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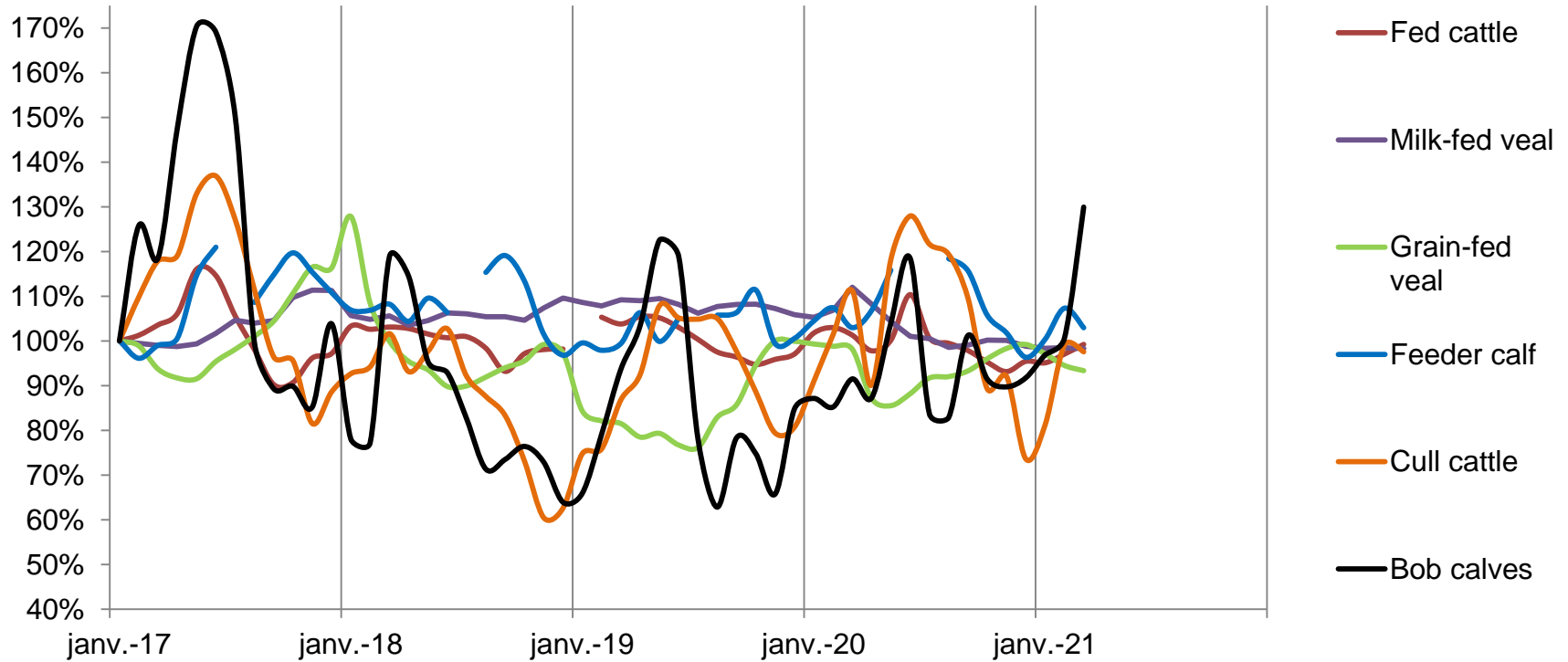


Slaughter volume (head) in 2021

		Canada			United-States
		West	East	Total	Total
Steers and heifers	2021	519 157	147 887	667 044	6 002 000
	% chg 2020	0,07	6 %	7 %	1 %
Cows and bulls	2021	95 010	26 819	121 829	1 686 000
	% chg 2020	- 20 %	17 %	- 14 %	2 %
Milk fed and grain fed calves	2021			40 751	36 572
	% chg 2020			- 3 %	- 22%

Source :
AAFC (Year to date)

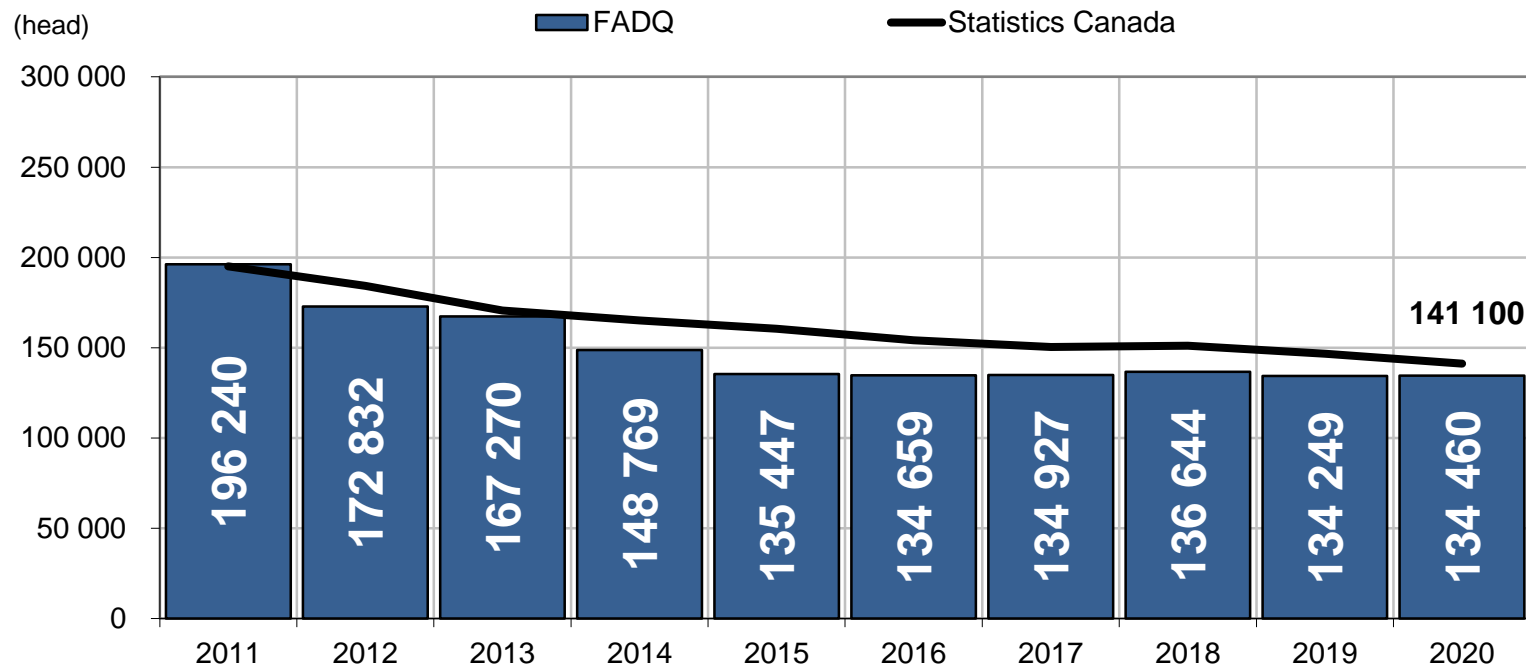
Price variation of cattle in Quebec since January 2017



Source :
• PBQ

Feeder calf

Number of beef cows in Quebec

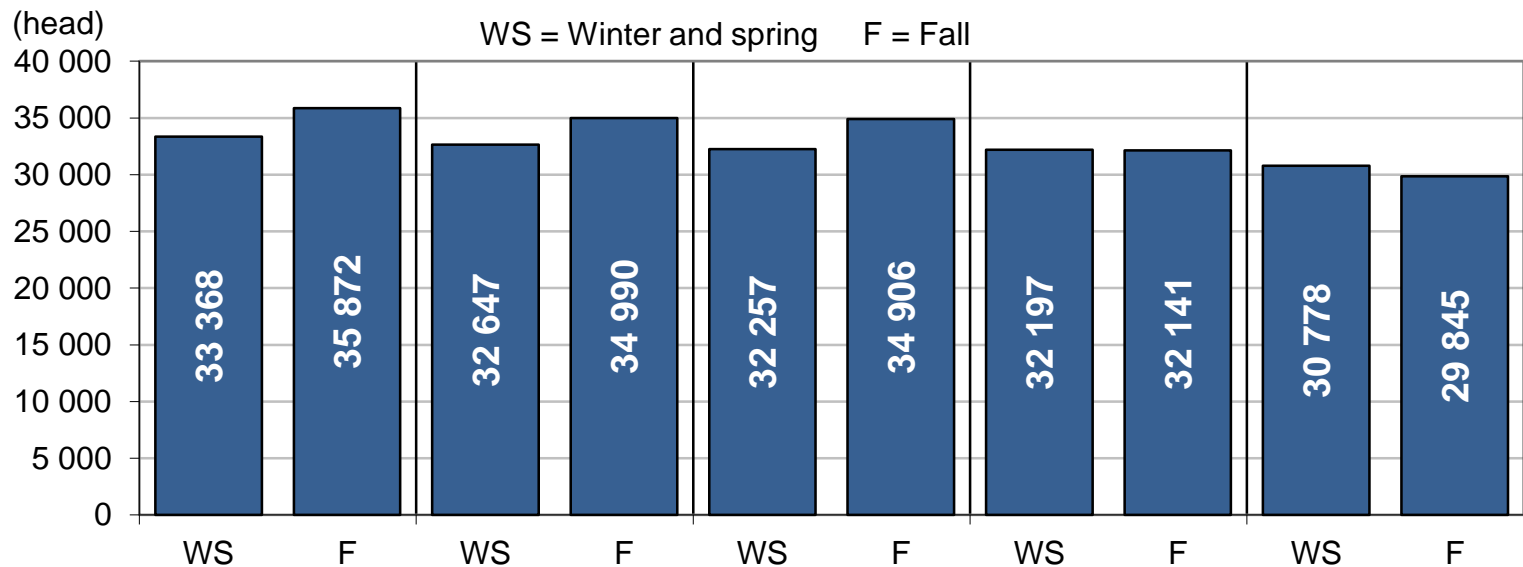


Sources :

- Number of beef cows on farms (annual average), FADQ cow calf ASRA Program
- Number of beef cows on farms on January 1st, Statistics Canada

Feeder calf

Feeder calves in Quebec specialized auctions (numbers and weights)



	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Head	69 240	67 637	67 163	64 338	60 623
Weight (lb)	658	659	657	664	667

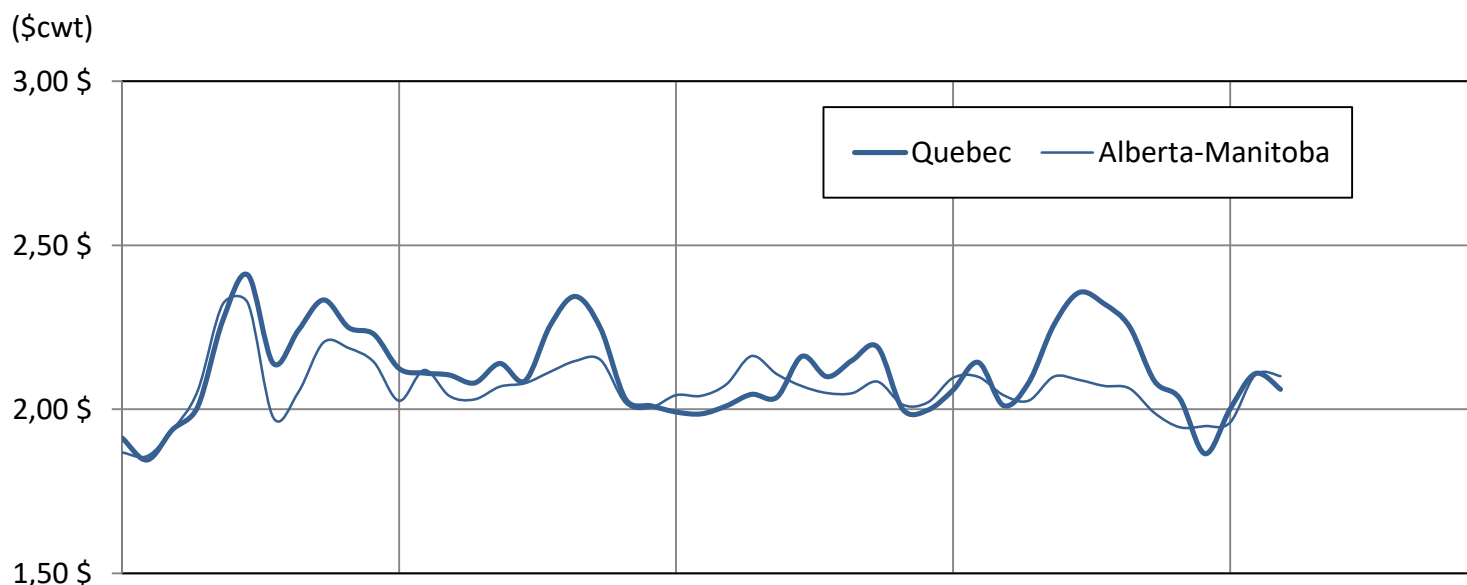
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Source :

Number and average weight of feeder calves sold in the specialized market auctions in Quebec, PBQ

Feeder calf

Price of male feeder calves (600-700 lb) Quebec and Alberta-Manitoba



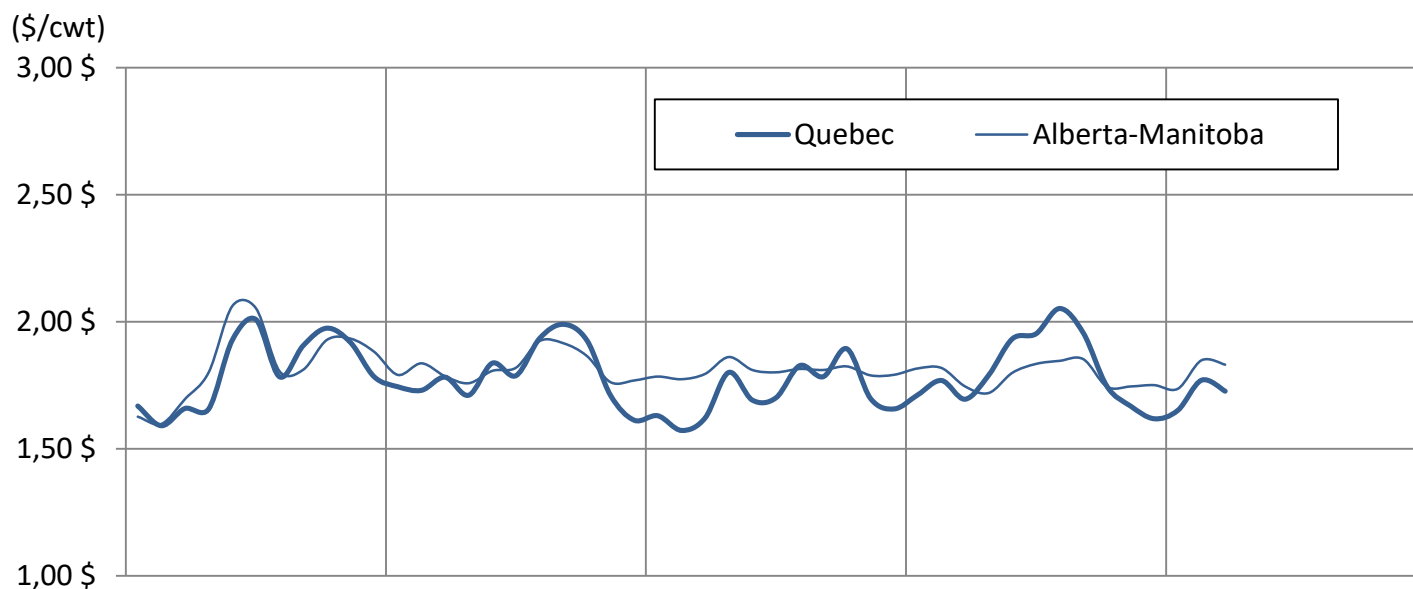
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Quebec	2,14 \$	2,14 \$	2,06 \$	2,13 \$	2,06 \$
Que-(Alb-Man)	0,06 \$	0,07 \$	0,00 \$	0,09 \$	0,00 \$

Sources :

- Quebec : Price of male feeder calves, 600 to 700 lb, sold in the specialized market auctions in Quebec, PBQ
- Alberta-Manitoba : Price of male feeder calves, 600 to 700 lb, sold in the market auctions in Alberta and Manitoba, Canfax

Feeder calf

Price of female feeder calves (600-700 lb) Quebec and Alberta-Manitoba



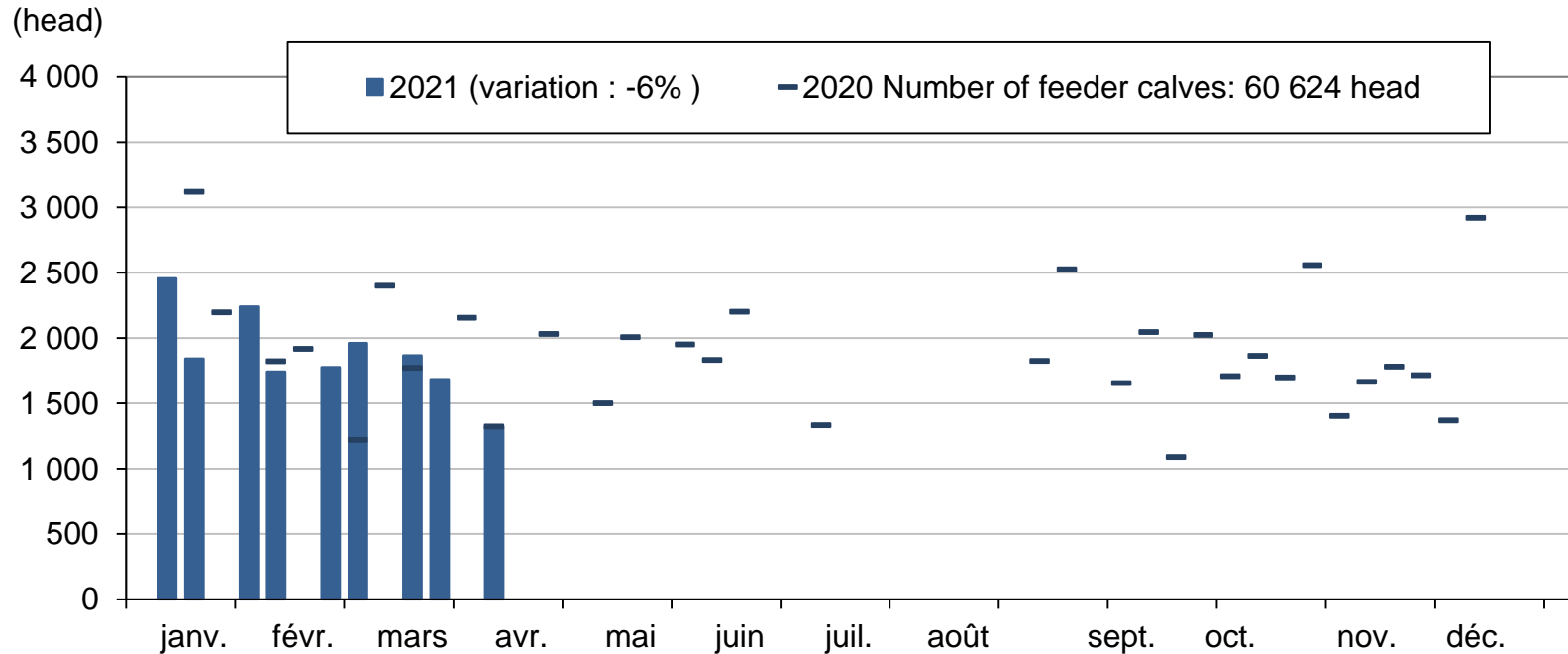
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Quebec	1,84 \$	1,82 \$	1,81 \$	1,81 \$	1,72 \$
Que-(Alb-Man)	-0,03 \$	-0,02 \$	-0,09 \$	0,02 \$	-0,09 \$

Sources :

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Feeder calf

Number of feeder calves in Quebec specialized auctions 2020-2021

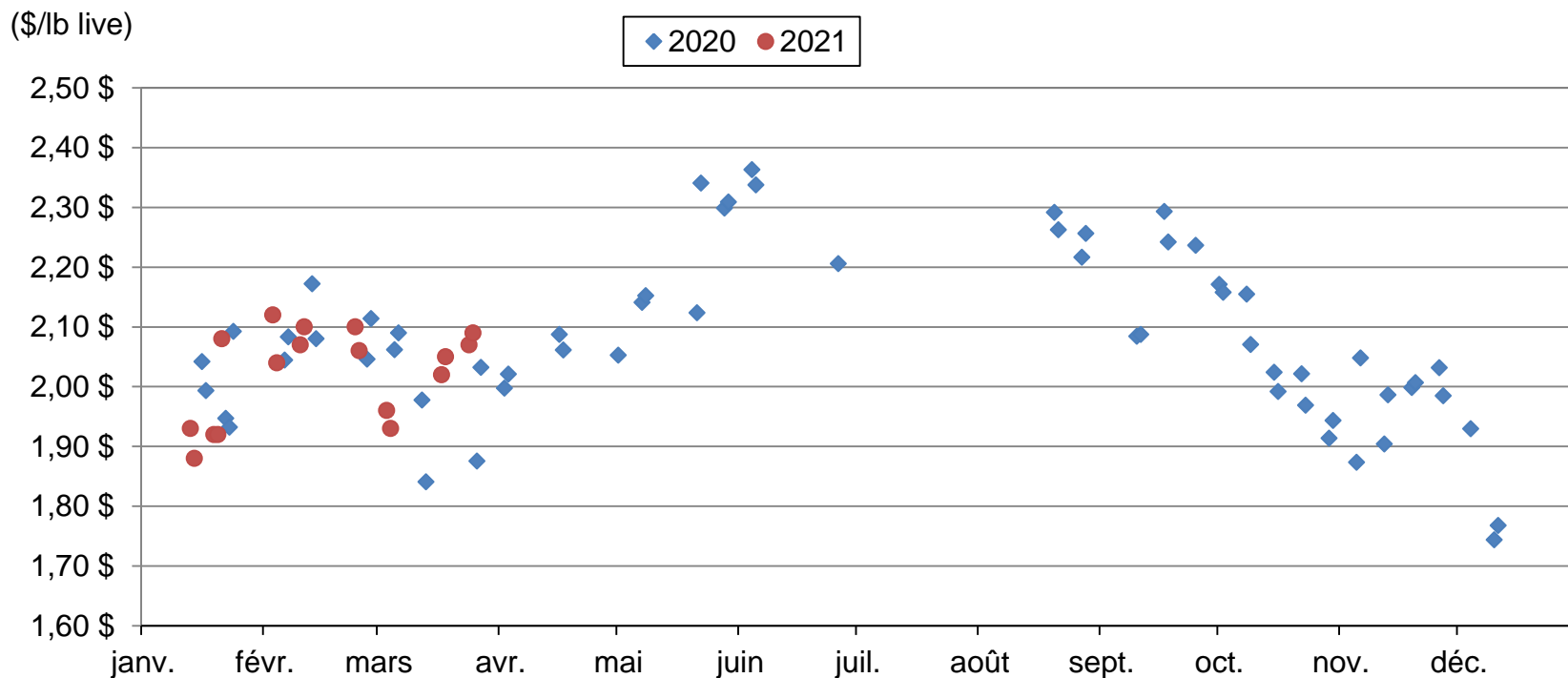


Source :
Number of feeder calves in Quebec specialized auctions in Quebec, PBQ

Feeder calf

Price of male feeder calves (600-700 lb)

Quebec specialized auctions 2020-2021



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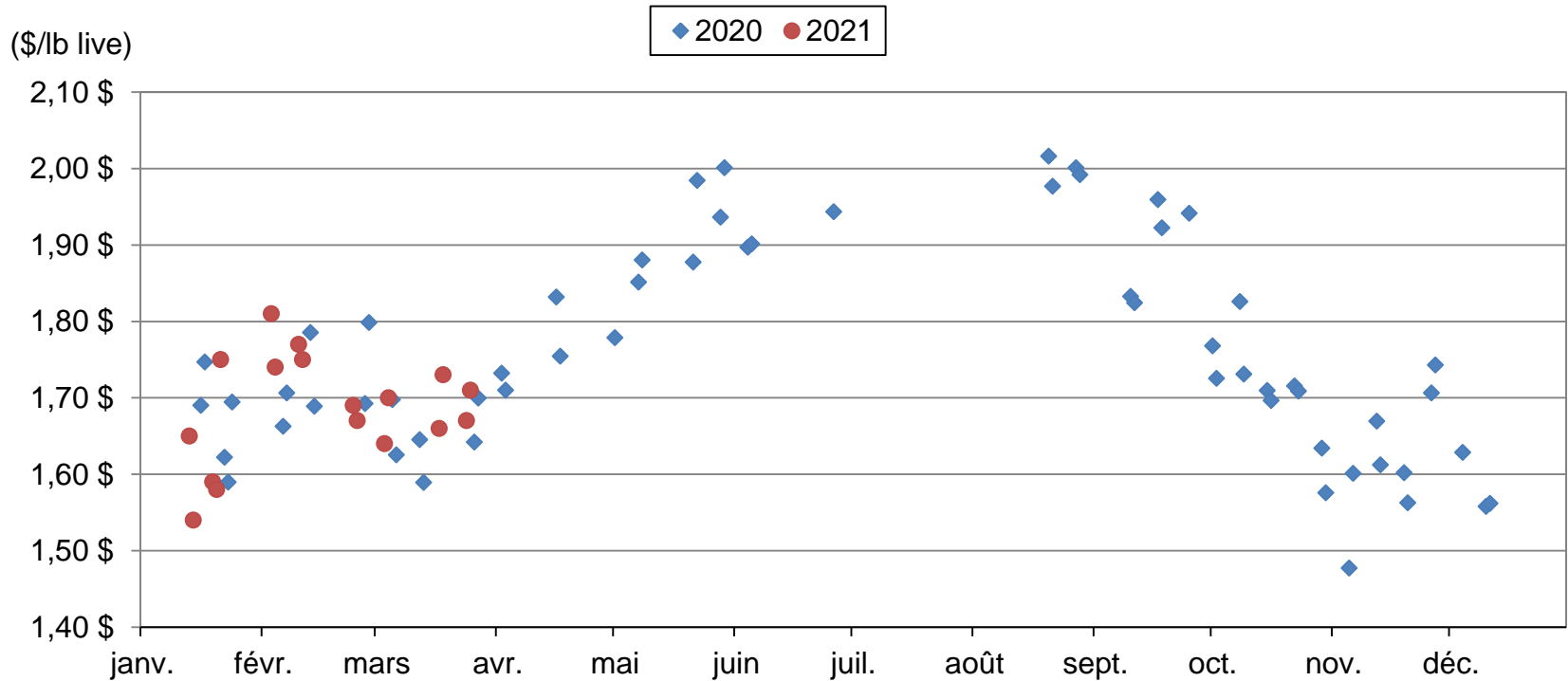
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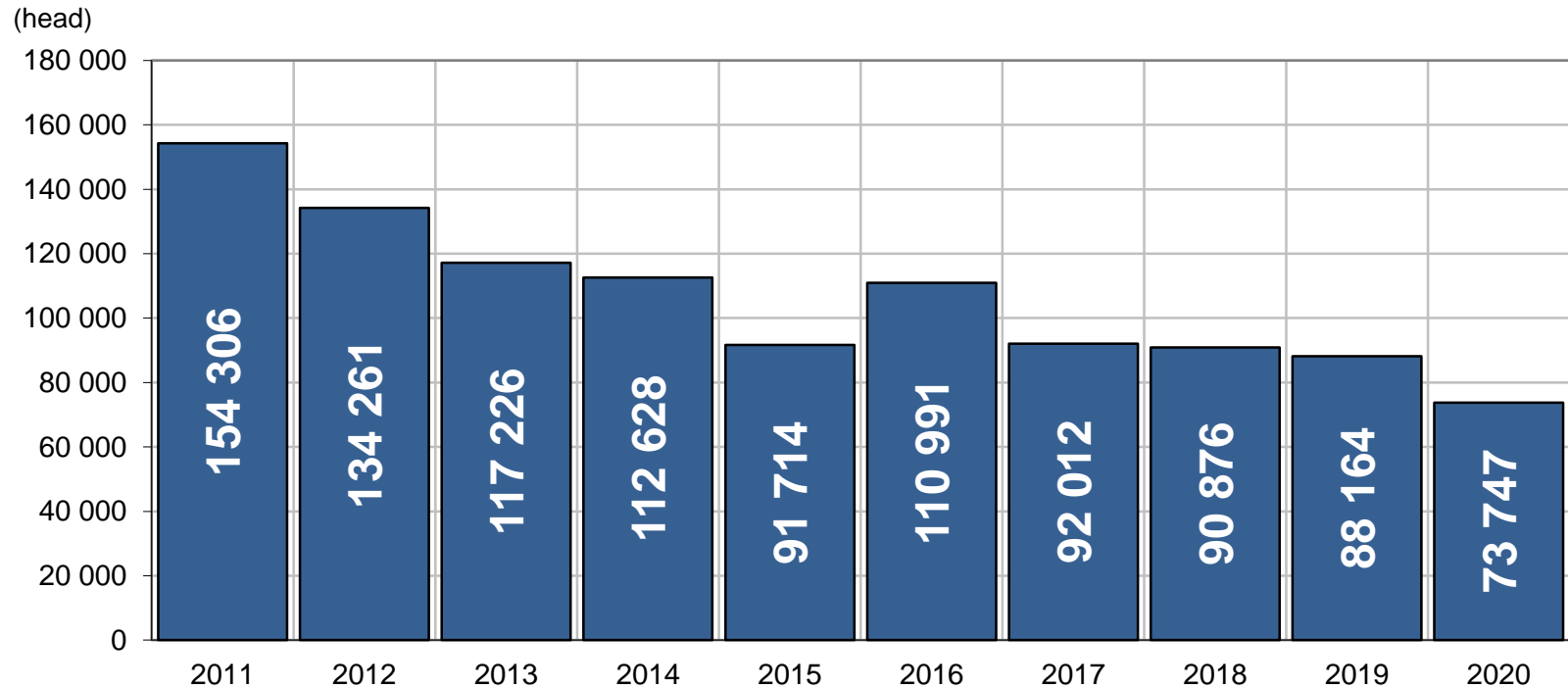


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Fed cattle

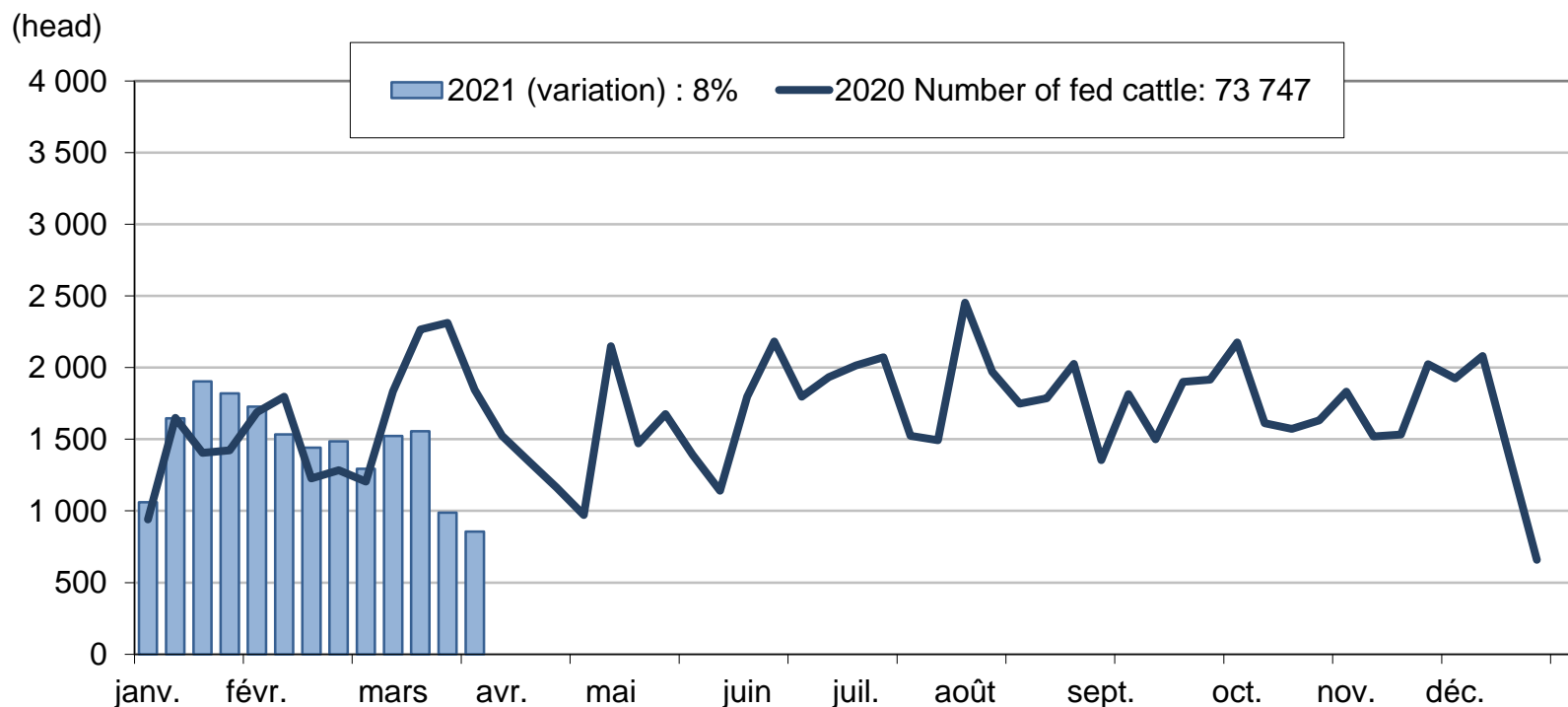
Number of cattle fed in Quebec



Source :
Number of fed cattle marketed by Quebec producers , PBQ

Fed cattle

Number of cattle fed in Quebec 2020-2021



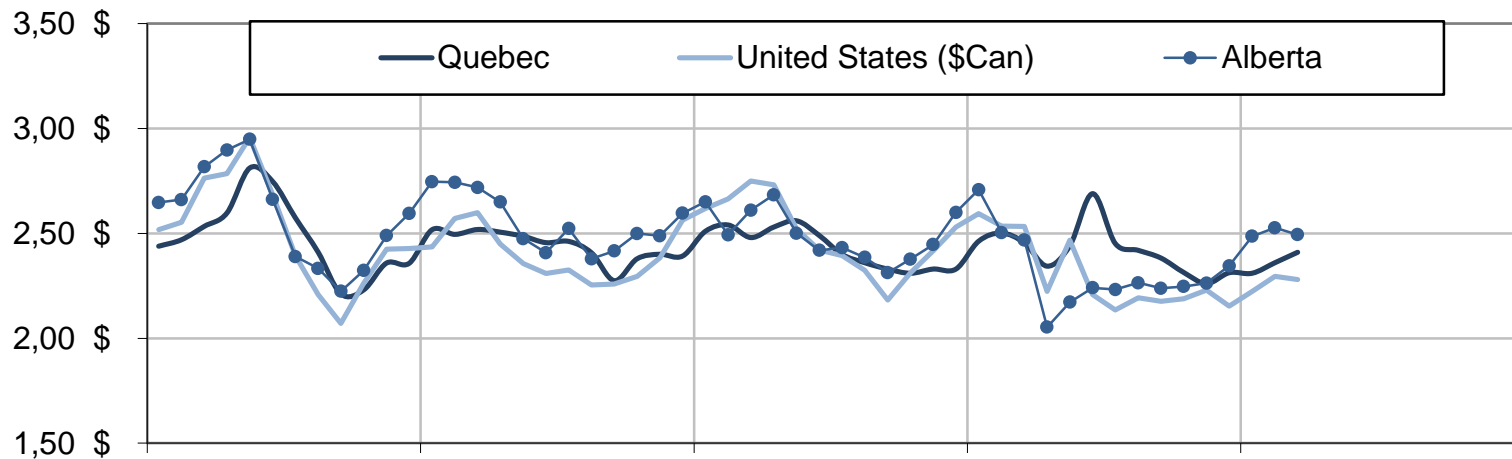
Source:

- Number of fed cattle marketed by Quebec producers , PBQ

Fed cattle

Price of fed cattle in Quebec, Alberta and United-States

(\$/lb hot carcasse, males, bid price)



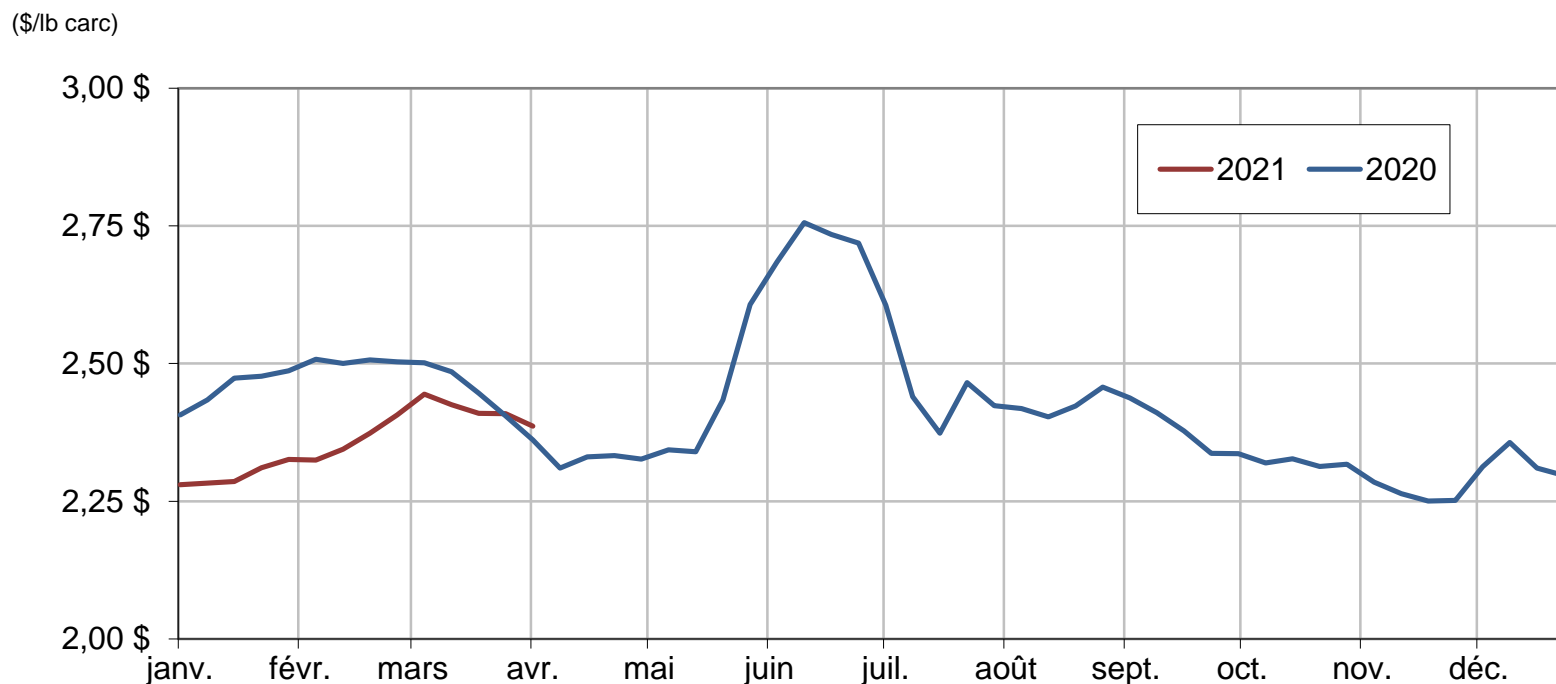
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Quebec	2,48 \$	2,44 \$	2,43 \$	2,42 \$	2,36 \$
Que-Ont	-0,05 \$	-0,01 \$	-0,03 \$	0,01 \$	-0,03 \$
Que-US	-0,03 \$	0,04 \$	-0,06 \$	0,12 \$	0,09 \$
Que-Alb	-0,10 \$	-0,11 \$	-0,06 \$	0,11 \$	-0,14 \$

Sources :

- Quebec : Bid price for steers, complete loads, sold to Canada and United-States, spot market, FOB, PBQ
- Ontario : Bid price for steers, direct sales, OCA
- Alberta : Bid price for steers, direct sales, Canfax
- United-States : Bid price for steers, direct sales, Five Area, USDA

Fed cattle

Price of fed cattle in Quebec 2020-2021

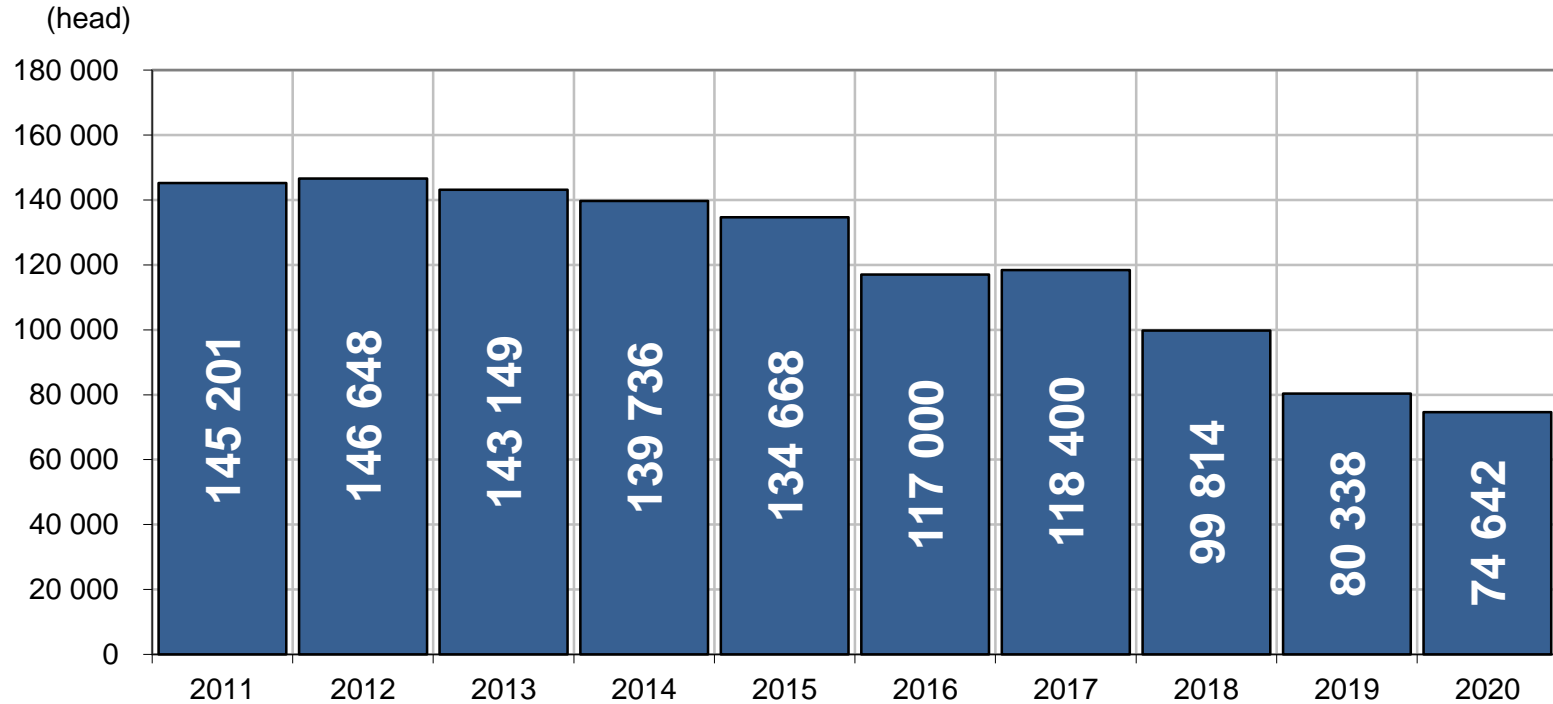


Sources :

- Bid price for steers, complete loads, sold to Canada and United-States, spot market, FOB, PBQ

Milk-fed veal

Number of calves fed in Quebec

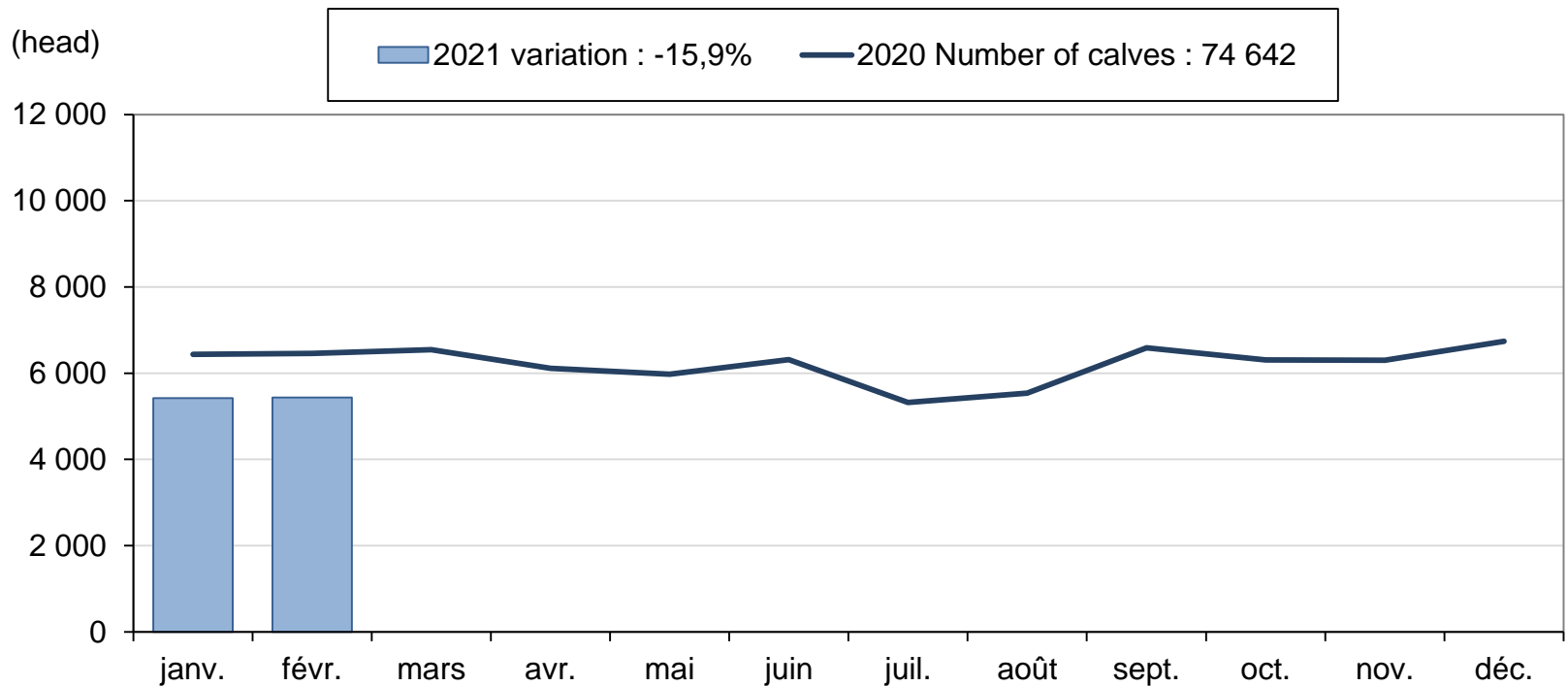


Sources :

- Quebec: Number of calves fed by Quebec producers, PBQ

Milk-fed veal

Number of calves fed in Quebec 2020-2021



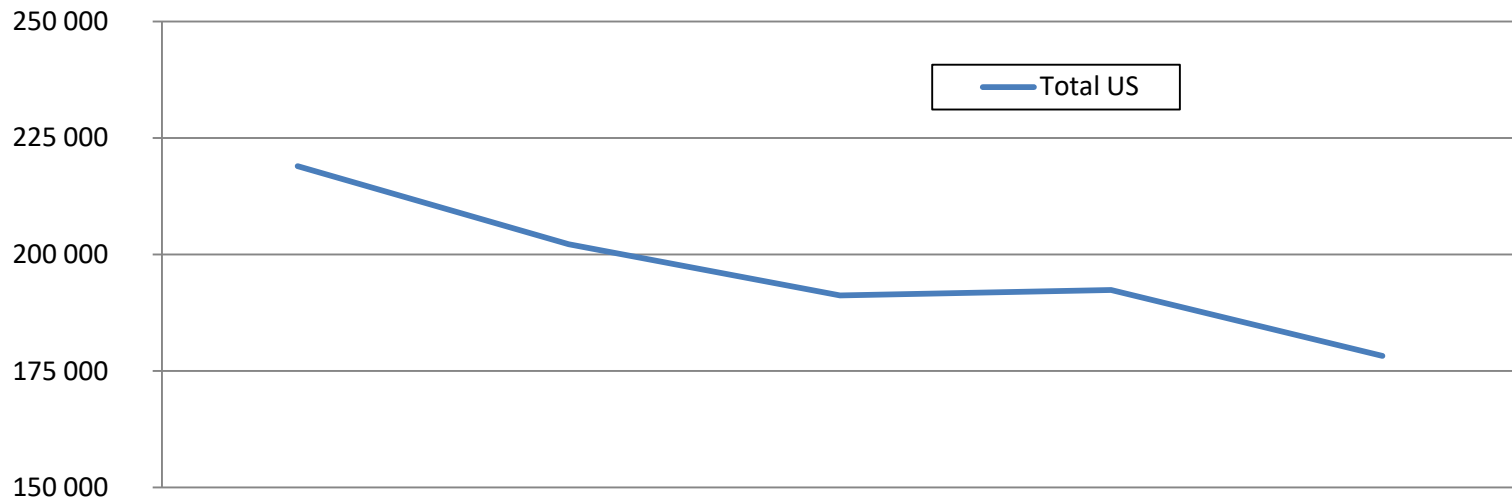
Sources :

- Quebec: Number of calves fed by Quebec producers, PBQ

Milk-fed veal

Number of calves slaughtered in United-States

(head)



	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total US	218 964	202 206	191 202	192 363	178 273

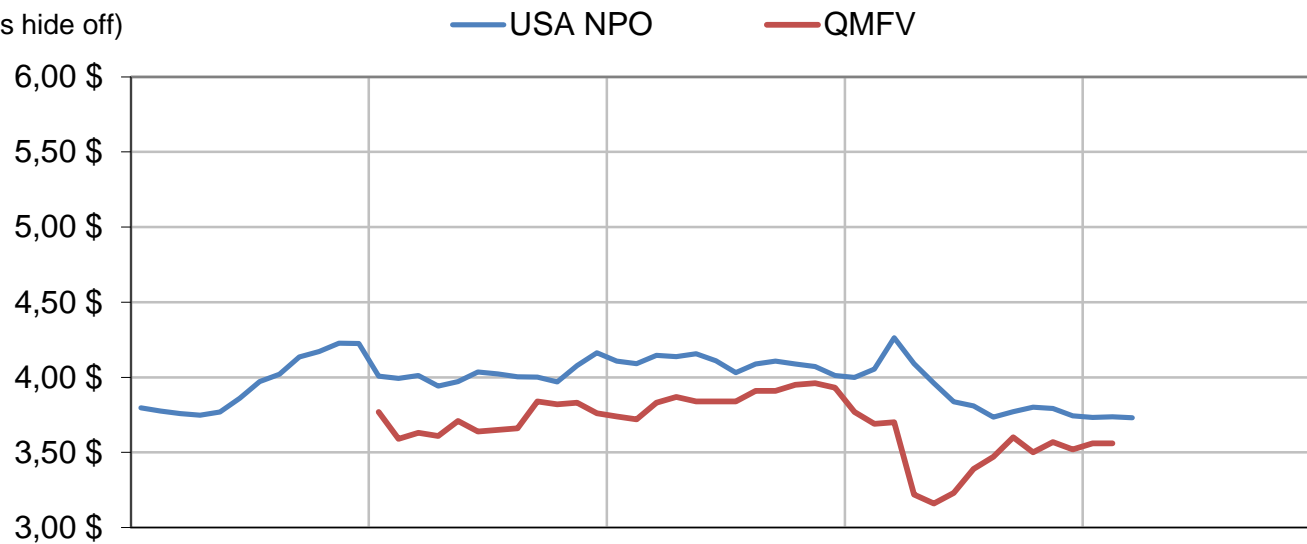
Sources :

- Number of special fed veal slaughtered in North-east and North-central of United-States, USDA

Milk-fed veal

Price of milk-fed veal calves in Quebec and United-States

(\$ CAN/lb carcass hide off)



	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
USA-NPO	3,87 \$	4,02 \$	4,10 \$	3,90 \$	3,73 \$
QMFV	0,00 \$	0,00 \$	3,86 \$	3,49 \$	3,56 \$

Sources :

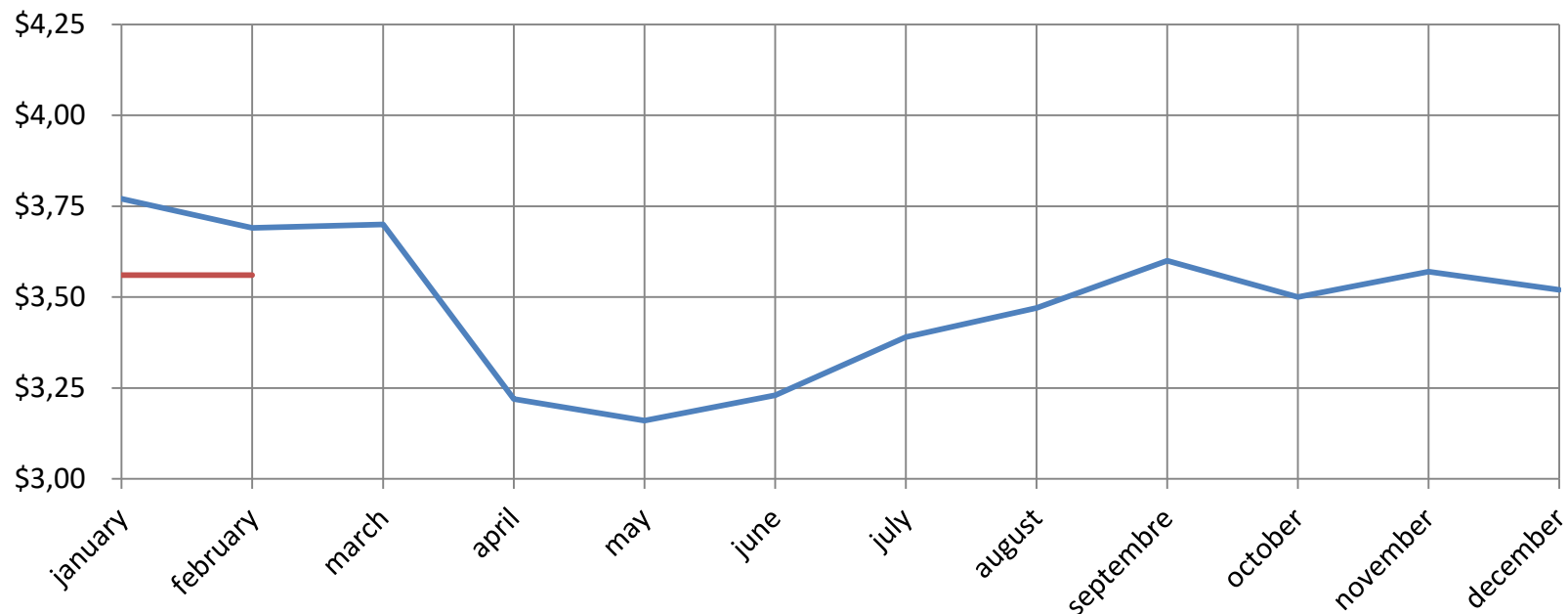
- USDA : USDA converted to \$ CAN. Gross price.
- QMFV : net price collected by CECPA.

Milk-fed veal

Price of milk-fed veal calves in Quebec 2020-2021

(\$/100 lb hot carcass hide-off)

— 2020 — 2021

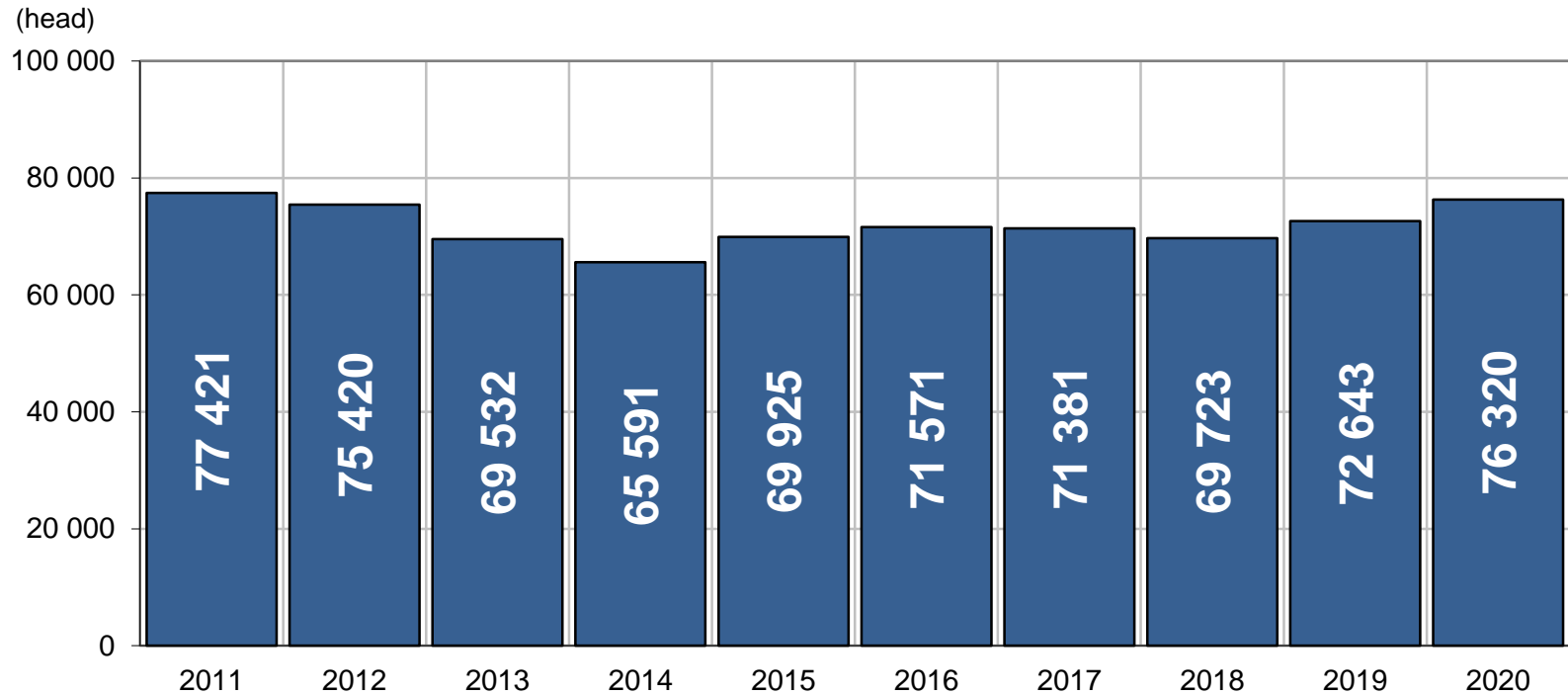


Sources :

- Net price collected by CECPA.

Grain-fed veal

Number of calves fed in Quebec

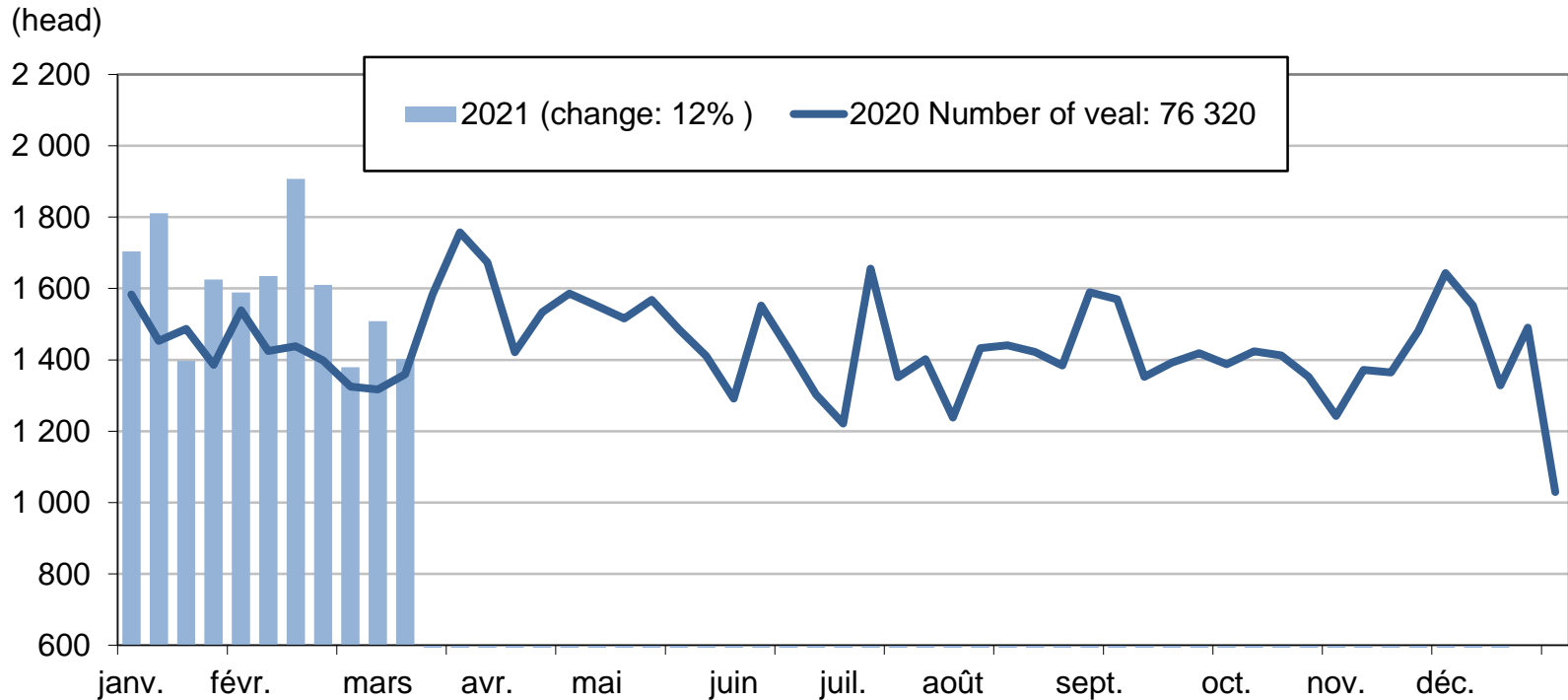


Sources :

- Quebec: Number of calves fed by Quebec producers, PBQ

Grain-fed veal

Number of calves fed in Quebec 2020-2021



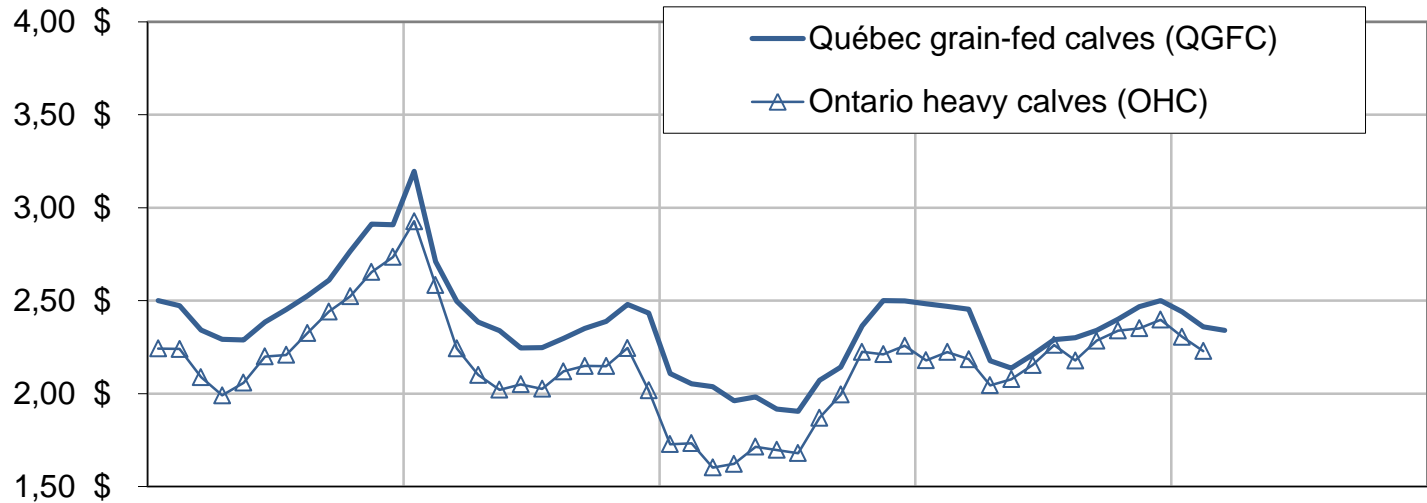
Sources :

- Quebec: Number of calves fed by Quebec producers, PBQ

Grain-fed veal

Price of grain-fed veal calves in Quebec and Ontario

(\$/lb carcass hide off)



	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
QGFC	2,54 \$	2,46 \$	2,13 \$	2,35 \$	2,38 \$
QGFC-OHC	0,23 \$	0,24 \$	0,27 \$	0,13 \$	0,11 \$

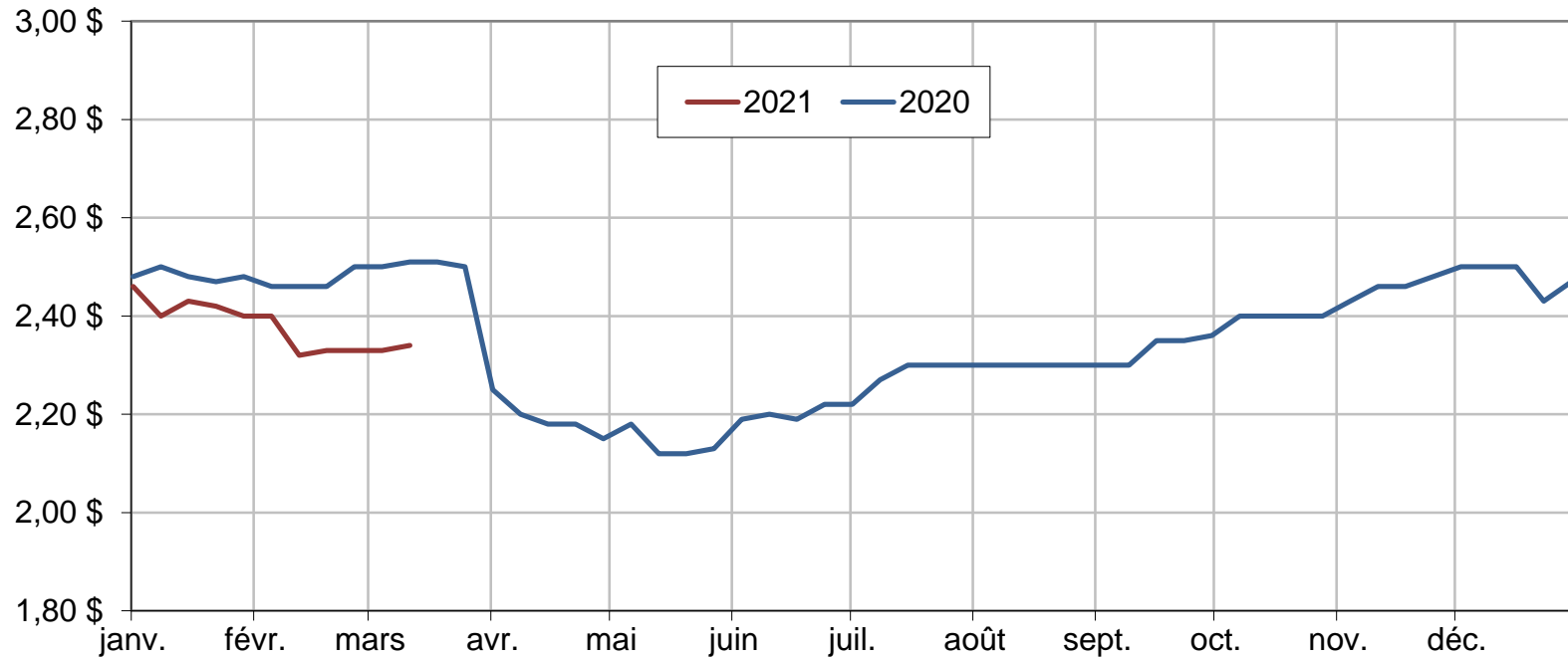
Sources :

- Quebec : Net price (auction price minus floor price program), PBQ
- Ontario : weekly price, category over 600 lbs, OCA

Grain-fed veal

Price of grain-fed veal calves in Quebec 2020-2021

(\$/lb hot carcass hide-off)

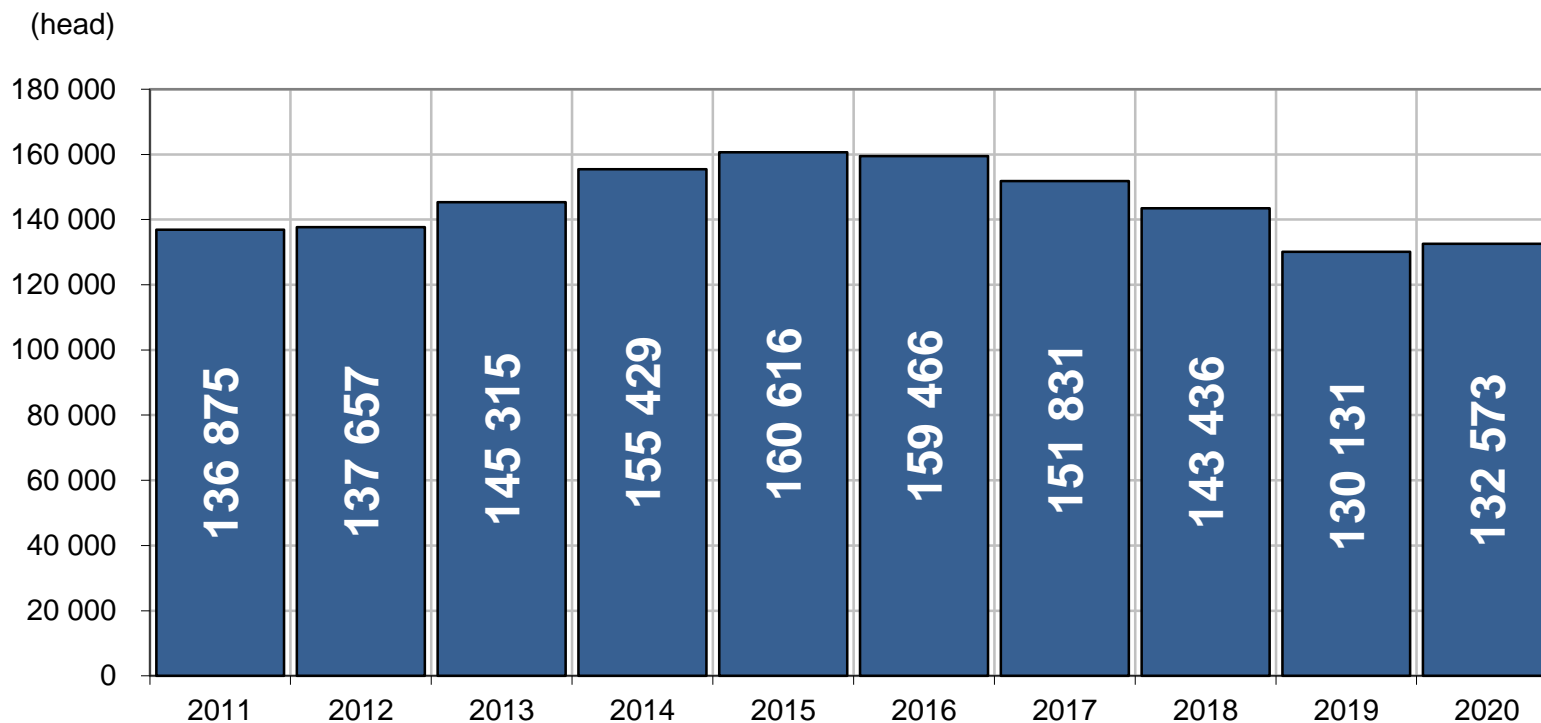


Sources :

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Bob calves

Number of bob calves marketed in Quebec

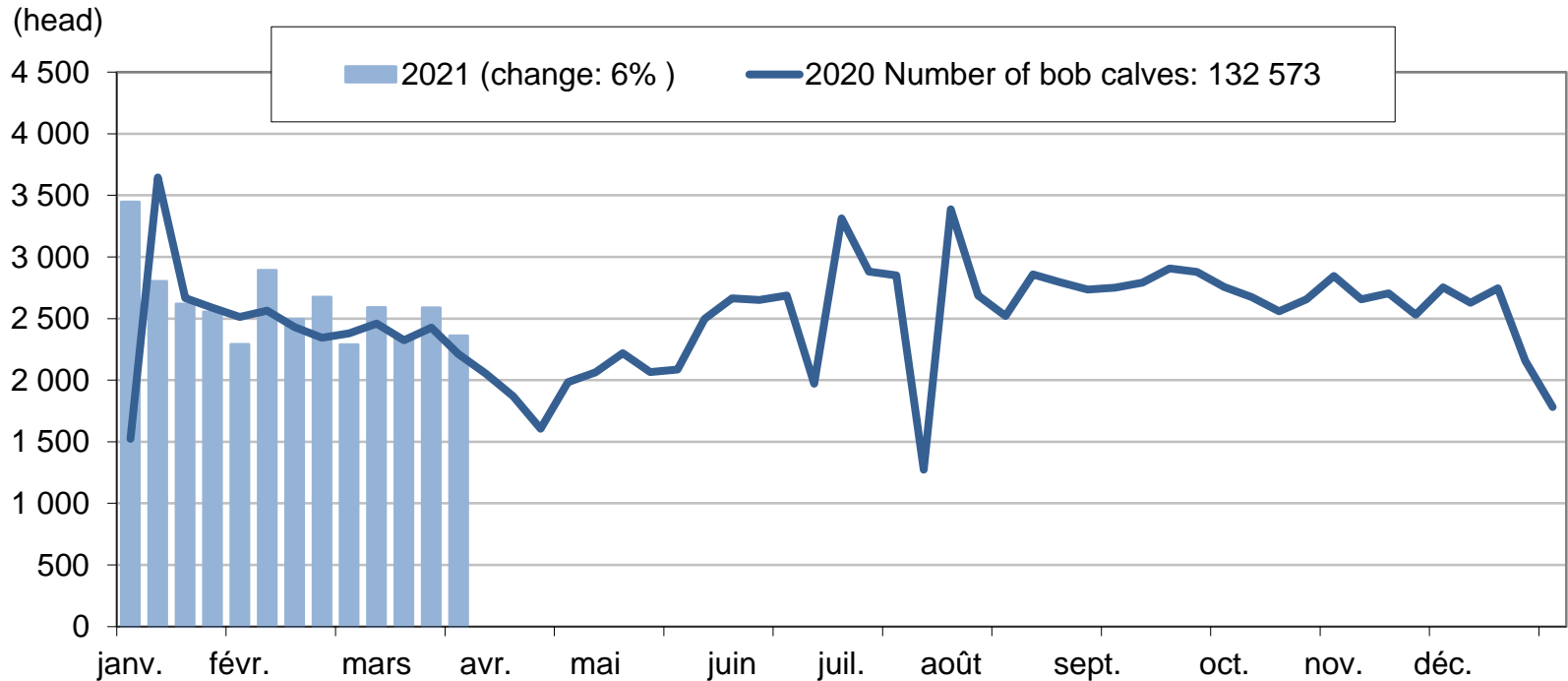


Source :

- Number of calves marketed by Quebec producers, PBQ

Bob calves

Number of bob calves marketed in Quebec 2020-2021

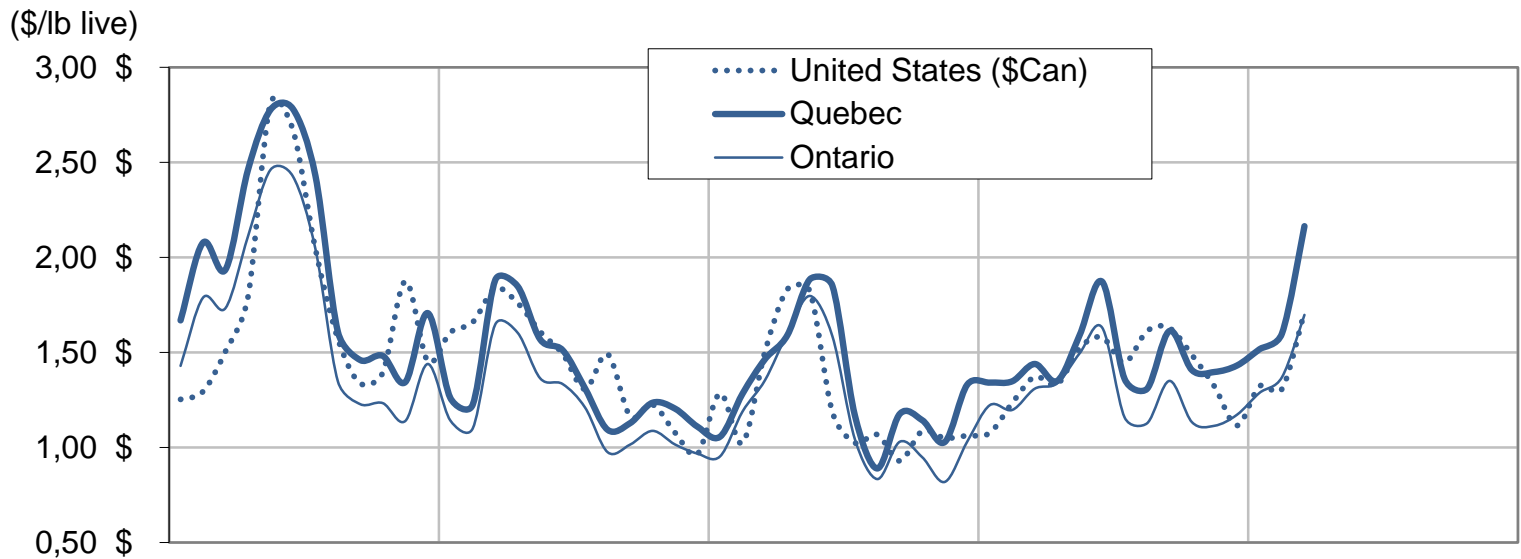


Sources :

- Number of calves marketed by Quebec producers, PBQ

Bob calves

Price of good replacement bob calves in Quebec, Ontario and United-States



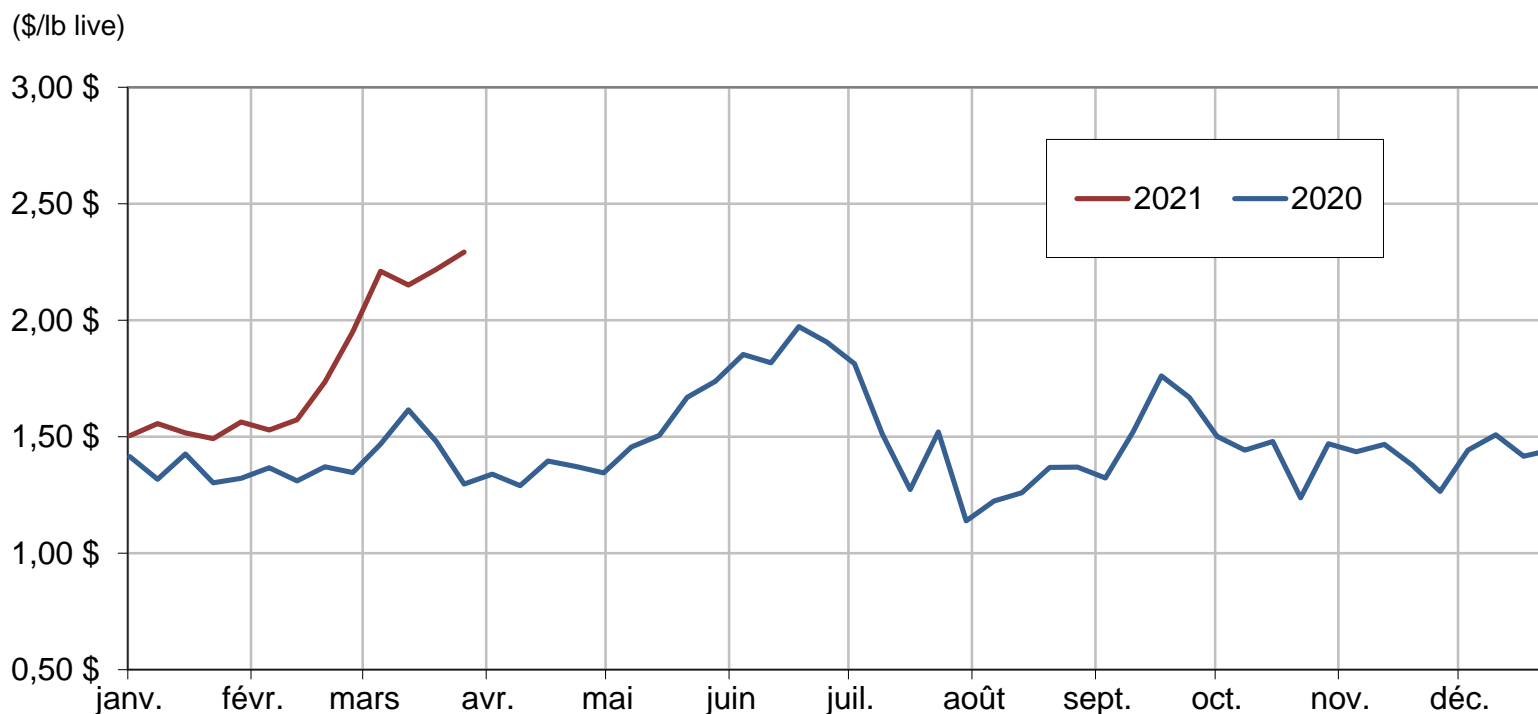
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Quebec	1,98 \$	1,36 \$	1,32 \$	1,46 \$	1,76 \$
Que-US	0,23 \$	-0,07 \$	0,08 \$	0,06 \$	0,31 \$
Que-Ont	0,28 \$	0,16 \$	0,14 \$	0,19 \$	0,31 \$

Sources :

- Quebec : Price of good replacement bob calves marketed in Quebec auctions, PBQ
- Ontario : Price of male replacement bob calves marketed in Ontario auctions, OCA
- United States : Price of male replacement bob calves marketed in New Holland, Pennsylvania auctions, converted in \$ CAN

Bob calves

Price of good replacement bob calves in Quebec 2020-2021

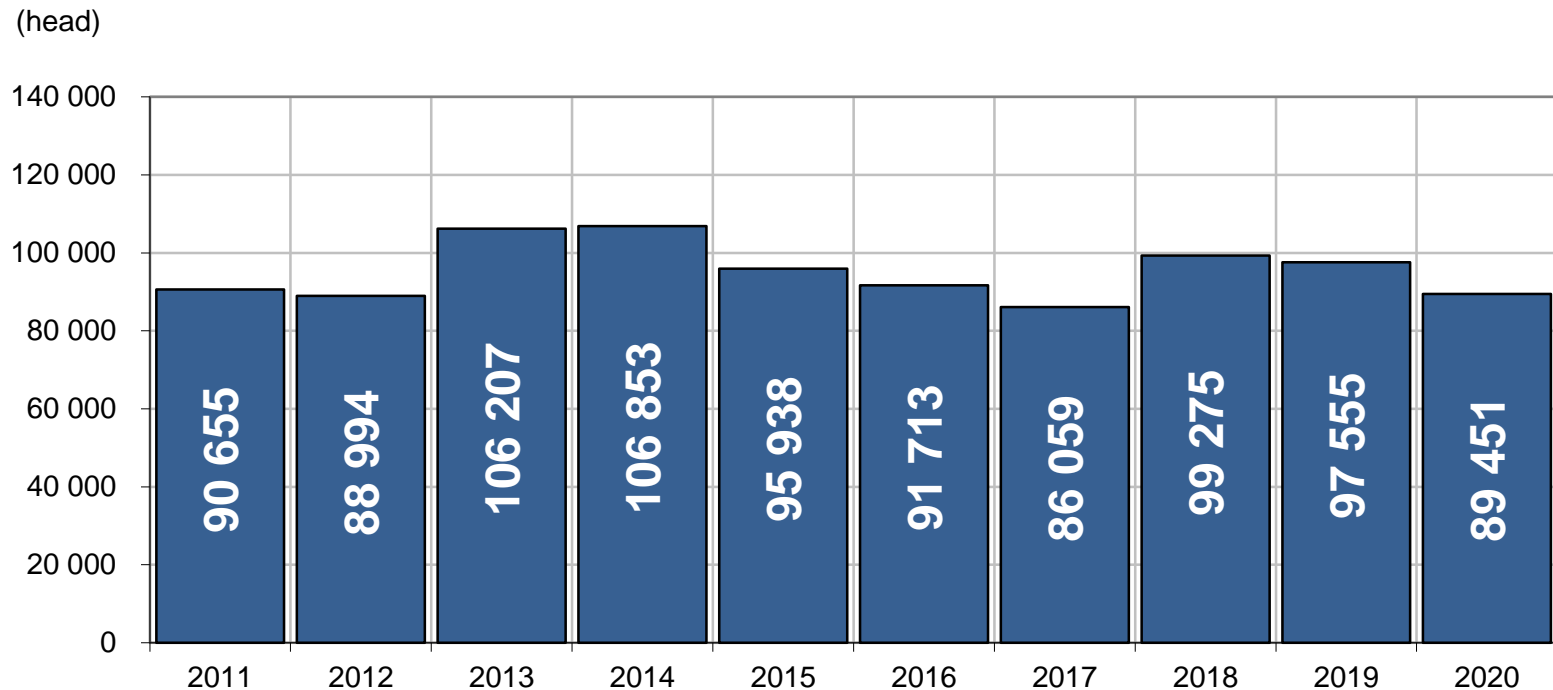


Sources :

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Cull cattle

Number of cull cows marketed in Quebec

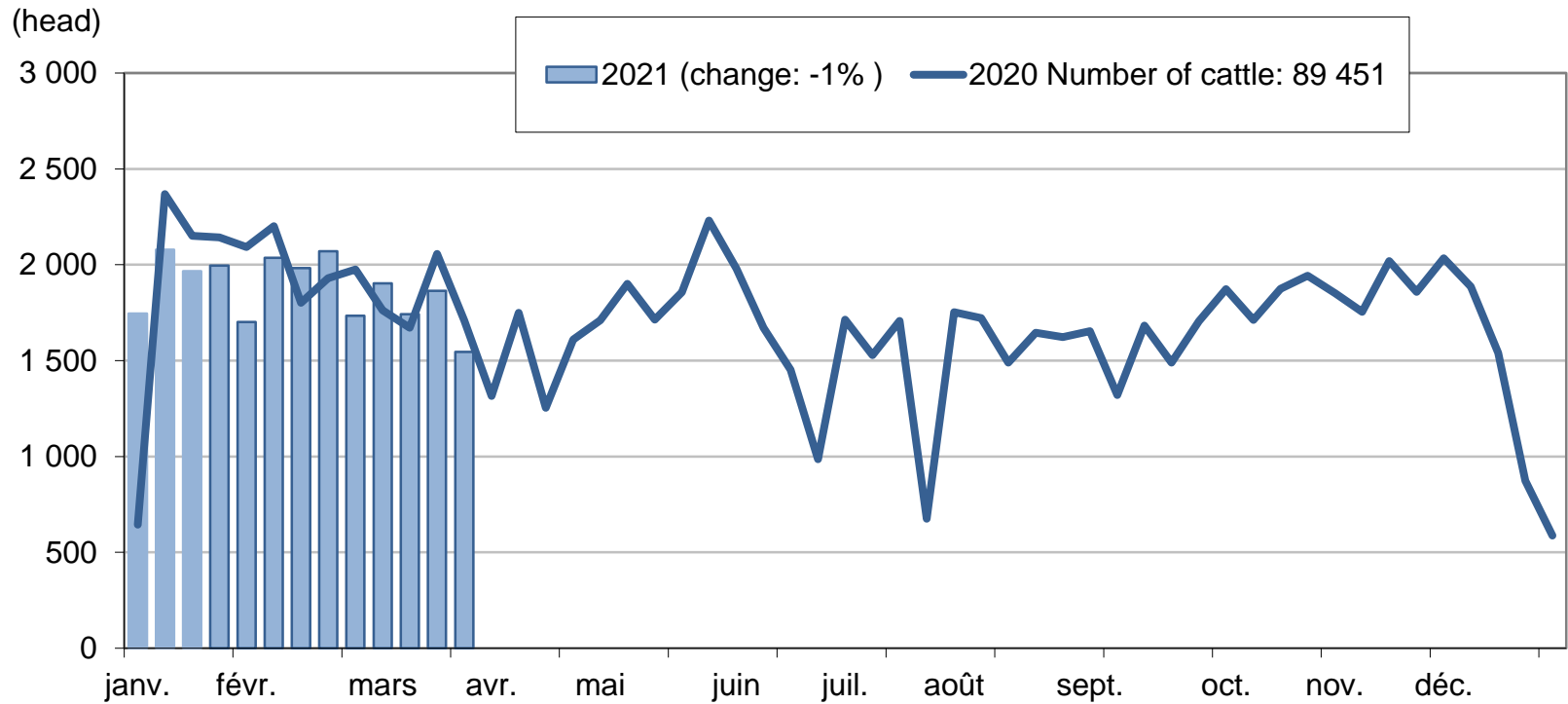


Source :

- Number of cull cows marketed by Quebec producers, PBQ

Cull cattle

Number of cull cows marketed in Quebec 2020-2021

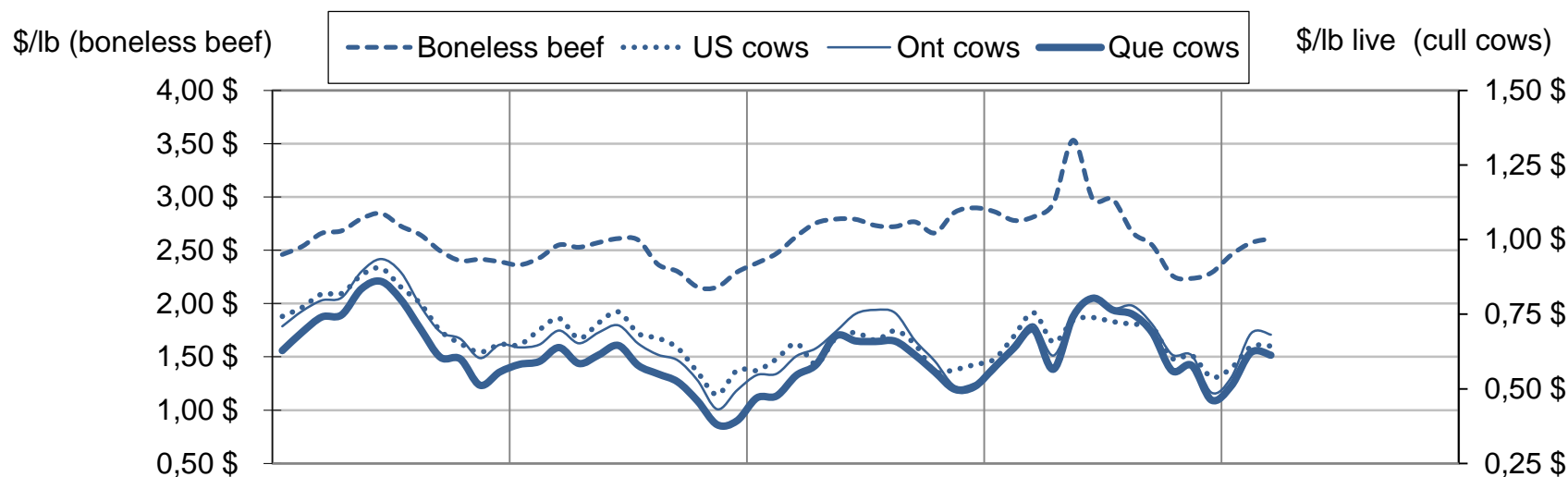


Source :

- Number of calves marketed by Quebec producers, PBQ

Cull cattle

Price of cull cows in Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and United-States



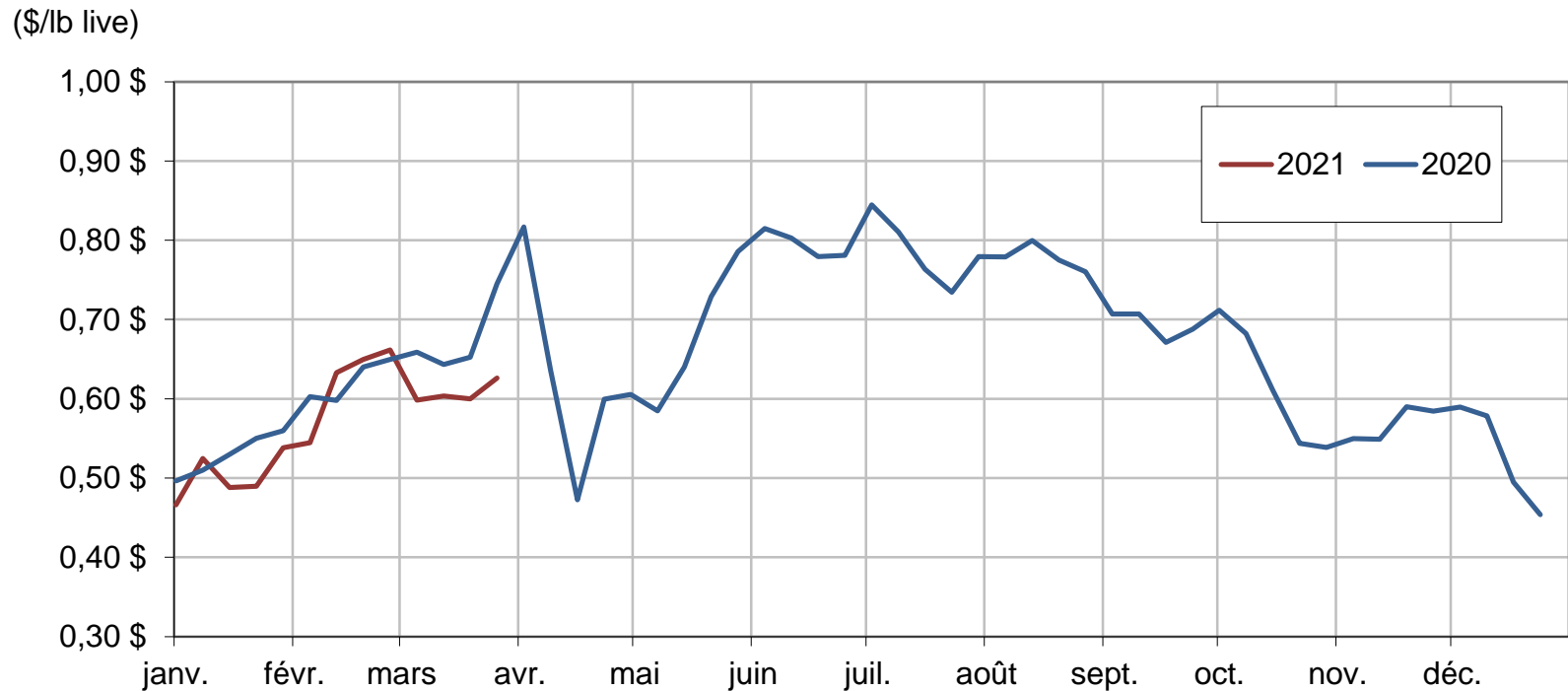
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Boneless beef	2,59 \$	2,41 \$	2,70 \$	2,74 \$	2,54 \$
Que \$/cow	965 \$	763 \$	805 \$	912 \$	814 \$
Que \$/lb	0,69 \$	0,54 \$	0,58 \$	0,65 \$	0,58 \$
Que-US	-0,08 \$	-0,11 \$	-0,05 \$	-0,02 \$	-0,04 \$
Que-Ont	-0,08 \$	-0,07 \$	-0,06 \$	-0,02 \$	-0,05 \$

Sources :

- Quebec : Price of cull cows marketed in Quebec auctions, PBQ
- Ontario : Price of cull cows marketed in Ontario auctions, OCA
- Alberta. : Price of D1-D2 cull cows marketed in Alberta auctions, Canfax
- United States : Price of lean cull cows marketed in New Holland, Pennsylvania auctions, converted in \$ CAN

Cull cattle

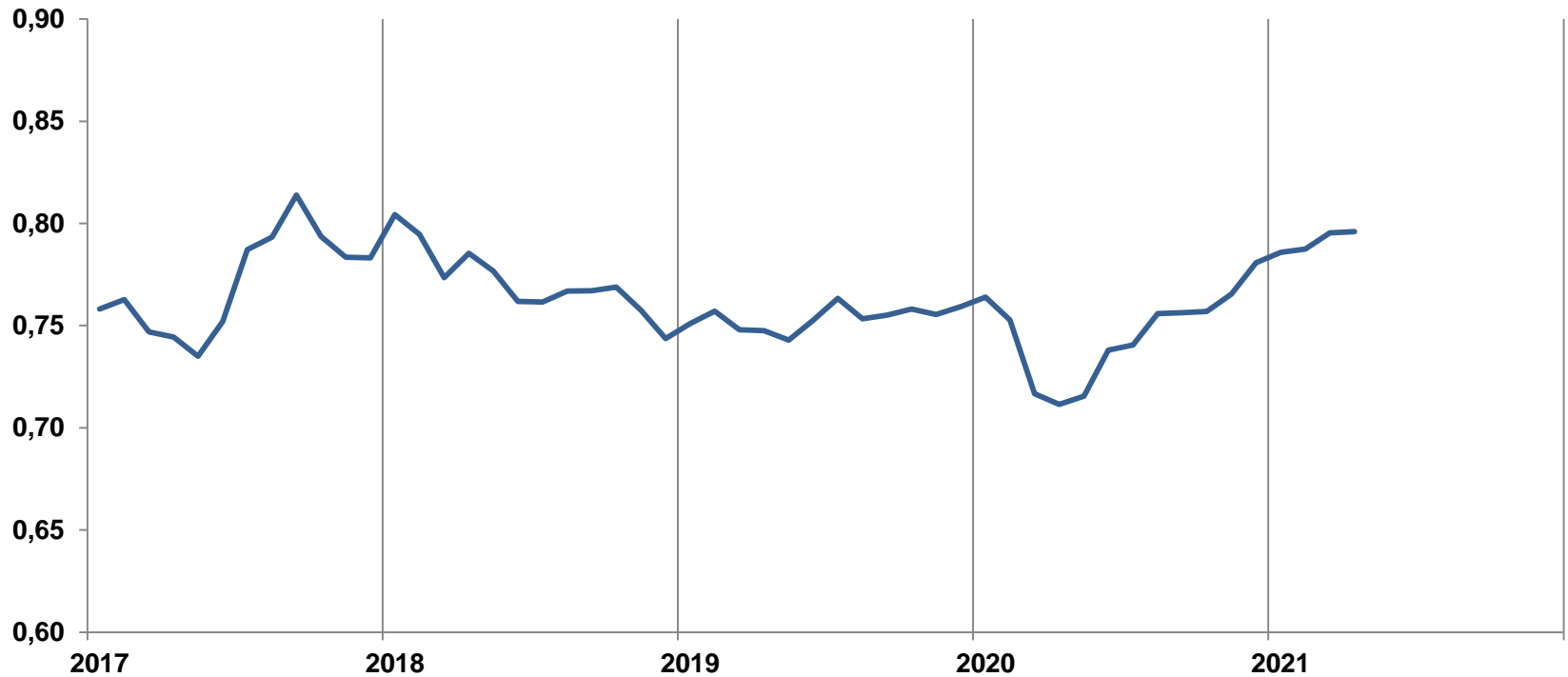
Price of cull cows in Quebec 2020-2021



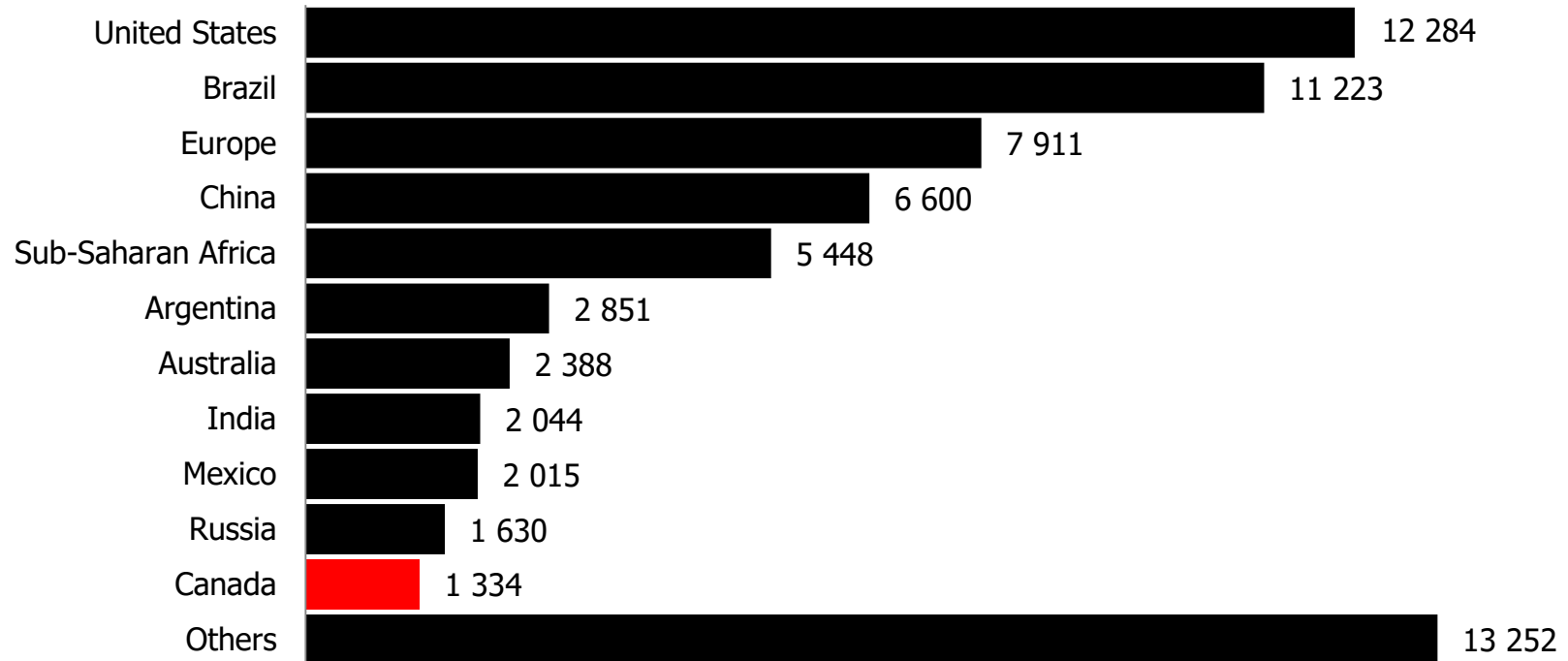
Sources :

- Quebec : Price of cull cows marketed in Quebec auctions, PBQ

Exchange rate \$ CAN / \$ US



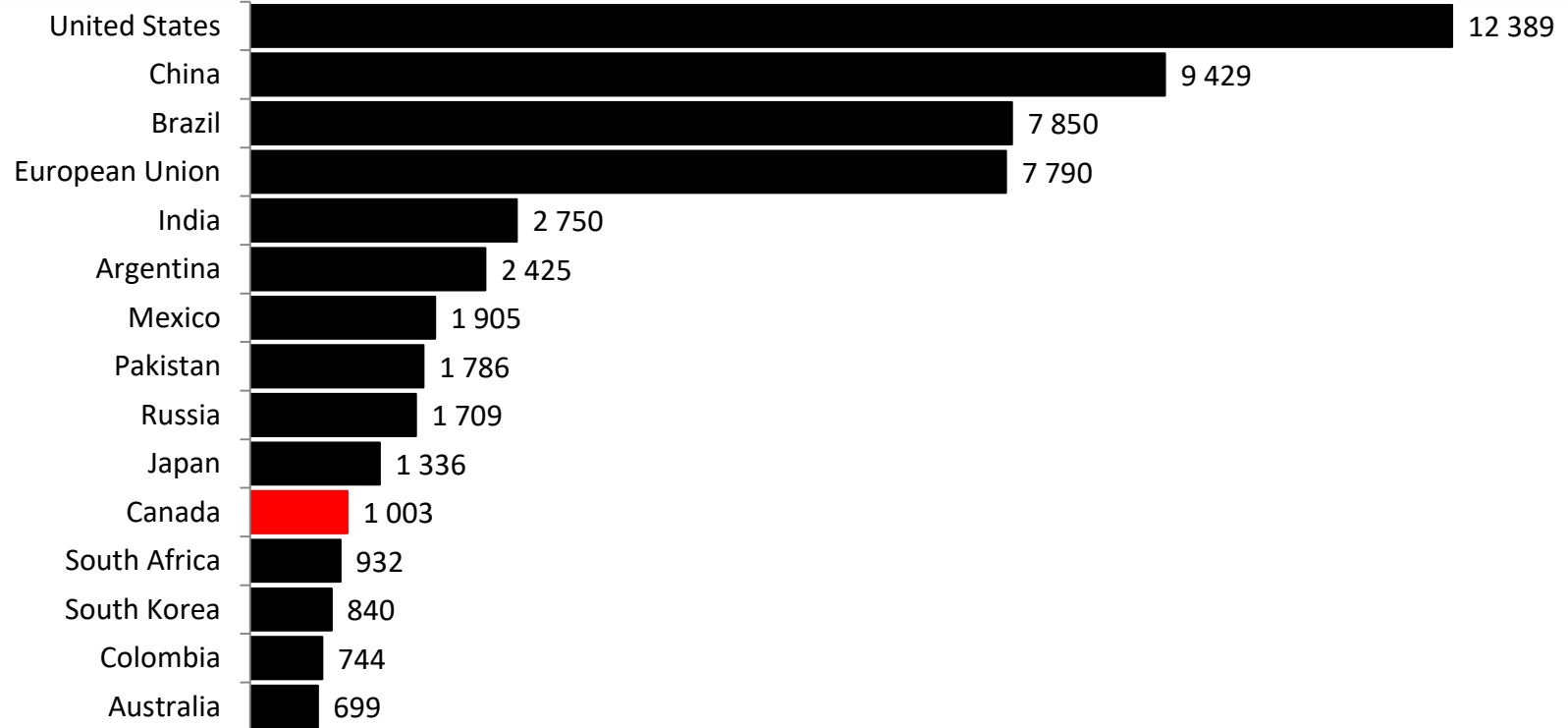
Beef and veal net production (1000 t, cwe) - 2019



Source :

- GIRA

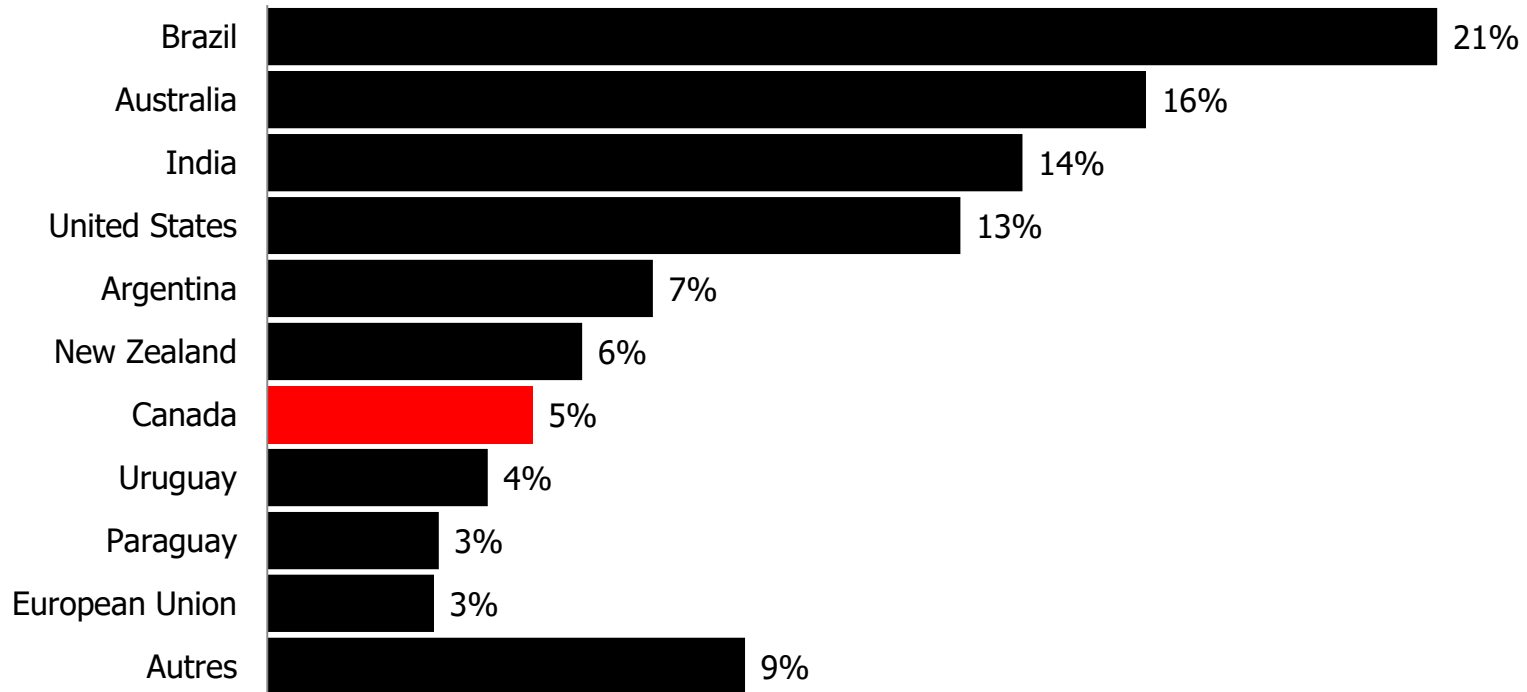
Beef and veal meat consumption by countries (1000 t, cwe) - 2019



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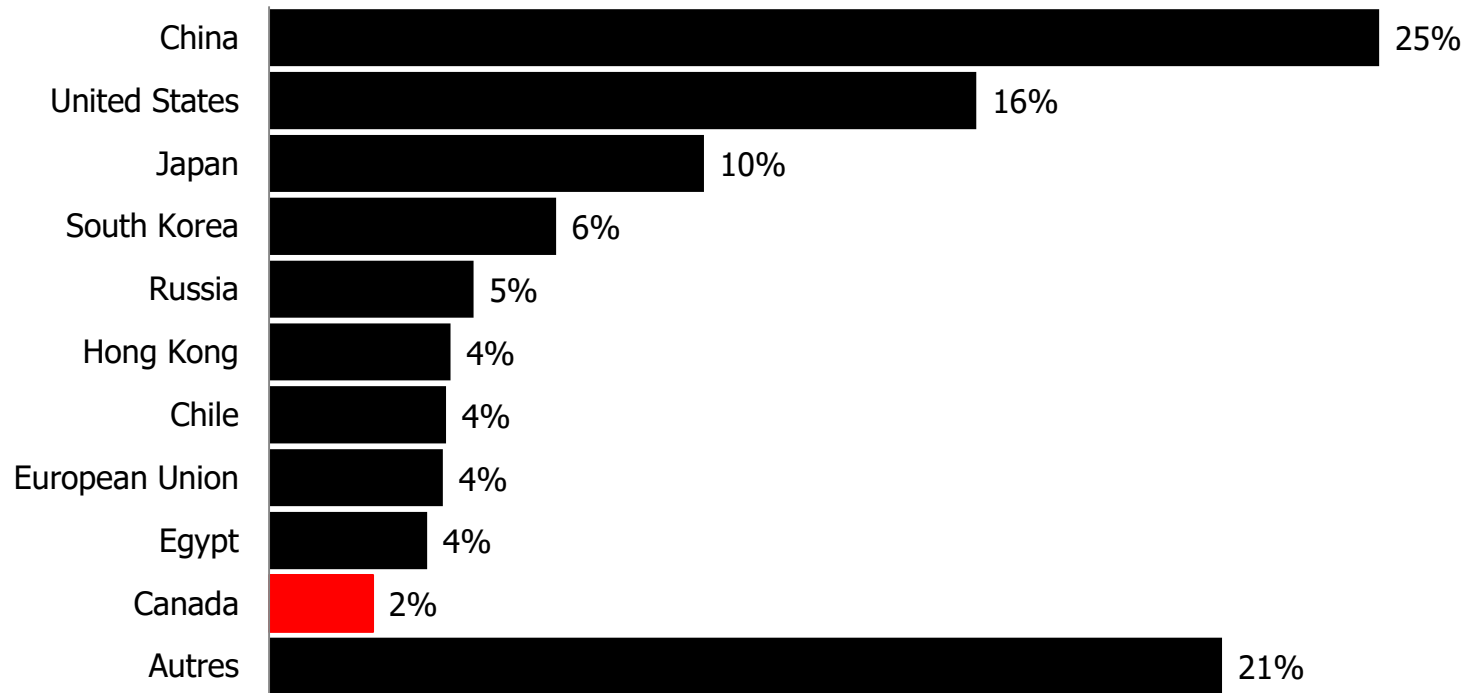
- GIRA

World top beef exporters (% world) - 2019



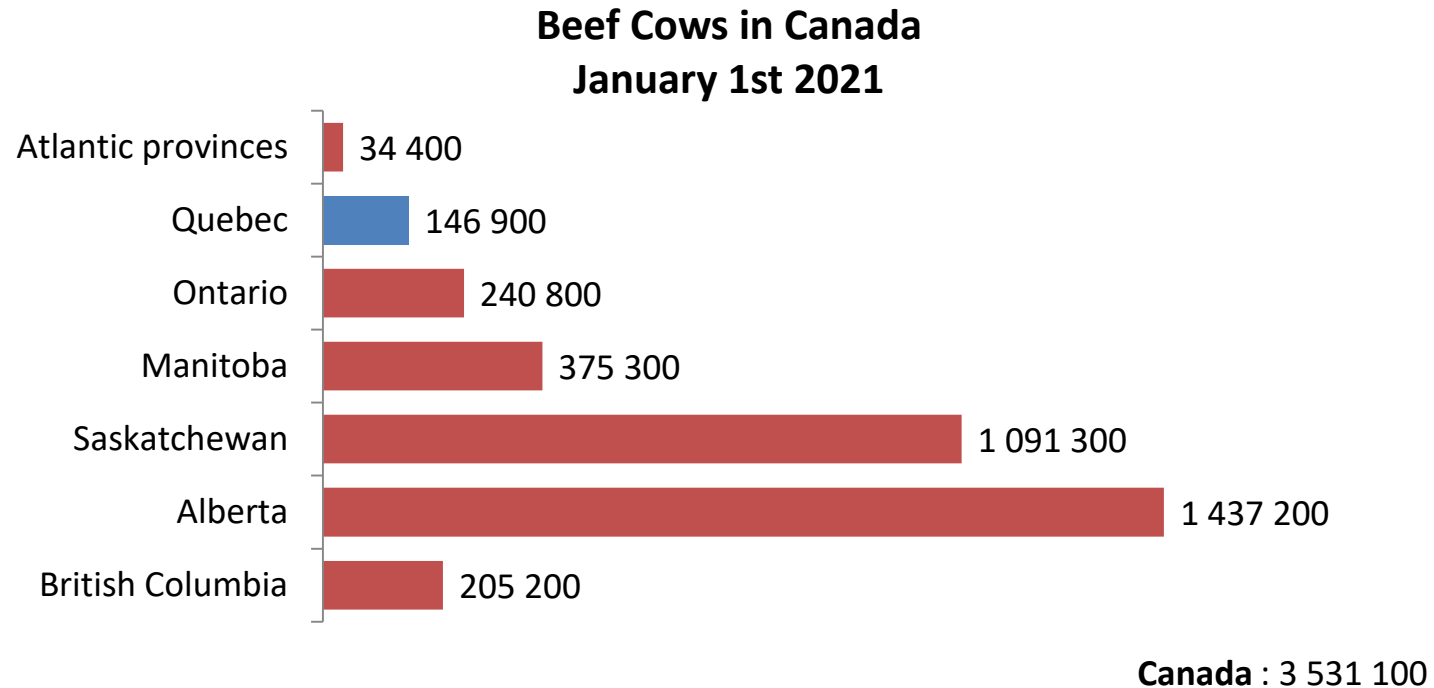
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World top beef importers (% world) - 2019



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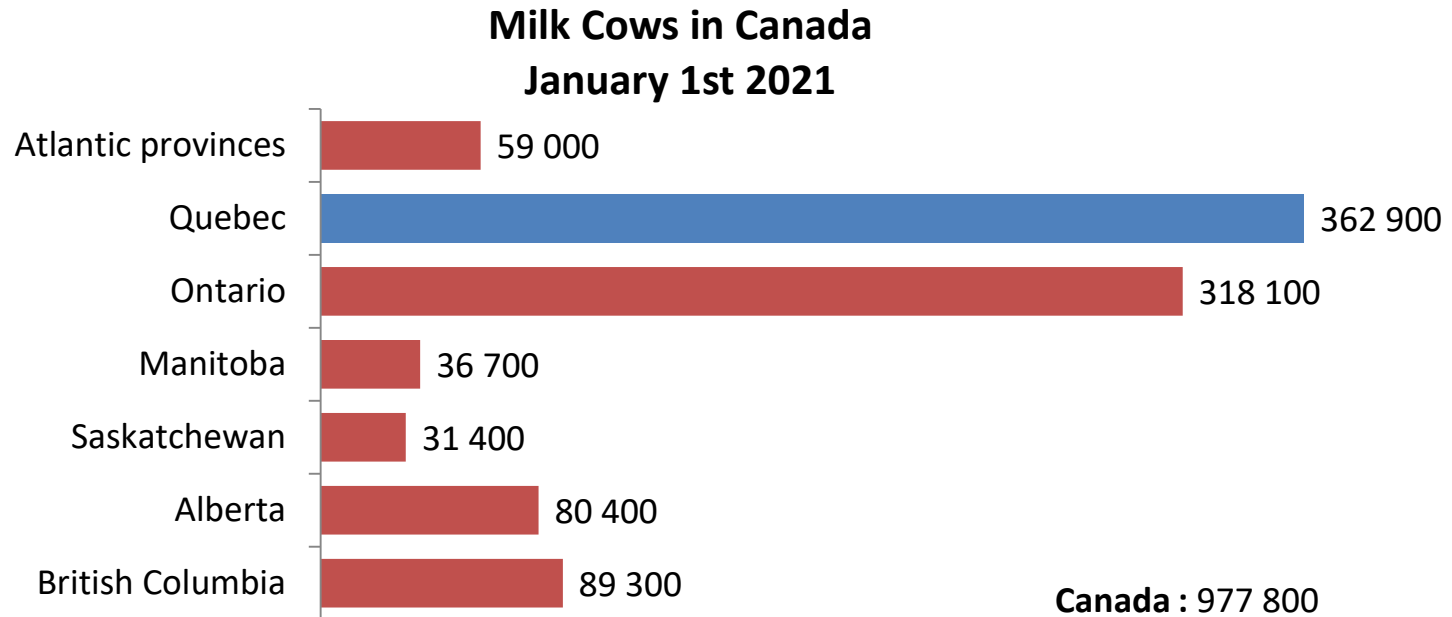
Beef Cow inventory in Canada 2021



Source :

- Statistique Canada

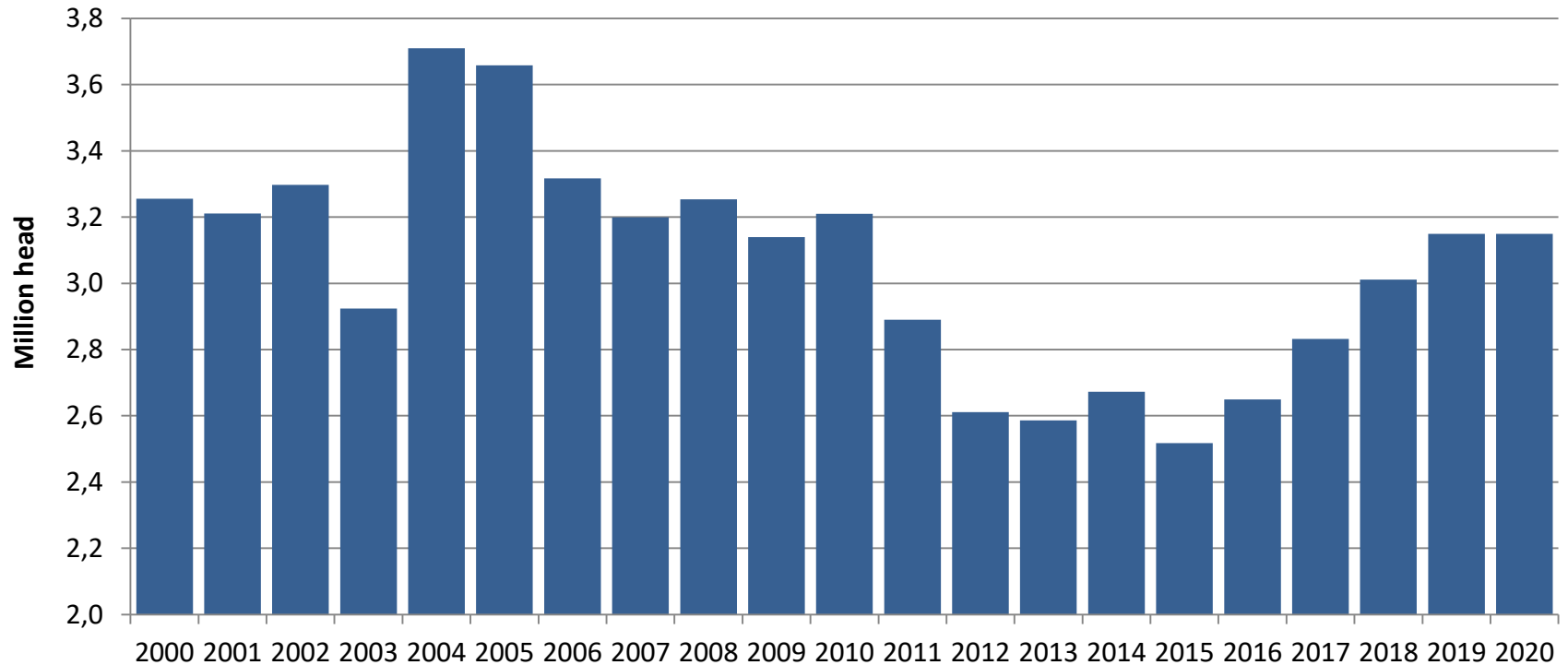
Milk Cow inventory in Canada 2021



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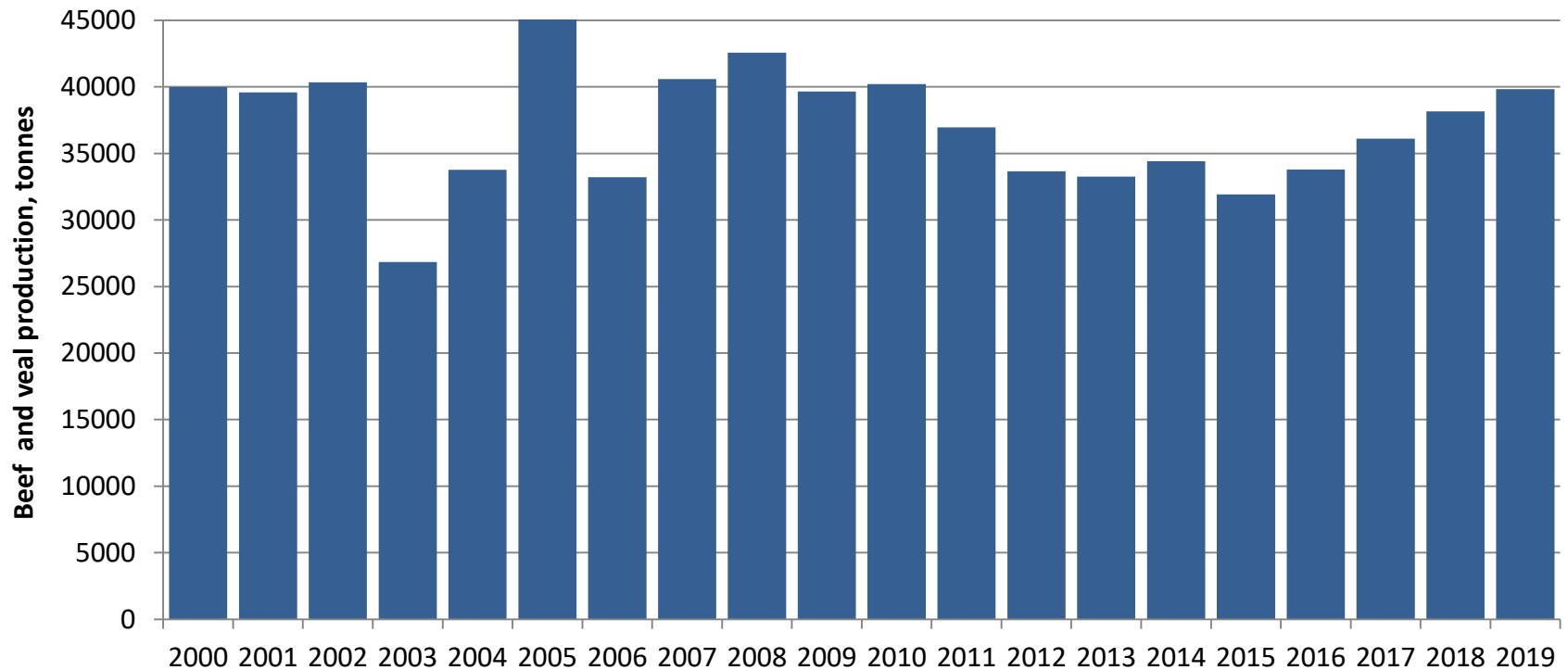
Number of cattle Slaughtered in Federally Inspected Plants



Sources :

- Canadian Beef Grading Agency, AAFC

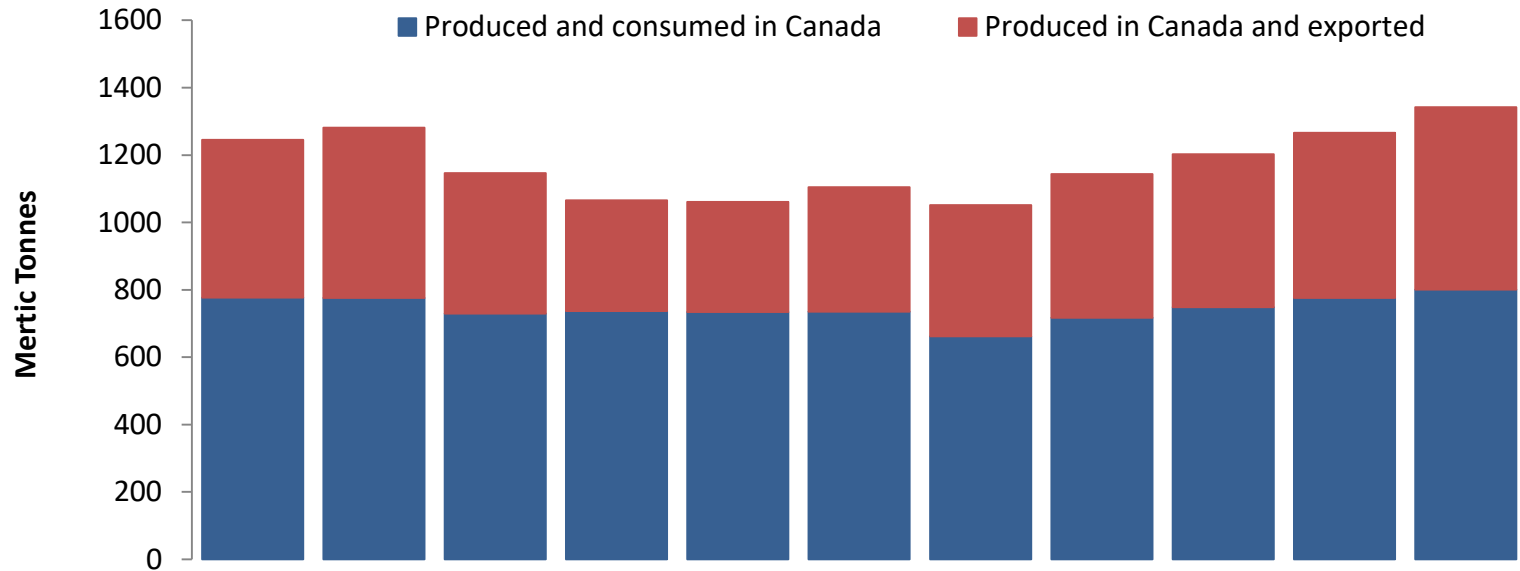
Canadian beef and veal production



Sources :

- Statistics Canada (Edible offal, meat production)

% Canadian beef and veal production exported

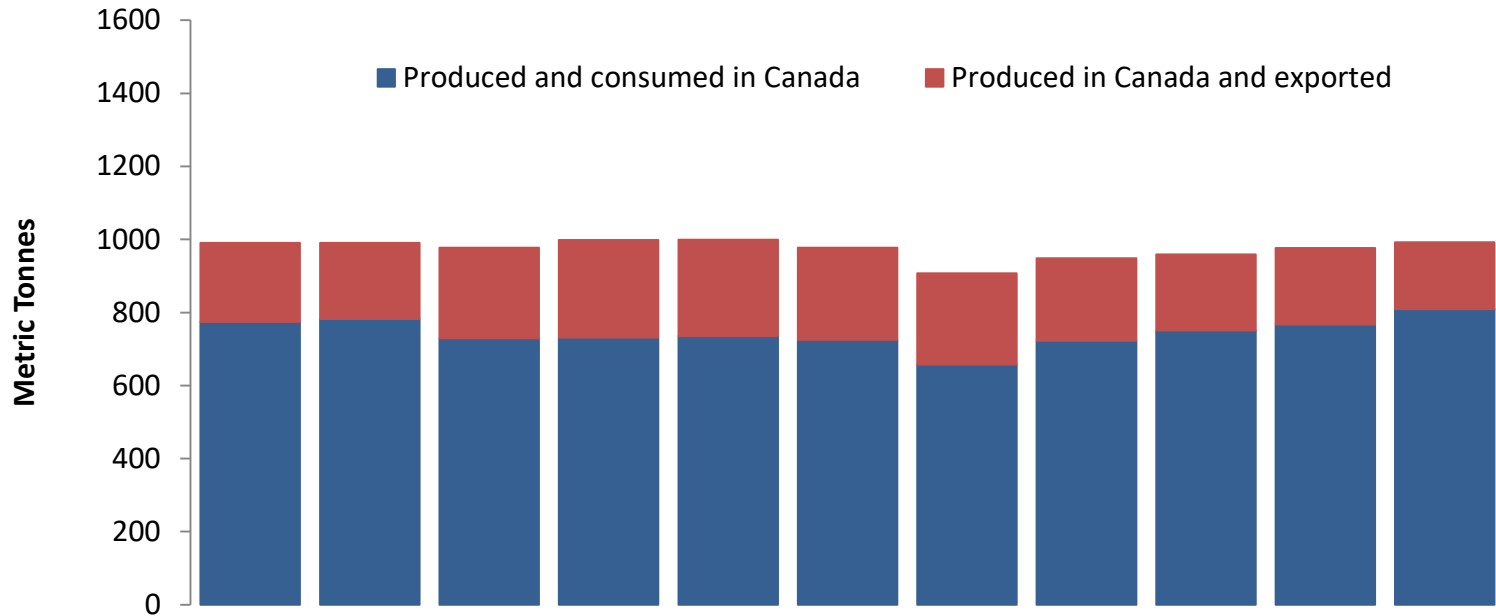


	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
% exported / production	38%	39%	36%	31%	31%	33%	37%	37%	38%	39%	40%

Sources :

- Statistics Canada

% Canadian beef and veal consumption imported



	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
% imported / consumed	22%	21%	25%	27%	26%	26%	28%	24%	22%	21%	18%

Sources :

- Statistics Canada

Beef and veal meat exports from Canada

Beef and veal meat exports (tonnes)	Jan. 1 - Feb 28		
	2021	2020	% chg
United States	48 482	45 226	7%
Japan	8 166	7 193	14%
Hong Kong	1 538	2 492	-38%
Mexico	4 158	2 990	39%
China	2 451	1 331	84%
South Korea	1 683	859	96%
Vietnam	1 781	243	633%
Angola	471	397	19%
Philippines	460	172	167%
Others	1 659	2 465	-33%
Total	70 849	63 368	12%

Sources :

- Statistics Canada, AACF

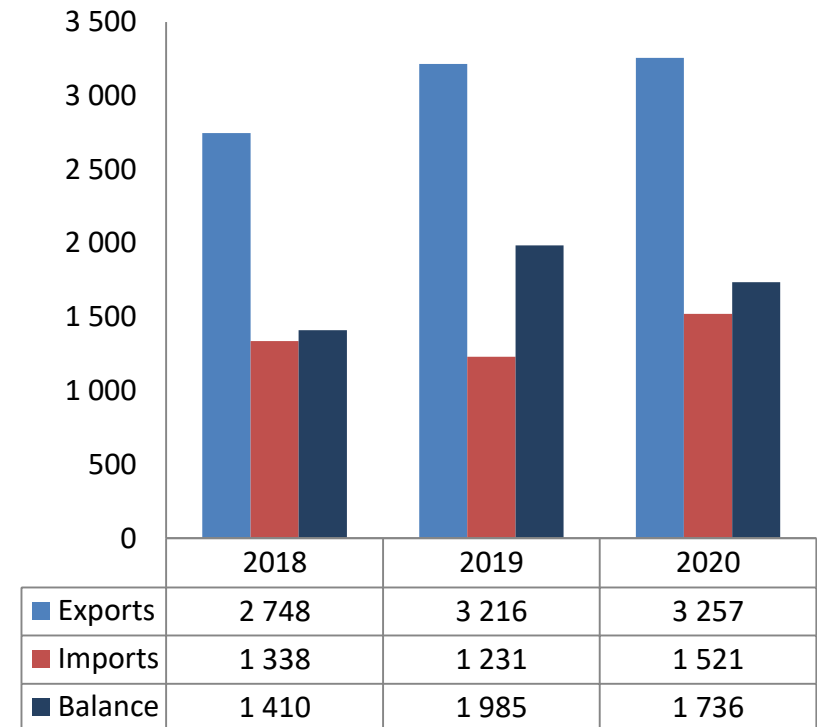
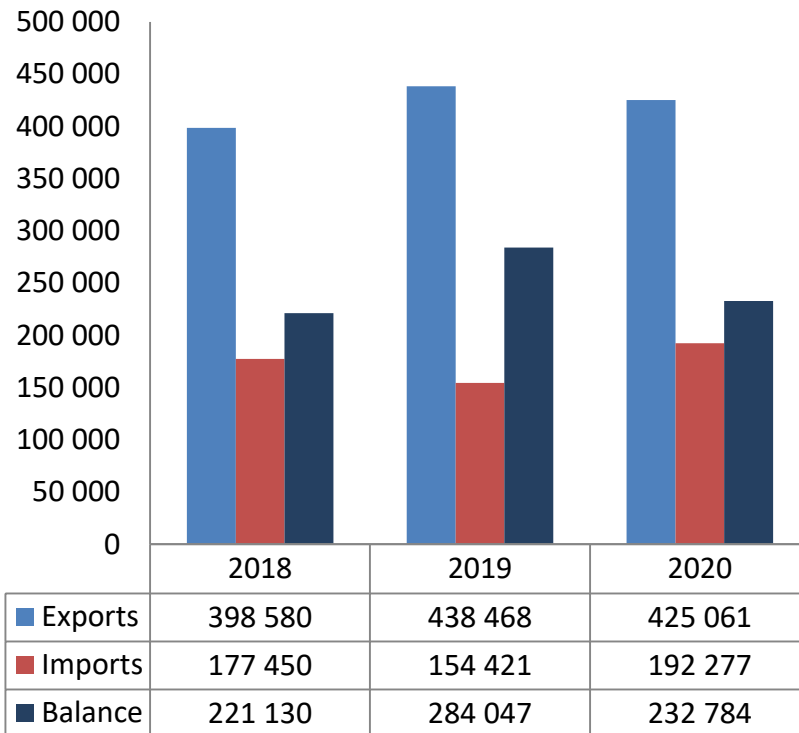
Beef and veal imports to Canada

Beef and veal meat imports (tonnes)	Jan. 1 - April 3		
	2021	2020	% chg
United States	25 283	29 223	-13%
New Zealand	5 439	4 158	31%
Uruguay	3 857	3 861	0%
Australia	2 240	2 540	-12%
Mexico	1 560	1 734	-10%
United Kingdom	986	1 294	-24%
Others	3 540	4 212	-16%
Total	42 904	47 023	-9%

Sources :

- Statistics Canada, AACF

Imports and exports of beef and veal, Canada (kg, \$CA) 2018-2020



Sources :

- Statistics Canada, AACF

Veal exports from Canada

Veal exports (tonnes)	Jan. 1 - Feb. 28		
	2021	2020	% chg
United States	503	267	88%
Japan	220	0	-
United Arab Emirates	28	32	-12%
Autres	0	2	-
Total	751	301	150%

Sources :

- Statistics Canada, AACF

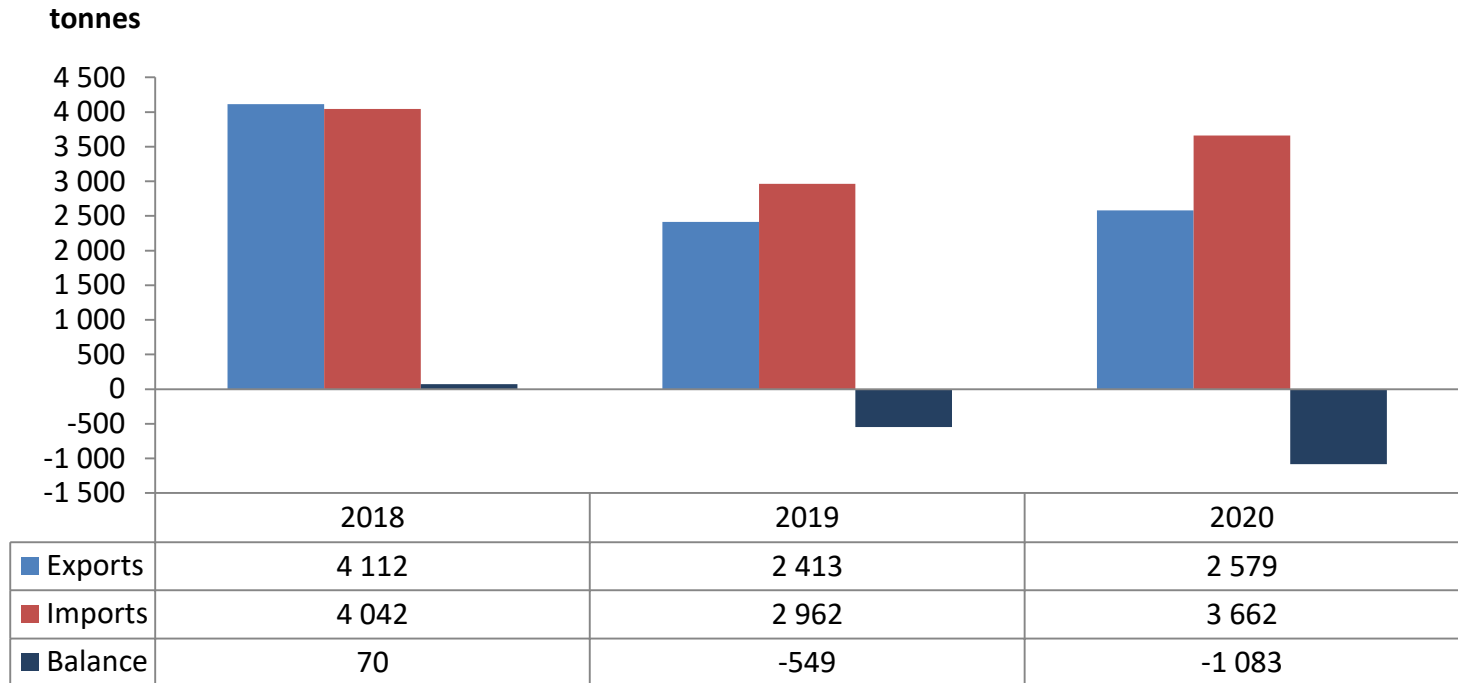
Veal imports to Canada

Veal imports (tonnes)	Jan. 1 - April 3		
	2021	2020	% chg
United States	186	259	-28%
New Zealand	277	108	-
Australia	0	80	-
European Union - 27			-
Netherland	65	73	-10%
Others	96	27	-
Total	648	546	19%

Sources :

- Statistics Canada, AACF

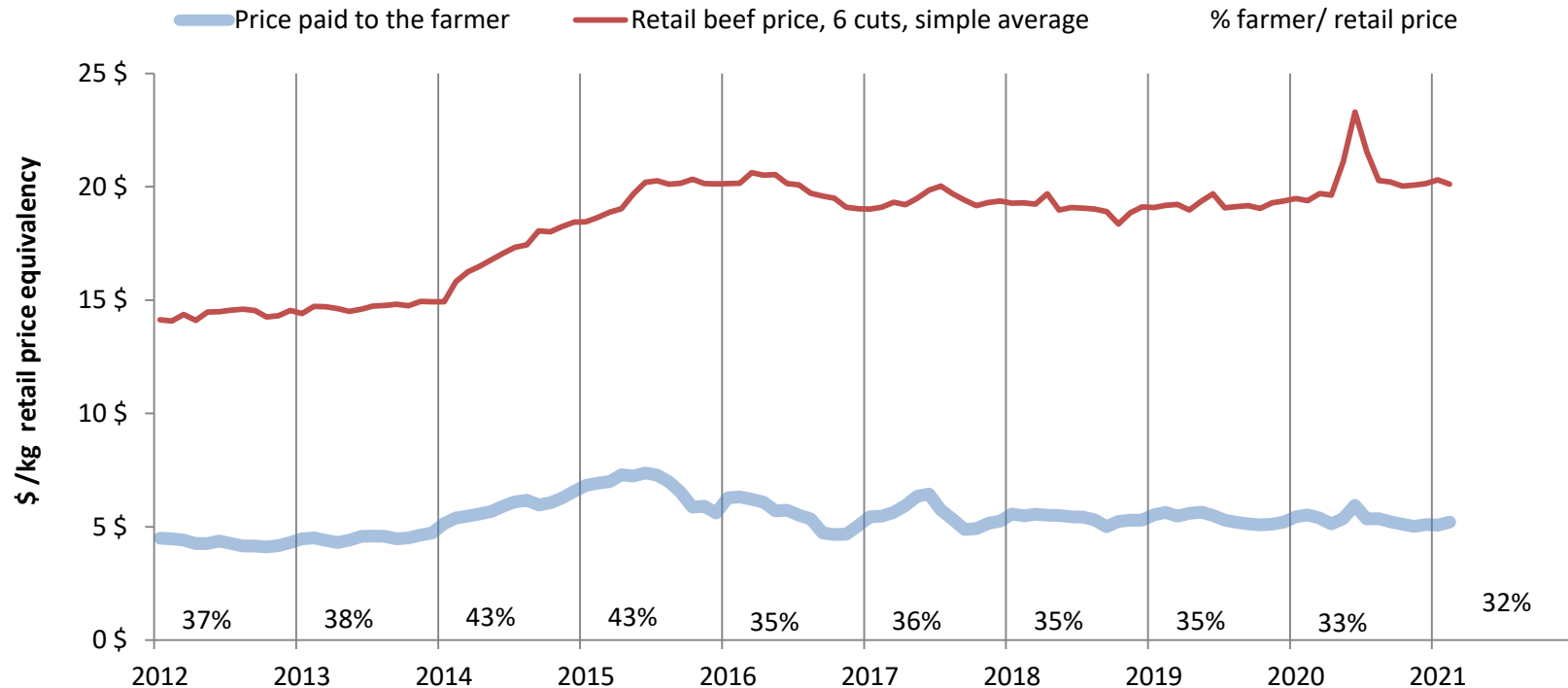
Imports and exports of veal, Canada annual data (tonnes) 2018-2020



Sources :

- Statistics Canada, AACF

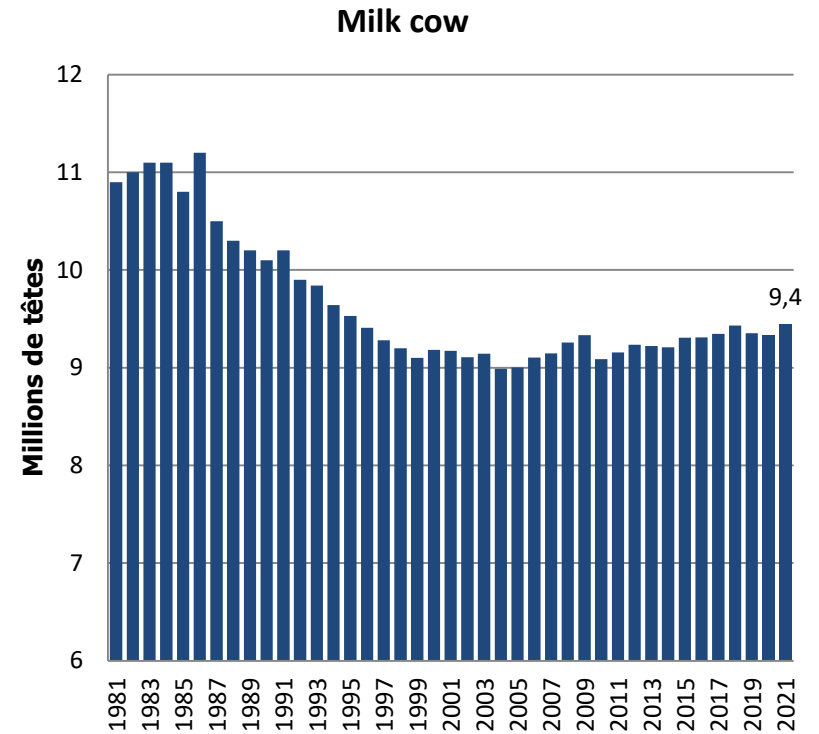
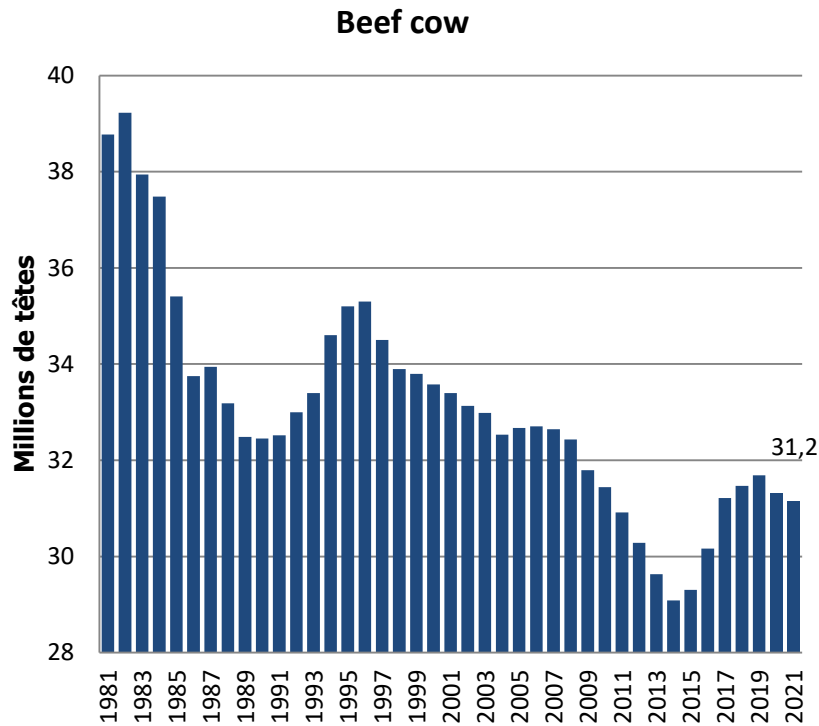
Beef price cuts vs price paid to the producer



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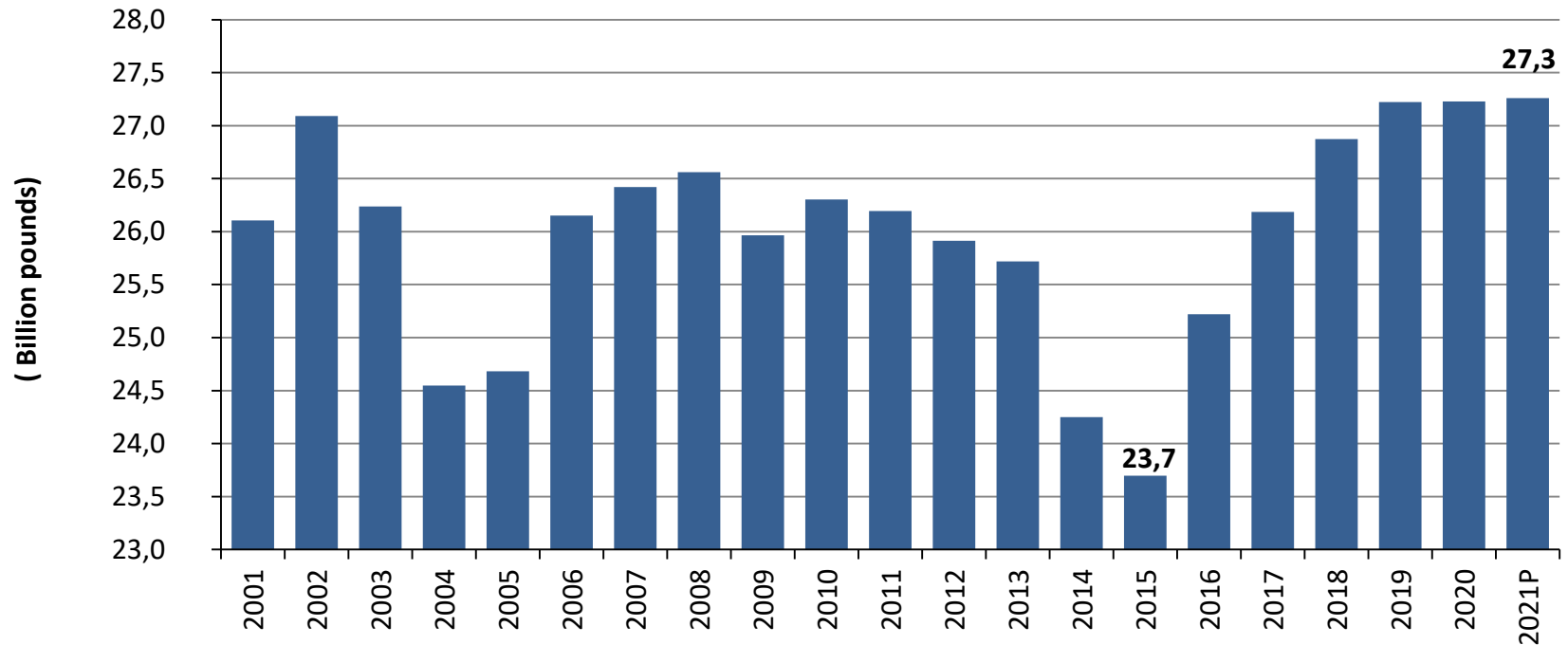
- Statistics Canada pour les prix au détail moyenne arithmétique 6 coupes (bifteck de ronde, bifteck de surlonge, rôti de côtes de choix, rôti de palette, bœuf à ragout, bœuf haché régulier)
- PBQ pour le prix aux producteur (rendement de 46% pour ramener le prix vif en prix de détail)

Beef cow and milk cow inventory in United-States



Source :
• USDA

Beef production in United-States

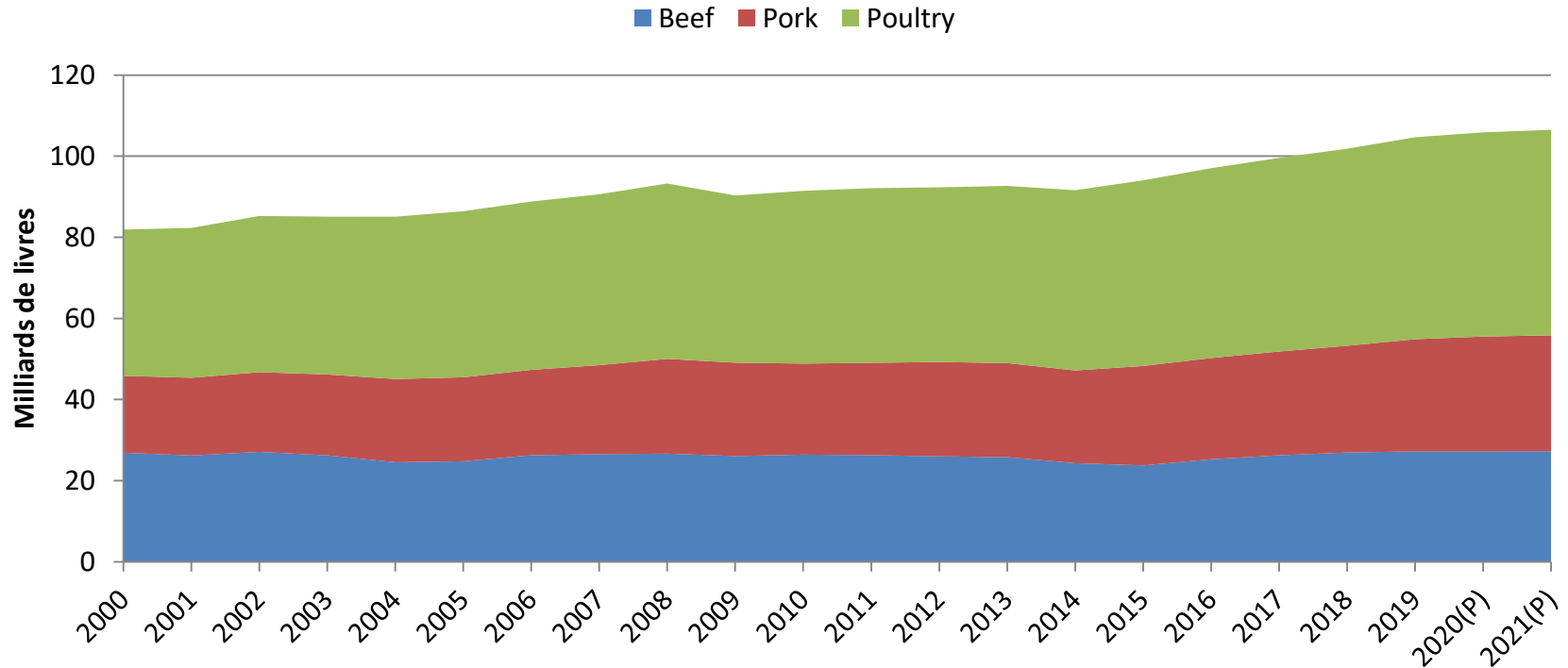


Sources :

- USDA and WASDE projection

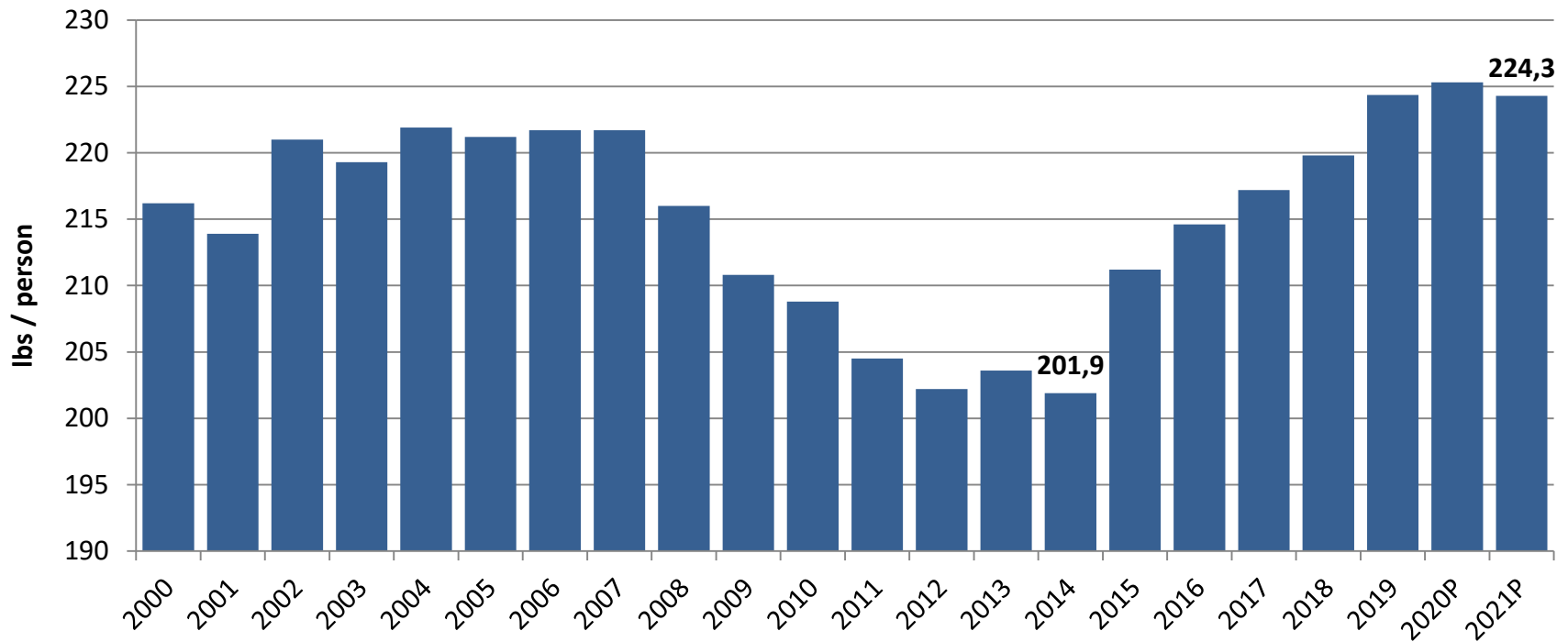


Beef – pork –poultry production in United-States



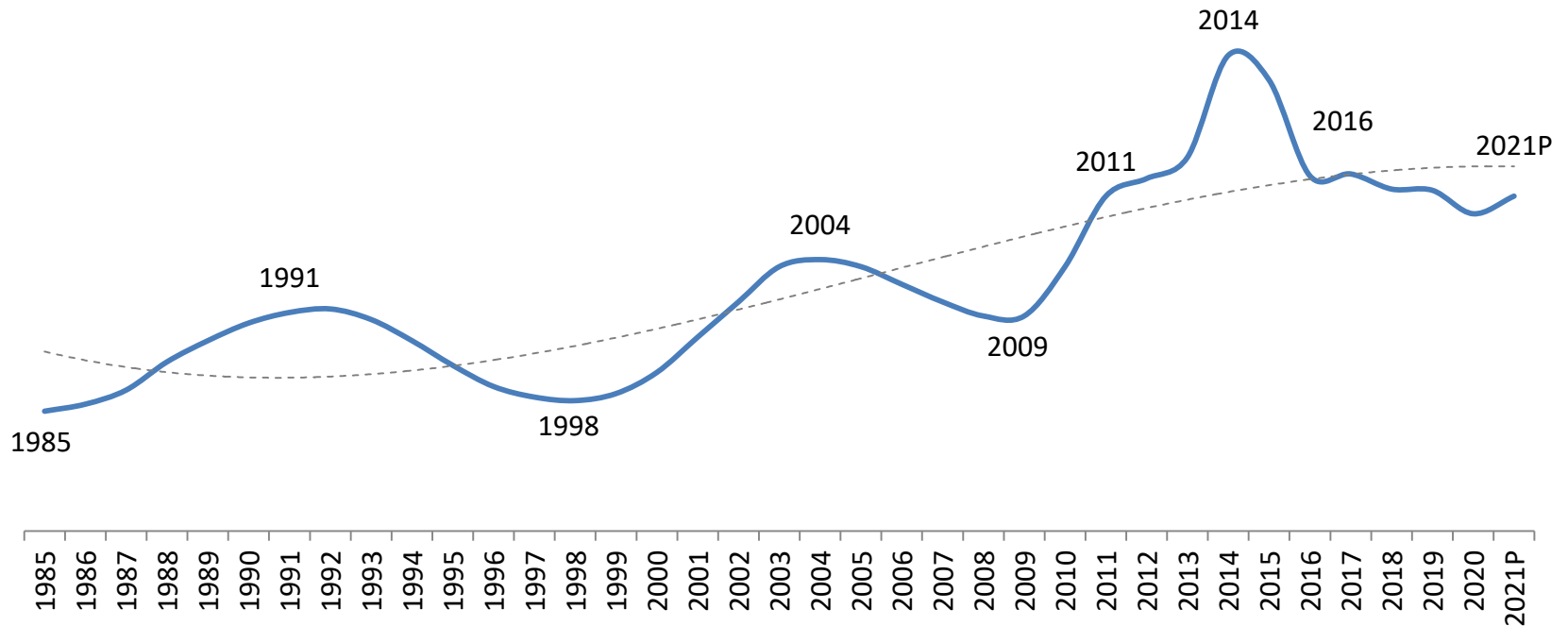
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Beef – pork – poultry Consumption per capita in United-States (lb)



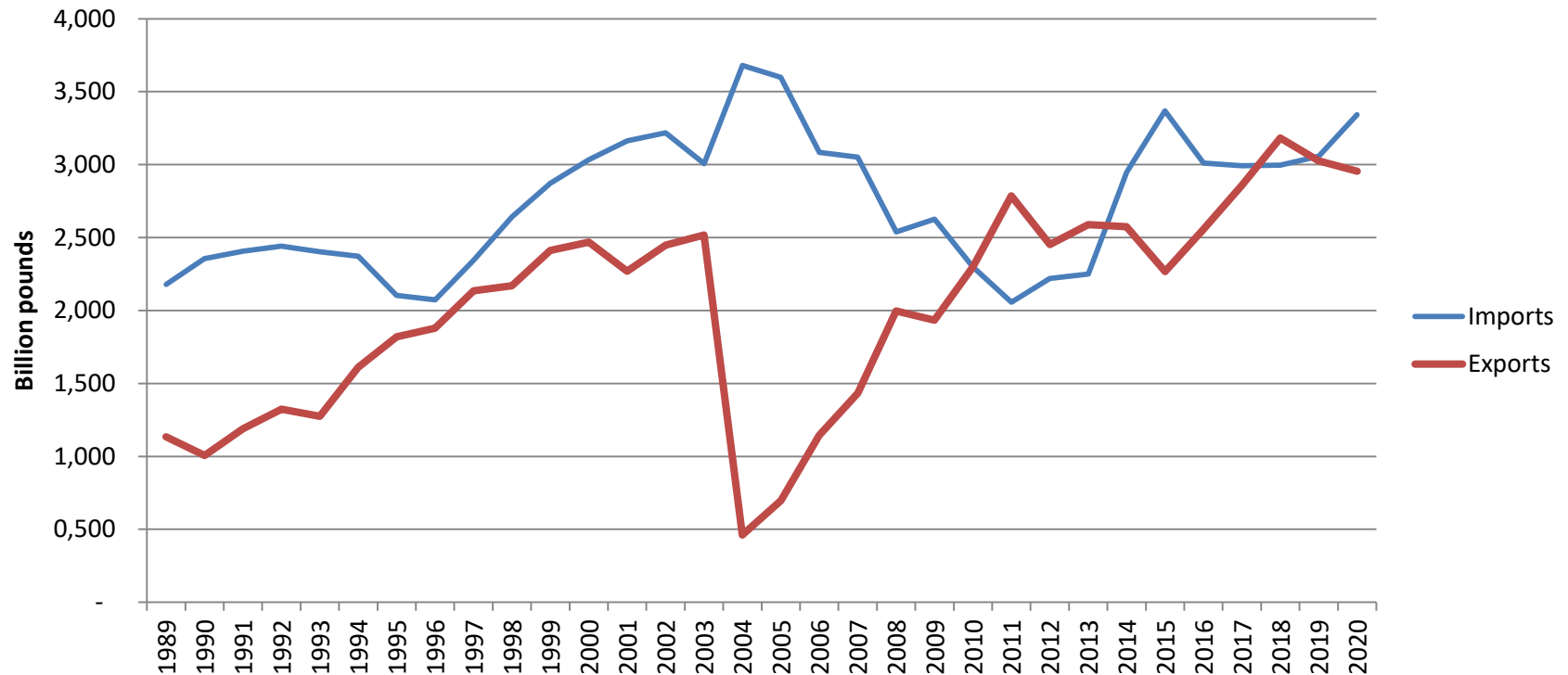
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Cattle price cycle in United-States



Sources :
• CattleFax

Beef imports and exports in United-States



Sources :

- USDA et Cattlefax



Short term outlook

- The cattle market is starting to notice the sharp decline in feedlot placements last fall.
 - The cold snap in February significantly dropped carcass weight, reducing the supply of available meat.
 - With delays in vaccination and a high number of COVID-19 cases, food services are still in slow motion.
 - Tight supply and strong demand for red meat are expected to push beef prices to their highest level since the plant shutdowns that occurred last April.
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Long term outlook

- Beef cattle herd contraction is underway in United-States which should have lead to less beef production and somewhat firmer prices.
 - However, due to the backlog of cattle created by the pandemic, the decline in production is not expected until the second half of 2021.
 - Rising exports to China, growing optimism for COVID-19 vaccines and decrease in beef supply are expected to support the market in the medium to long term.
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