

Beef exports rise 39.72% in October

In the month, 144,615 tons were shipped, generating revenues of approximately US\$ 605 million

Brazilian beef exports recorded an increase of 39.72% in the volume shipped in October (144,615 tons), compared to shipments made in the same period last year, according to data from the Brazilian Association of Meat Exporting Industries (ABIEC).

The turnover with the trades made in the month was around US\$ 605 million, which represents an increase of 38.11% compared to what was billed in October 2016. The ABIEC survey also points out that in comparison with September of this year, exports increased by 6.74% in volume and 8.65% in revenues.

Responsible for the purchase of 35,766 tons of beef, 67.22% more than what was negotiated in October 2016, Hong Kong remains the main destination of meat produced by Brazil. Last month, negotiations with the region generated revenues of approximately US\$ 138 million, an increase of 73.11% over the same period last year.

In the ranking of the main importers of Brazilian beef (table below), Hong Kong is followed by China, which imported 20,615 tons and generated revenues of US\$ 92 million, and Egypt, which bought 19,156 tons and enabled Brazil to earn close to US\$ 66 million.

POSITION	COUNTRY/REGION	BILLING IN US\$ (OCTOBER/2017)	VOLUME IN TONS (OCTOBER/2017)
Total		604,594,220	144,615
1	Hong Kong	137,677,569	35,766
2	China	92,217,650	20,615
3	Egypt	65,970,388	19,156
4	Iran	77,372,512	17,631
5	Russia	45,416,154	14,279

Performance by category

Fresh beef remained the most exported category last month, with shipments of 119,076 tons, up 42.83% over the volume shipped in October 2016, which generated a turnover of US\$ 503 million, 40.78% more than the amount billed in the same period last year.

The ranking of the most exported categories (table below) still shows, in sequence, offals (13,295 tons shipped), industrialized (8,522 tons), tripe (3,190 tons) and salted (532 tons).

POSITION	COUNTRY/REGION	BILLING IN US\$ (OCTOBER/2017)	VOLUME IN TONS (OCTOBER/2017)
1	Fresh	503,190,164	119,076
2	Offals	34,957,279	13,295
3	Industrialized	52,126,132	8,522
4	Tripe	11,518,267	3,190
5	Salted	2,802,378	532

Performance by state

With 33,474 tons shipped (up 17.90% over the previous month) and revenues of US\$ 154 million (21.50% more than in September 2017), São Paulo was the federative unit that most exported beef in October of this year. China, Hong Kong and European Union stand out as the main buyers of beef originated in the state,.

FEDERATIVE UNION	BILLING IN US\$ (OCTOBER/2017)	VOLUME IN TONS (OCTOBER/2017)
Total	604,594,220	144,615
São Paulo	154,114,946	33,474
Mato Grosso	131,933,536	31,313
Goiás	78,388,528	18,405
Rondônia	55,714,996	14,918
Minas Gerais	57,691,837	14,060

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Created in 1979, the Brazilian Association of Meat Exporting Industries (ABIEC) brings together 31 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 performance in the beef export segment in Brazil, by defending the interests of the sector, increasing efforts to reduce trade barriers and promote domestic products. Currently, Brazil produces around 9.1 million tons of beef, approximately 20% are traded to dozens of countries around the world, following the most stringent quality standards.

About Brazilian Beef

Begun in 2001, the Brazilian Beef sector project, a partnership between Apex-Brasil and ABIEC, aims to strengthen the image of Brazilian beef, improving the perception of its quality in importing countries and thus increasing the Brazilian market share world of meat. In 14 years, six projects have already been signed, with investments of over R \$ 40 million and export growth of more than 500%.

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