

How Australia Measures Up Against Selected Countries

Per Capita Beef Consumption over 5 Years (1996 – 2000)

Increase	Break Even	Decline
UK* ** † 4.8 kg per person	US* 0.5 kg per person	Australia*** -4.1 kg per person
Korea* 1.4 kg per person	Canada* -0.6 kg per person	New Zealand*** -2.6 kg per person
	Japan* 0.6 kg per person	

* *Countries with national beef grading legislation*

** *Despite the outbreak of BSE*

*** *Countries which do not have national beef grading legislation*

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Table 1
Per capita Consumption of Beef and Veal (Country Comparisons)

Country	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Australia¹	40.8	41.5	40.3	40.3	42.4	39.6	39.2	36.8	36.5	39.1	35.2	40.4	41.8	38.0	37.9	36.3	33.7
United States²	49.4	49.8	47.8	47.4	45	44.3	43.9	43.7	42.8	44.5	44.9	44.9	43.9	44.6	45.2	45.4	43.5 (f)
Canada³	39.5	39.7	37.5	37.5	36.6	35.4	34.8	33.9	32.5	33	33.1	32.7	32.3	32	32.2	32.1	31.3 (f)
United Kingdom⁴		19	20	18.5	18	17	17	16.8	15.3	16	15.2	16	17.9	18.9	19.8	20.8	21
France												25.2	25.9	26.6	27.0	25.6	19.4
Germany												15.2	14.7	15.0	15.2	14.3	11.1
Japan⁵												11.4	11.6	11.8	11.7	12	12 (f)
Korea⁶	2.9	3.5	3.6	3.4	3.4	4.1	5.2	5.2	5.3	6.1	6.7	7.1	7.9	7.4	8.4	8.5	8.6 (f)

¹ Source: ABARE Economics 30 January 2003.

² Source: *Charlbook*, Iowa State University Dept of Economics; *US Food Consumption*, Statistical Bulletin No. 364, ERS, USDA and *Food Consumption Prices, Expenditures, Agr Econ. Report No. 138*, ESCS, USDA; also current issues of the *Agricultural Outlook*, USDA, ERS; *Livestock and Poultry Situation and Outlook Report*, ERS, USDA; and *Cattle and Sheep Outlook*, ERS, USDA.

³ Source: *Livestock Statistics Table 17*, Agriculture and Forestry Information Centre for PEI and Statistics Canada; and USDA.

⁴ Source: *Foreign Agricultural Services*, US Dept Agriculture for years 1996-2001, *The BSE Inquiry: The Report*, UK Government, for years 1986-1995.

⁵ Source: *Foreign Agricultural Services* 2001, US Department of Agriculture.

⁶ Source: *Foreign Agricultural Services* 2001, US Department of Agriculture.

Argentina ⁷		85									60.2	71.6	64.2	68.3	68.8	69.3 (f)
New Zealand ⁸	36.5									34.6	37.8	37.2	36.9	31.2	35.2	27.1

⁷ Source: *Beef Consumption, Supply and Trade in Korea*. Agribusiness Review, Vol 10 – 2002. Paper 3.

⁸ Source: Local beef market statistics, Beef New Zealand, 2001, and *Foreign Agricultural Services*, US Department of Agriculture 2001.

Table 3
Change in Beef Consumption

Country	1985-1990	1990-1995	1995-2000
Australia	-1.2	-4.4	1.1
United States	-5.1	0.6	0.3
Canada	-4.1	-2.3	-1
Germany	No data avail	No data avail	0.4
France	No data avail	No data avail	-0.9
United Kingdom	-2	-1.8	5.6
Japan	No data avail	No data avail	0.6
Korea	1.2	2.6	1.8
Argentina	No data avail	No data avail	8.6
New Zealand	No data avail	No data avail	0.6

* Figures not available for 1991. This figure is the percentage change from 1996-2001

Sources: OECD Meat Balances, and *Foreign Agricultural Services* 2001, US Department of Agriculture and for selected countries:

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