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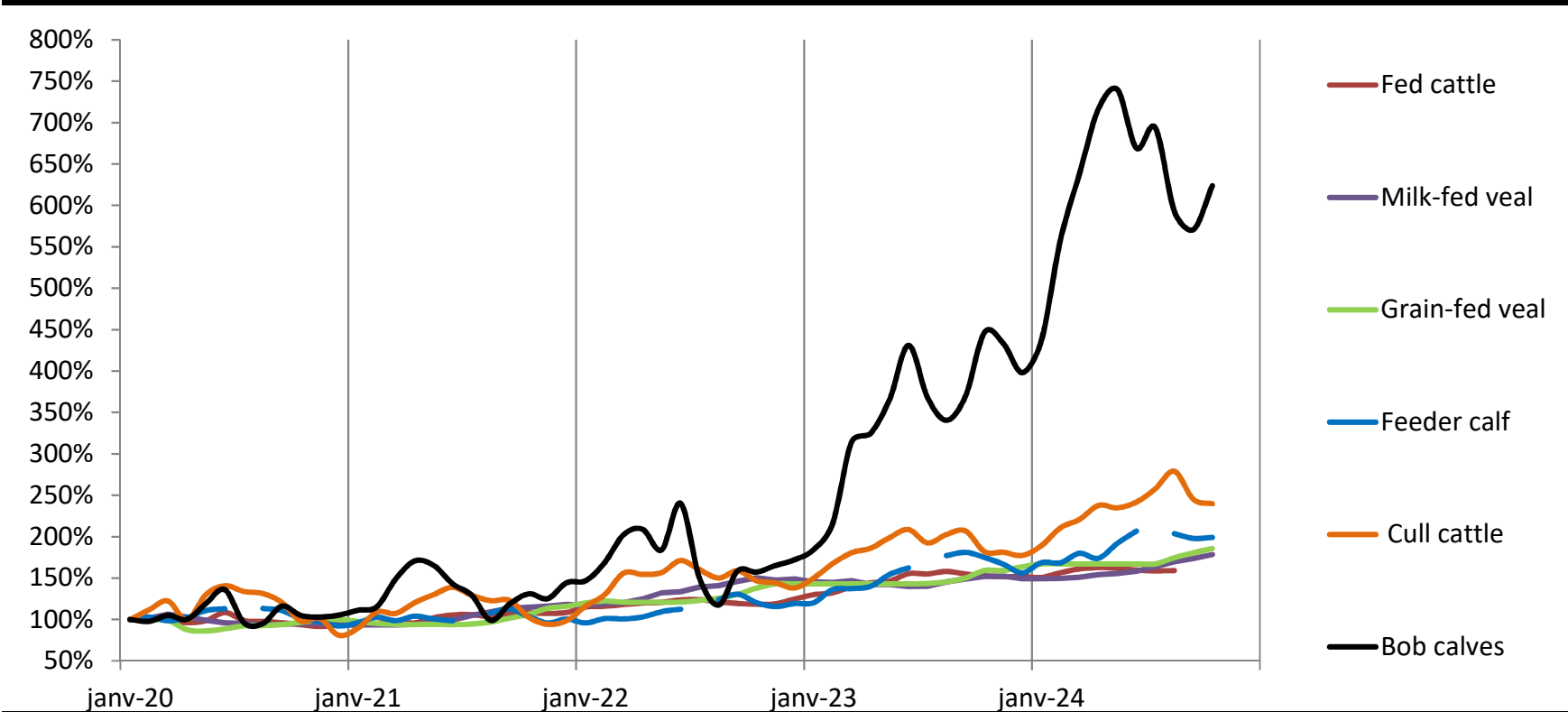
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December 2024

Les Producteurs
de bovins du
Québec



Price variation of cattle in Quebec since January 2020



Source :
• PBQ

Slaughter volume (head) in 2024

		Canada			United States
		West	East	Total	Total
Steers and heifers	2024	1 982 737	449 957	2 432 694	23 155 800
	% chg 2023	-1%	-8%	-2%	0%
Cows and bulls	2024	304 921	89 360	394 281	5 593 300
	% chg 2023	-18%	-24%	-20%	-15%
Milk fed and grain fed calves	2024			140 799	188 430
	% chg 2023			-5,1%	-30,4%

Sources :

AAFC (Total at December 7, 2024)

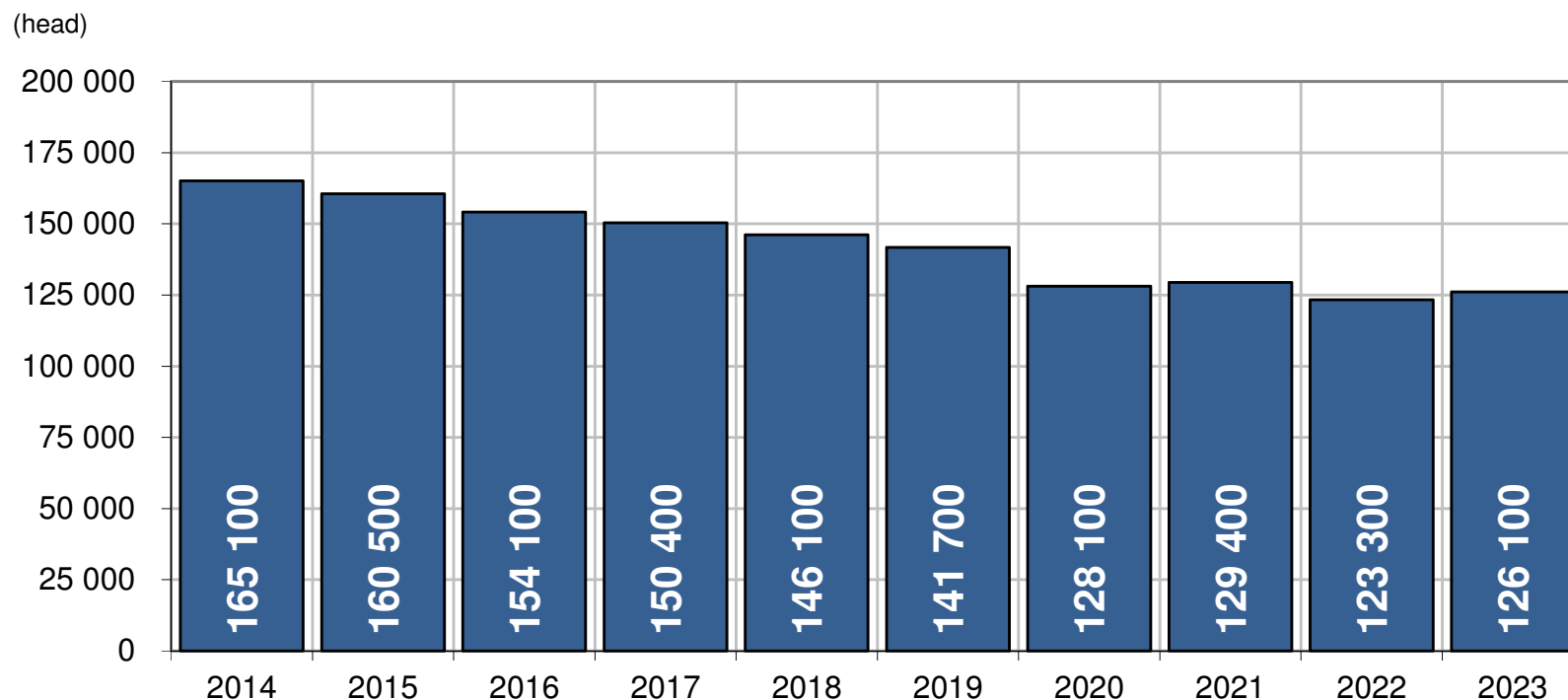
USDA (Total at November 30, 2024)

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Feeder calf

Number of beef cows in Quebec



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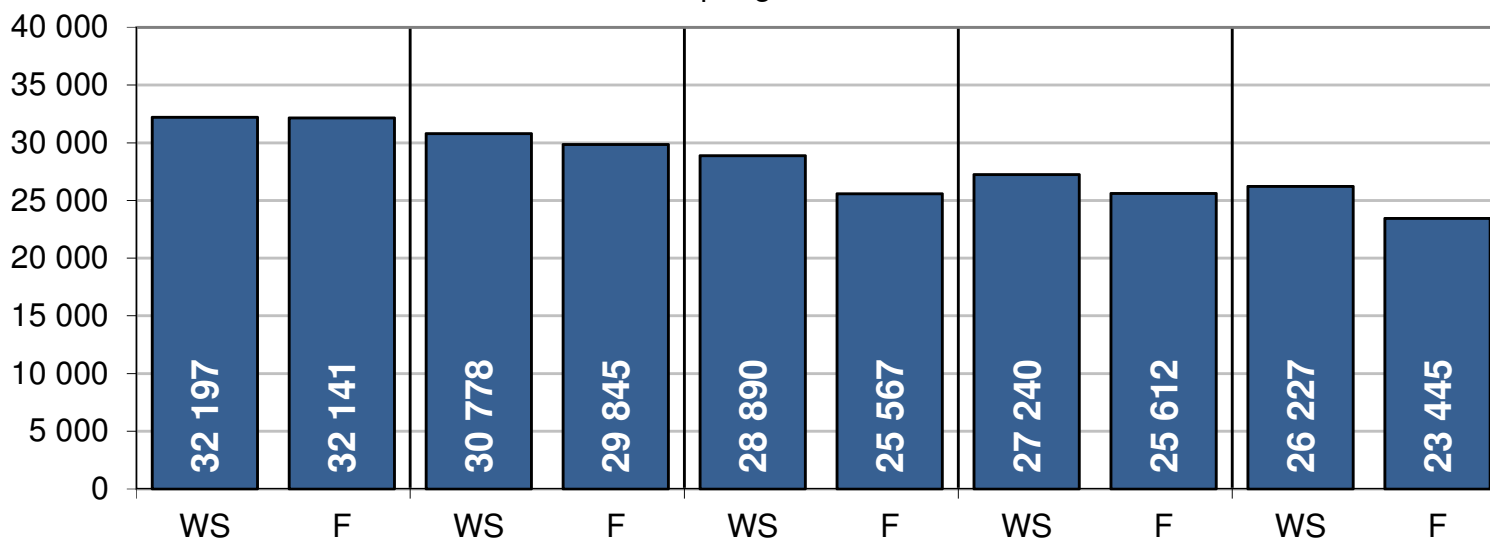
- Statistics Canada, Table 32-10-0130-01 Number of cattle, by class and farm type (x 1,000), january 1st survey

Feeder calf

Feeder calves in Quebec specialized auctions (numbers and weights)

(head)

WS = Winter and spring F = Fall



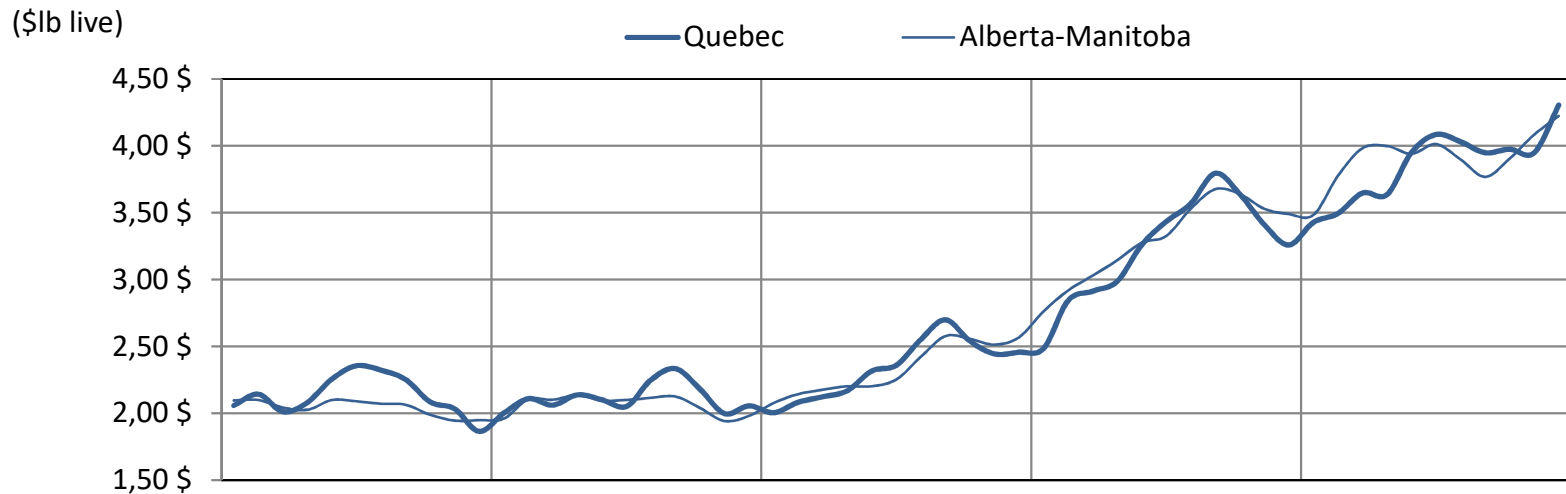
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Head	64 338	60 623	54 457	52 852	49 672
Weight (lb)	664	667	681	676	660

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



	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Quebec	2,13 \$	2,12 \$	2,34 \$	3,24 \$	3,86 \$
Que-(Alb-Man)	0,09 \$	0,05 \$	0,01 \$	-0,07 \$	-0,06 \$

Sources :

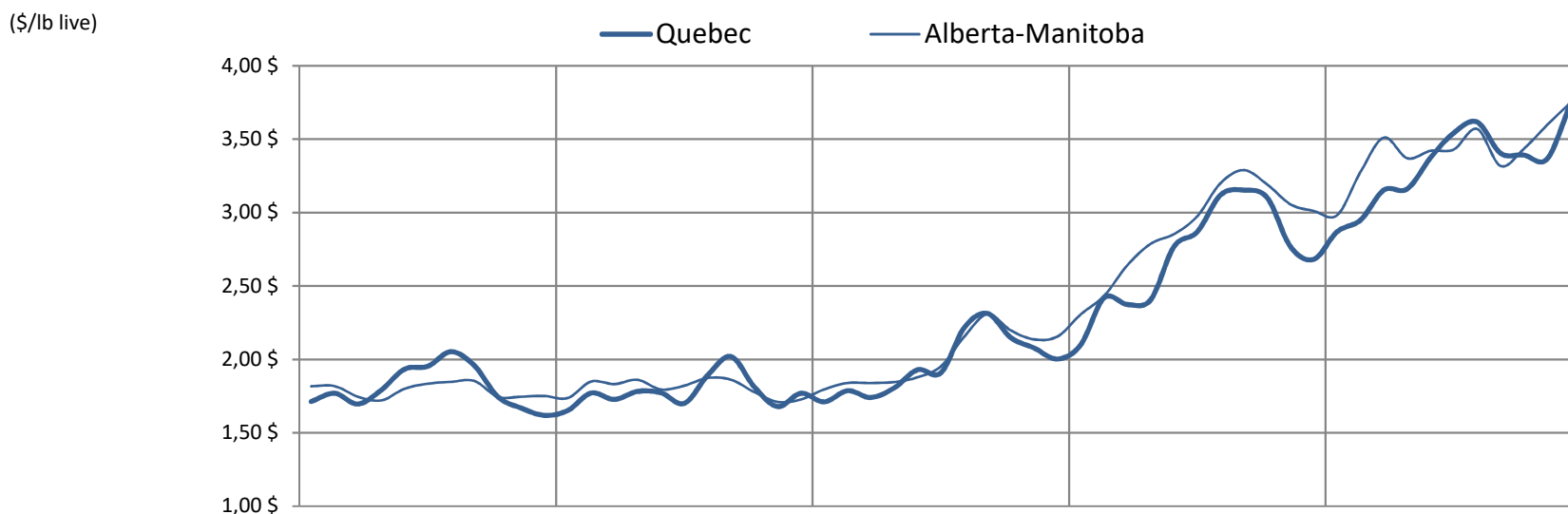
- Quebec : Price of male feeder calves, 600 to 700 lb, sold in the specialized market auctions in Quebec, PBQ
- Alberta-Manitoba : Price of male feeder calves, 600 to 700 lb, sold in the market auctions in Alberta and Manitoba, Canfax

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Feeder calf

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

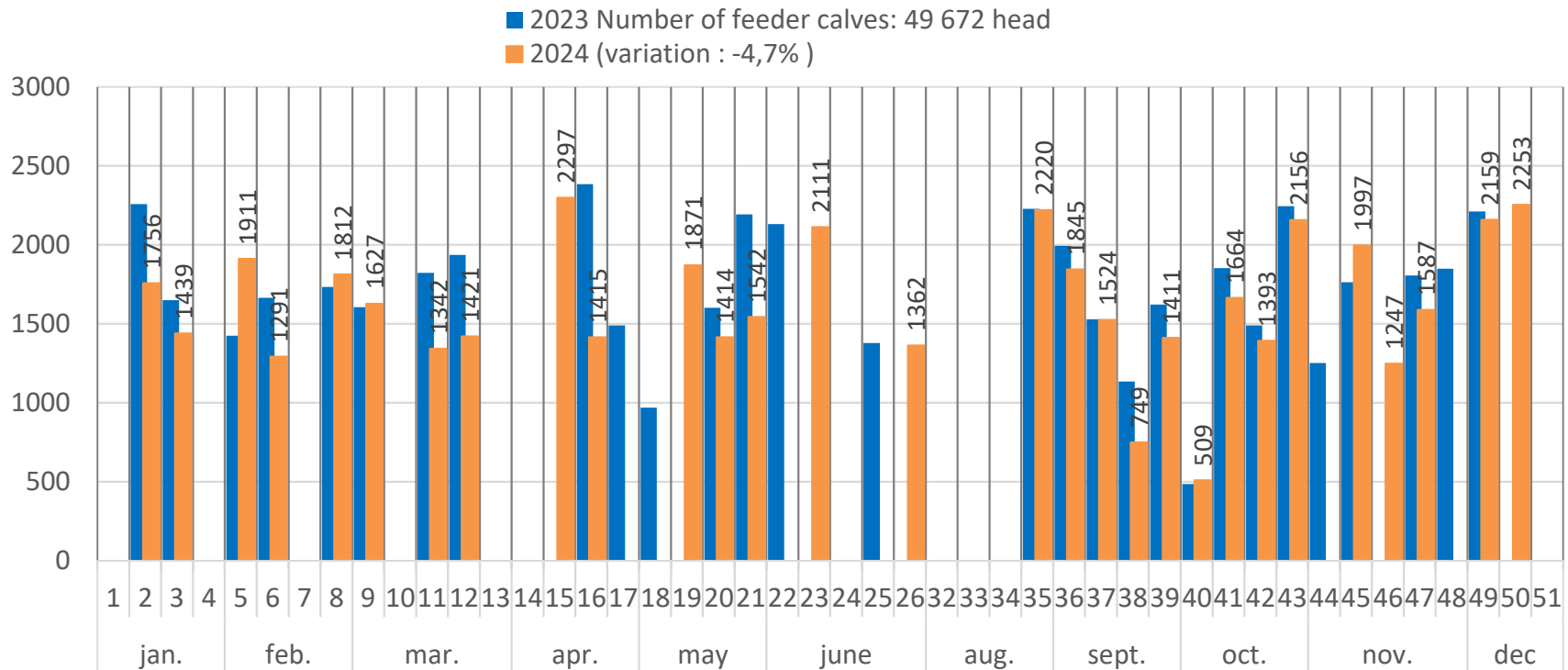


	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Quebec	1,79 \$	1,80 \$	2,01 \$	2,71 \$	3,32 \$
Que-(Alb-Man)	0,02 \$	-0,02 \$	-0,04 \$	-0,18 \$	-0,10 \$

Sources :

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

Number of feeder calves in Quebec specialized auctions 2023-2024

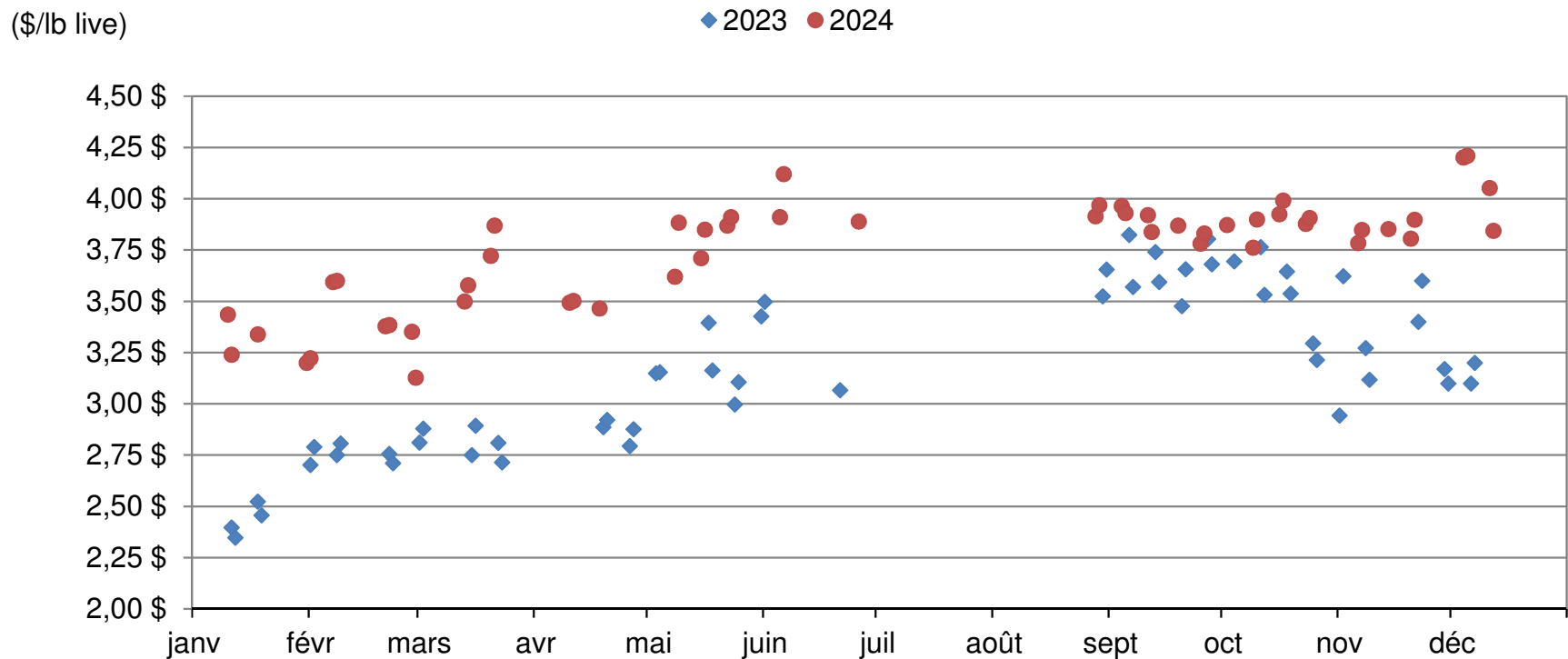


Source :
 Number of feeder calves in Quebec specialized auctions in Quebec, PBQ

Feeder calf

Price of male feeder calves (600-700 lb)

Quebec specialized auctions 2023-2024



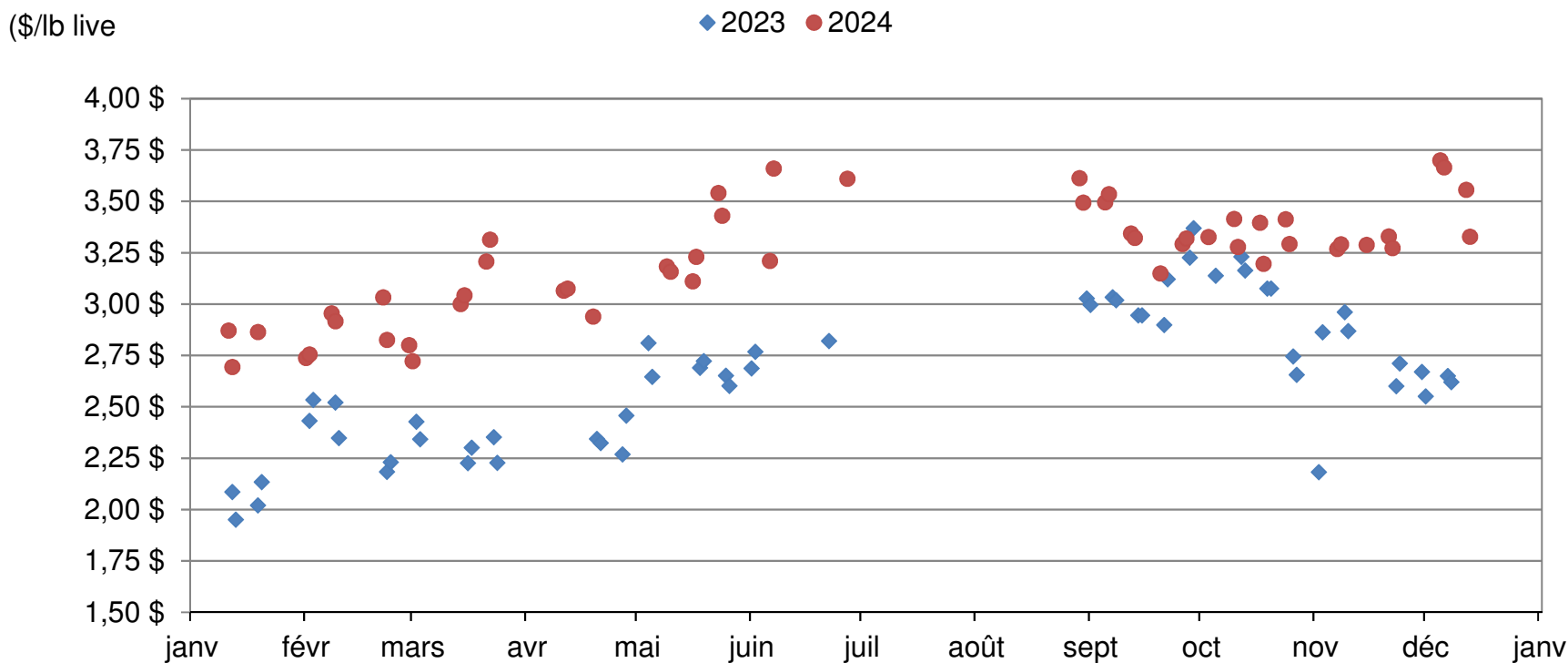
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Feeder calf

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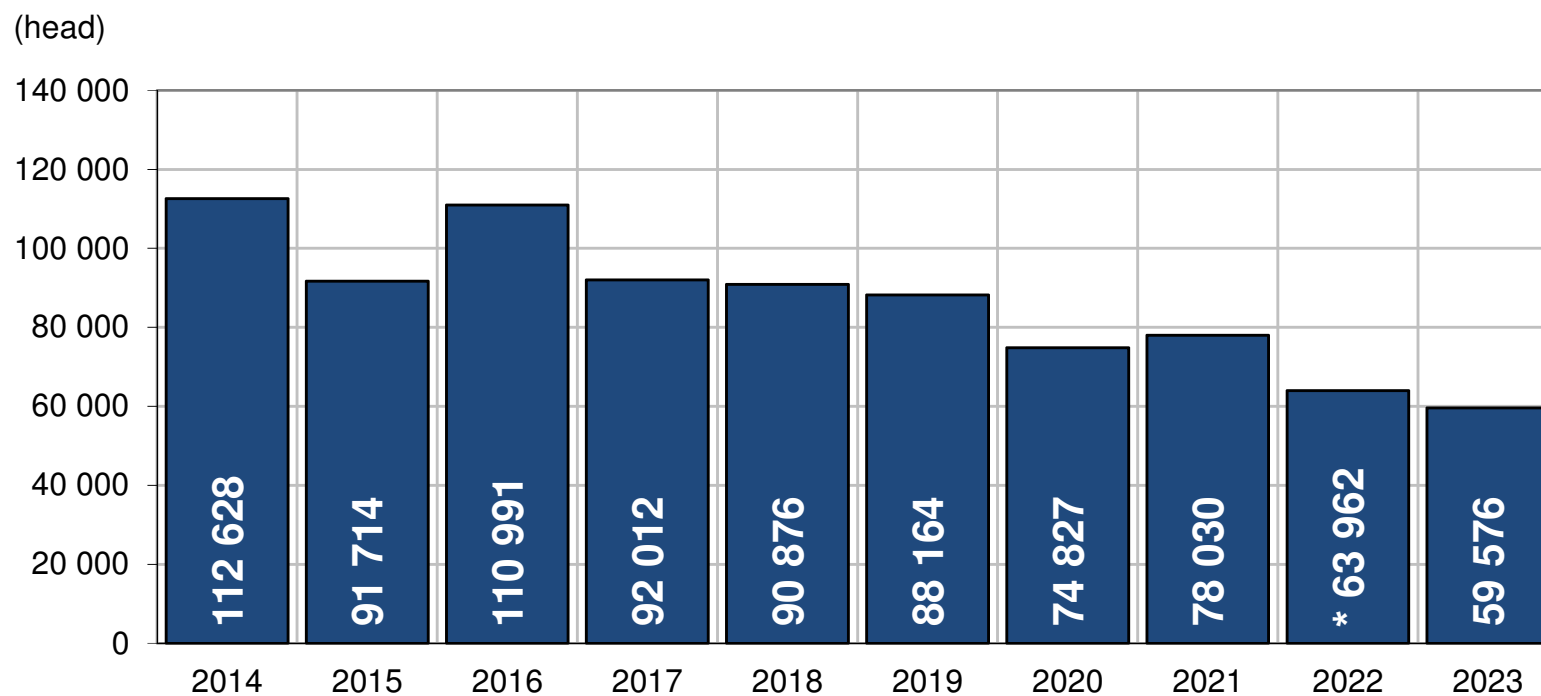
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Fed cattle Number of cattle fed in Quebec

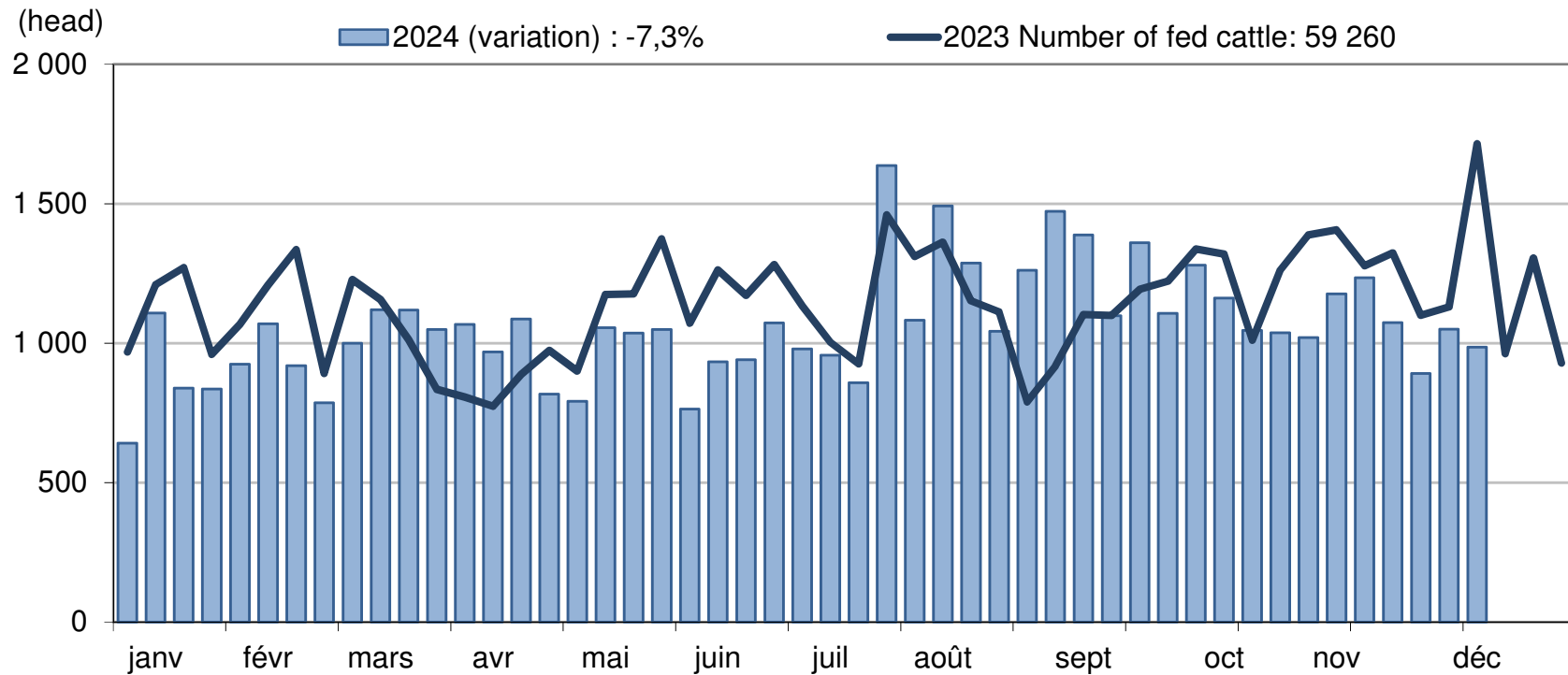


* Since 2022, the volume does not include sales paid directly to producers.

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

Fed cattle

Number of cattle fed in Quebec 2023-2024



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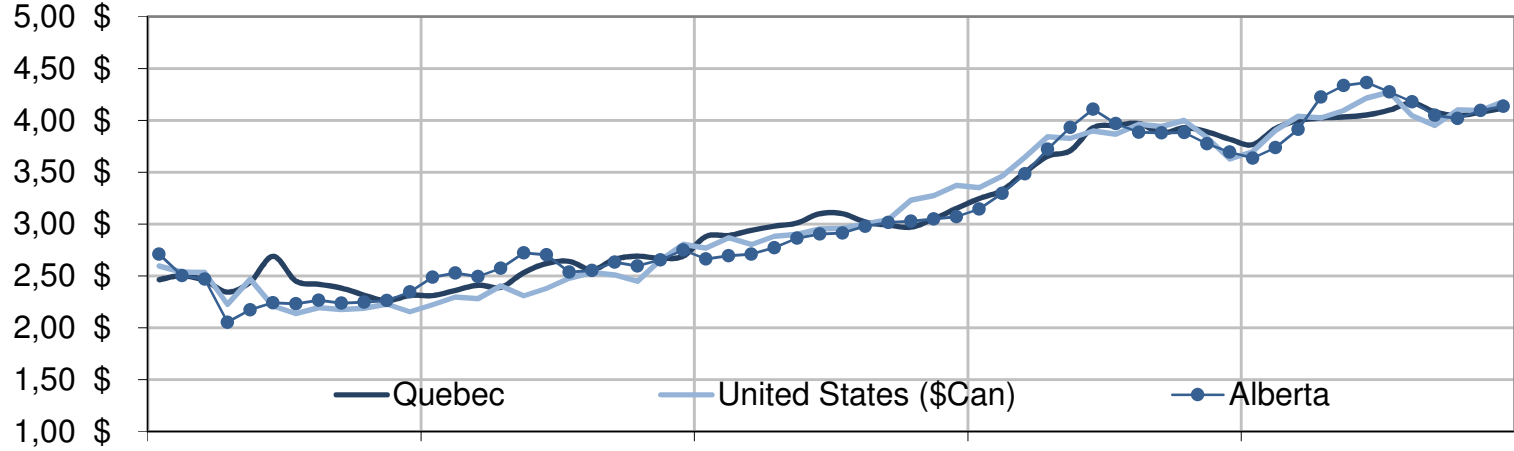
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Fed cattle

Price of fed cattle in Quebec, Alberta and United States

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



	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Quebec	2.42 \$	2.54 \$	3.01 \$	3.73 \$	4.03 \$
Que-Ont	0.01 \$	-0.03 \$	-0.03 \$	-0.03 \$	-0.03 \$
Que-US	0.12 \$	0.10 \$	0.00 \$	-0.04 \$	0.04 \$
Que-Alb	0.11 \$	-0.06 \$	0.12 \$	0.00 \$	0.16 \$

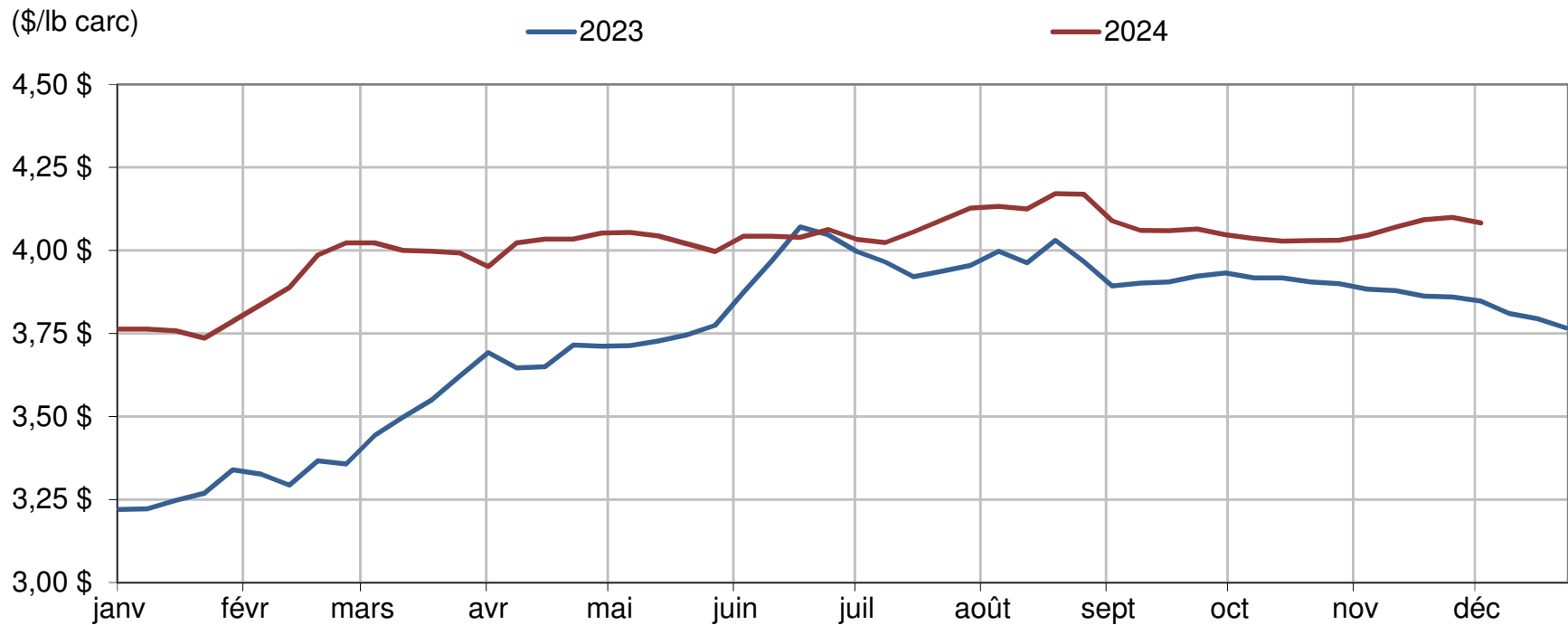
Sources :

- 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

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Fed cattle

Price of fed cattle in Quebec 2023-2024



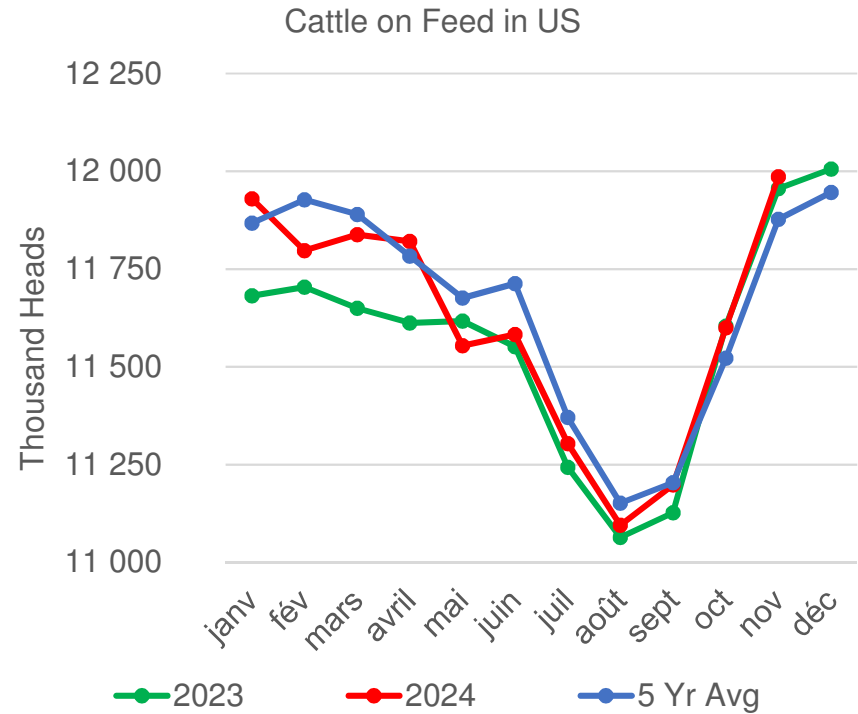
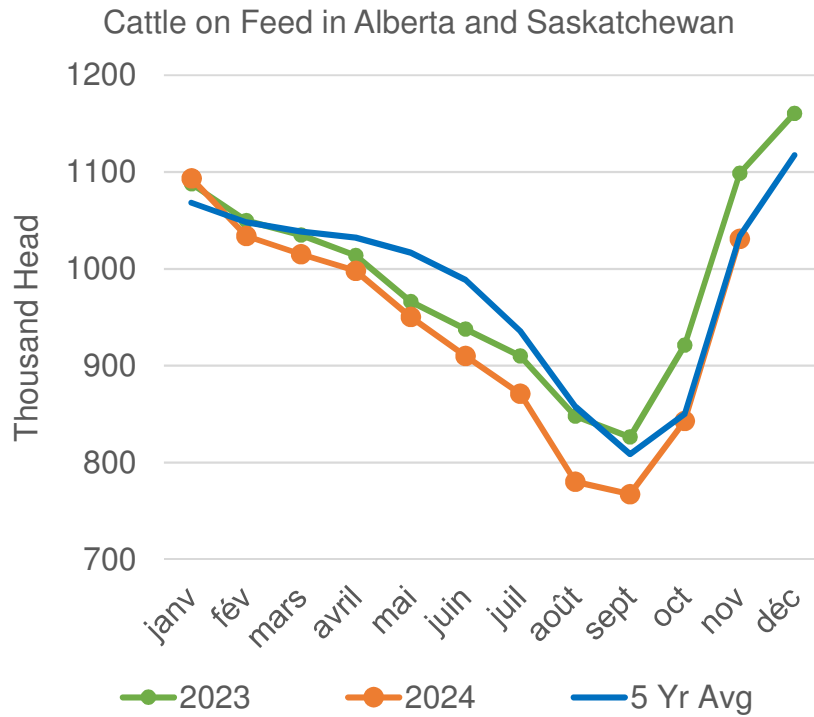
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Fed cattle

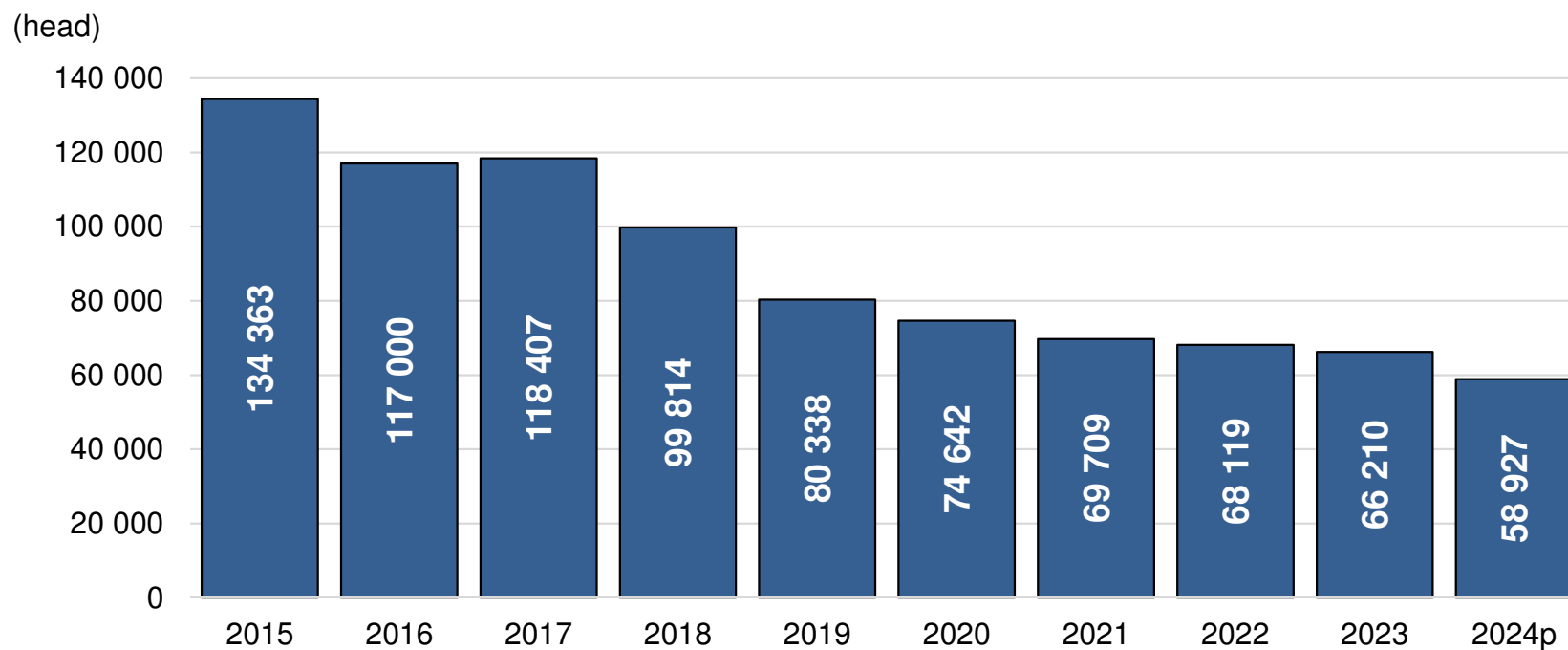
Cattle on Feed in Western Canada and United States



Sources:

- Canfax , number on feed on 1000+ Feedlot
- USDA, number on feed on 1000+ Feedlot

Milk-fed veal Number of calves fed in Quebec



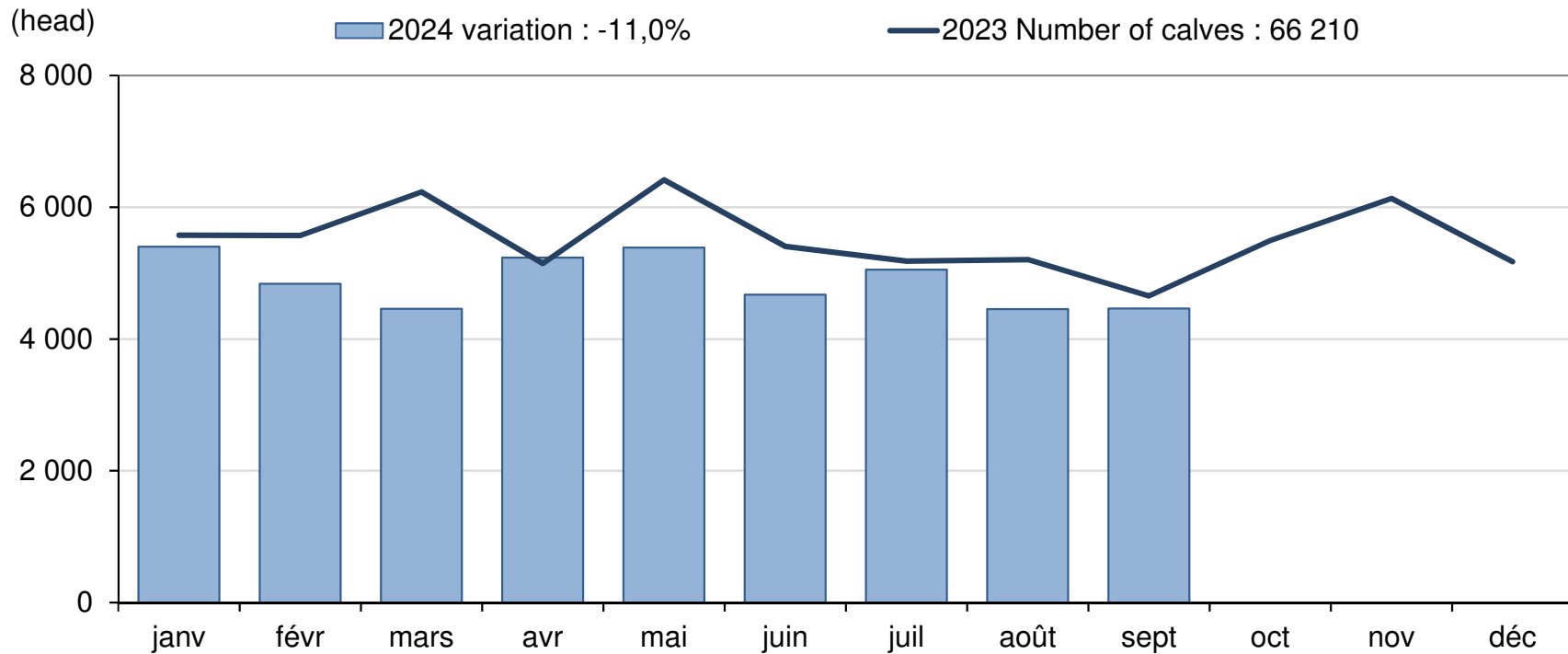
Sources :

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

Milk-fed veal

Number of calves fed in Quebec

2023-2024

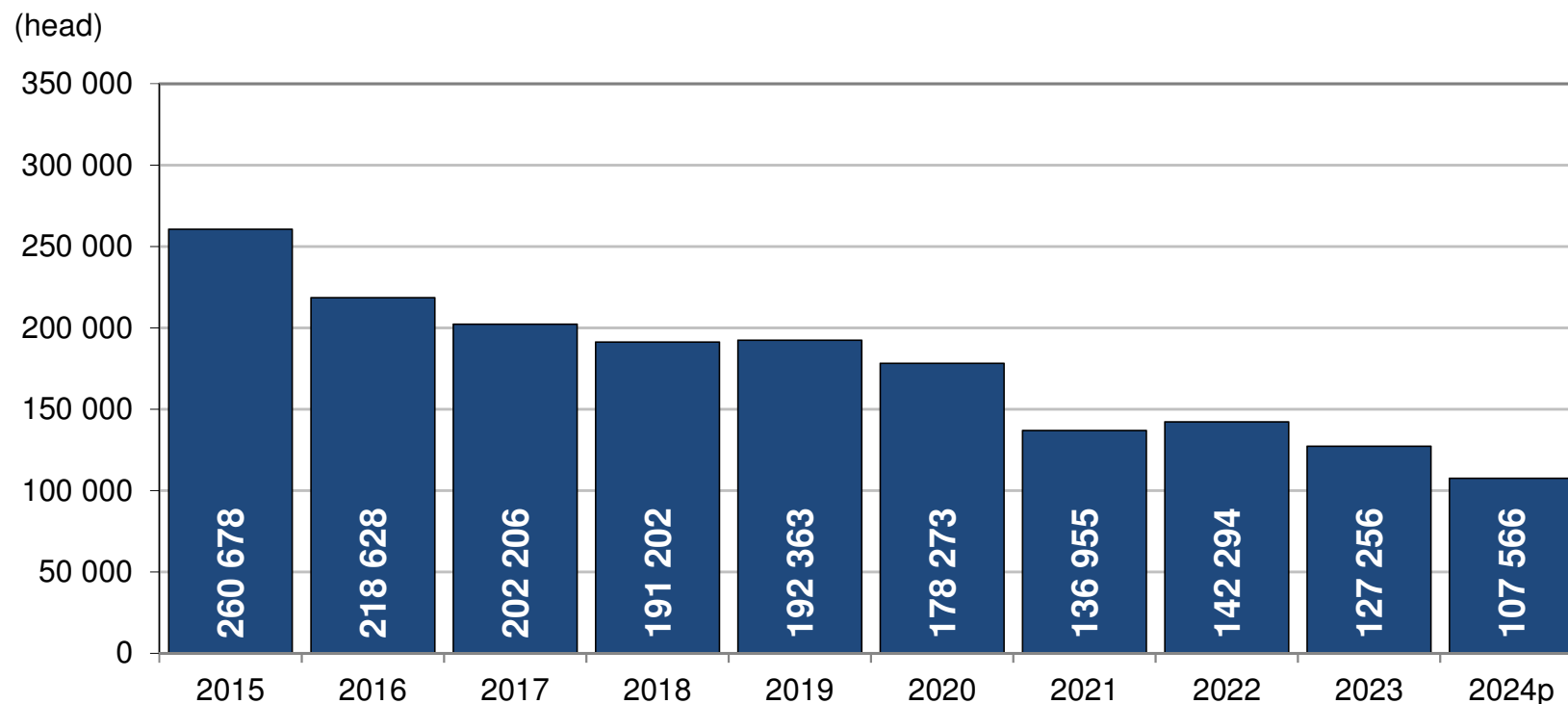


Sources :

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

Milk-fed veal

Number of calves slaughtered in United States



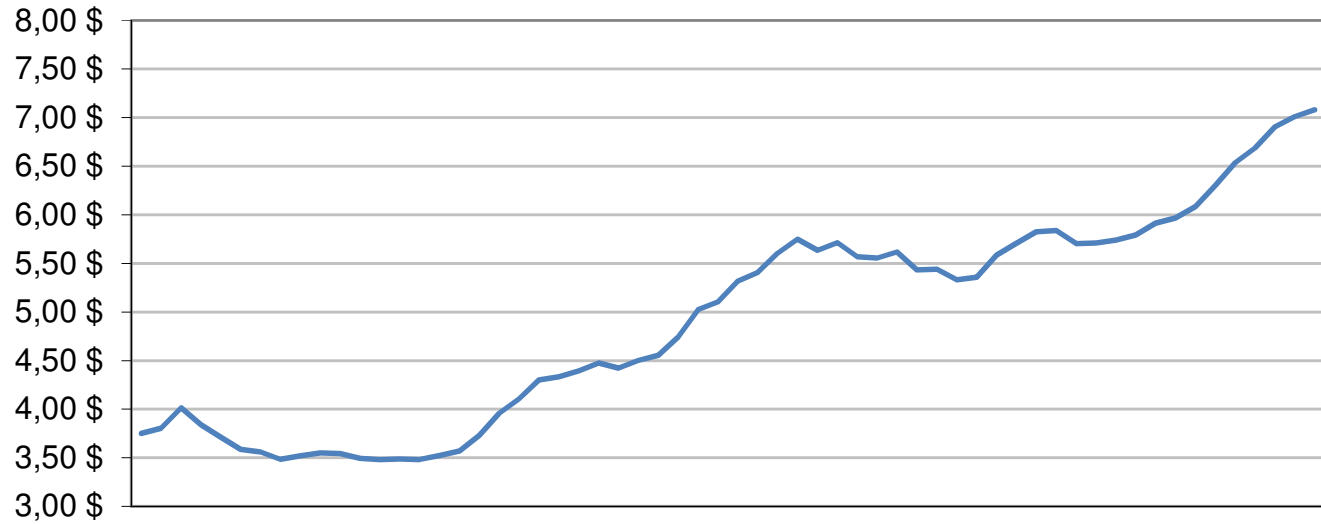
Sources :

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

Milk-fed veal

Price of milk-fed veal

(\$ CAN/lb carcass hide off)

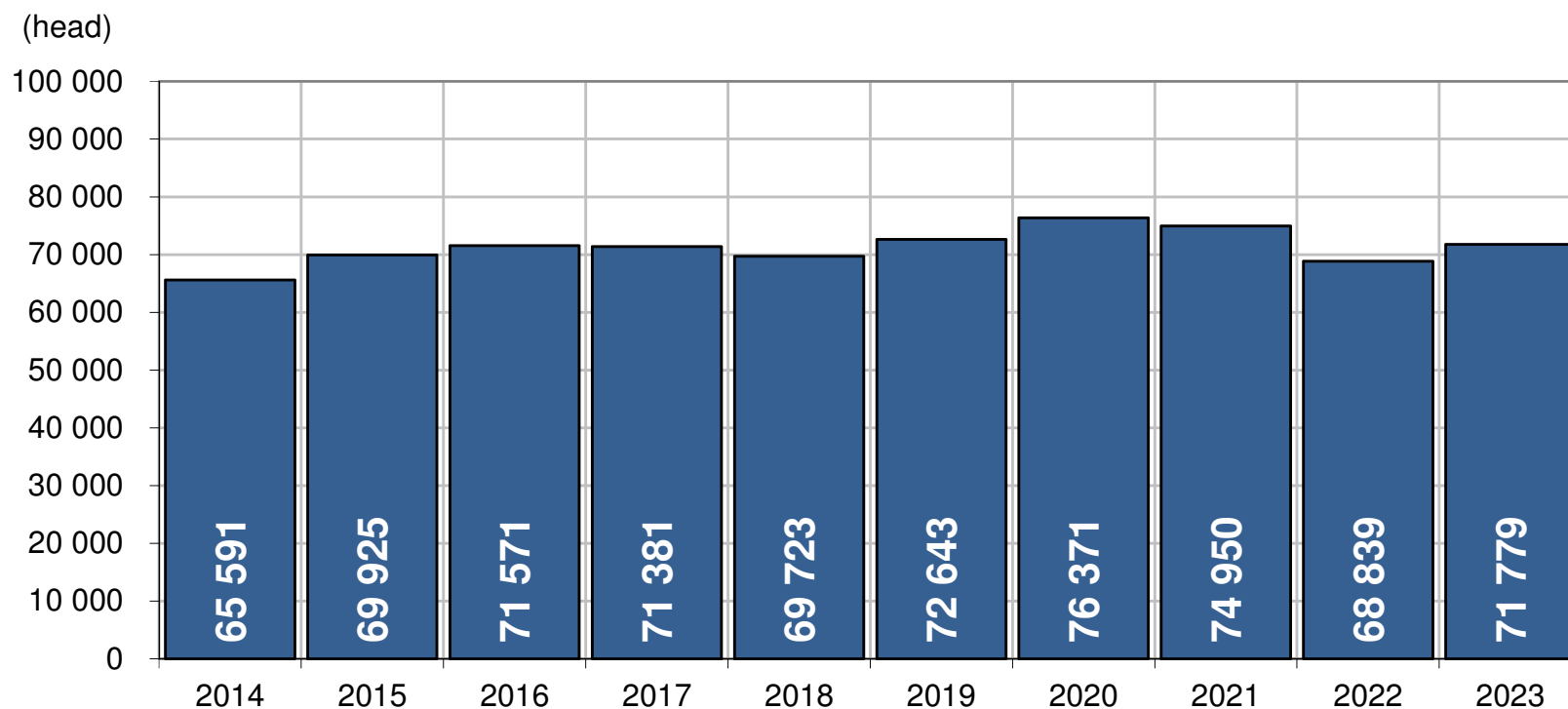


	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Annual average price	3,65 \$	3,90 \$	5,15 \$	5,58 \$	6,31 \$

Sources : USDA

- The Quebec market-adjusted price is equal to the U.S. price published by the USDA, converted to CA\$ from which CA\$0.25/lb carcass has been subtracted to account for customs, transportation and veterinary fees for export to the United States.

Grain-fed veal Number of calves fed in Quebec

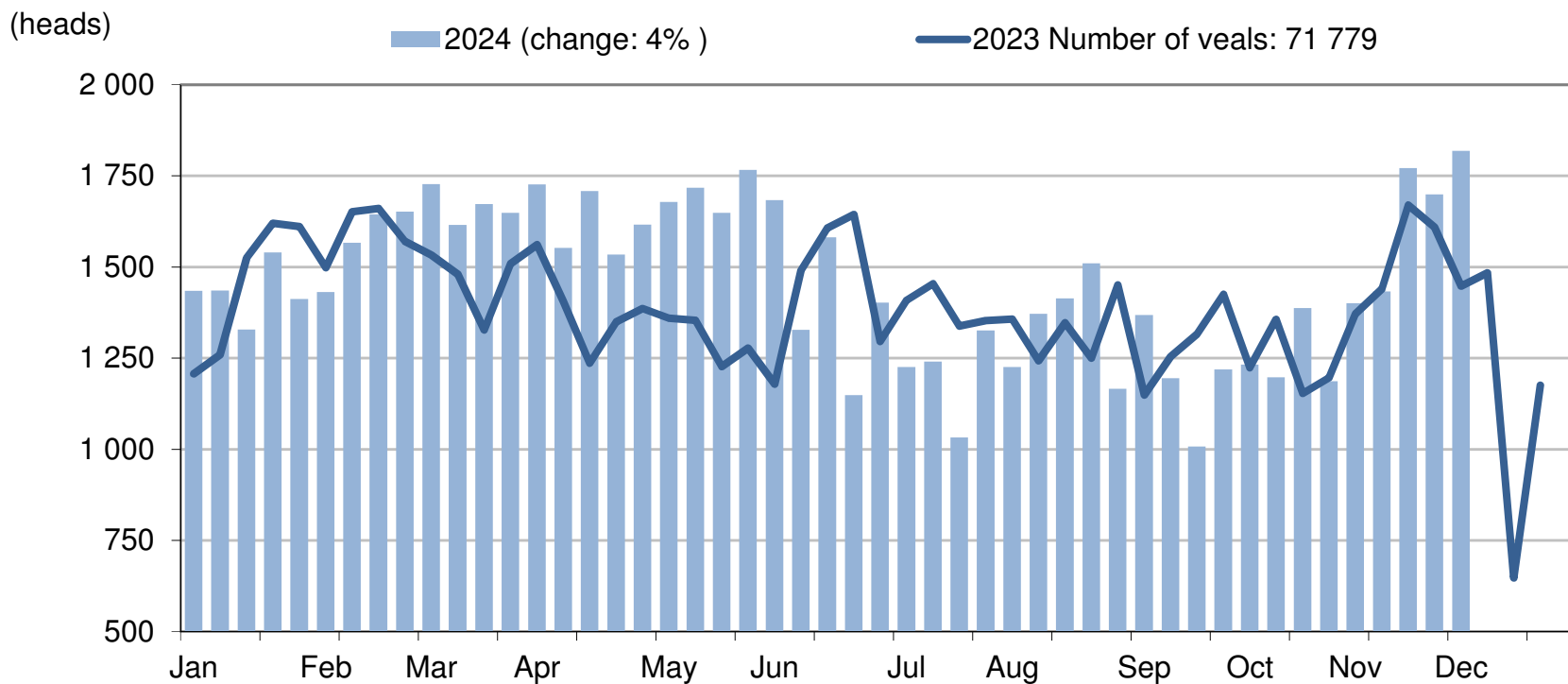


Sources :

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

Grain-fed veal

Weekly grain-fed veal production in Quebec 2023-2024



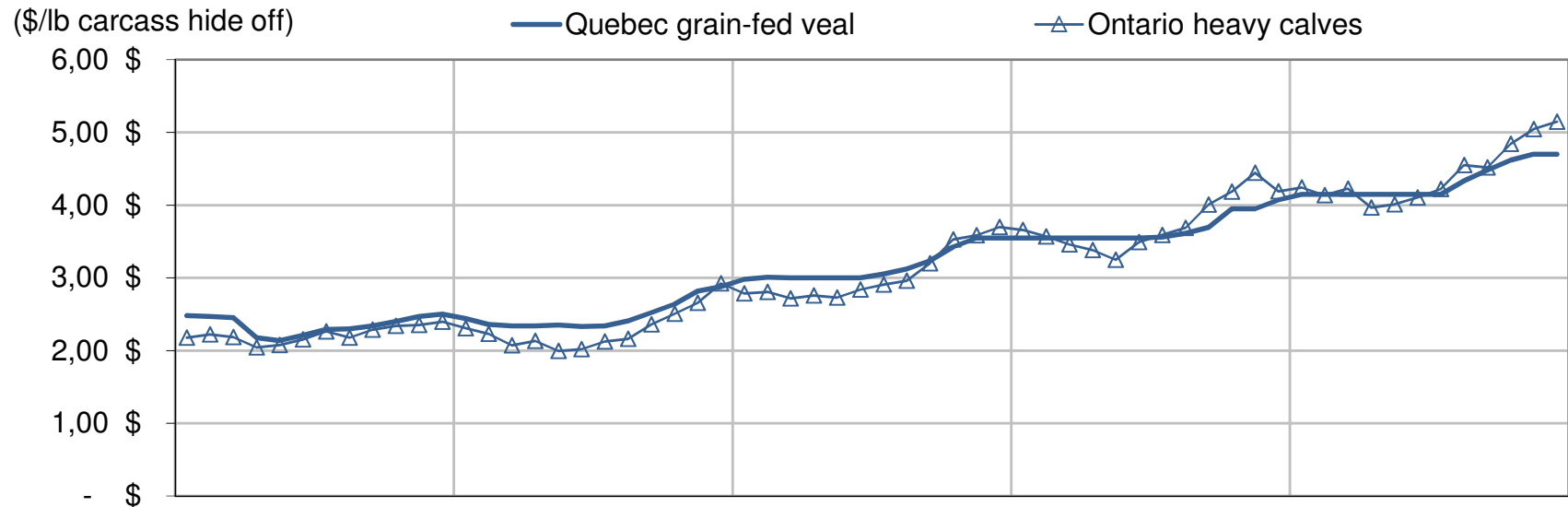
Sources :

- PBQ, Number of grain-fed veal produced in Quebec

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Grain-fed veal

Price of grain-fed veal calves in Quebec and Ontario



	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Quebec	2.35 \$	2.48 \$	3.16 \$	3.68 \$	4.32 \$
Quebec Ontario	0.13 \$	0.19 \$	0.12 \$	-0.06 \$	-0.09 \$

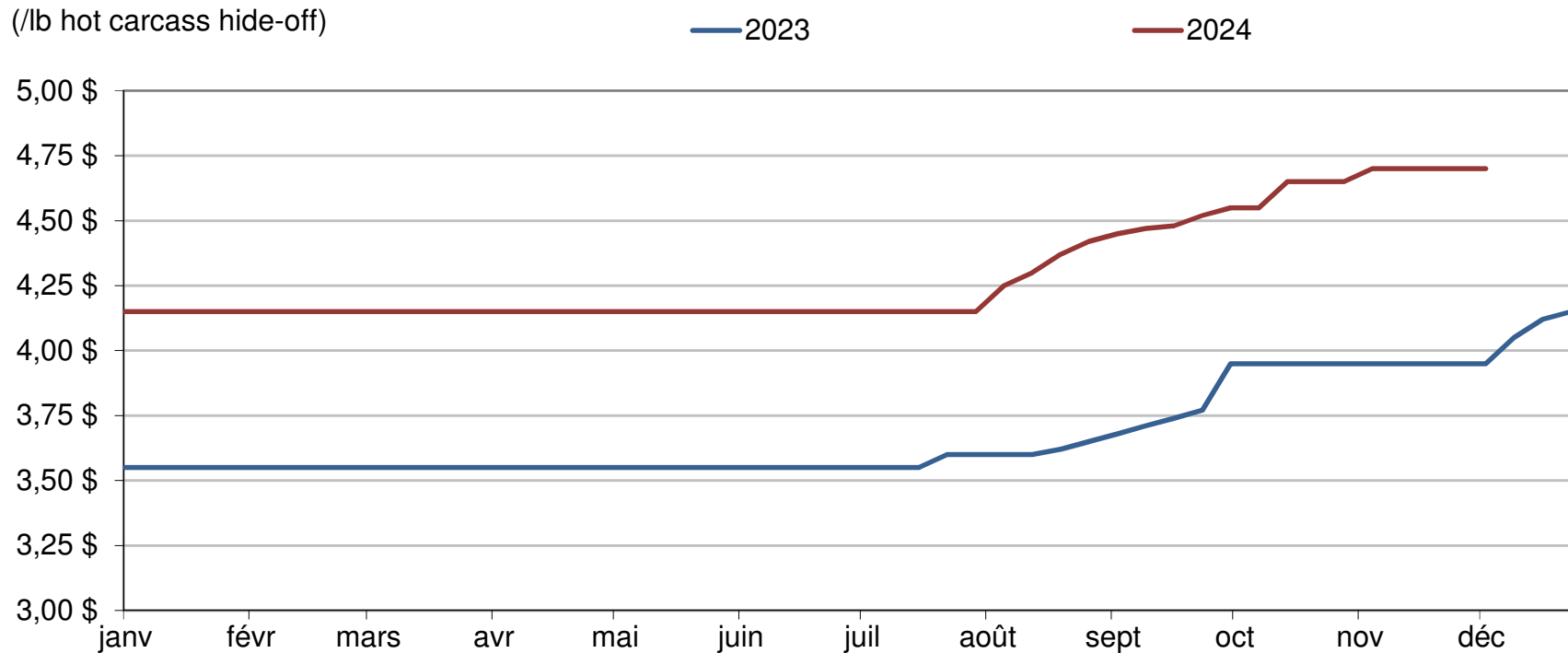
Sources :

- Quebec : PBQ
- Ontario : BFP, Weekly price, category over 600 lb



Grain-fed veal

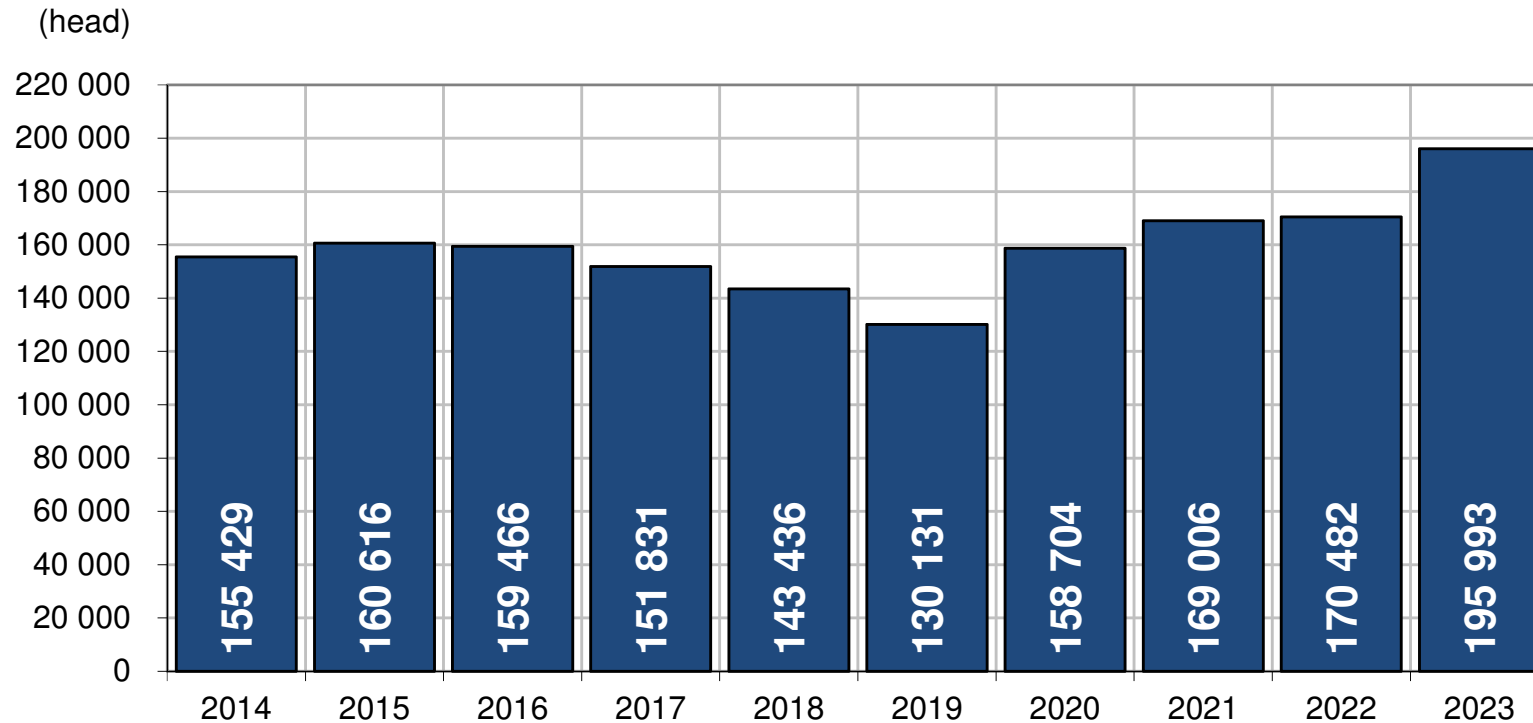
Price of grain-fed veal calves in Quebec 2023-2024



Sources : PBQ

Bob calves

Number of bob calves marketed in Quebec

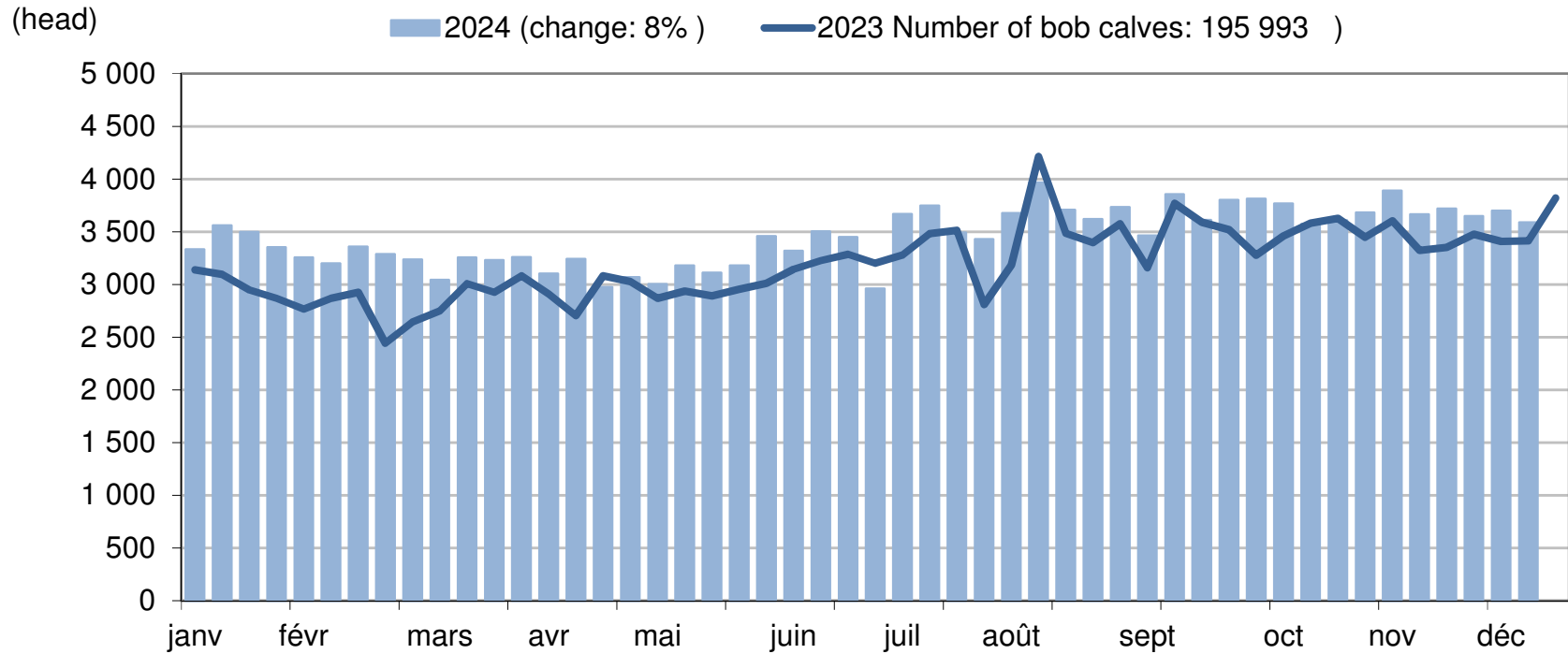


Source :

- Number of calves marketed by Quebec producers, PBQ

Bob calves

Number of bob calves marketed in Quebec 2023-2024

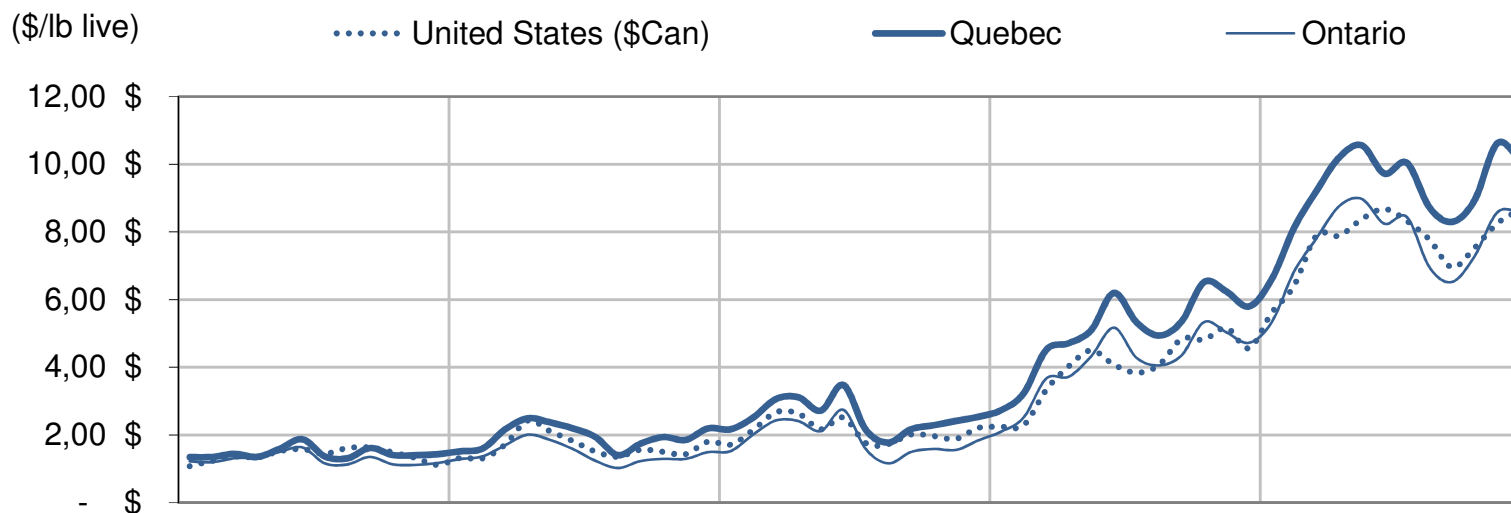


Sources :

- Number of calves marketed by Quebec producers, PBQ

Bob calves

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



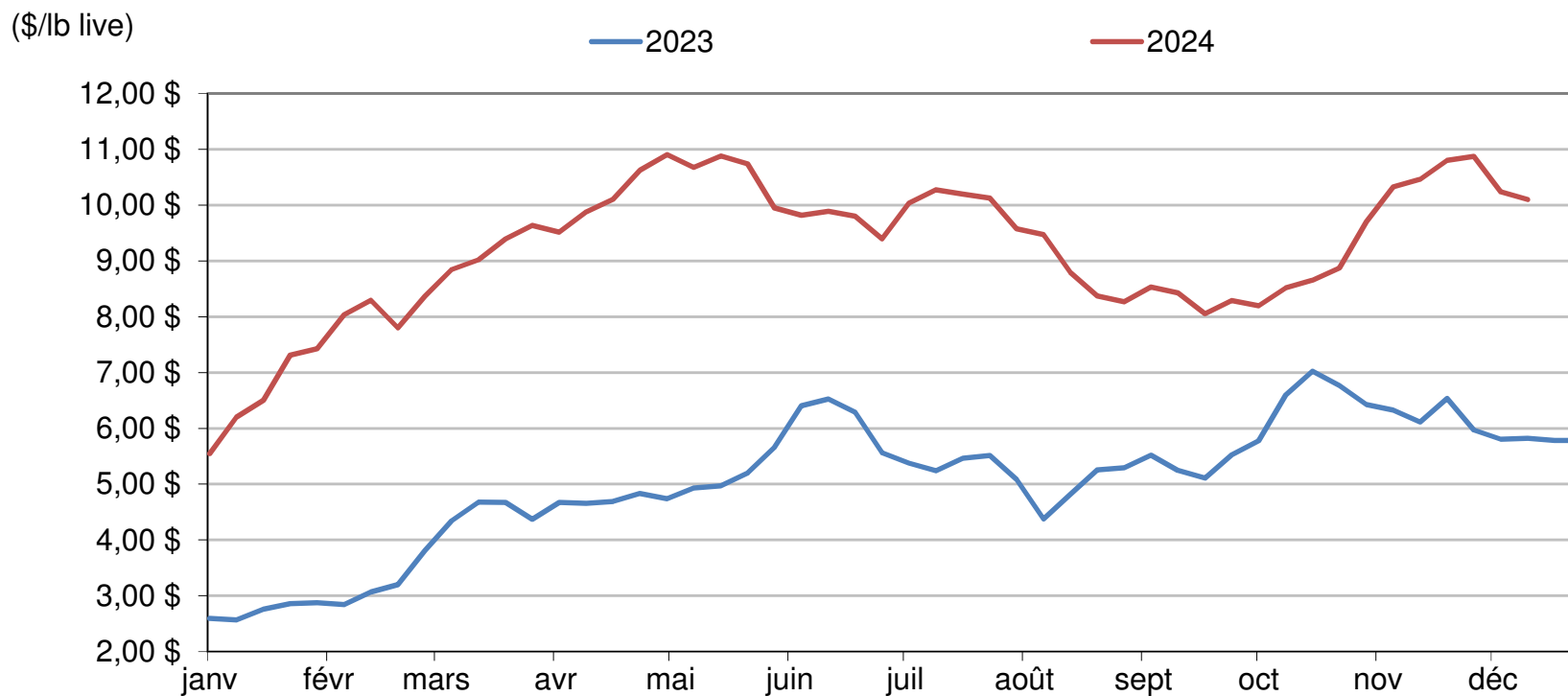
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Quebec	1.46 \$	1.95 \$	2.53 \$	5.06 \$	9.27 \$
Que-US	0.06 \$	0.30 \$	0.41 \$	1.08 \$	1.57 \$
Que-Ont	0.18 \$	0.50 \$	0.66 \$	0.95 \$	1.57 \$

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 2023-2024

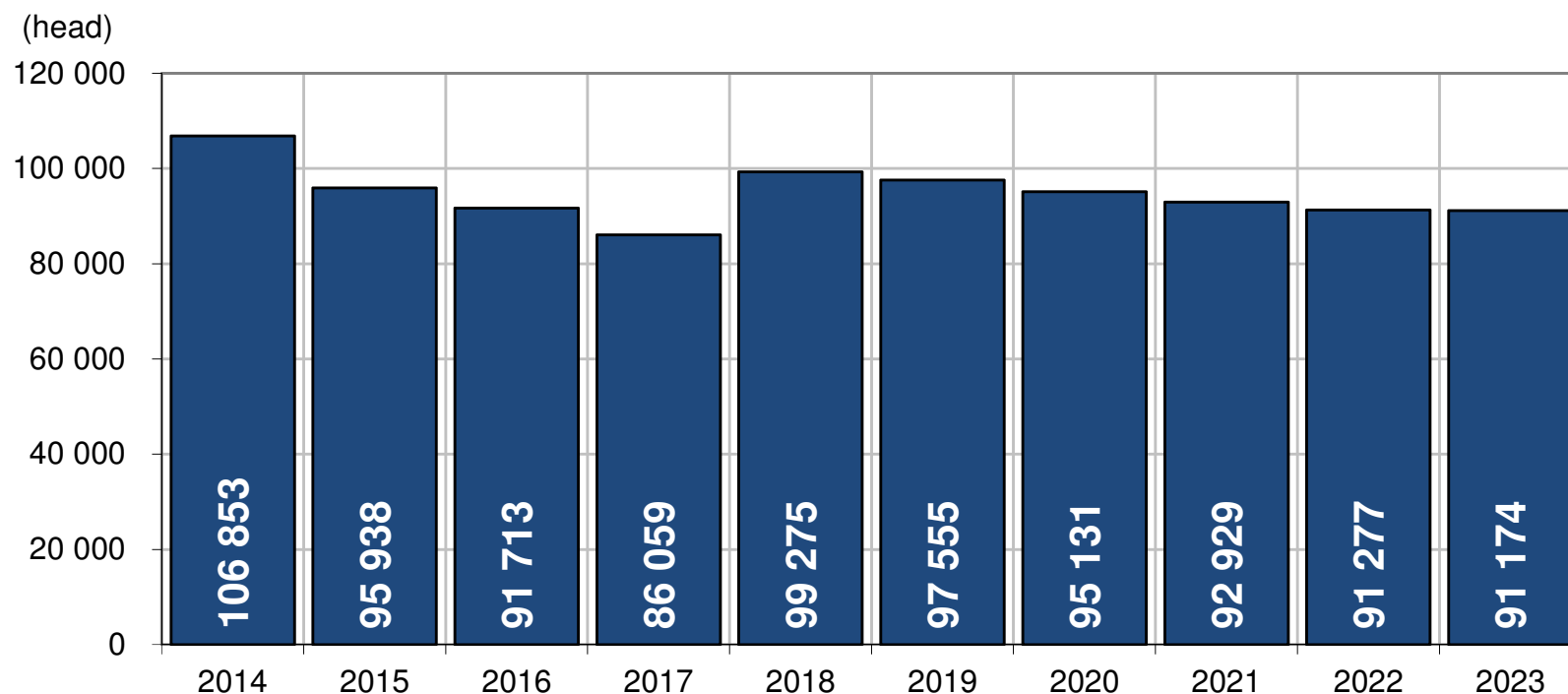


Sources :

- Quebec : Price of good replacement bob calves marketed in Quebec auctions, PBQ

Cull cattle

Number of cull cows marketed in Quebec

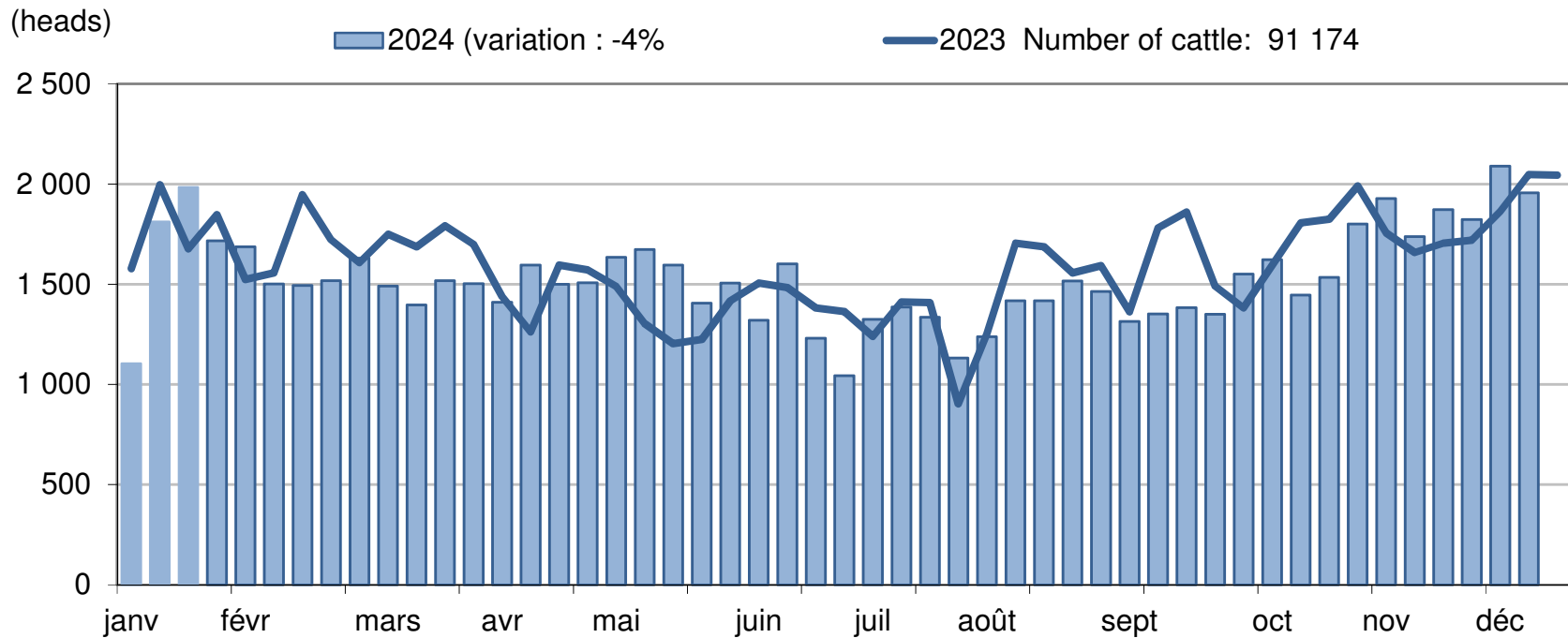


Source :

- Number of cull cows marketed by Quebec producers, PBQ

Cull cattle

Number of cull cows marketed in Quebec 2023-2024

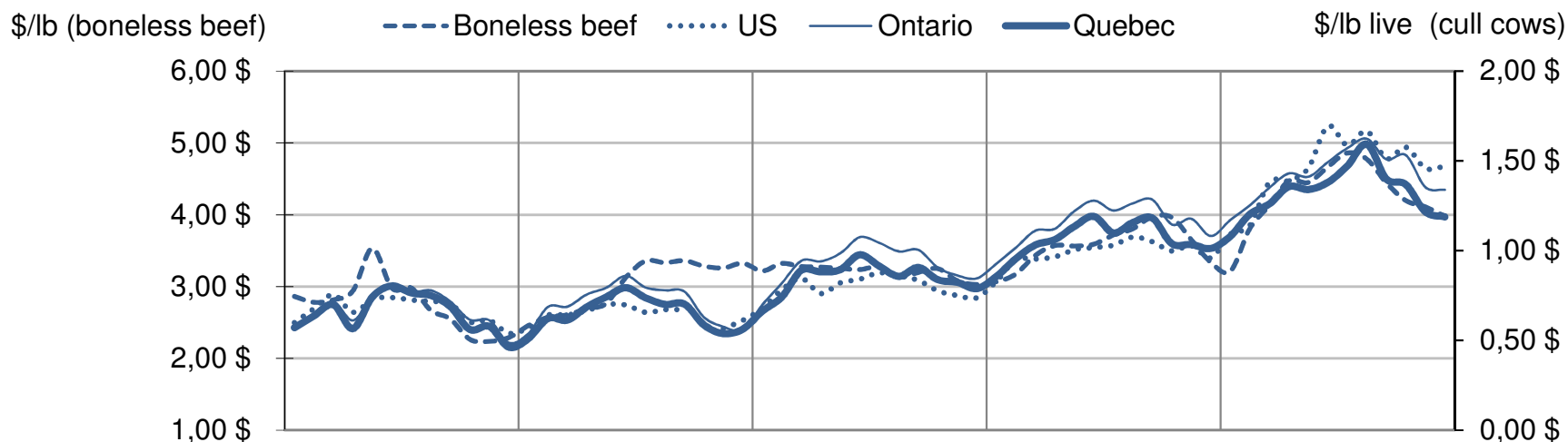


Source :

- Number of calves marketed by Quebec producers, PBQ

Cull cattle

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



	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Boneless beef	2.74 \$	3.01 \$	3.21 \$	3.57 \$	4,26 \$
Que \$/cow	912 \$	910 \$	1 187 \$	1 488 \$	1 850 \$
Que \$/lb	0.65 \$	0.65 \$	0.85 \$	1.06 \$	1,32 \$
Que-US	-0.02 \$	0.00 \$	0.05 \$	0.07 \$	-0,13 \$
Que-Ont	-0.02 \$	-0.05 \$	-0.08 \$	-0.09 \$	-0.10 \$

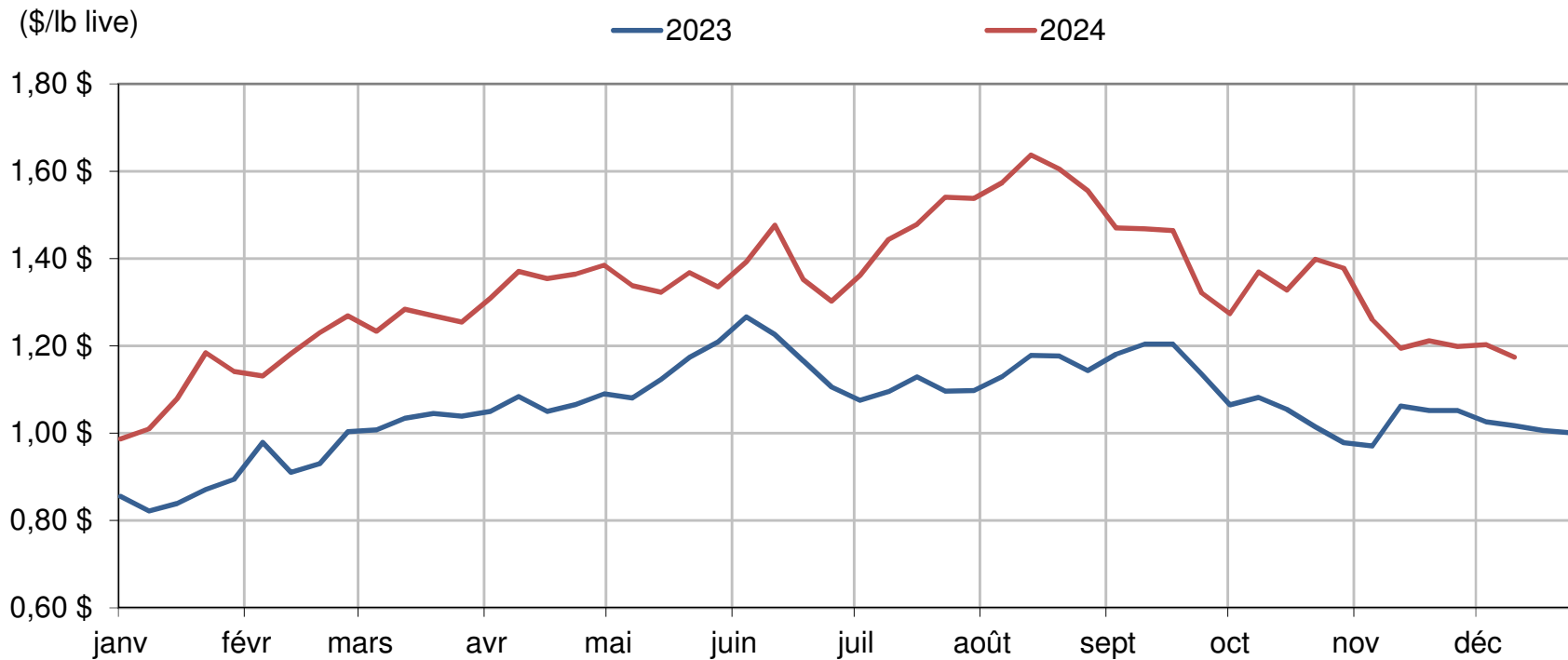
Sources :

- Boneless beef : Wholesale price, domestic cow 85%, BFO
- 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

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Cull cattle

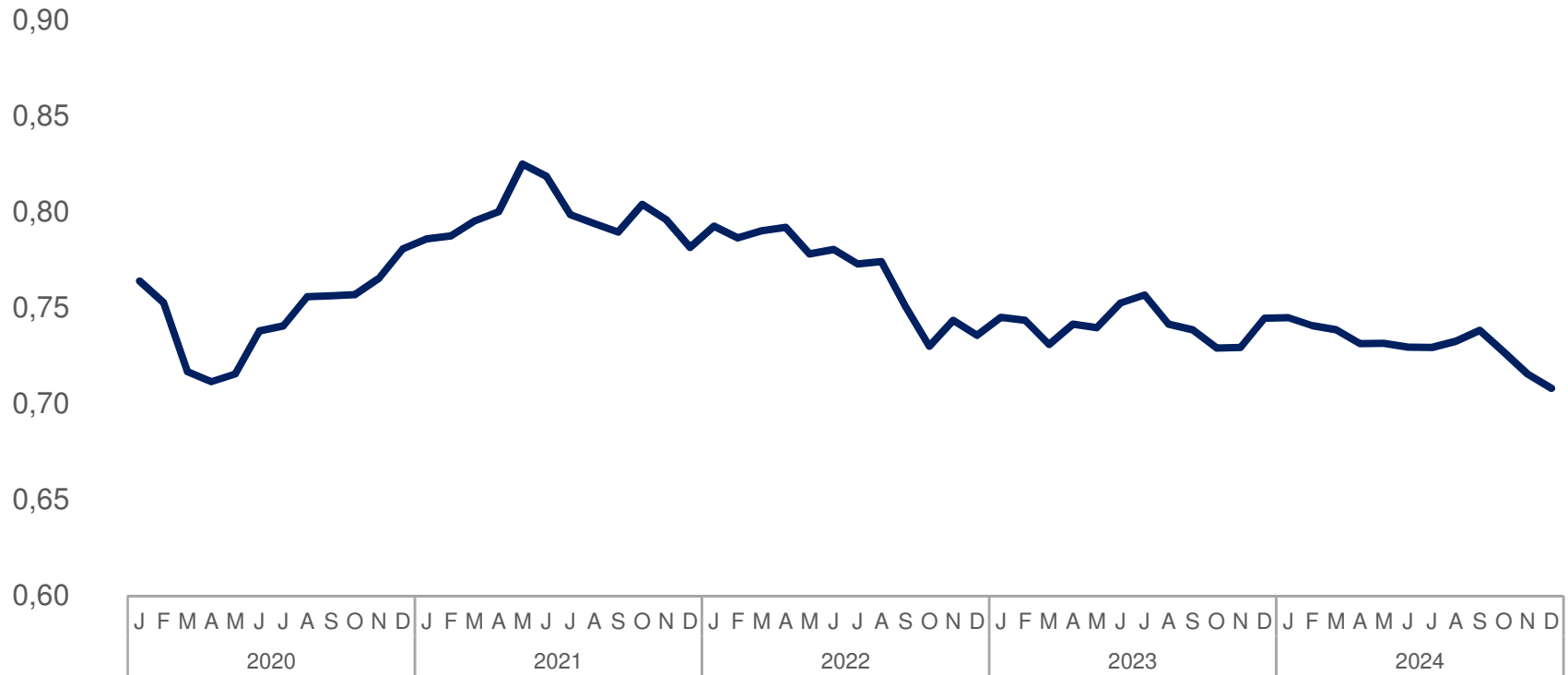
Price of cull cows in Quebec 2023-2024



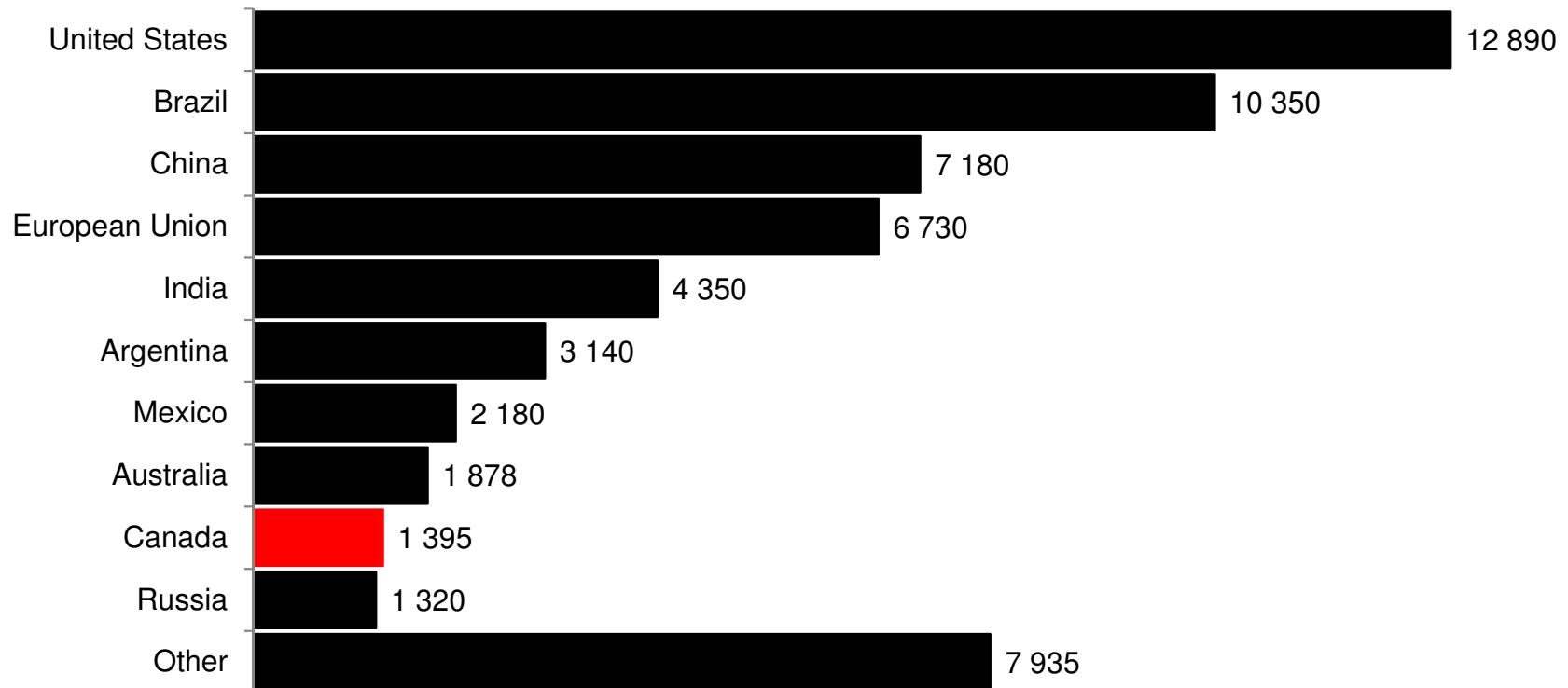
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Exchange rate \$ CAN / \$ US



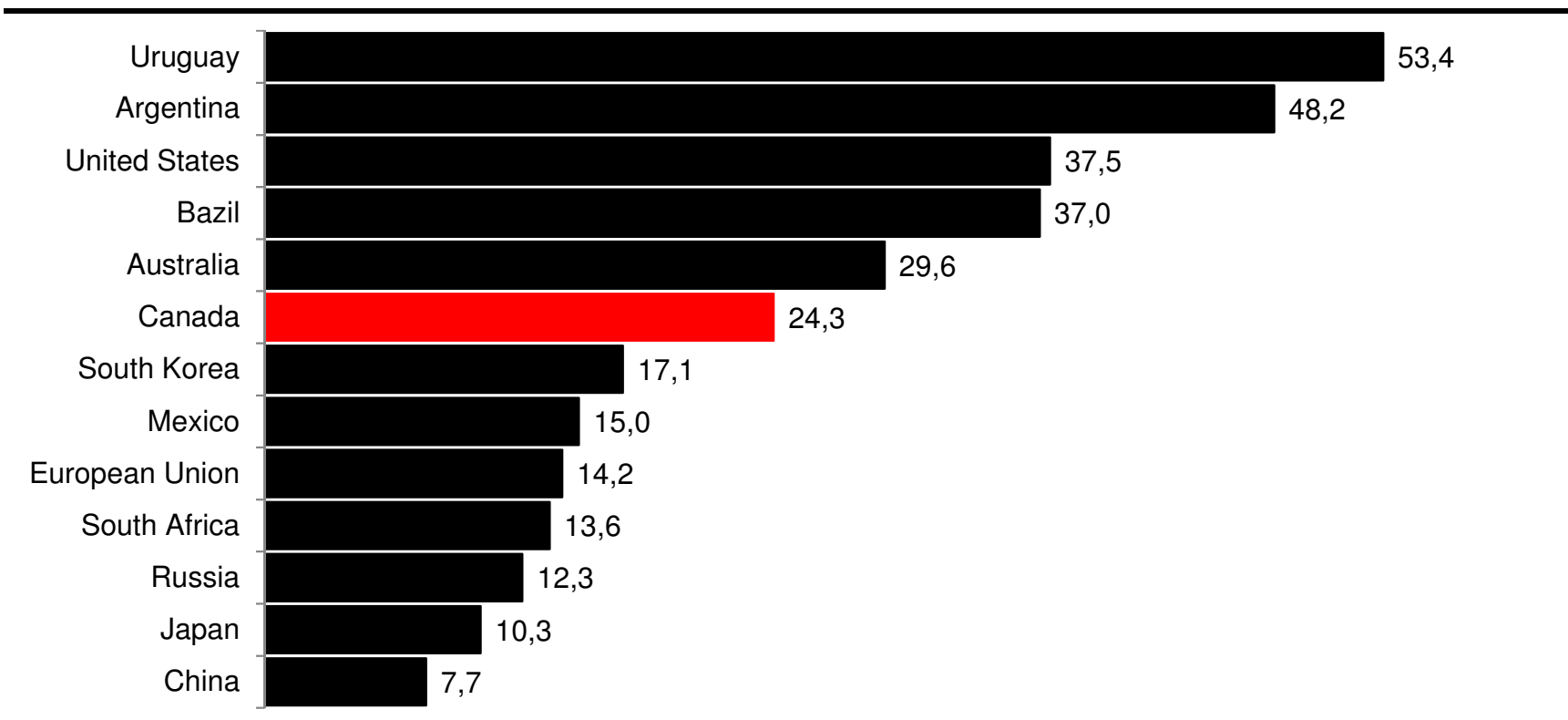
Beef and veal net production (1000 t, cwe) – 2022



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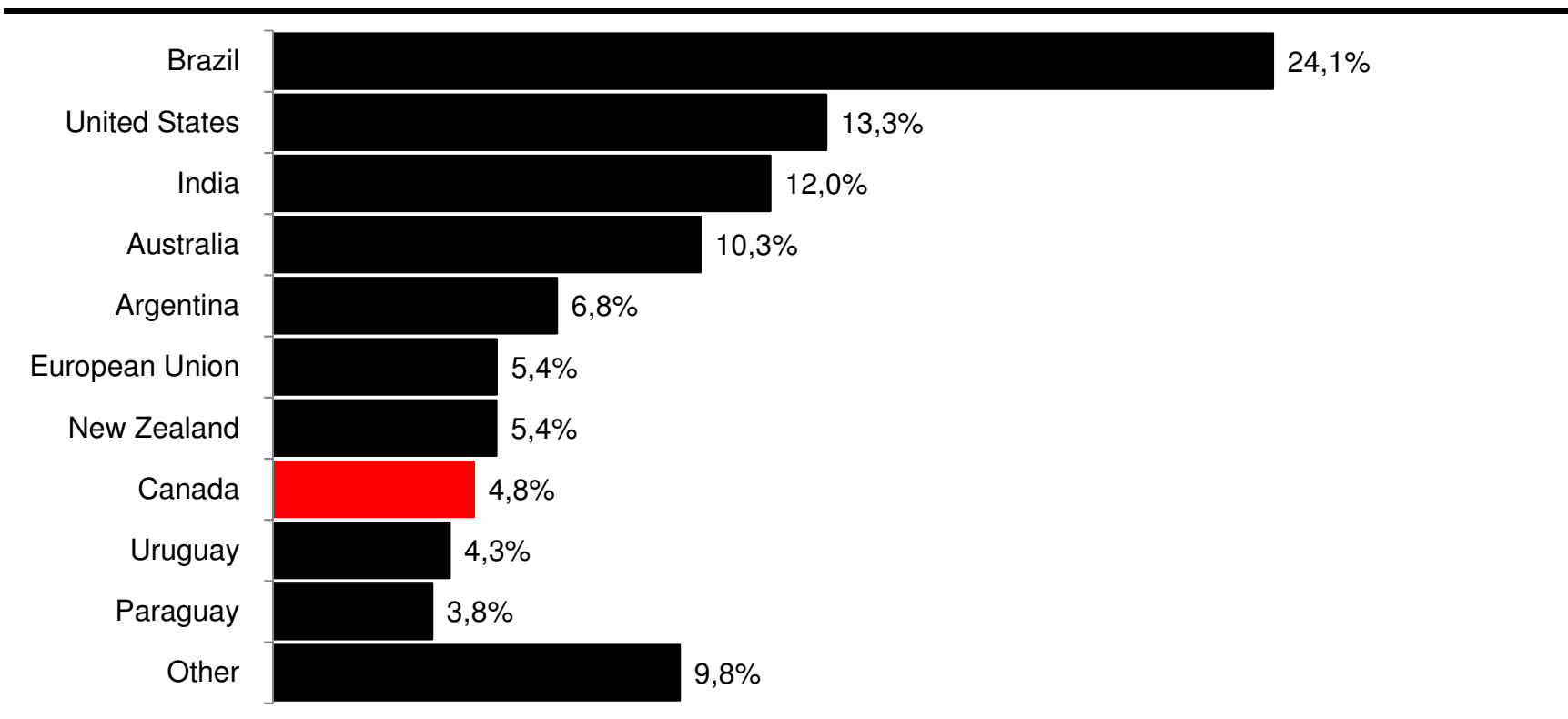
- Canfax (USDA, PSD Online)

Beef and veal meat consumption by countries (Kg/person, cwe) – 2023F



Source :
• Canfax (GIRA)

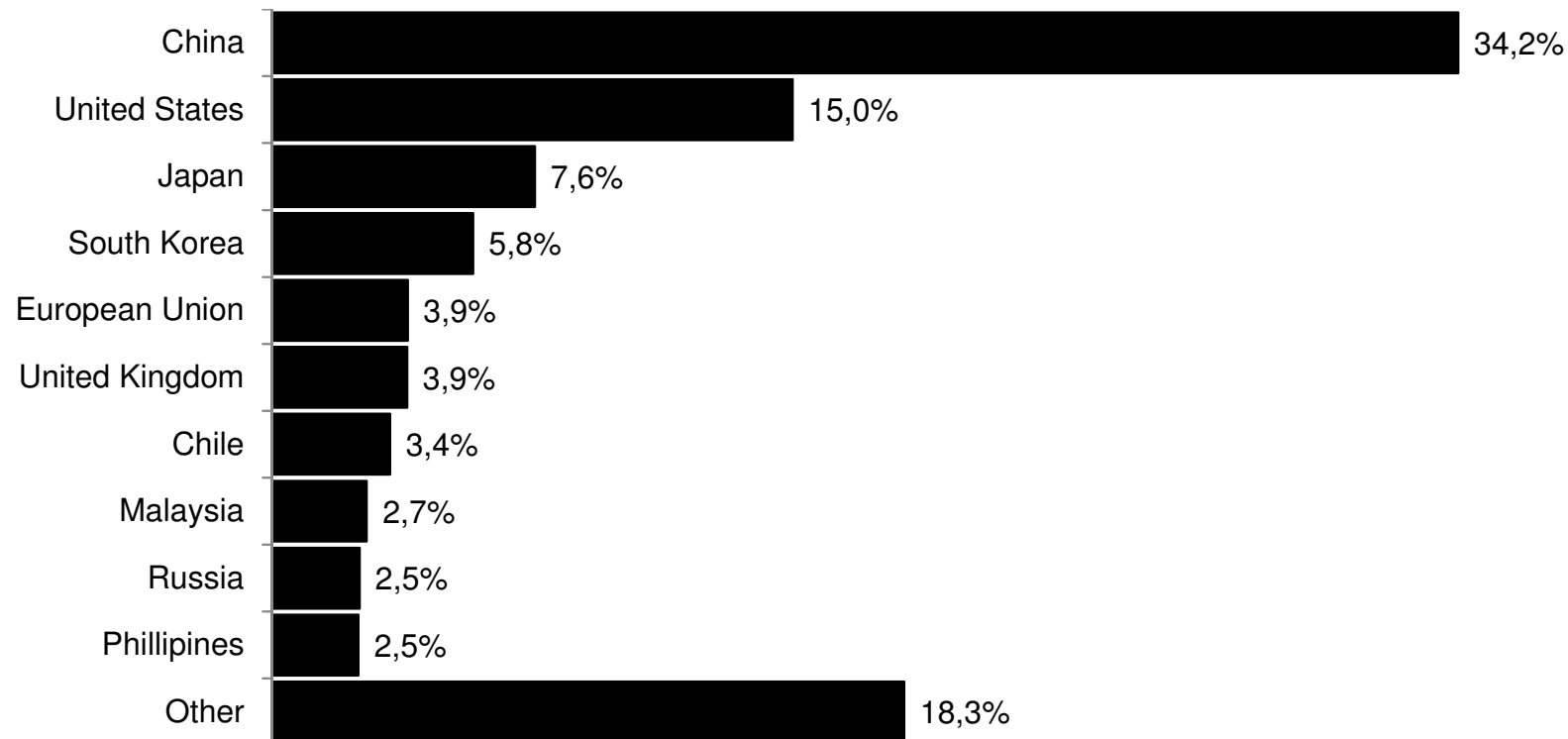
World top beef exporters (% world) – 2022



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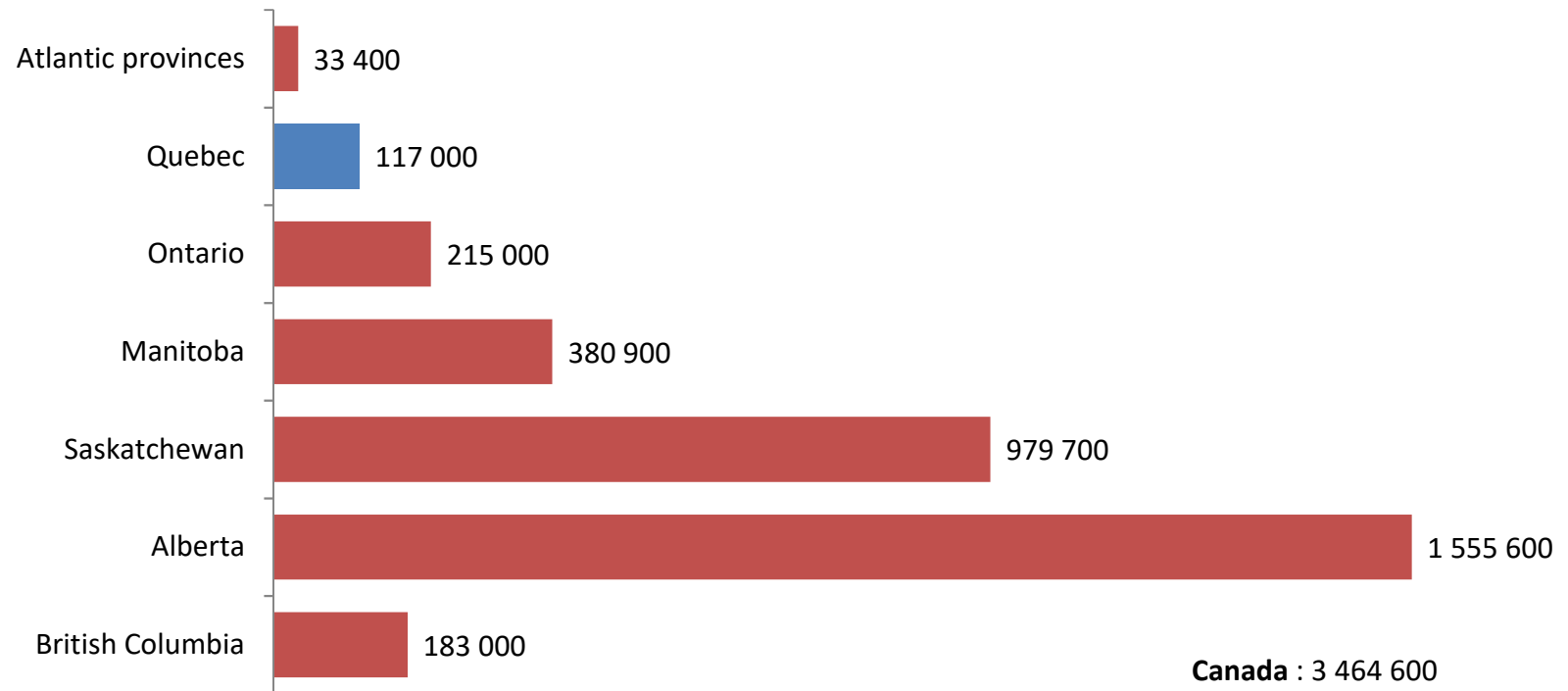
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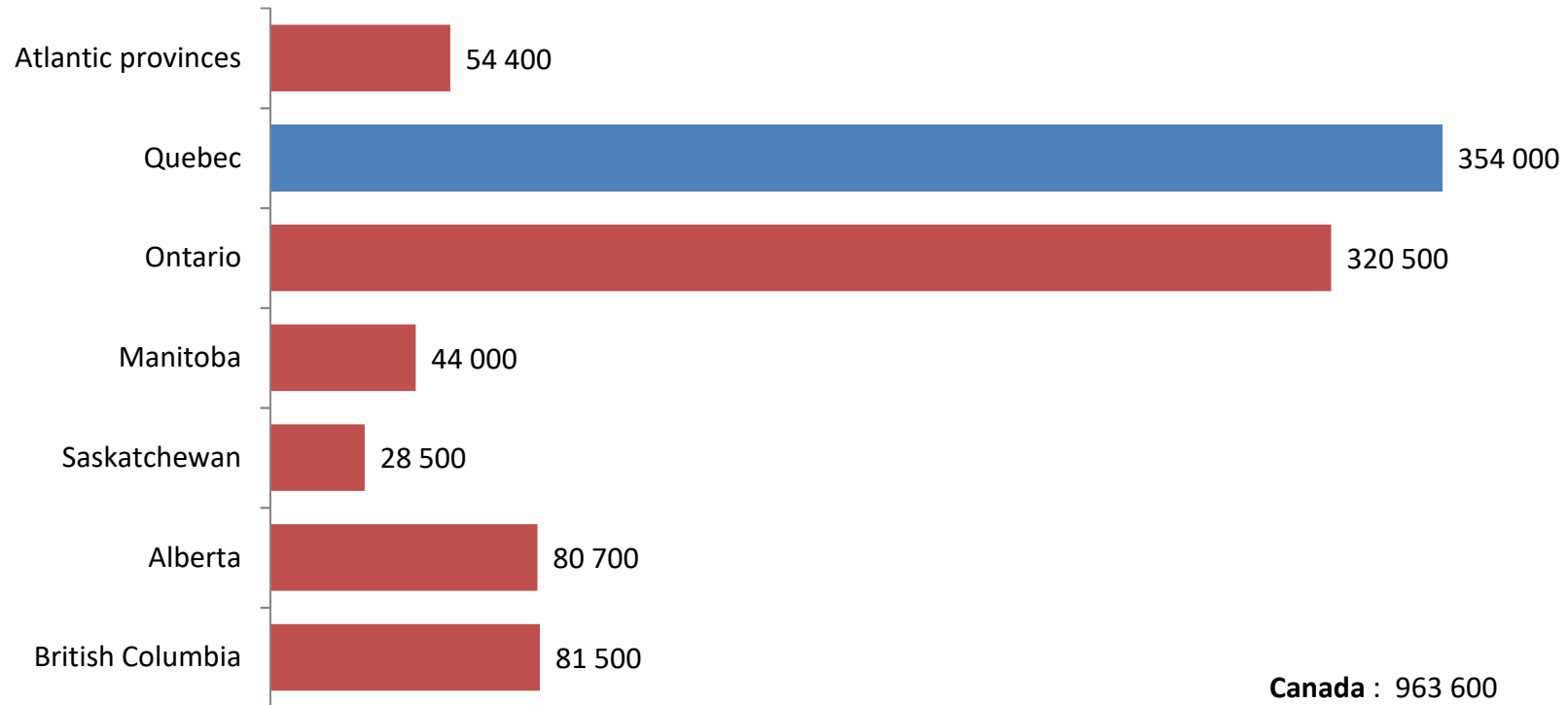
Beef Cow inventory in Canada 2024



Source :

- Statistics Canada (january 1st survey)

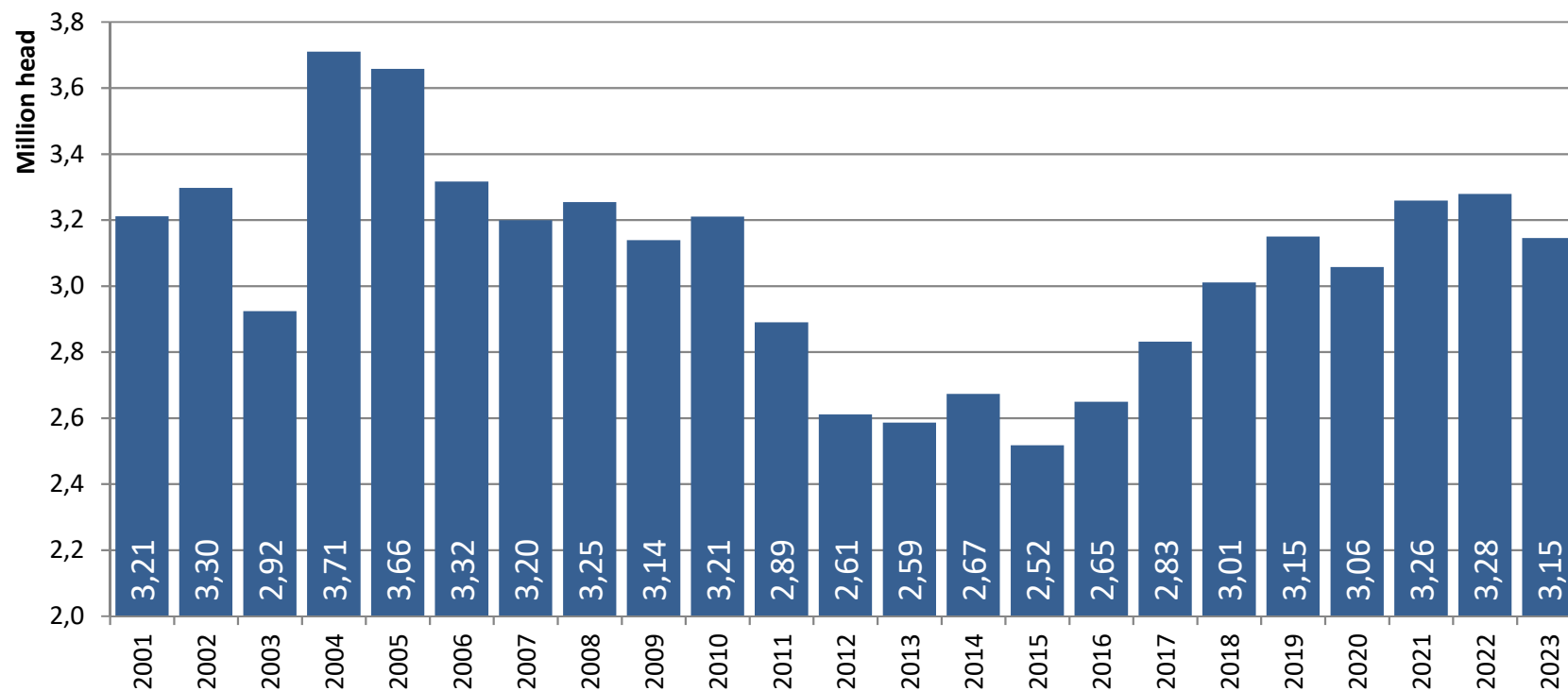
Milk Cow inventory in Canada 2024



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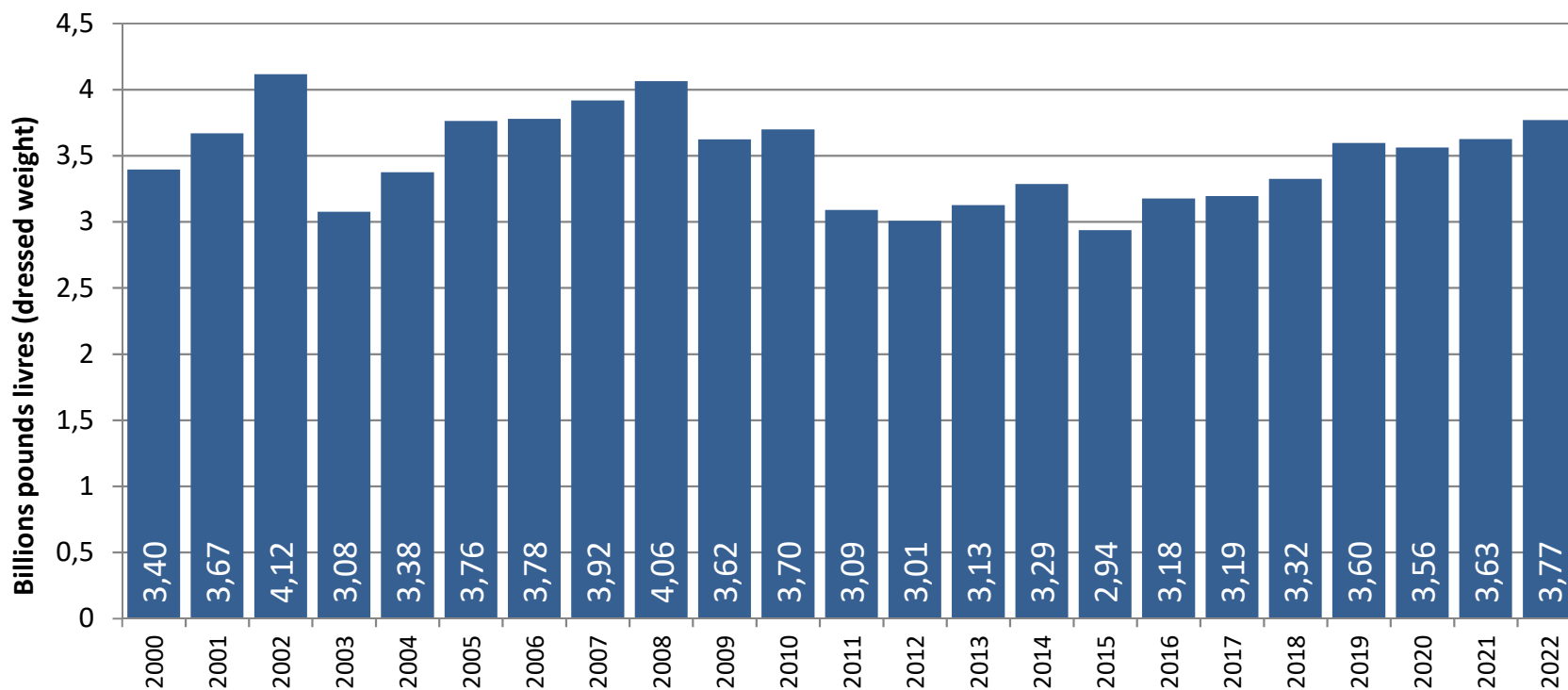
Number of cattle Slaughtered in Federally Inspected Plants



Sources :

- Canadian Beef Grading Agency, AAFC

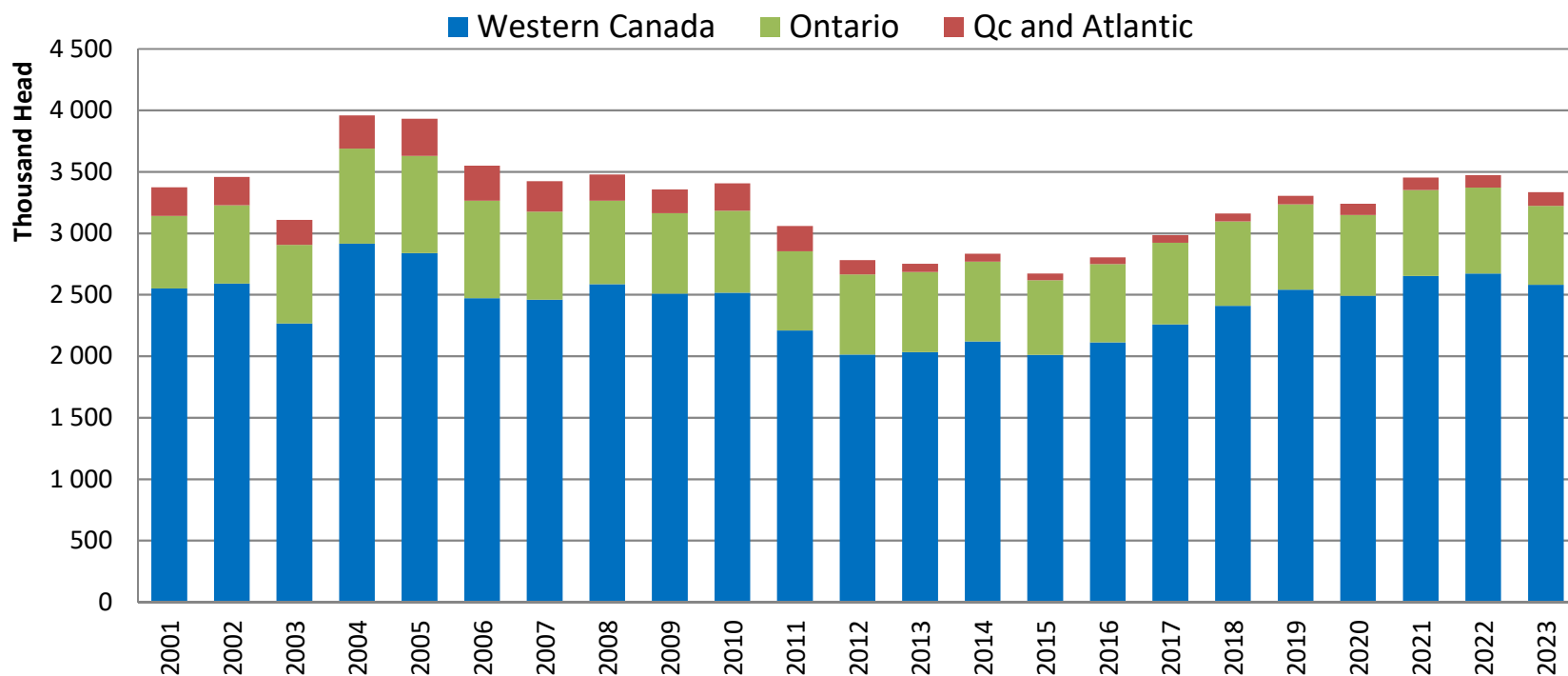
Canadian beef and veal production



Sources :

- Statistics Canada (Edible offal, meat production)

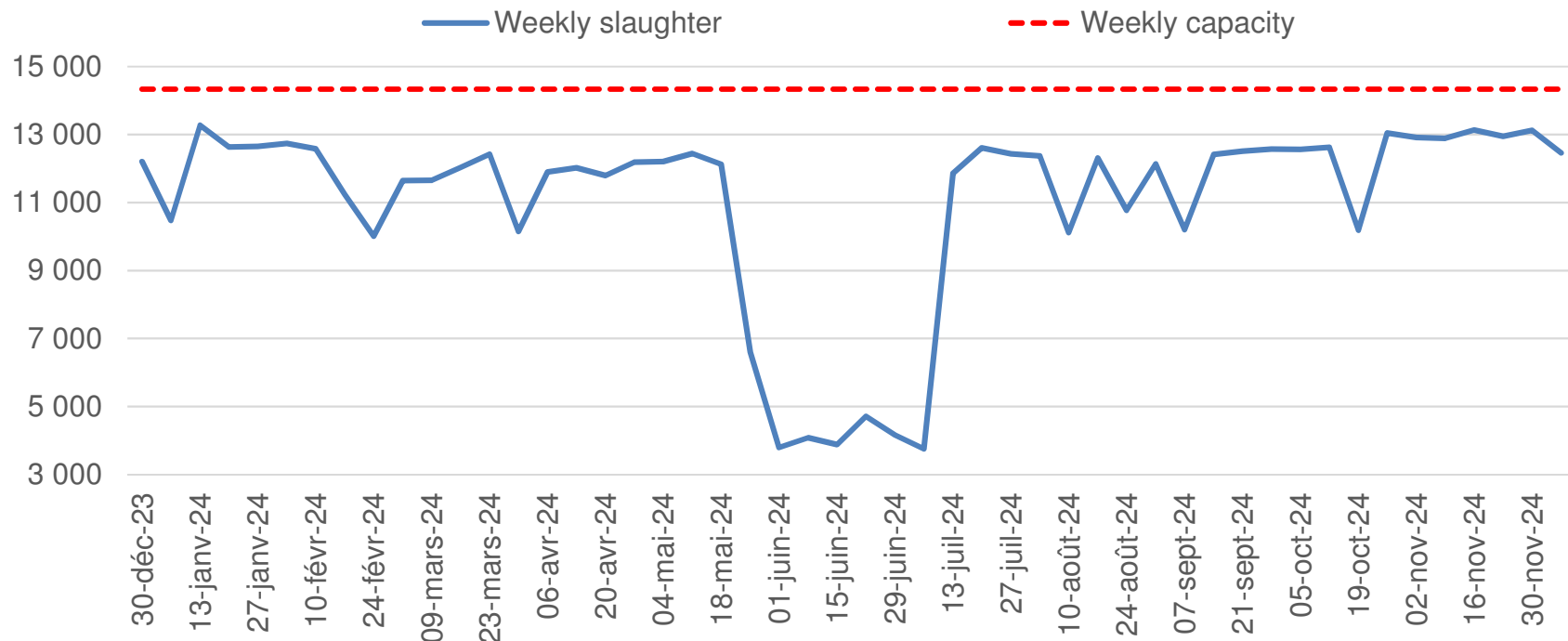
Total annual cattle Slaughter by Region in Canada



Sources :

- ACIA
- Statistics Canada
- PBQ estimate based on a 5 day work week

Beef production and slaughter capacity in federally inspected slaughterhouses in Eastern Canada

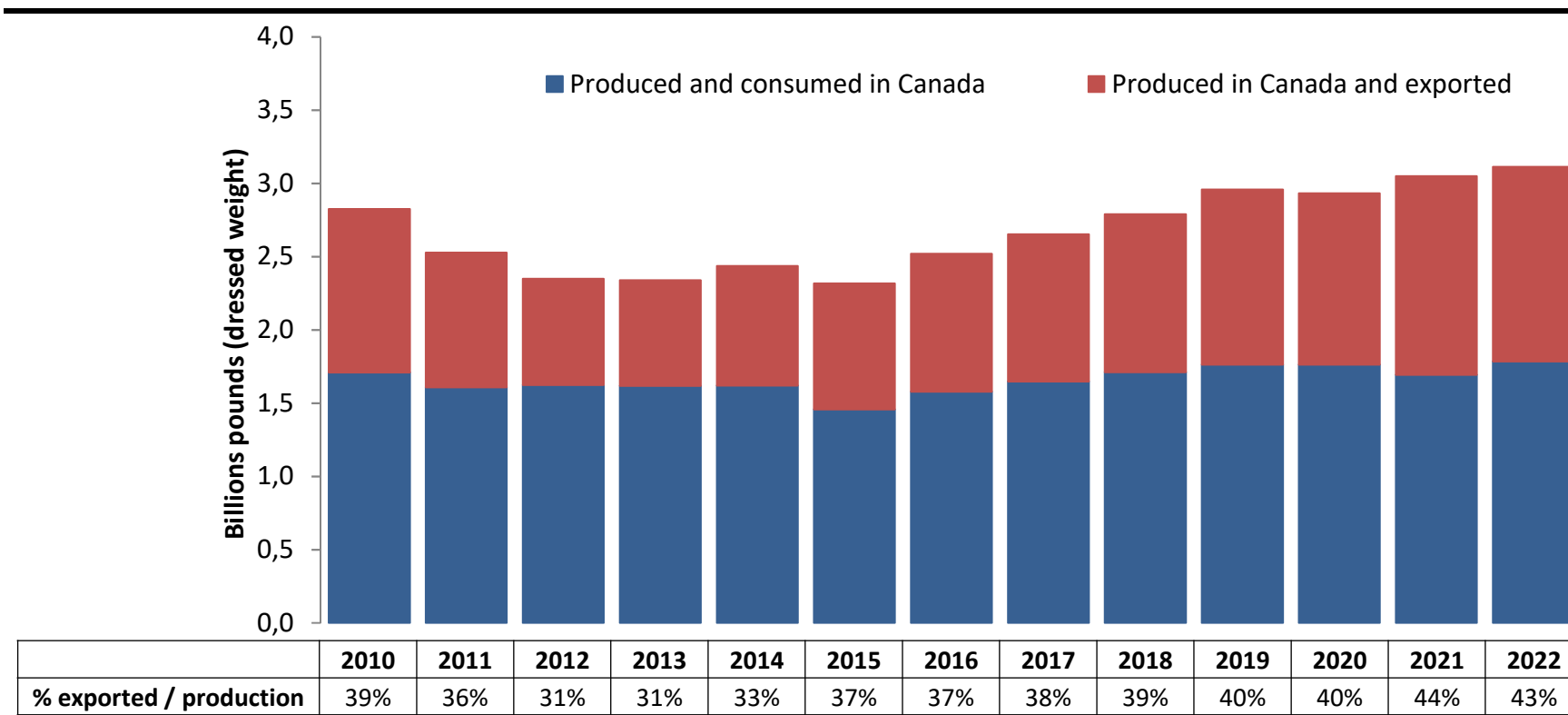


Sources :

- ACCB
- Canfax
- PBQ estimate based on a 5 day work week

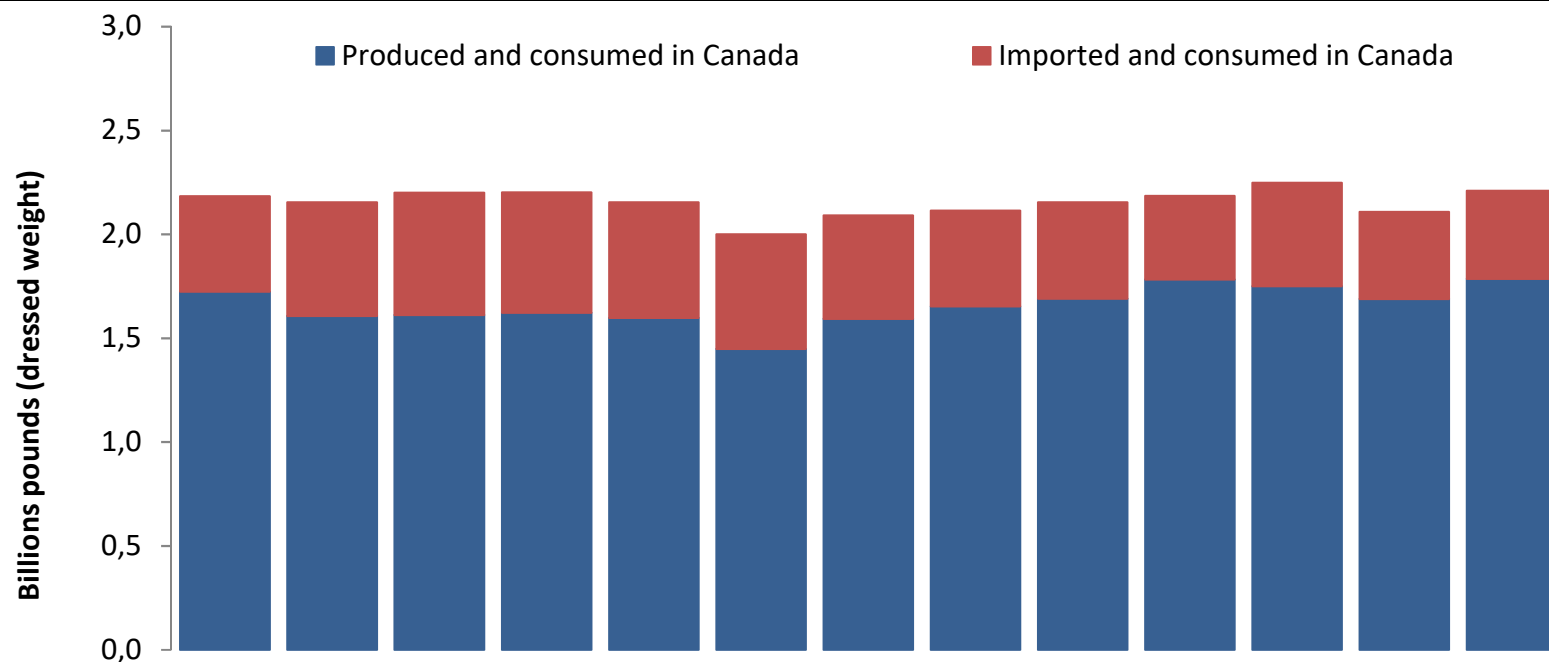
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Canadian beef and veal production exported



Sources :
 • Statistics Canada

Canadian beef and veal consumption imported



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
% imported / consumed	21%	25%	27%	26%	26%	28%	24%	22%	21%	18%	22%	20%	19%

Sources :
 • Statistics Canada

Beef and veal meat exports from Canada

Jan. 1 - Oct. 31

Beef and veal meat exports (tonnes)	2024	2023	% de var
United States	308 042	304 216	1,3%
Japan	37 145	38 213	-2,8%
Mexico	24 552	26 432	-7,1%
South Korea	12 313	11 499	7,1%
Viet Nam	10 818	10 281	5,2%
Hong Kong	2 663	4 078	-34,7%
Colombia	2 201	322	583,5%
Philippines	1 603	1 681	-4,6%
Taiwan	1 142	849	34,5%
Others	8 952	8 877	0,8%
Total	409 431	406 448	0,7%

Sources :

- Statistics Canada, AACF

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Beef and veal imports to Canada

Jan. 1 - Dec. 7

Beef and veal meat exports (tonnes)	2024	2 023	% de var
United States	95 020	99 543	-4,5%
Australia	27 939	18 570	50,5%
New Zealand	24 752	17 075	45,0%
Mexico	11 175	10 975	1,8%
Uruguay	9 558	9 889	-3,3%
Brazil	6 208	6 813	-8,9%
Others	21 400	14 416	48,4%
Total	196 052	177 281	10,6%

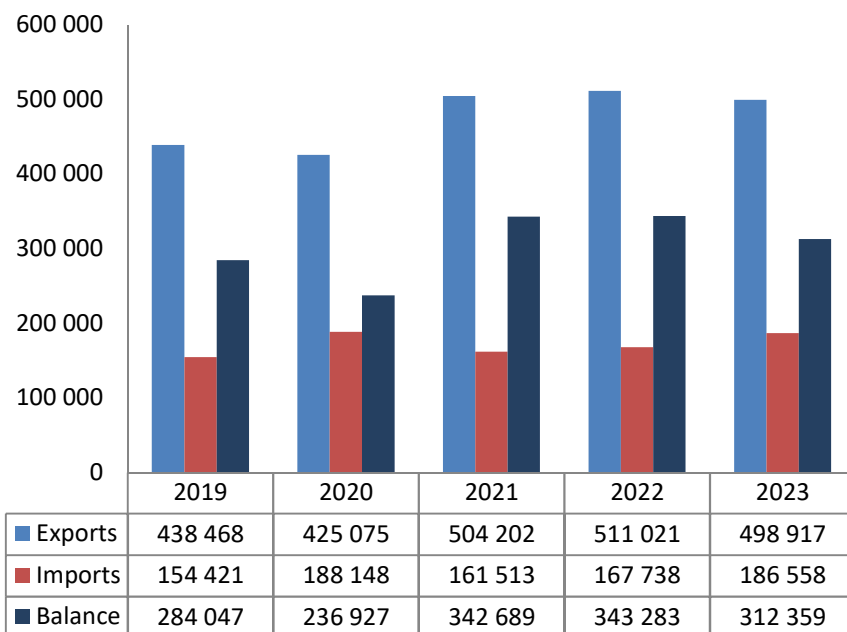
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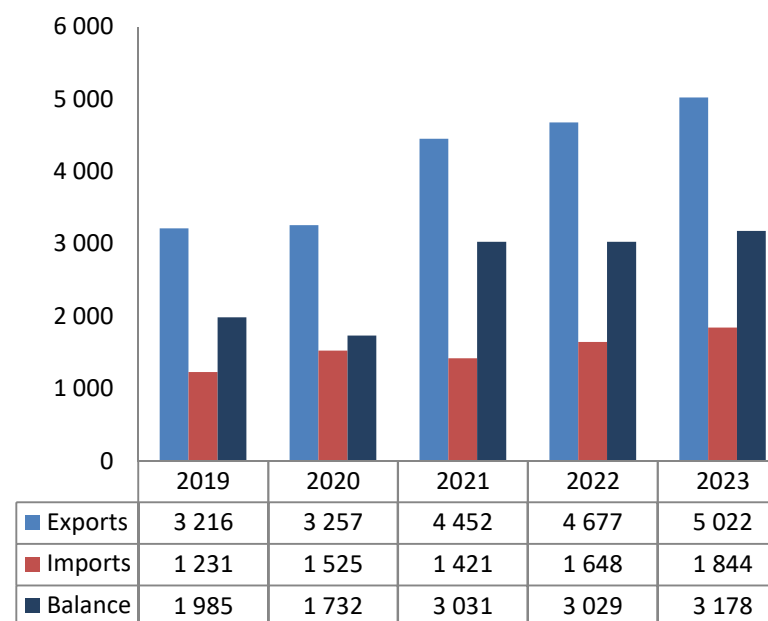
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Imports and exports of beef and veal, Canada (kg, \$CA) 2019-2023

Trade balance in tonne



Trade balance in M\$ CAD



Sources :

- Statistics Canada, AACF

Veal imports-exports from Canada

Jan. 1 - Dec. 7

Veal imports (tonnes)	2024	2023	% chg
New Zeland	3 202	2 082	53,8%
Netherland	747	692	7,9%
United States	339	584	-42,0%
Australia	63	1	
Other countries	495	285	73,7%
Total	4 846	3 644	33,0%

Jan. 1 - Oct. 31

Veal exports (tonnes)	2024	2023	% chg
United States	2 807	3 128	-10,3%
United Arab Emirates	140	131	6,9%
Qatar	5	5	5,6%
Total	2 952	3 264	-9,5%

Sources :

- Statistics Canada, AACF

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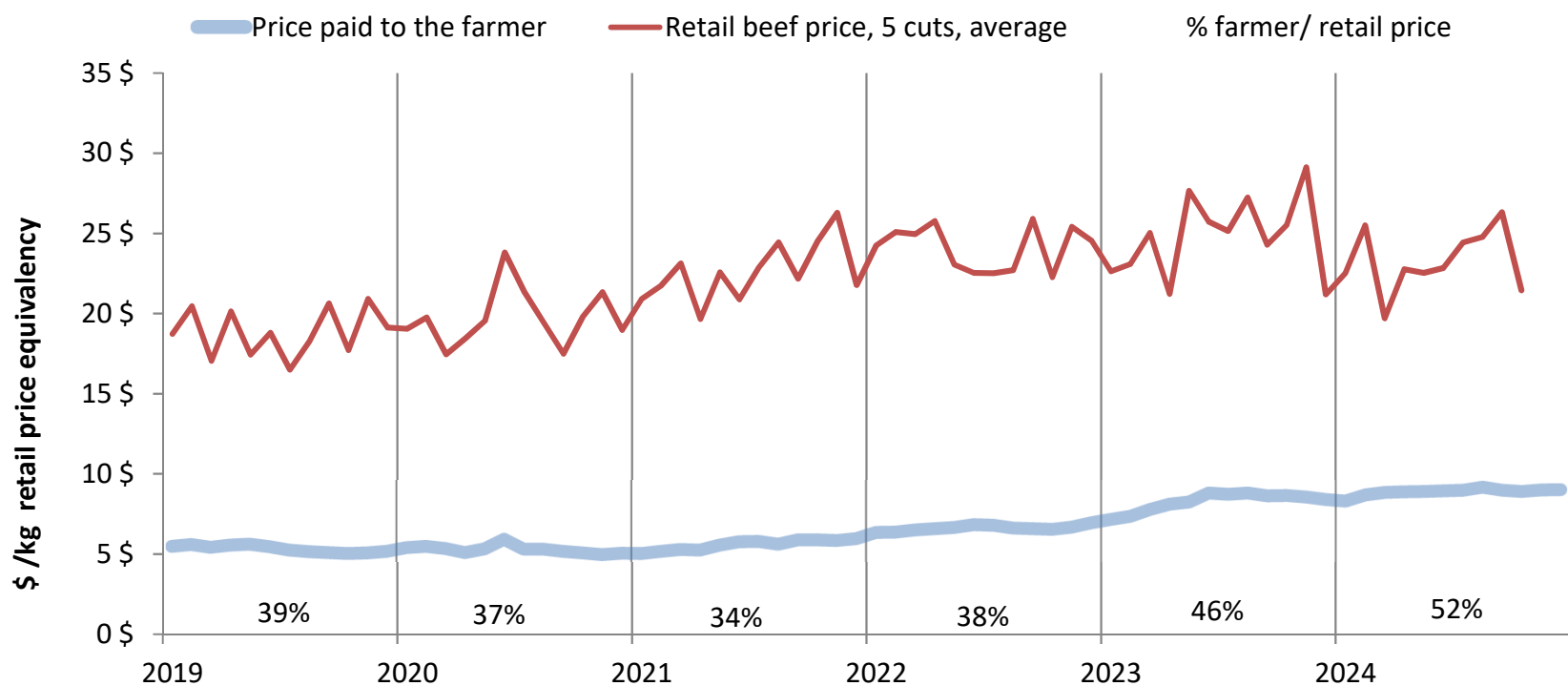
Imports and exports of veal, Canada annual data (tonnes) 2019-2023



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- Statistics Canada, AACF

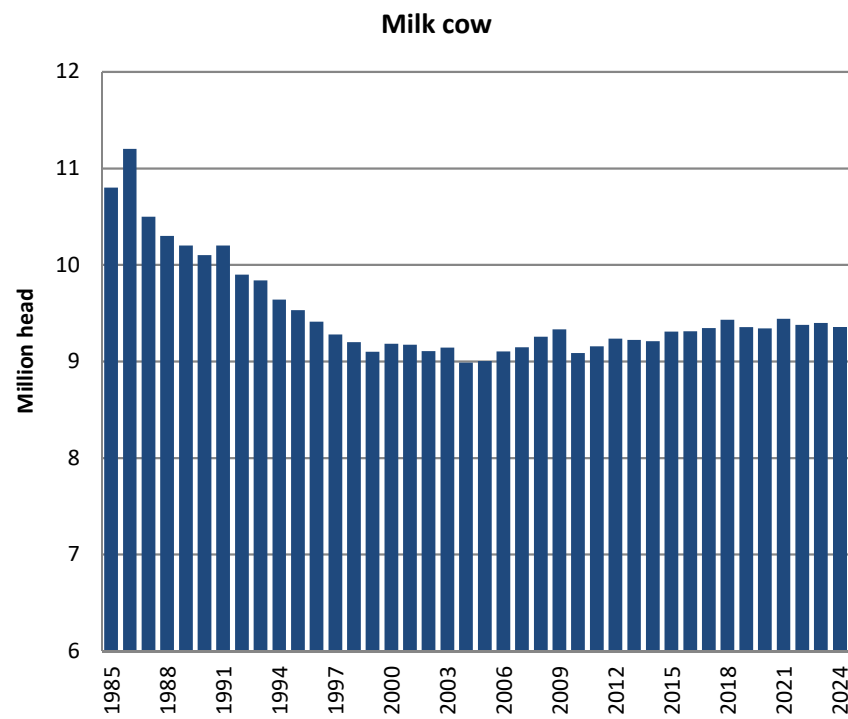
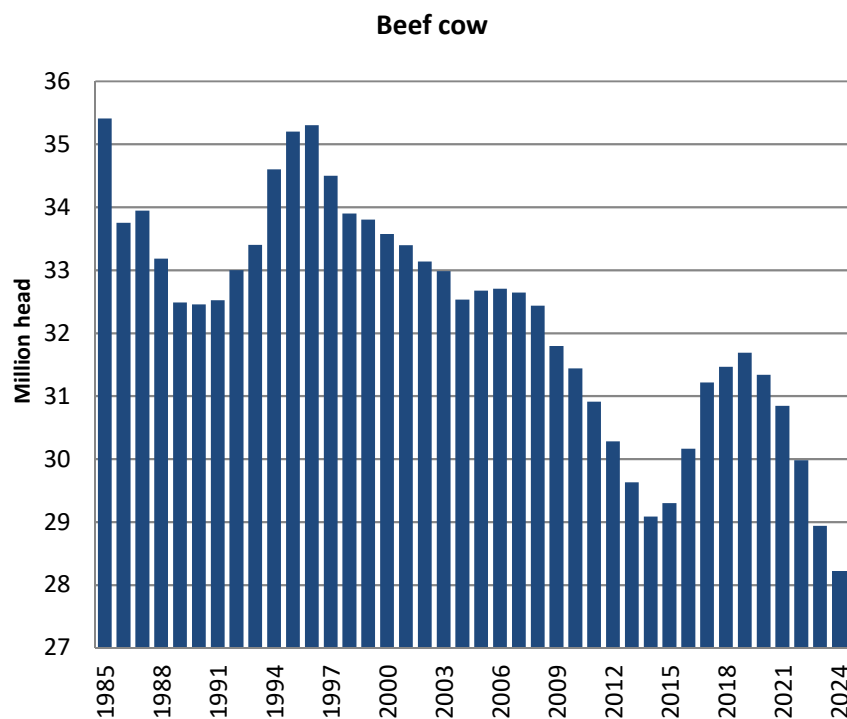
Beef price cuts vs price paid to the producer



Sources :

- Statistics Canada for retail prices in Quebec, arithmetic average of 5 cuts (stewing beef, top sirloin, sirloin steaks, rib steaks, ground beef)
- PBQ for producer price (73% yield to bring carcass price back to retail price)

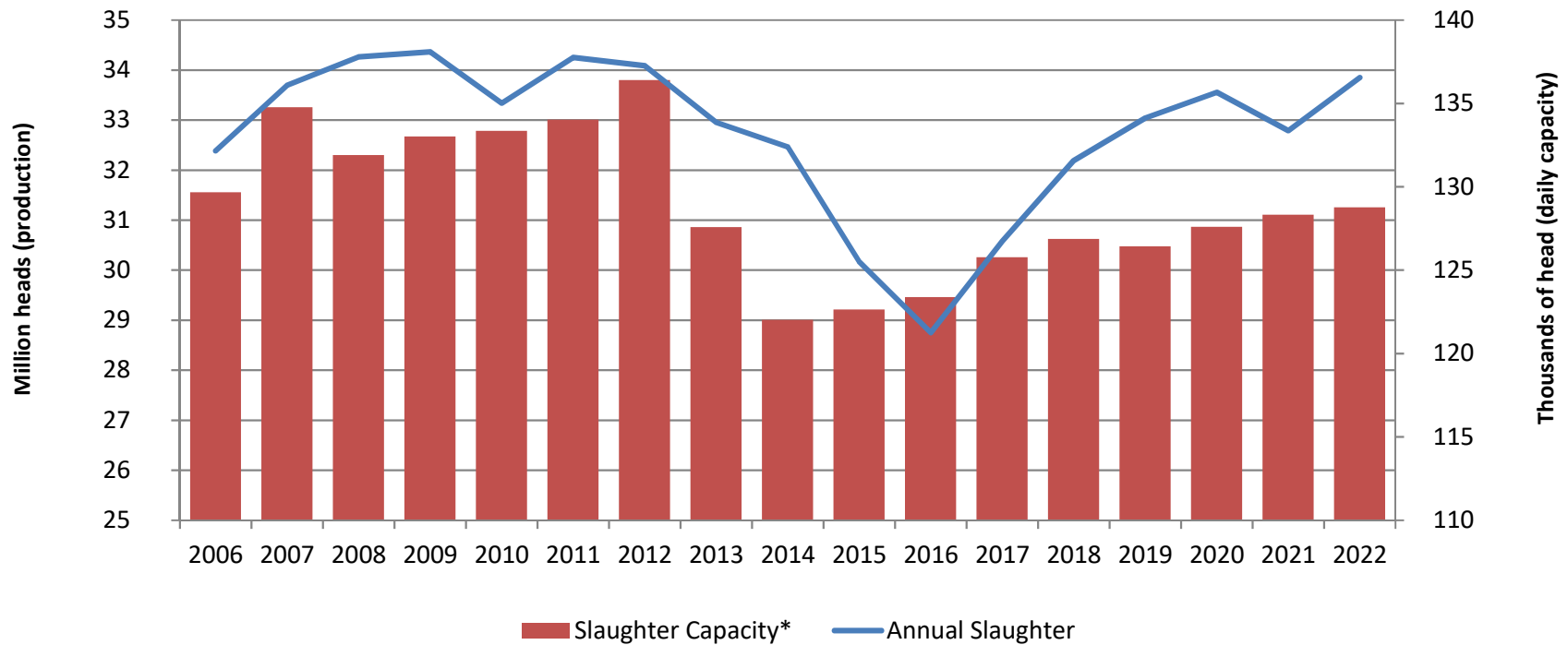
Beef cow and milk cow inventory in United States



Source :

- USDA (january 1st survey)

Slaughter capacity vs cattle production in United States

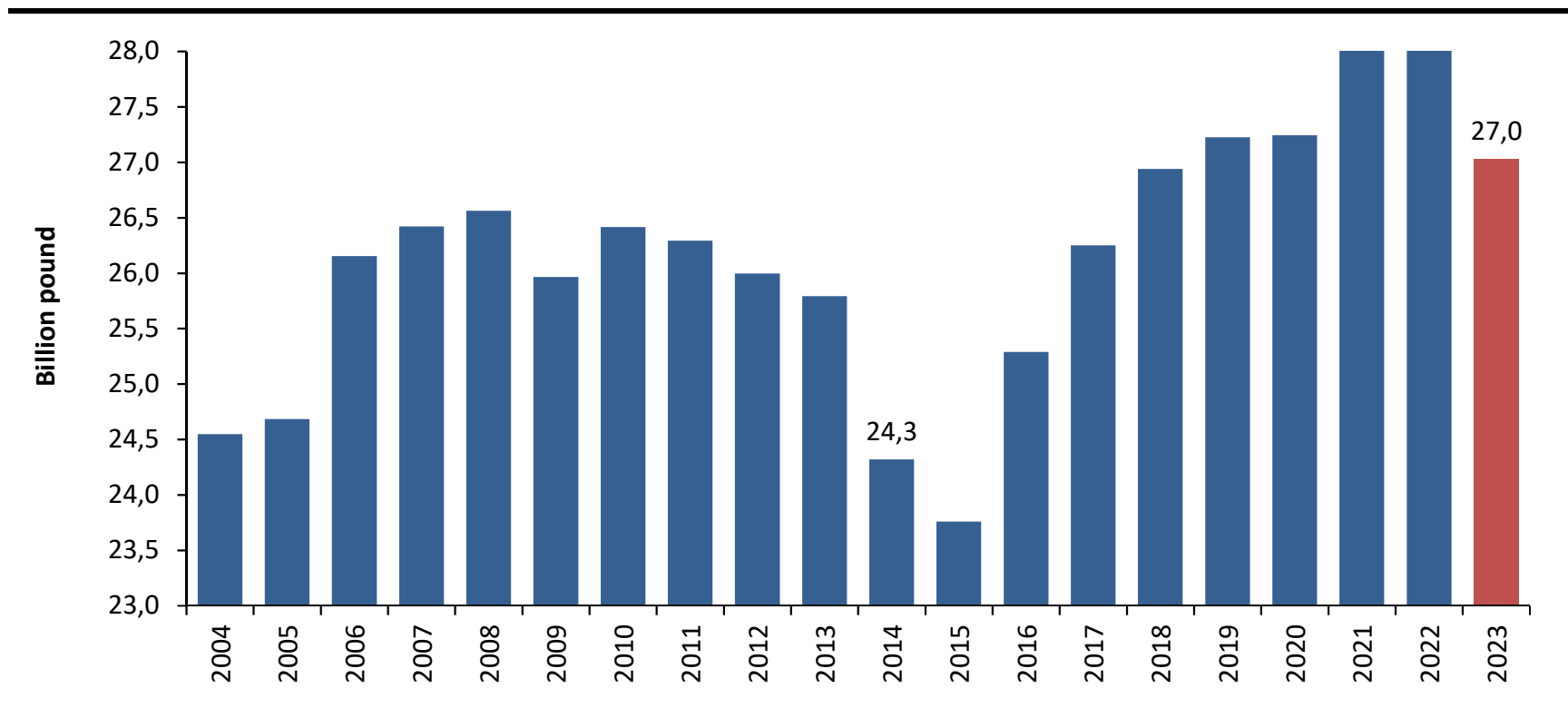


*Daily slaughter capacity of the 30 largest slaughterhouses in the United States

Source :

- USDA
- Cattle Buyers Weekly

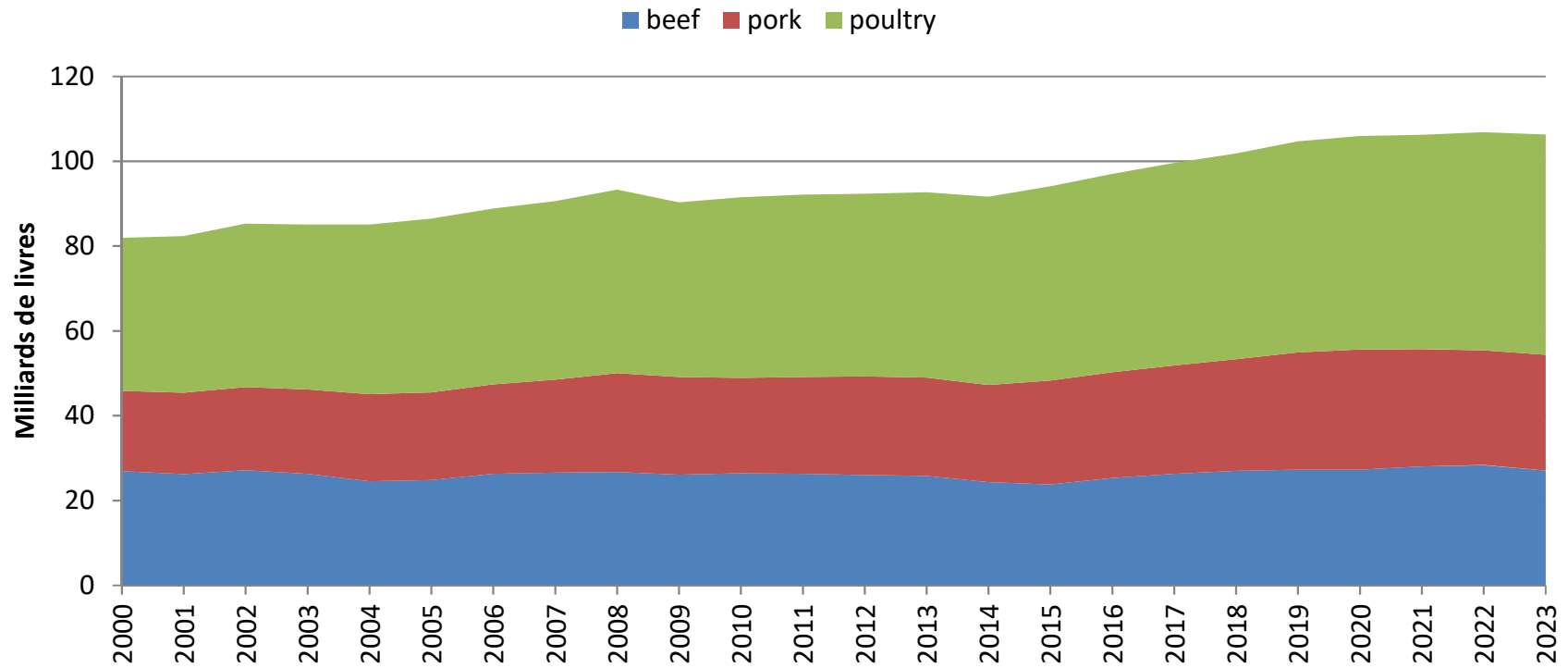
Beef production in United States



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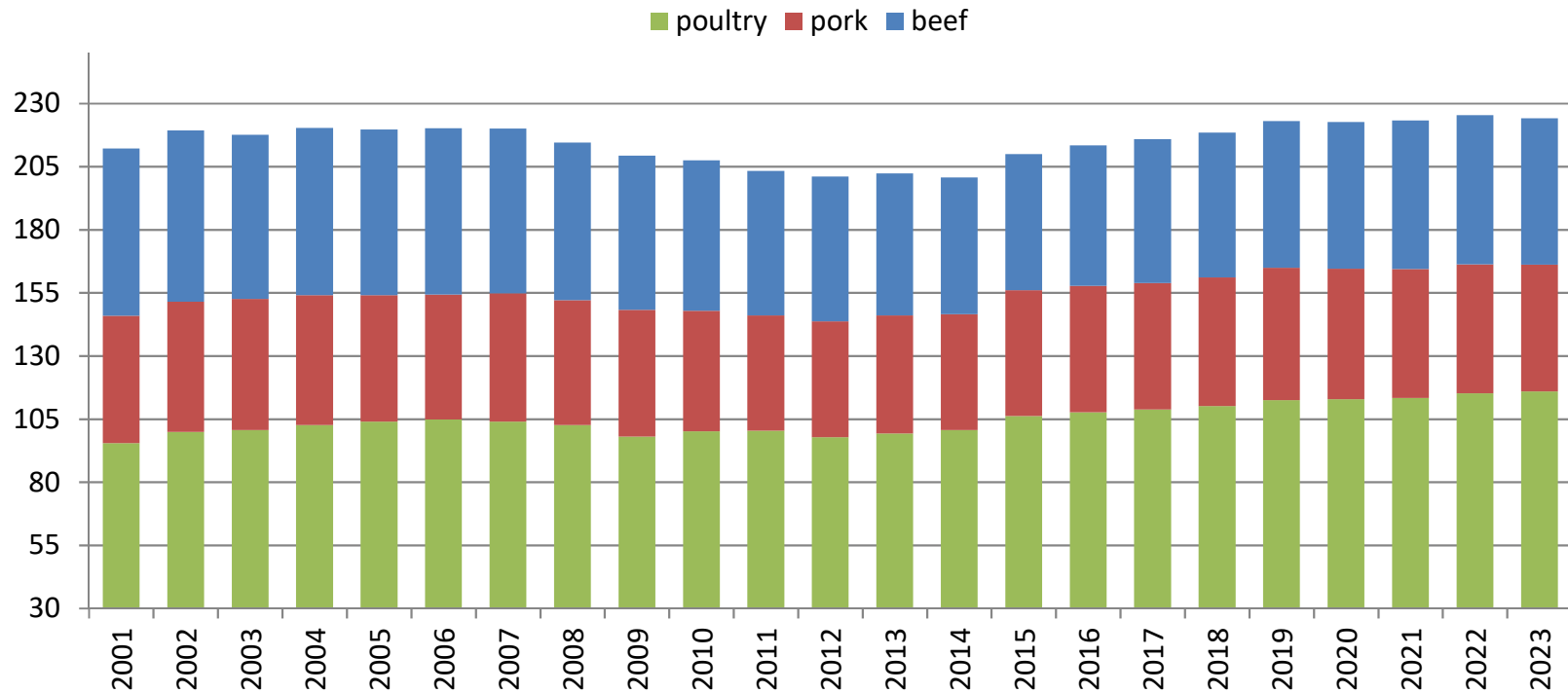
- USDA and WASDE projection

Beef – pork –poultry production in United States



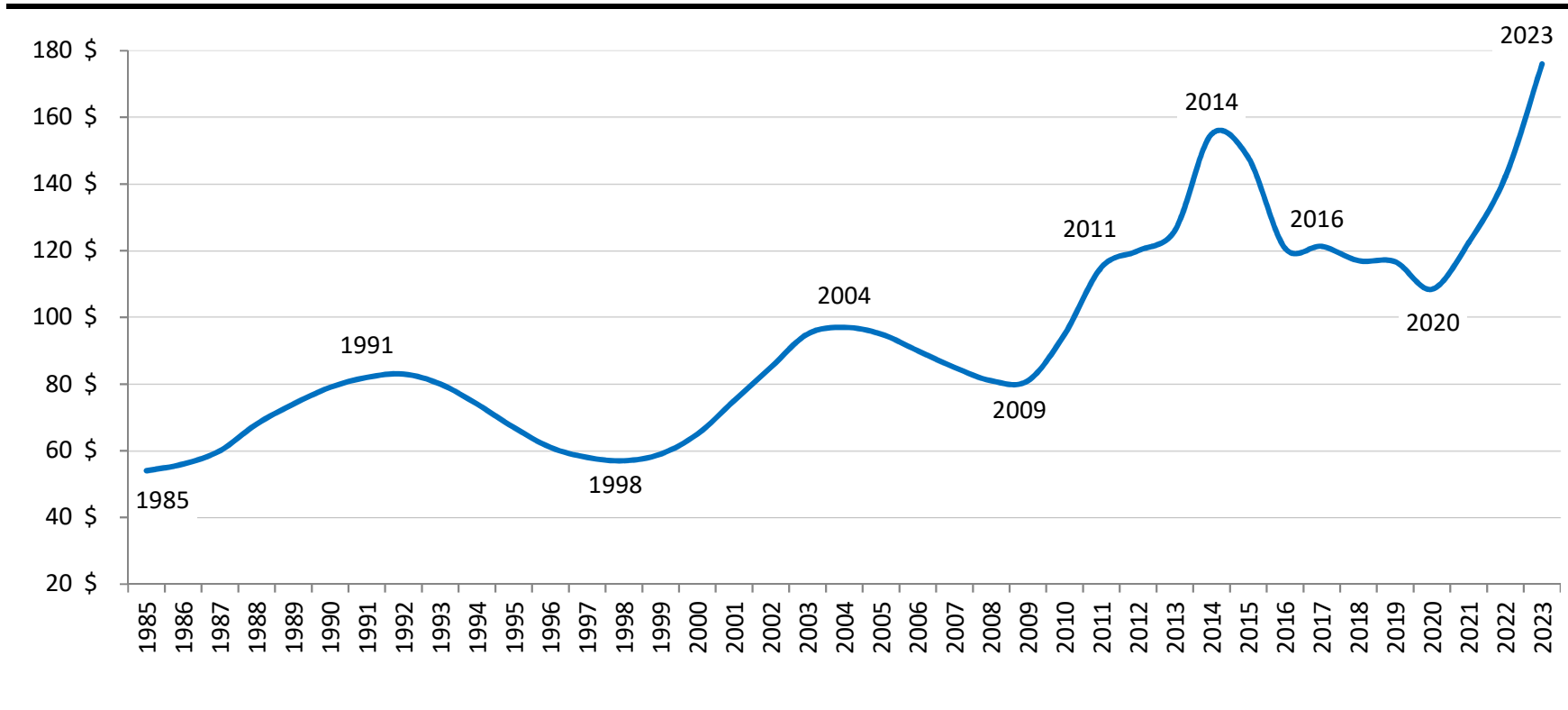
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Beef – pork – poultry Consumption per capita in United States (lb)



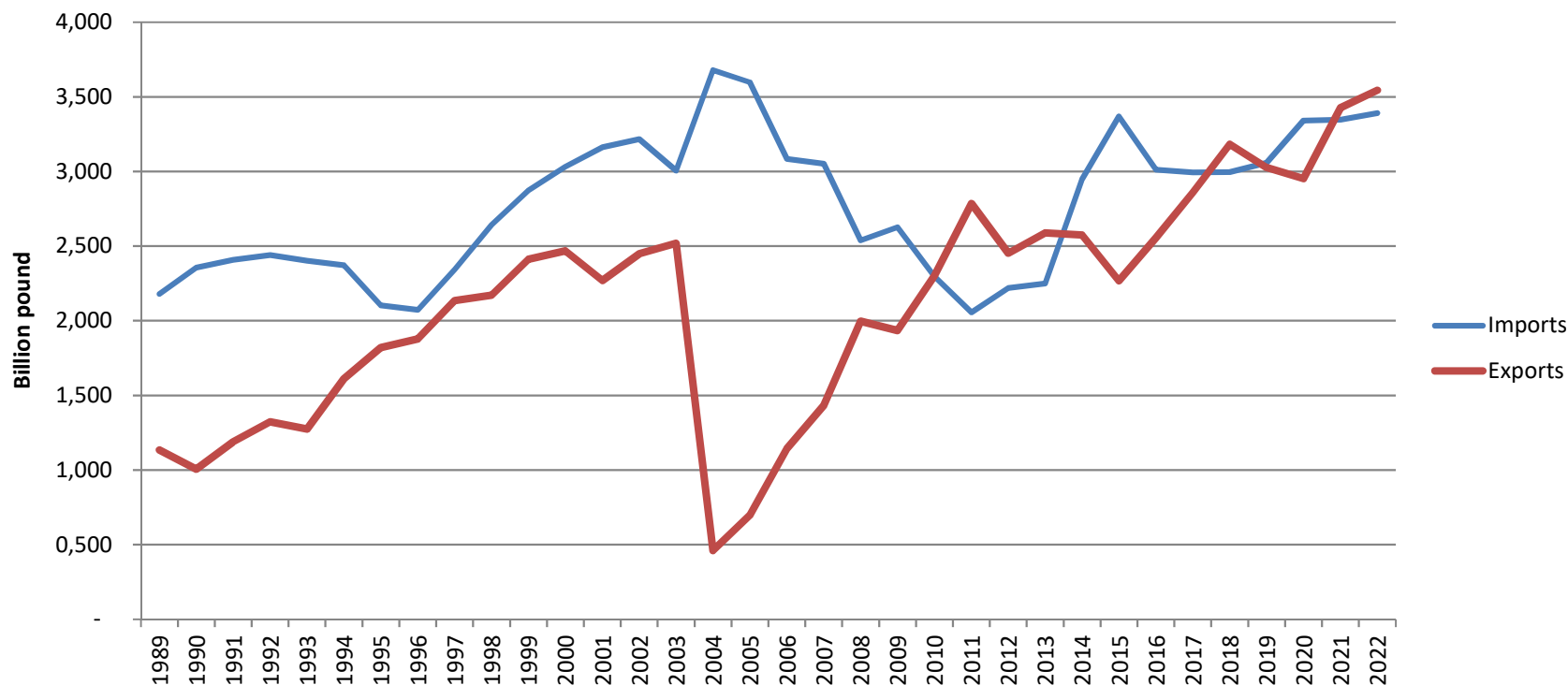
Source :
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Cattle price cycle in United States



Sources :
• CattleFax

Beef imports and exports in United States



Sources :

- USDA et Cattlefax

Short term outlook

- Cattle markets appear to have absorbed the news of HPAI cases in the United States. The price of cuts has resumed a seasonal upward trend in recent weeks.
 - The very high weight of carcasses increases the availability of beef despite the drop in slaughters. Despite the ample availability of beef, excellent seasonal demand should be sufficient to maintain or increase producer prices in the short term.
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Long term outlook

- The cattle herd in the United States and Canada is in a contraction phase of the cattle cycle. With the drought still present in certain cow-calf producing regions, the reconstruction of the herd is not yet relevant. The decline in herds that began in 2019 will lead to a significant drop in beef production at least until 2025.
 - Measures taken to fight inflation will lead to an economic slowdown that will likely hurt consumer demand for beef products. However, the resilience of global demand and especially the decline in North American beef supply should support the market in the medium and long term.
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