

## **Brazil exports 1.4 million tons of beef and bills US \$ 5.5 billion in 2016**

The increase in exports in December was 14% in volume and 7% in billings higher than the previous month.

**São Paulo, January 11, 2017** - Brazilian exports of beef closed 2016 with a turnover of US\$ 5.5 billion. From January to December, more than 1.4 million tons were shipped. In comparison with the previous year (2015), the volume shipped had an increase of almost 1%. However, the billing registered a retraction of 7%.

The falling foreign-exchange scenario coupled with conjunctural problems of important markets for Brazilian beef - such as Russia, Venezuela, and Egypt - reflected negatively on the sector's export numbers in 2016.

Position	Country	Billing US\$ (Jan to Dec / 2016)	Volume in tons (Jan to Dec/2016)
1	HONG KONG	1,145,445,399.01	330,509.84
2	EUROPEAN UNION	739,346,247.05	117,767.70
3	CHINA	706,297,670.92	165,754.27
4	EGYPT	551,273,132.52	176,871.89
5	RUSSIA	408,156,790.68	138,785.21
6	IRAN	369,623,740.63	94,985.17
7	CHILE	300,960,668.81	71,027.00
8	USA	284,453,955.51	33,268.66
9	VENEZUELA	131,933,285.76	22,704.09
10	SAUDI ARABIA	112,487,027.35	29,238.70

In 2016, among the categories of meat exported by the Brazilian industry, it led sales totaling US\$ 4.3 billion and 1.1 million tons shipped from January to December.

Position	Category	Billing US\$ (Dec/2016)	Volume (tons) (Dec/2016)
1	Fresh meat	4,349,080,621.67	1,077,281.64
2	Industrialized	600,964,419.74	105,572.58
3	Offal	496.208.113,92	195,552.30

Position	Category	Billing US\$ (Dec/2016)	Volume (tons) (Dec/2016)
4	Tripe	49,802,242.73	18,743.91
5	Salted	19,706,103.09	3,283.43

Considering only the month of December 2016, Brazilian beef exports billings recorded US\$ 455 million in foreign sales, an increase of 7.4% compared to November 2016. In the volume shipped, there were 113.4 thousand tons, an increase of 13.8% when compared to the previous month.

Position	Country	Billing US\$ (Jan to Dec / 2016)	Volume in tons (Jan to Dec/2016)
1	HONG KONG	93,799,705.57	26,174.27
2	EUROPEAN UNION	66,922,681.01	10,041.74
3	CHINA	63,214,443.81	15,086.91
4	IRAN	46,976,627.22	12,156.73
5	RUSSIA	39,040,494.76	12,821.30
6	CHILE	37,089,123.68	8,234.07
7	USA	19,005,741.68	2,449.37
8	SAUDI ARABIA	13,689,649.91	3,433.22
9	EGYPT	12,523,646.51	4,137.57
10	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	9,232,932.84	2,237.74

For 2017, the Brazilian Association of Meat Exporters (ABIEC) estimates a recovery in exports with increases in volume and billings. New markets will be in focus for this year, with South Korea, Taiwan, Indonesia, Canada, Mexico and Japan. "The United States and the European Union will also be in the spotlight to expand our presence," said Antônio Jorge Camardelli, president of ABIEC.

About ABIEC - [www.abiec.com.br](http://www.abiec.com.br)

Founded in 1979, the Brazilian Association of Meat Exporting Industries (ABIEC) brings together 30 companies of the sector in the country, responsible for 90% of the meat traded for international markets. Its creation was a response to the need for a more active role in the beef export segment in Brazil, by defending the interests of the sector, increasing efforts to reduce trade barriers and

promoting domestic products. Currently, Brazil produces around 10 million tons of beef, approximately 20% are traded to dozens of countries around the world, following the most stringent quality standards.

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