

Live Cattle Exports to The U.S. Boosted in May

From September 1, 2020 to May 4, 2021, country's producers marketed 937,841 animals in the United States: 19,000 head more than in the same period of the previous cycle.



The Secretariat of Agriculture and Rural Development reported that as of May 4 of the 2020-2021 marketing cycle, Mexican breeders have exported 937 thousand 841 head of cattle to the United States, which represents a growth of around 2.0 percent when compared to the same productive period of 2019-2020.

Cattlemen have surpassed by more than 19 thousand head the export achieved up to week 35 of the 2019-2020 cycle, which closed with the commercialization of 918 thousand 840 live animals, the agency indicated.

According to the Cattle Export Report of the National Service for Agri-food Health, Safety and Quality (Senasica), out of the total number of animals exported, 693,182 (74 percent) were live calves and 244,659 heifers (26 percent).

A total of 97.4 percent of the cattle came from 11 states that meet the bovine tuberculosis-free health status required by U.S. health authorities to export livestock to that country: Campeche, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Durango, Hidalgo, Nuevo León, Quintana Roo, Sonora, Tamaulipas, Veracruz and Yucatán.

So far in the 2020-2021 cycle, as of May 4, Chihuahua leads the list of exporting states with 423,044 head of cattle; followed by Sonora with 257,062; Durango, 122,922; Coahuila, 48,021; Tamaulipas, 30,896; and Nuevo Leon with 25,787 calves.

Most of the cattle was exported from Mexico through five customs offices: San Jeronimo, Chihuahua, where Senasica officials inspected a total of 408,710 head of cattle.

Other customs offices were Nogales, Sonora that exported 136,655 head of cattle; Agua Prieta, Sonora, which handled 119,712; Palomas, Chihuahua, which exported 88,023; and Ojinaga, Chihuahua, which exported 64,637.

Livestock export cycles to the United States span 52 weeks, beginning on September 1 and ending on the last day of August of the following year. In the previous cycle, Mexico exported 1,392,863 head of cattle.