2,3	80,1	54,6	137	137
IV.	6,6	1,3	5,4	87,3	56,3	149	150
TOTAL	7,8	1,5	13,8	294,6	218,6	527	528
1977							
I.	3,7	0,6	2,7	69,3	44,0	116	117
II.	5,5	1,0	5,4	90,6	51,0	147	148
III.	4,9	1,0	5,8	90,2	56,0	152	153
IV.	2,2	0,4	8,1	108,9	51,0	168	168
TOTAL	16,3	3,0	22,0	359,0	202,0	583	586
1978							
I.	0,1	0	6,0	80,0	66,0	152	152
II.	5,1	1,0	10,0	114,0	78,0	202	203
III.	25,6	5,0	12,0	115,0	80,0	207	212
IV.	65,8	12,0	11,0	108,0	60,0	179	191
TOTAL	96,6	18,0	39,0	417,0	284,0	740	758
1979							
I.	-	-	5,0	101,0	70,0	176	176
II.	2,2	0,4	6,0	131,0	70,0	207	207
III.	3,5	0,6	5,0	105,0	65,0	175	176
IV.	5,6	1,0	6,0	94,0	39,0	139	140
TOTAL	11,3	2,0	22,0	431,0	244,0	697	699
1980							
I.	-	-	5,0	92,0	45,0	142	142
II.	-	-	4,0	72,0	46,0	122	122
III.	-	-	7,0	47,0	37,0	91	91
IV.	-	-	5,0	66,0	43,0	114	114
TOTAL	-	-	21,0	277,0	171,0	469	469
1981							
I.	-	-	4,0	57,8	36,2	98	98
FORECAST 1981	.	.	20	280	150	450	.

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

PART C

Table C.3.2 Exports of Cattle, Beef and Veal by Value (f.o.b.)

(US\$'000)

	A	B	C	D	E
	Cattle ^{1/}	Beef and Veal ^{2/}	Total (A and B)	Total value (f.o.b.) merchandise exports	Ratio C/D %
1975					
I	-	38.800	38.800		
II	-	44.400	44.400		
III	-	58.800	58.800		
IV	-	58.500	58.500		
Total		<u>200.500</u>	<u>200.500</u>	<u>2.961.300</u>	<u>6,8</u>
1976					
I	-	69.300	69.300		
II	-	100.700	100.700		
III	363	96.200	96.563		
IV	1.923	105.500	107.423		
Total	<u>2.286</u>	<u>371.700</u>	<u>373.986</u>	<u>3.985.000</u>	<u>9,4</u>
1977					
I	1.398	90.400	91.798		
II	2.175	119.300	121.475		
III	1.918	123.200	125.118		
IV	1.344	133.800	135.144		
Total	<u>6.835</u>	<u>466.700</u>	<u>473.535</u>	<u>5.300.000</u>	<u>8,9</u>
1978					
I	60	121.800	121.860		
II	1.140	158.900	160.040		
III	3.771	168.400	172.171		
IV	7.649	163.400	171.049		
Total	<u>12.620</u>	<u>612.500</u>	<u>625.120</u>	<u>6.399.500</u>	<u>9,8</u>
1979					
I	-	205.400	205.400		
II	497	284.300	284.797		
III	898	261.900	263.798		
IV	1.495	236.100	237.595		
Total	<u>2.890</u>	<u>987.700</u>	<u>990.590</u>	<u>7.746.000</u>	<u>12,8</u>
1980					
I	-	231.600	231.600		
II	-	195.000	195.000		
III	-	154.400	154.400		
IV	-	192.300	192.300		
Total		<u>773.300</u>	<u>773.300</u>	<u>8.000.000</u>	<u>9,7</u>
Forecast					
1981	.	720.000	.	9.000.000	8,0

^{1/} Excluding cattle exported for breeding purposes

^{2/} Fresh, chilled, frozen and other (canned, cooked, etc.)

PART C

Table C.4.1 Exports of Cattle^{1/} by Country of Destination,
Quantity ("Q" = '000 Head) and Value ("V" = US\$ million f.o.b.)

	1975		1976		1977		1978		1979								Total 1979		1980								1981	
									I		II		III		IV				I		II		III		IV		I	
	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V
TOTAL EXPORTS	-	-	7.8	2.3	16.3	6.8	96.6	12.6									11.3	2.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
of which to:																												
1) Chile	-	-	6.9	2.2	16.3	6.8	5.4	2.9									-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2) Paraguay	-	-	0.9	0.1	-	-	22.9	2.2									4.1	0.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3) Brazil	-	-	-	-	-	-	66.8	7.1									7.2	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4) Libya	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	0.4									-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5)																												
6)																												
7)																												
8)																												
9)																												
10) OTHERS																												

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

PART C

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.)

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PART C

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.)

	1975		1976		1977		1978		1979								Total 1979		1980								Total 1980		1981	
									I		II		III		IV				I		II		III		IV				I	
	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V
TOTAL EXPORTS:	76,2	95,3	213,9	205,7	261,4	291,9	303,1	369,9	78,7	119,2	96,8	188,7	77,6	164,4	69,5	160,8	322,6	633,1	64,5	147,1	48,1	113,8	30,8	76,6	45,8	113,5	189,2	451,0	38,6	91,8
of which to:																														
(1) EEC	25,5	38,6	67,9	84,5	73,8	100,5	74,2	115,0	16,0	36,2	18,6	53,4	16,7	50,1	16,2	51,4	67,5	191,1	12,7	38,3	9,6	31,2	7,3	23,4	11,4	36,7	41,0	129,6	5,6	.
(2) USSR	28,1	29,7	11,0	9,4	32,1	30,7	-	-	5,8	7,6	5,2	8,0	10,3	19,6	11,4	23,7	32,7	58,9	23,6	47,4	24,8	51,5	16,1	33,8	23,3	46,0	87,8	178,7	26,9	.
(3) Greece	5,4	5,5	24,1	21,7	30,7	30,6	38,9	39,8	3,6	5,5	14,3	25,4	7,2	14,2	2,6	5,7	27,7	50,8	5,7	13,6	2,5	5,8	1,1	2,3	2,6	6,3	11,9	28,0	-	.
(4) Egypt	-	-	15,4	9,0	4,9	5,0	7,0	6,1	5,1	5,7	7,5	10,0	10,6	16,5	7,5	13,0	30,7	45,2	6,9	12,3	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,9	12,3	-	.
(5) Israel	10,4	12,4	16,3	18,3	11,7	15,6	20,7	27,5	5,4	8,5	7,0	14,5	9,8	21,7	4,2	12,0	26,4	56,7	1,7	5,1	2,1	4,2	3,1	8,2	4,4	13,8	11,3	31,3	2,4	.
(6) Brazil	-	-	2,4	1,9	2,1	1,9	57,0	47,7	26,0	30,9	14,0	17,8	9,4	13,9	15,6	25,5	65,0	88,1	2,9	4,7	0,4	0,5	-	-	-	-	3,3	5,2	-	.
(7) Switzerland	0,6	1,2	2,0	3,2	4,1	9,5	7,7	18,4	0,8	1,8	1,6	3,2	0,6	1,8	0,2	1,3	3,2	8,1	0,2	0,7	0,3	1,1	0,3	1,1	0,2	0,8	1,0	3,7	0,3	.
(8) Chile	-	-	0	0	7,1	8,9	12,2	15,1	0,5	0,9	2,0	3,5	1,0	1,9	1,5	3,1	5,0	9,4	0,9	2,0	1,8	4,0	1,6	3,7	0,9	2,3	5,2	12,0	1,5	.
(9) Portugal	0	0	22,9	13,9	16,6	16,3	2,5	2,8	0,2	0,3	1,8	3,1	1,4	2,4	3,0	5,5	6,4	11,3	1,3	2,4	0,2	0,4	-	-	-	-	1,5	2,8	-	.
(10) Spain ^{1/}	4,1	6,2	20,0	22,5	30,2	36,3	32,6	41,1	2,1	4,8	9,8	25,4	4,2	11,2	1,8	5,6	17,9	47,0	0,9	2,6	0,9	3,0	0,5	1,6	0,6	1,9	2,9	9,1	0,9	.
(11) OTHERS ^{2/}	2,1	1,7	31,9	21,3	48,1	35,8	50,3	56,4	13,2	17,0	15,0	24,4	6,4	11,1	5,5	14,0	40,1	66,5	7,7	18,0	5,5	12,1	0,8	2,5	2,4	5,7	16,4	38,3	1,0	.

^{1/} Including Canary Islands

^{2/} All are countries in Africa or the Middle East

PART C

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.)

	1975		1976		1977		1978		1979								Total 1979		1980								Total 1980		1981	
									I		II		III		IV				I		II		III		IV				I	
	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V
TOTAL EXPORTS:	59.9	99.4	90.0	149.2	82.9	143.4	116.1	206.3	29.0	71.7	28.7	81.0	26.6	80.0	15.5	57.2	100.2	289.9	18.6	67.6	18.7	65.6	15.0	53.2	17.2	60.8	69.5	247.2	14.9	53.0
of which to:																														
(1) United States ^{1/}	29.2	47.5	41.3	67.9	37.1	63.3	50.3	92.4	18.9	49.2	14.5	44.3	8.7	26.7	7.1	27.9	49.2	147.1	10.0	37.6	9.2	35.3	6.8	27.1	10.2	38.4	36.2	138.4	6.4	.
(2) EEC	24.9	42.3	42.4	71.0	37.4	66.3	51.8	90.9	8.2	17.9	12.1	31.2	16.0	47.4	7.3	23.8	43.6	120.3	7.1	25.3	7.9	25.3	6.3	19.9	5.9	18.6	27.2	89.1	7.4	.
(3) Canada	1.5	2.6	1.9	3.6	1.7	3.2	4.1	7.8	0.9	2.8	0.5	1.5	0.8	2.5	0.4	1.6	2.6	8.4	0.4	1.8	0.3	1.3	0.3	1.0	0.1	0.5	1.1	4.6	0.4	.
(4)																														
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(10) OTHERS	4.3	7.0	4.4	6.7	6.7	10.6	9.9	15.2	1.0	1.8	1.6	4.0	1.1	3.4	1.1	3.9	4.8	14.1	1.1	2.9	1.3	3.7	1.6	5.2	1.0	3.3	5.0	15.1	0.7	.

^{1/} Including Puerto Rico

PART D

Table D.1 Beef Prices

(US\$ per 100 kgs.)

Year	Average minimum price if any; guaranteed to the producer	Average price received by producers: steers, liveweight	Average wholesale prices		Average retail price for beef	Average or representative import prices (c.i.f.)	Average retail price for major competing meat	Real per capita disposable income	Consumer price index	Average or representative export price (f.o.b.) (general average carcass weight basis)
			Manufacturing grade	Table grade						
1975		35								76.5
1976		35								70.5
1977		43								80.1
<u>1978</u>										
I		39								80.1
II		38								78.7
III		46								81.4
IV		64								91.3
Average 1978		<u>48</u>								<u>82.8</u>
<u>1979</u>										
I		72								116.7
II		78								137.4
III		111								149.7
IV		102								169.8
Average 1979		<u>92</u>								<u>141.7</u>
<u>1980</u>										
I		98								163.1
II		102								159.8
III		102								169.7
IV		95								168.7
Average 1980		<u>99</u>								<u>164.9</u>
I 1981		86								163.3

Table E.1 Production, Consumption, Imports, Exports and
Prices of Edible Offals of Bovine Animals

(metric tons)

	Production	Consumption	Imports	Exports	Representative prices ^{1/} US\$ per ton f.o.b.
<u>1975</u>				29.125	612
<u>1976</u>				51.871	660
<u>1977</u>				57.455	766
<u>1978</u>				74.818	801
<u>1979</u>				64.664	1.143
<u>1980</u>				53.271	1.178
FORECAST <u>1981</u>				52.000	1.100

^{1/} Average price of exports

Table F.1 Production, Imports, Exports and Prices of Cattle Hides

(metric tons)

	Production	Imports	Exports ^{1/} (tons)	Value of exports f.o.b. US\$ '000
<u>1975</u>			26.376	63.779
<u>1976</u>			57.694	141.733
<u>1977</u>			61.113	196.921
<u>1978</u>			69.233	260.216
<u>1979</u>			70.249	431.179
<u>1980</u>			75.661	340.548
FORECAST 1981			78.000	300.000

^{1/} Mostly tanned leather and semi-tanned hides