

Brazilian beef exports register growth of 22% in revenues and 20% in volume in March

During the period, more than 125 thousand tons were shipped, which generated revenues of approximately US \$ 501 million

São Paulo, April 11, 2017 - The Brazilian beef industry registered a positive result in exports during the month of March, with revenues of US \$ 501 million and shipments of more than 125 thousand tons. According to the Brazilian Association of Meat Exporters (ABIEC), the performance represents an increase of 22% in revenue and 20% in volume exported, compared to February.

Hong Kong, China and Russia were the ones that most imported Brazilian beef in the period, with volume and sales growth generated through sales. Hong Kong was the country that most imported, with a total of 27,000 tons and revenues of US \$ 100 million, a raise of 16% compared to the previous month. China bought 19,000 tons, generating US \$ 82 million in revenue, 31% more than in February. Russia, however, increased in 46% the volume of imported beef, providing a growth of 54% in revenues with the negotiations.

Position	Country/region	Billing US\$ (March /2017)	Volume in tons (March /2017)
1	Hong Kong	100,875,783.76	27,332.90
2	China	82,298,784.74	19,545.68
3	Russia	56,432,492.55	17,267.84
4	European Union	49,012,993.88	7,915.27
5	Iran	37,816,487.15	9,852.62
6	USA	33,777,031.84	5,826.11
7	Saudi Arabia	26,675,142.73	6,469.21
8	Chile	18,849,076.97	4,426.70
9	Egypt	14,497,991.23	4,431.36
10	Israel	11,965,673.26	2,452.68

"The positive results registered in March demonstrate the strength of the Brazilian beef industry and its potential as an exporter. The data confirm that the police operation, initiated on March 17, could not substantially affect the average of exports, even because many markets that interrupted negotiations after the news was made public, quickly reopened, demonstrating confidence in Brazilian beef," comments Antônio Jorge Camardelli, president of ABIEC. "In the coming months, we will continue to focus on securing and expanding our presence in strategic markets and starting negotiations with new countries," he adds.

In spite of the embargo temporarily established by some countries in the third week of March, the decrease of the recorded turnover in the month was only 3% in comparison with the same period of the previous year, when a billing of US \$ 517 million was obtained.

Categories – Fresh meat remained as the most exported category, followed by industrialized and offals. In March, its sales to other countries generated a revenue of US \$ 403 million, with shipments of more than 98 thousand tons, an increase of 24% in both revenues and volume.

Position	Country/region	Billing US\$ (March /2017)	Volume in tons (March /2017)
1	Fresh	403.582.832.31	98,223.96
2	Industrialized	46,001,711.91	8,828,.14
3	Offals	41,562,703.53	15,192.28
4	Salted	5,404,876.87	1,071.10
5	Tripe	5,247,973.63	1,901.46

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Created in 1979, the Brazilian Association of Meat Exporting Industries (ABIEC) brings together 29 companies of the sector in the country, responsible for 91% of meat traded to international markets. Its creation was a response to the need for a more active performance 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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