MEAT MARKET UPDATE

2005-06

Economic Situation and Outlook

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Main Points

- US Economic Situation and Outlook
- Exchange Rates
- US Beef Market
  - Supply Situation and Outlook
  - Demand Situation and Outlook
  - Competing Meats
  - Feed Situation
- Global Beef Supply Situation and Outlook
- Special Interest – Bird Flu
- Steiner Price Forecasts for 2005-06 Period

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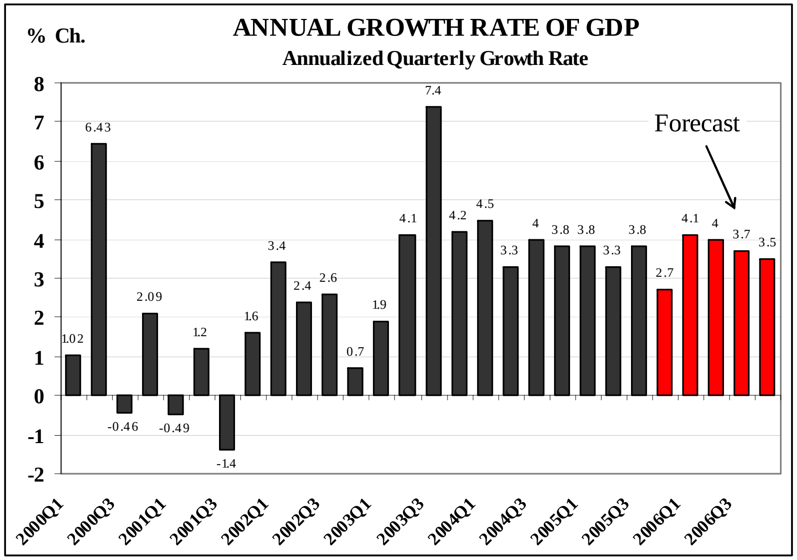
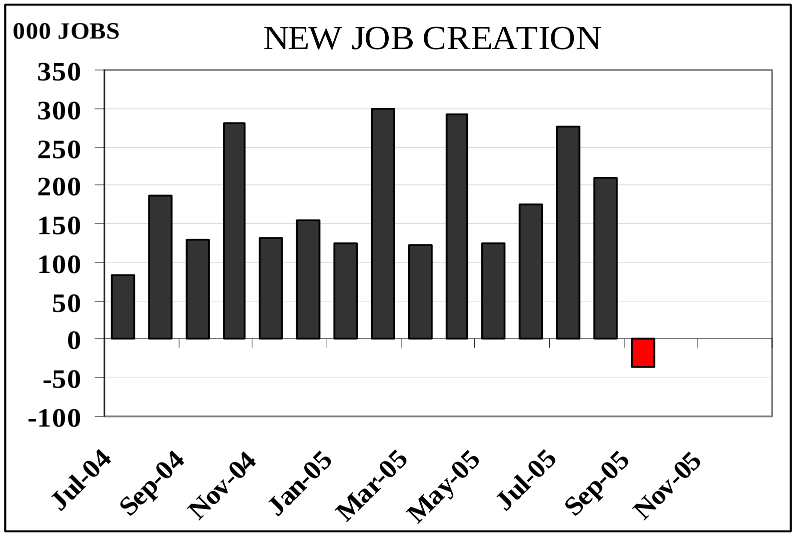
US Economy – Bend but not break

- Q4 forecast down 1% due to impact of Hurricane Katrina
- Job growth negative in September BUT due to Hurricane impact
- Very strong growth in the housing market
- Muted inflationary pressures in non-energy sectors
- Economic growth through the first half of the year was pegged at above 3.5% and was expected to continue growing at a fast pace.
- But…the impact of Hurricane Katrina increases risks and may even precipitate a more significant economic slowdown.





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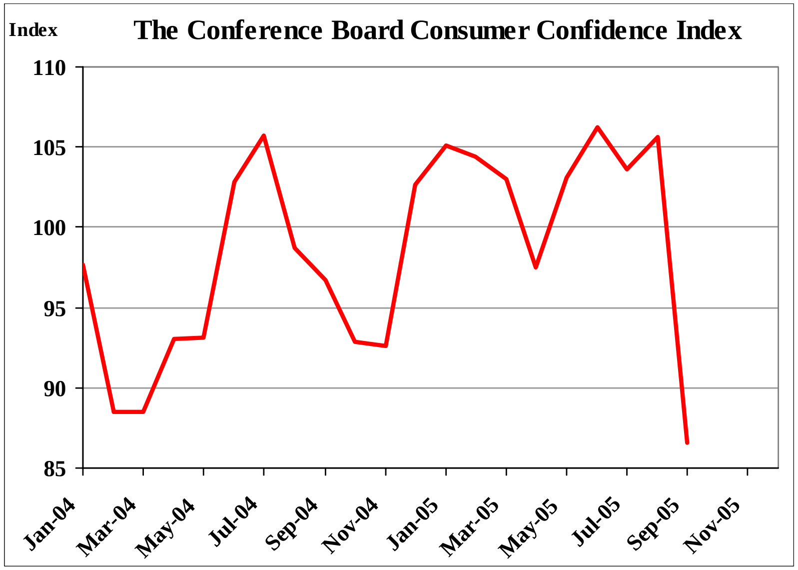
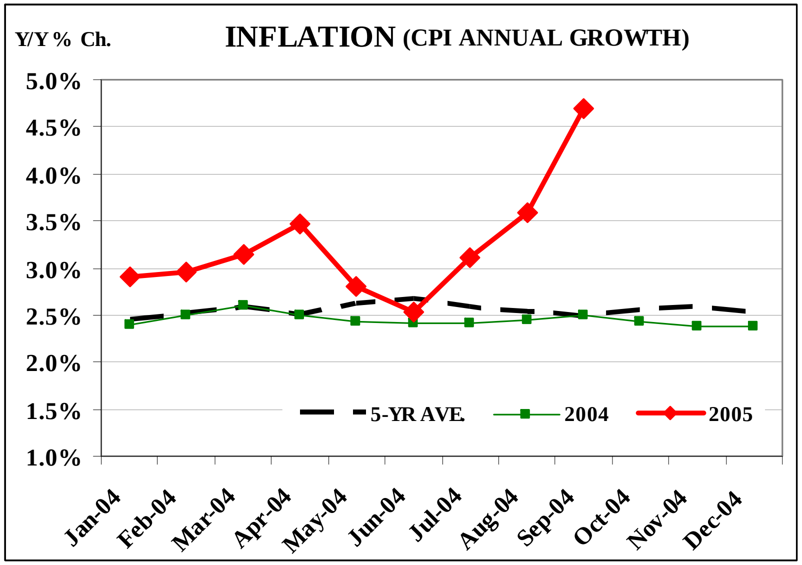
US Economy – Risks

- A number of red flags…
  - Consumer confidence fell 19 points in September
  - Gasoline prices are eating away at disposable incomes
  - Overall inflation spiked higher in July, August and September
  - Heating costs are looming in the horizon
- Wild Cards…
  - FED interest rate policy
  - Instability in the Middle East
  - Terrorist attack on the US
  - Bird flu and other disease outbreaks





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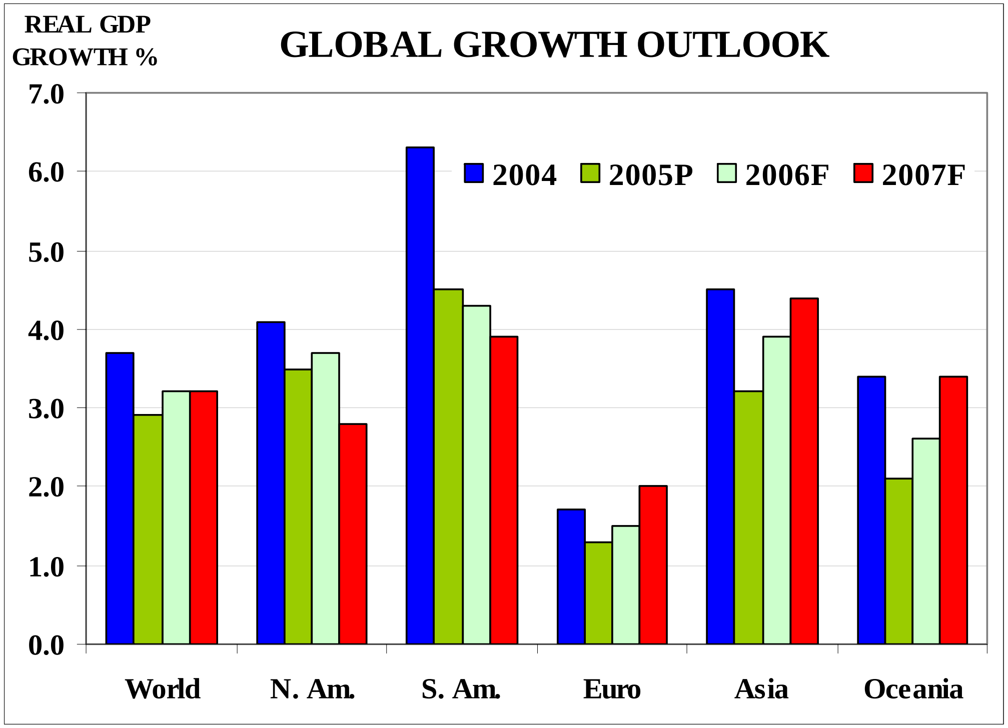
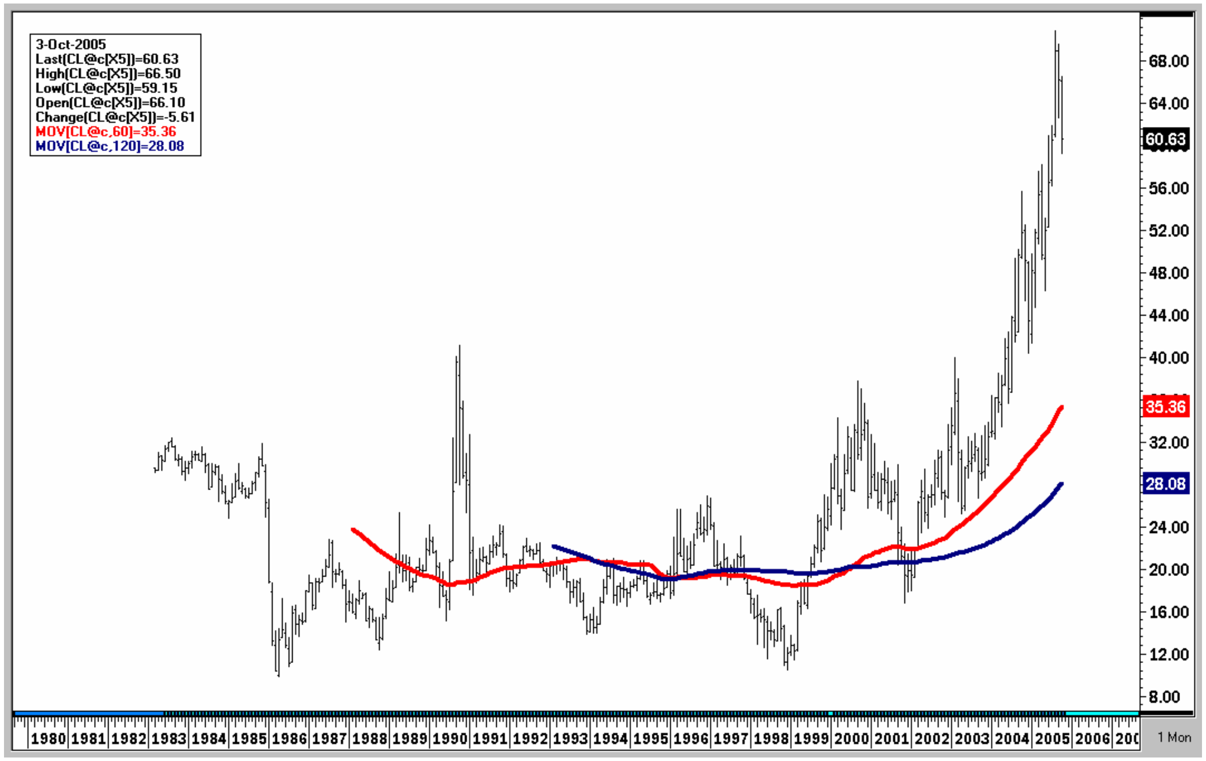
Global Outlook So Far Remains Positive



	World	*N. Am.*	*S. Am.*	*Euro*	*Asia*	*Oceania*
2004	3.7	4.1	6.3	1.7	4.5	3.4
2005P	2.9	3.5	4.5	1.3	3.2	2.1
2006F	3.2	3.7	4.3	1.5	3.9	2.6
2007F	3.2	2.8	3.9	2.0	4.4	3.4

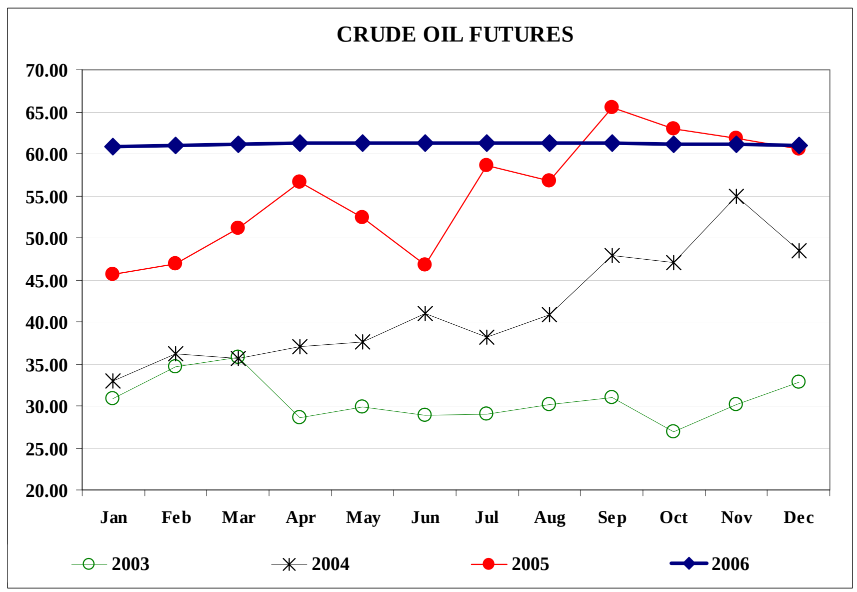
Source: Economy.com

Crude Oil Nearby Futures, Long Term Chart, 5-Yr MA (red line); 10-Yr MA (blue line)



CRUDE OIL (Close on October 21, 2005)

	2003	2004	2005	2006
Jan	30.90	33.02	45.64	60.82
Feb	34.61	36.20	46.91	61.02
Mar	35.81	35.60	51.15	61.16
Apr	28.65	37.11	56.62	61.21
May	29.91	37.60	52.44	61.26
Jun	28.90	40.92	46.80	61.28
Jul	29.05	38.11	58.60	61.28
Aug	30.19	40.86	56.72	61.26
Sep	30.95	47.86	65.45	61.23
Oct	26.96	47.10	63.00	61.19
Nov	30.18	54.92	61.84	61.08
Dec	32.86	48.44	60.63	60.96



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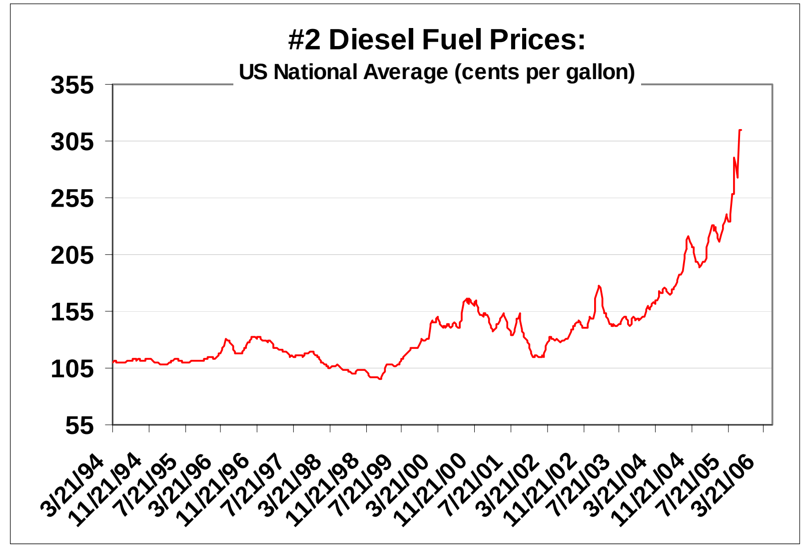
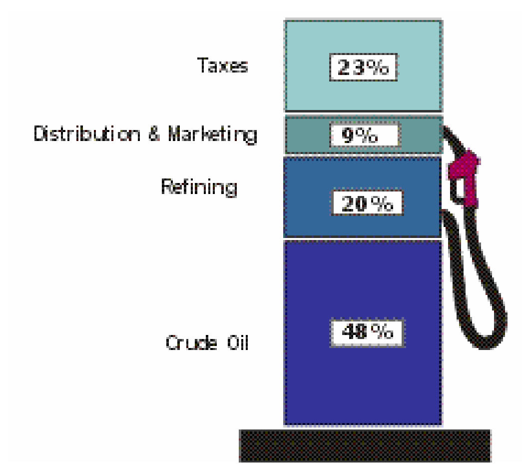
#2 Diesel Fuel Prices

- Prices are as much $1 per gallon higher than a year ago and almost $2 per gallon higher than two years ago.
- Will likely stay high through the winter as heating oil demand picks up
- Fuel surcharges now common
- Transportation costs up but could provide beef importers with competitive advantage vs. US domestic producers



Diesel Price Breakdown



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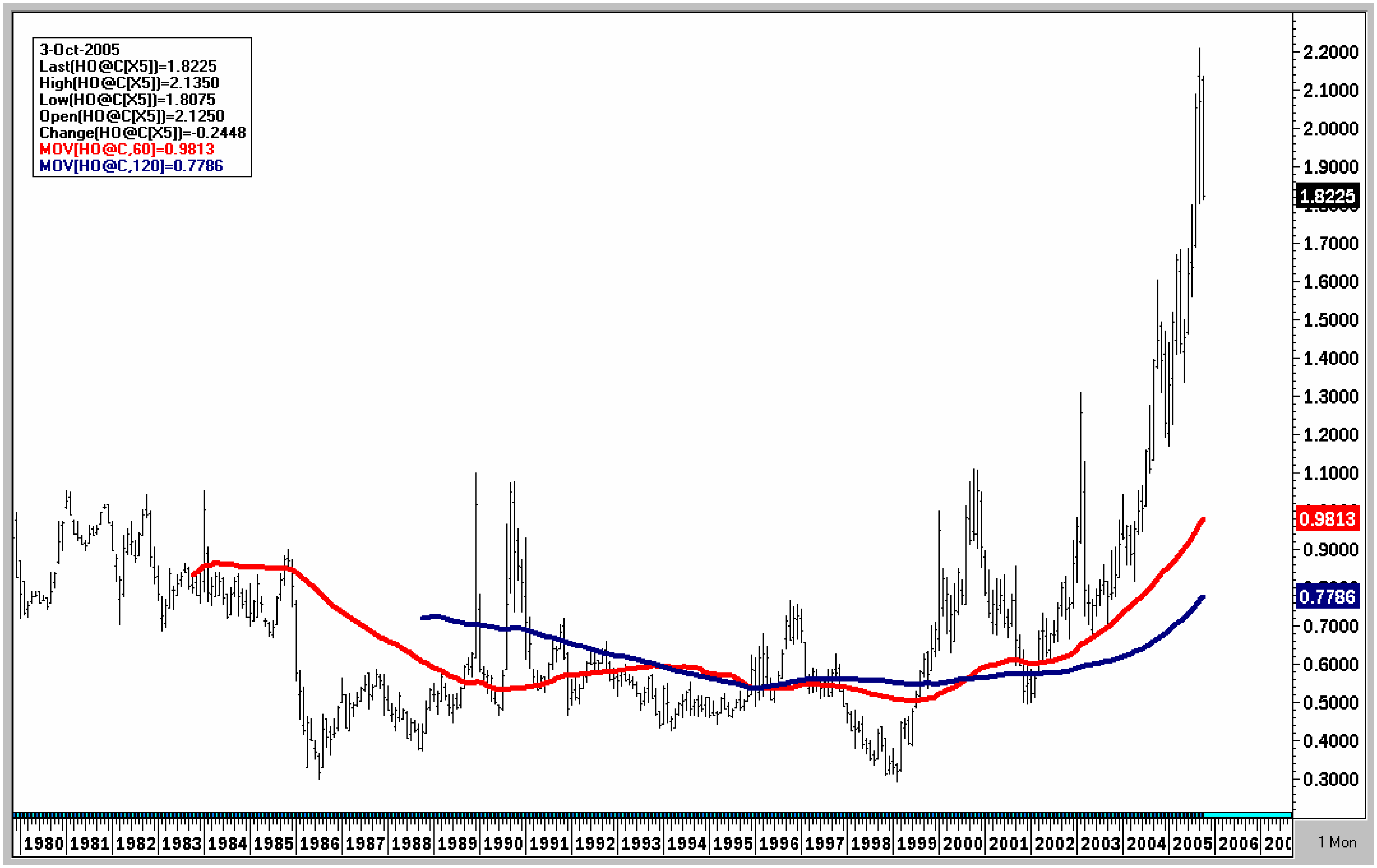
Heating Oil Futures, Nearby contract



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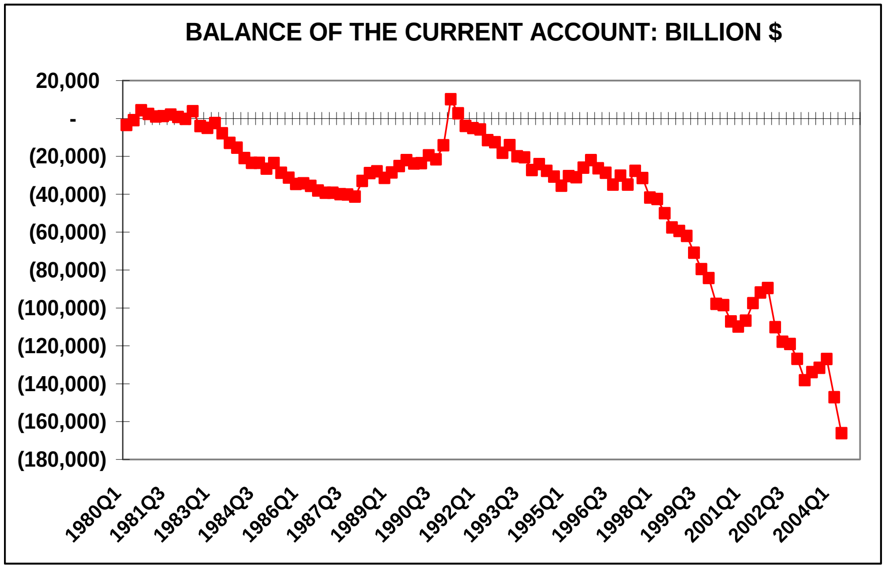
Currency Markets

- The bias for the US dollar remains bearish given the continuing deterioration in the US trade deficit.
- Also, net foreign investment income has been declining, further negatively impacting the balance of trade
- Expectations are for the US dollar to further depreciate vs. major currencies into 2005. This tends to benefit US exporters and has a negative impact on the price of goods **imported into the United States**



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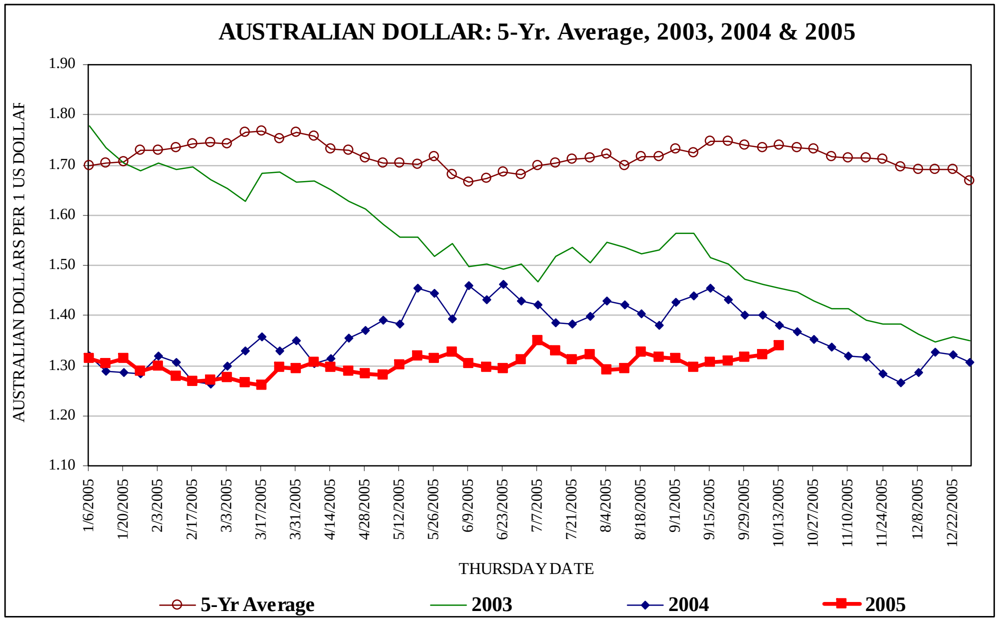
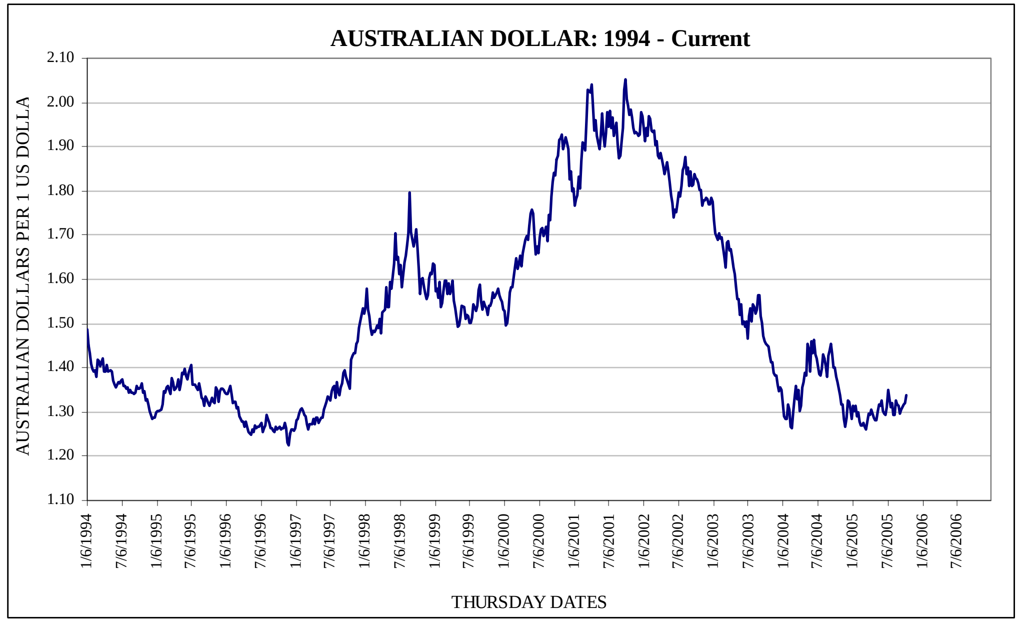
Value of 1 US dollar in Australian Dollars





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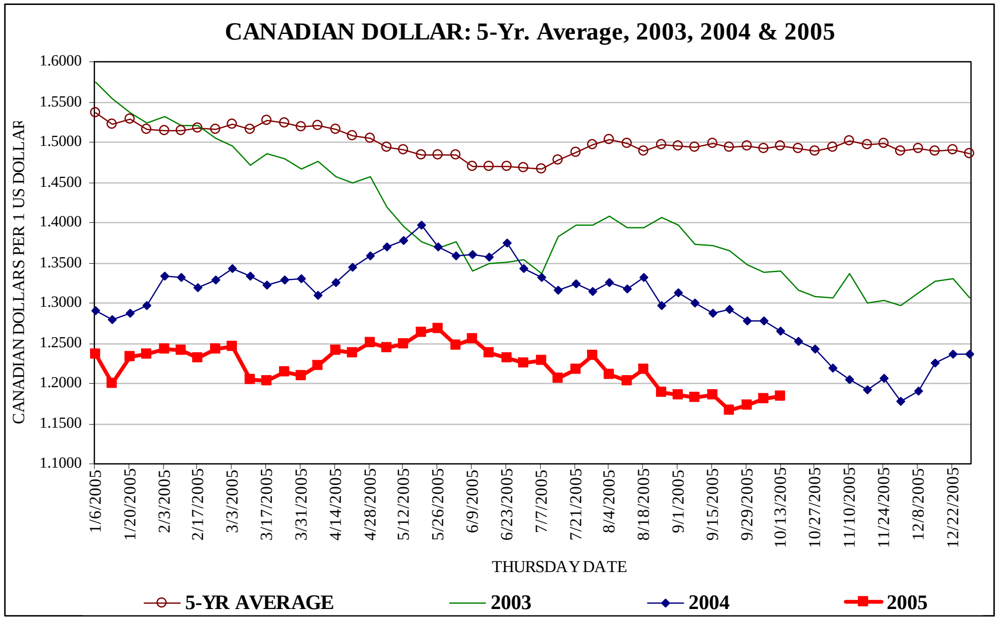

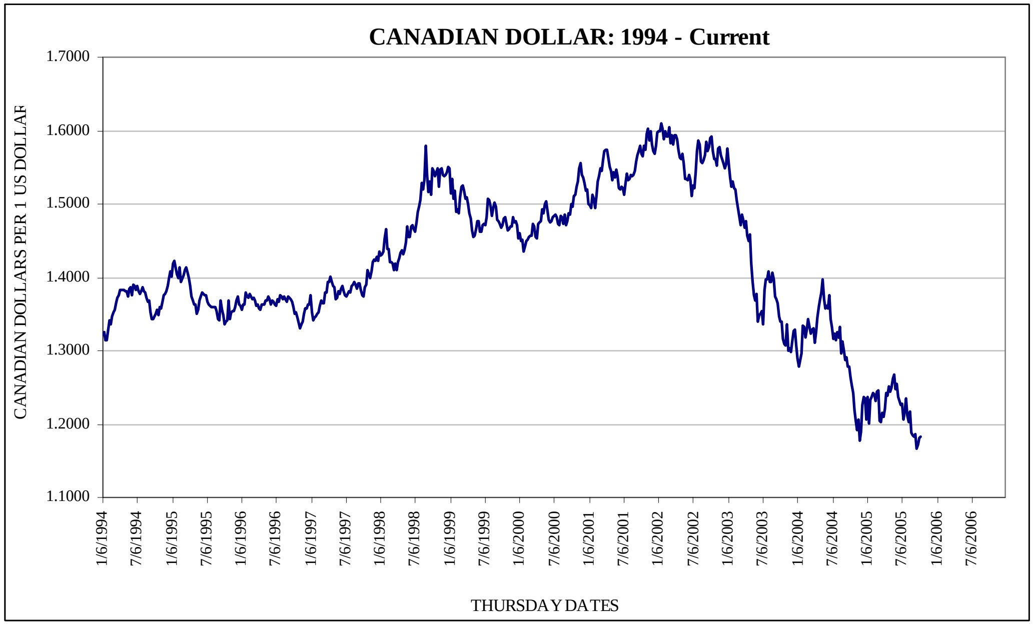

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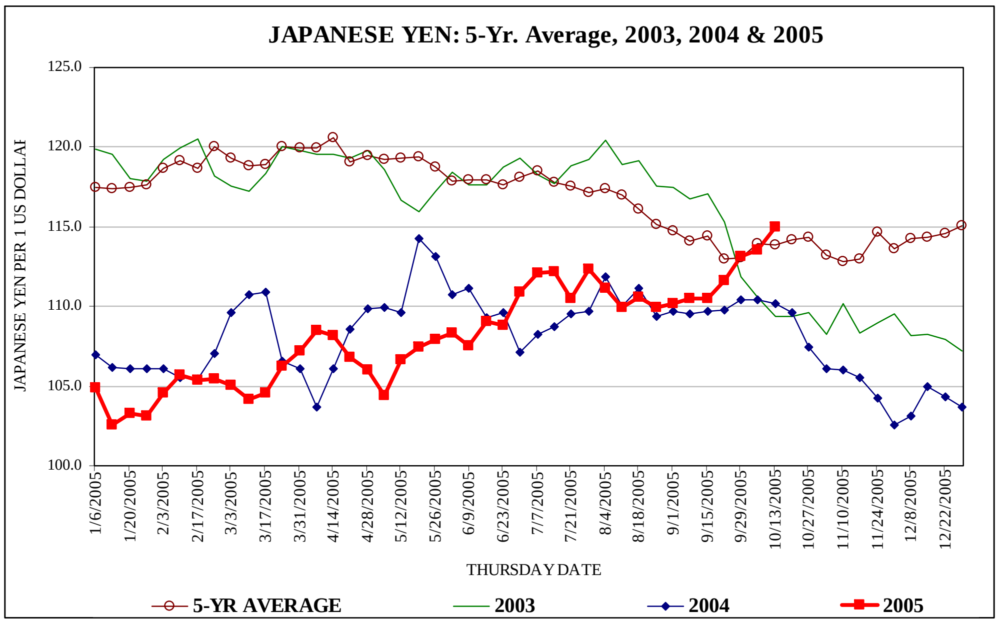
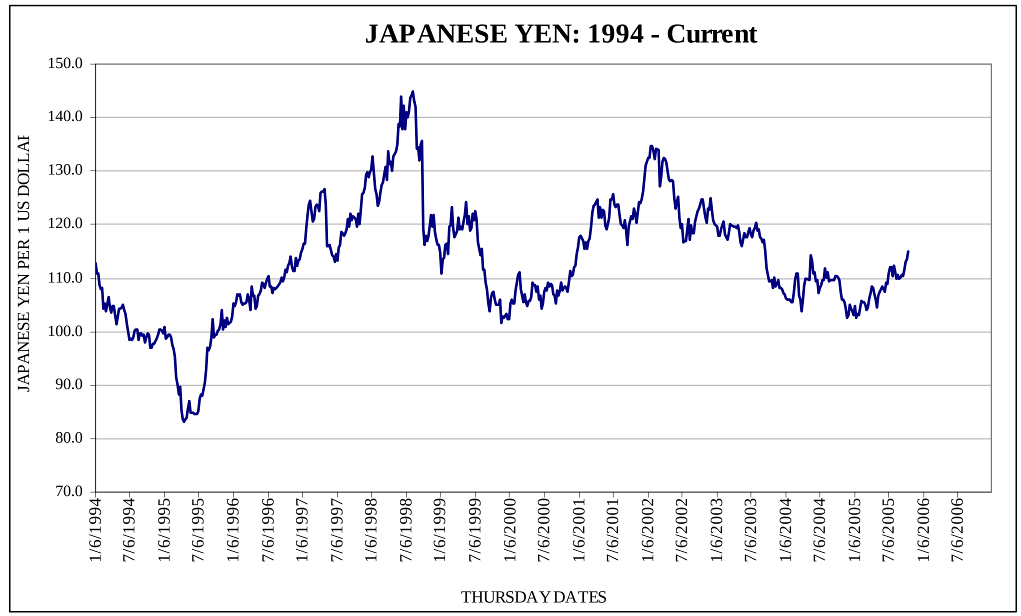
Value of 1 US dollar in Japanese Yen





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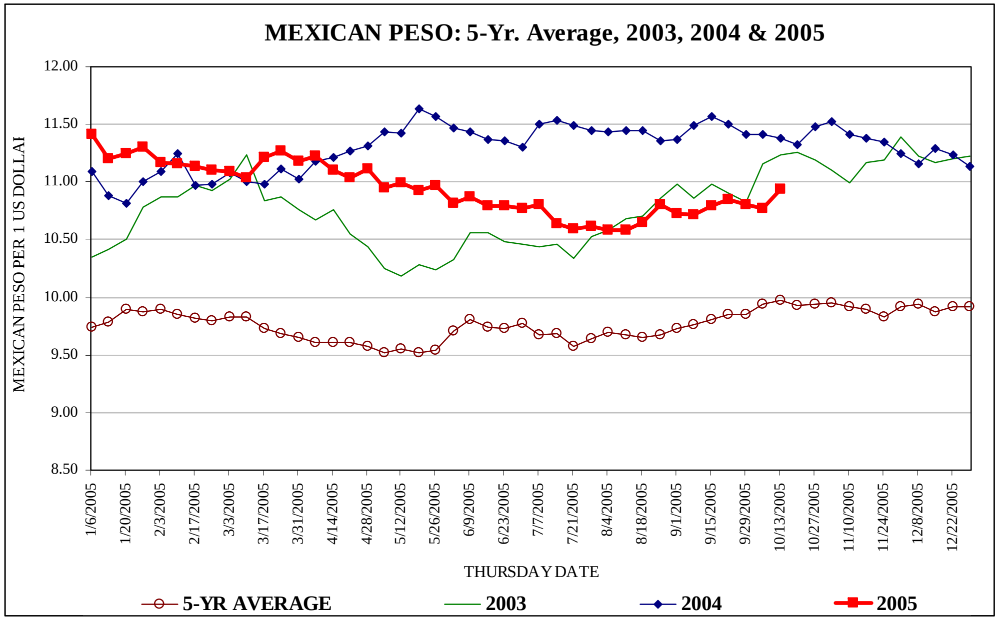
Value of 1 US dollar in Mexican Peso



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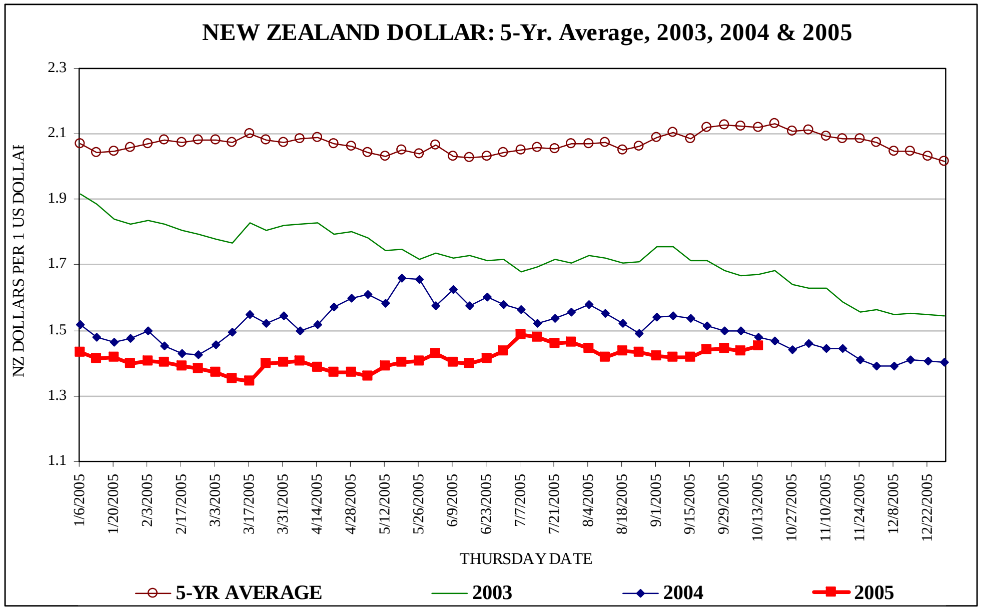
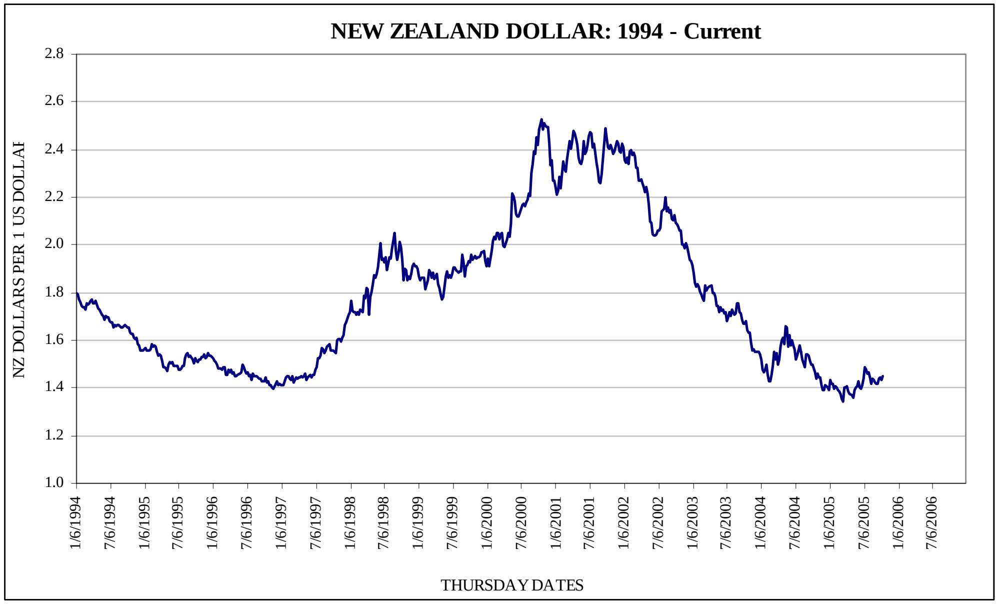
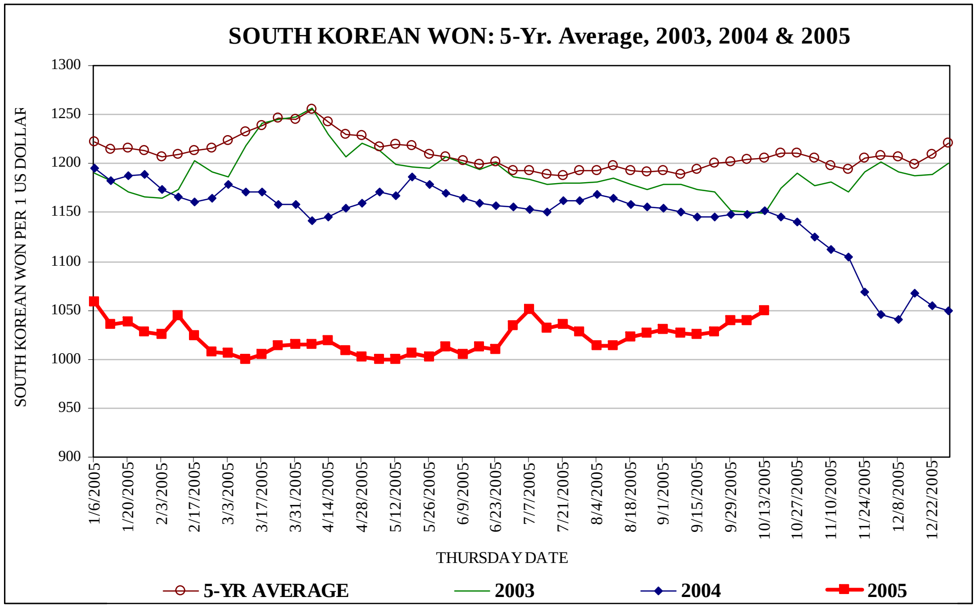
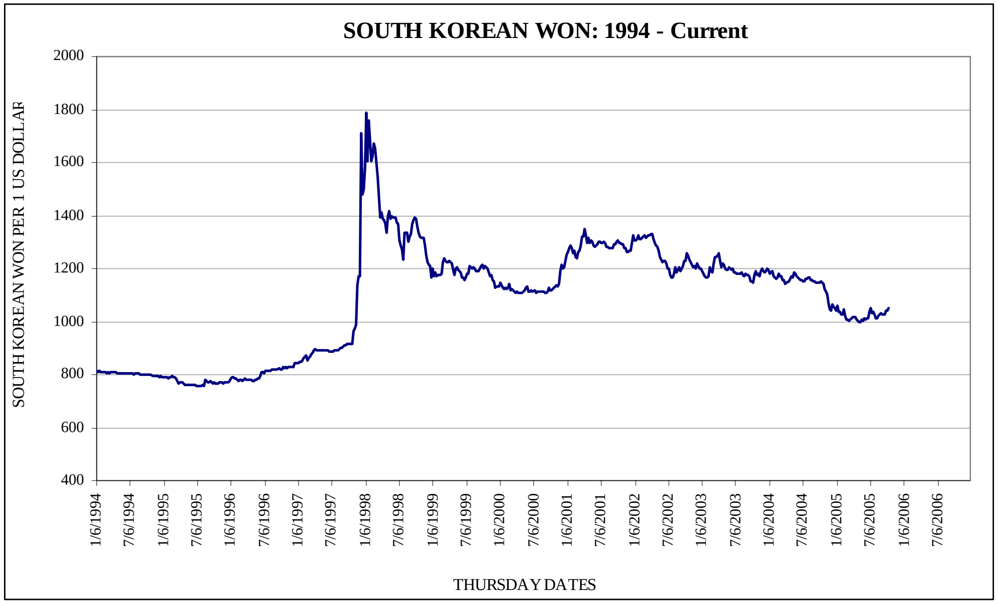
Value of 1 US dollar in New Zealand Dollars





Value of 1 US dollar in S. Korean Won





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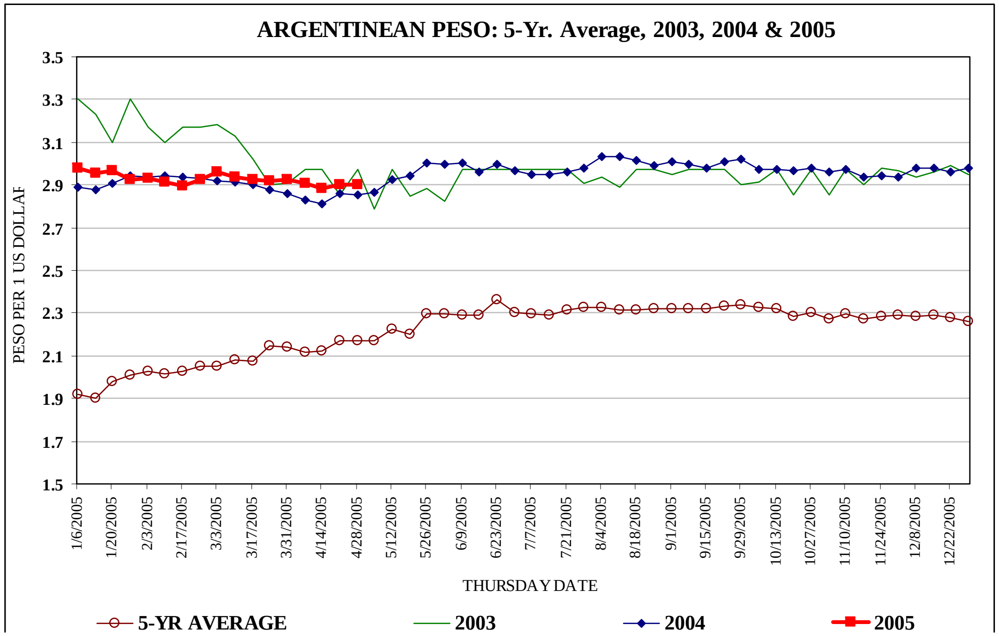
Value of 1 US dollar in Argentine Pesos



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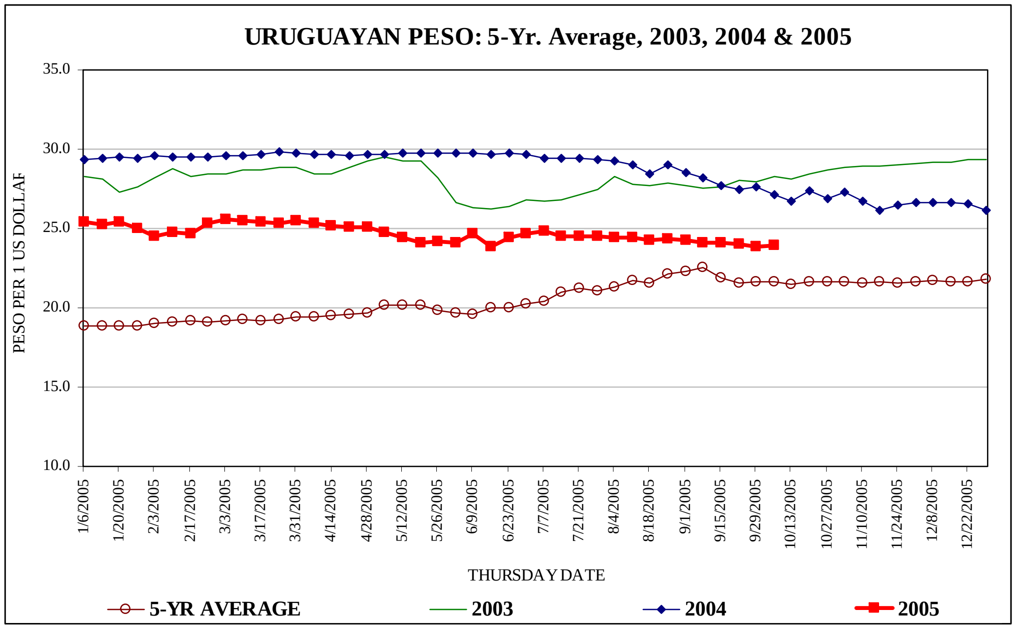
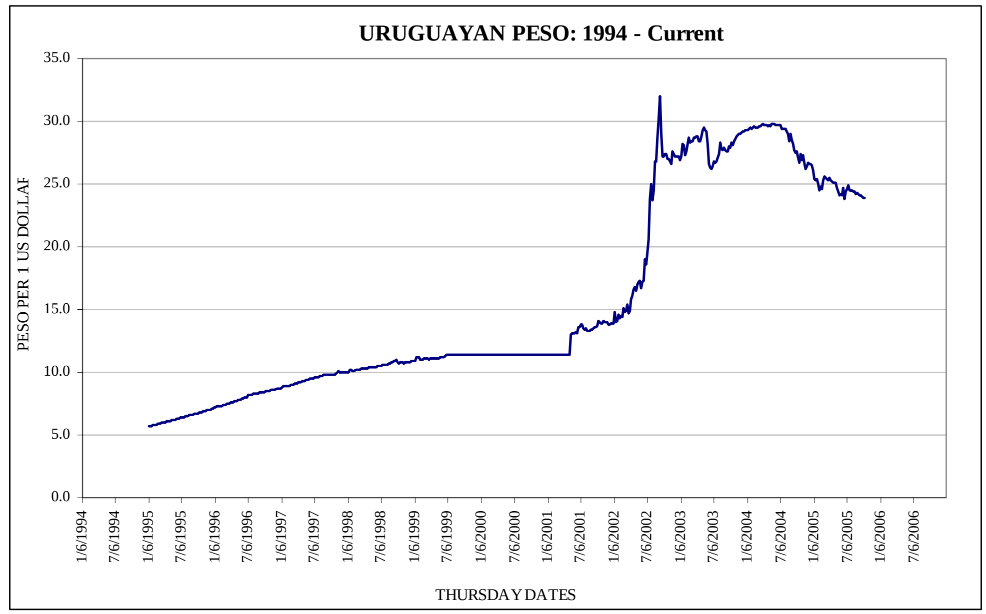
Uruguayan Peso vs. US Dollar





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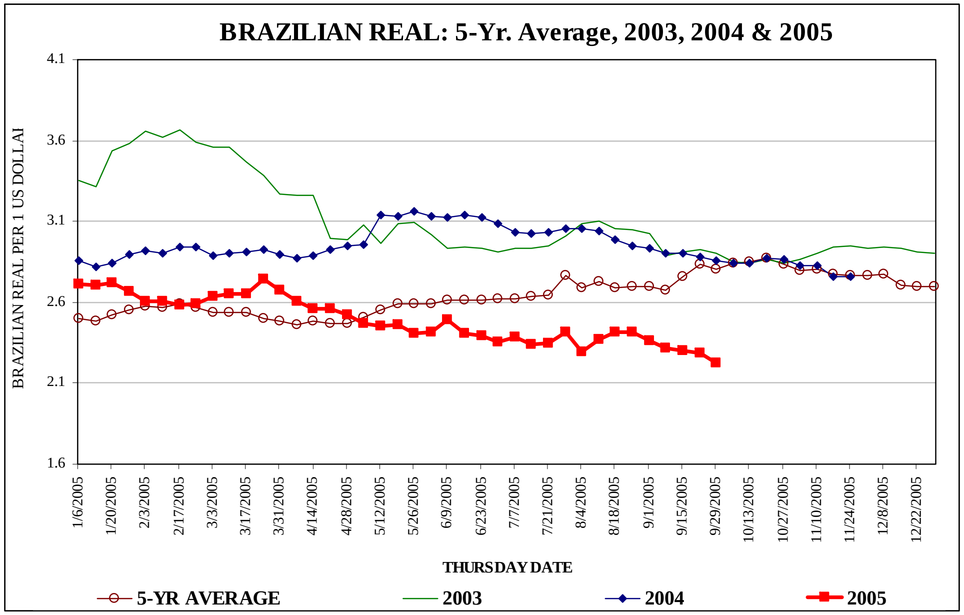
Brazilian Real vs. US Dollar



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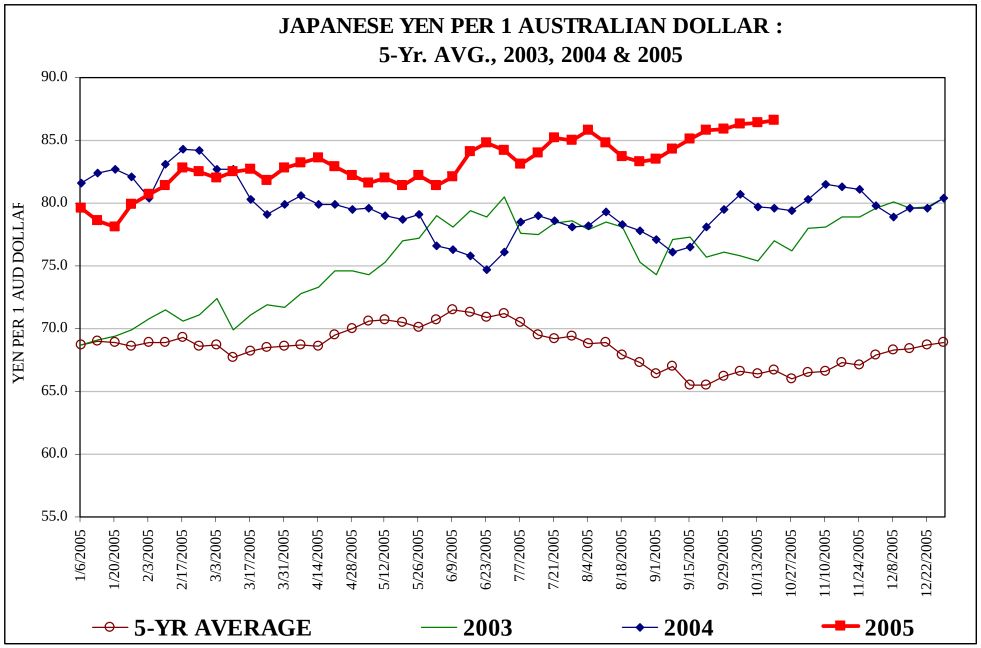
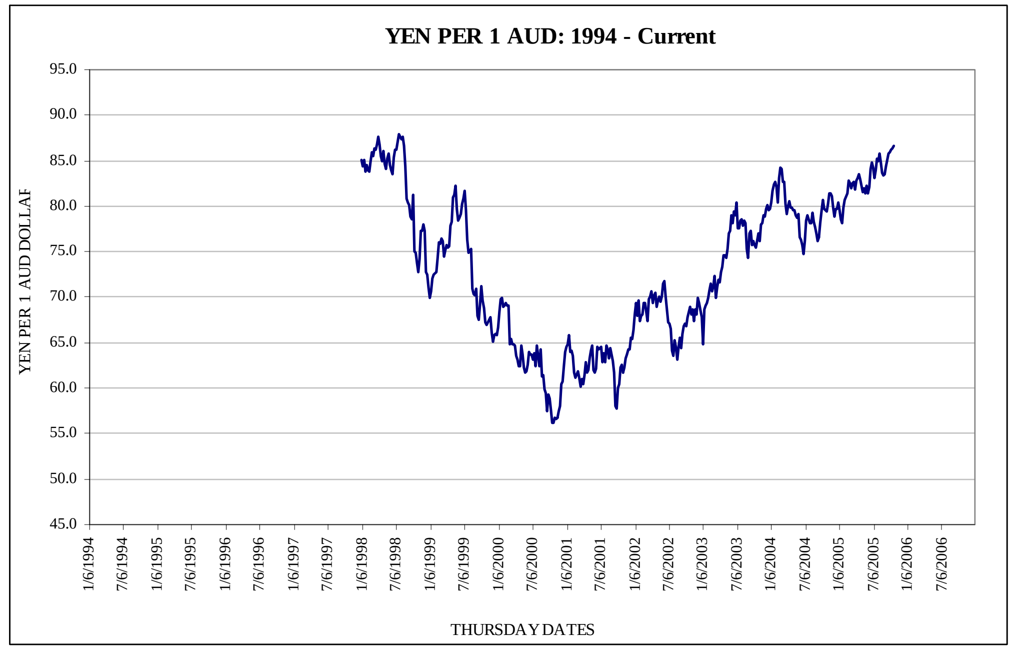
Japanese Yen per 1 Australian Dollar





US BEEF MARKET

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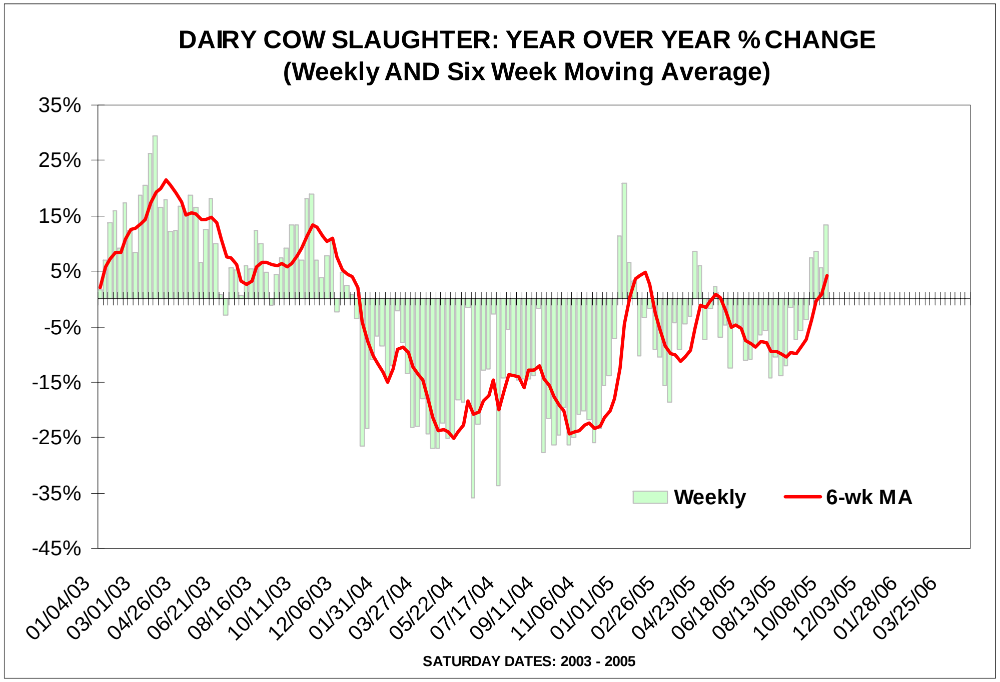
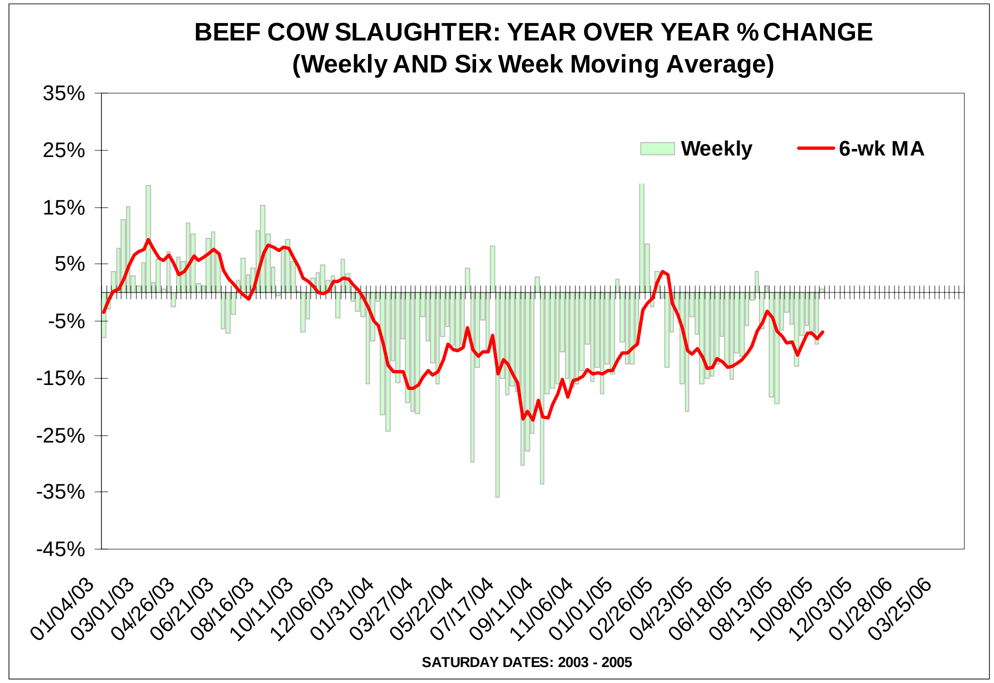
On The Supply Side…

US cow meat supplies are tight





- Jan - Sep US cow slaughter has been 7% lower than a year ago and as much as 15% lower than the five year average
- Dairy cow slaughter rates have started to move up while beef cow slaughter remains light

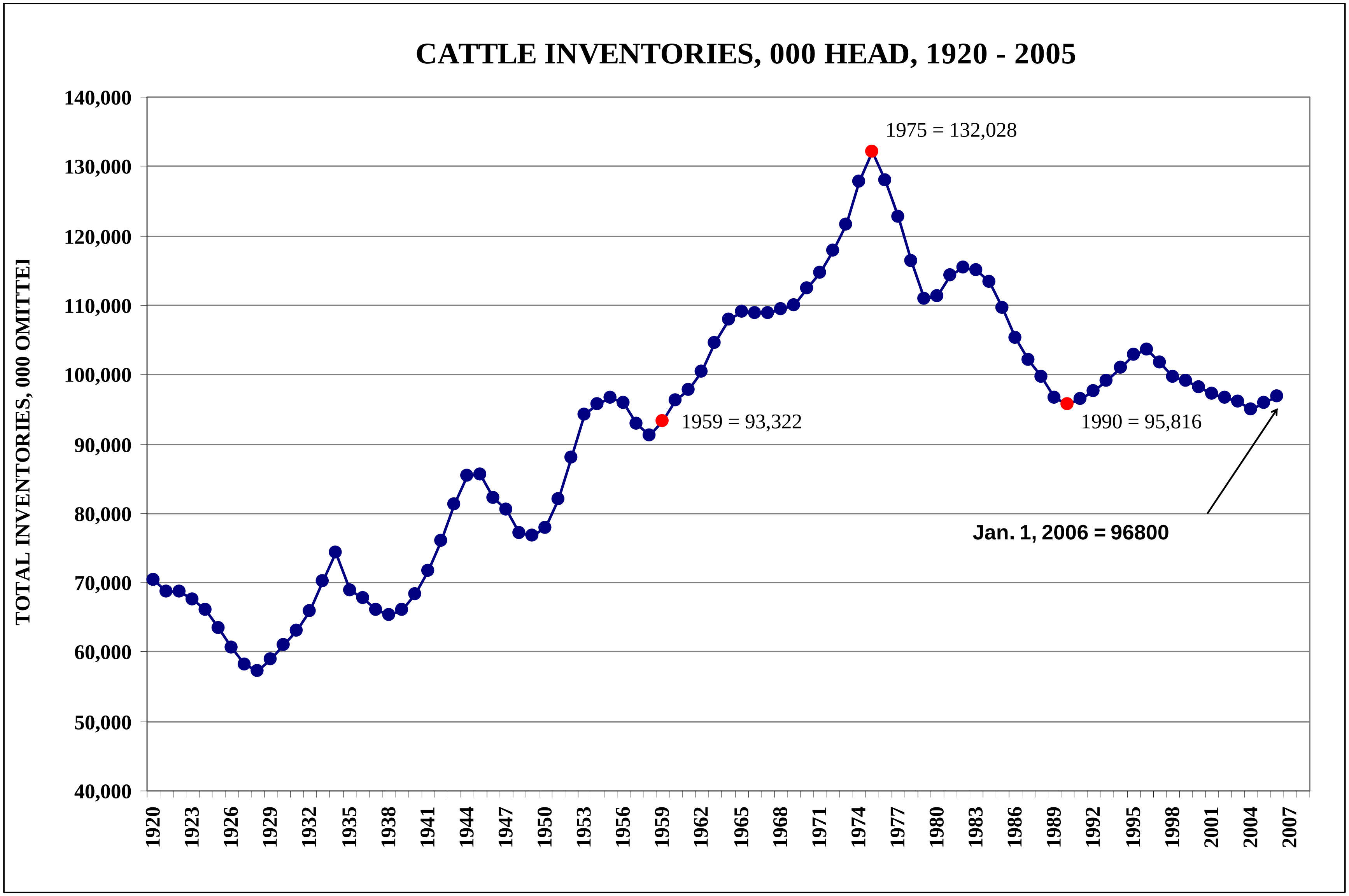
US Cattle Inventory

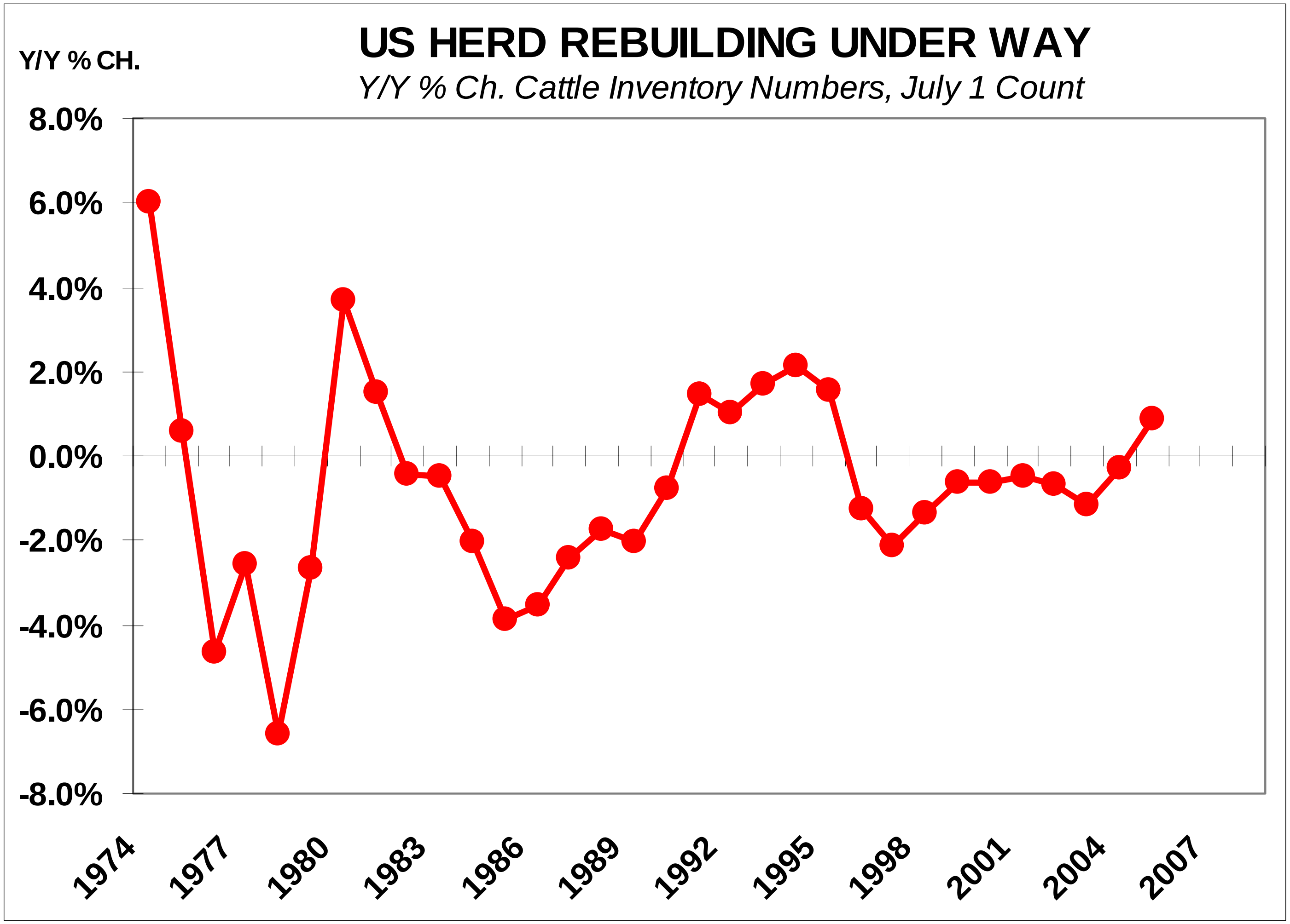
JANUARY 1st U. S. CATTLE INVENTORY

INVENTORY (000 OMITTED)	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 Fcast	% of Change From 2005
ALL CATTLE AND CALVES	99,176	100,988	102,755	103,487	101,656	99,744	99,115	98,198	97,277	96,704	96,100	94,888	95,848	96,800	1.0%
COW AND HEIFERS THAT HAVE CALVED	43,023	44,178	44,643	44,644	43,776	43,084	42,878	42,758	42,580	42,229	42,125	41,851	42,060	42,400	0.8%
BEEF COWS	33,365	34,650	35,156	35,228	34,458	33,885	33,745	33,575	33,397	33,118	32,983	32,861	33,055	33,325	0.8%
DAIRY COWS	9,658	9,528	9,487	9,416	9,318	9,199	9,133	9,183	9,183	9,112	9,142	8,990	9,005	9,075	0.8%
HEIFERS 500LBS. AND OVER	18,818	19,577	19,891	20,232	20,312	19,800	19,774	19,650	19,776	19,678	19,629	19,345	19,673	19,950	1.4%
BEEF COW REPLACEMENT	6,092	6,365	6,475	6,179	6,042	5,764	5,535	5,503	5,588	5,561	5,624	5,518	5,746	6,000	4.4%
DAIRY COW REPALCEMENT	4,176	4,144	4,141	4,104	4,058	3,986	4,069	4,000	4,057	4,060	4,114	4,020	4,133	4,225	2.2%
OTHER HEIFERS	8,550	9,068	9,275	9,949	10,212	10,051	10,170	10,147	10,131	10,057	9,891	9,806	9,793	9,725	-0.7%
STEERS 500 LBS. AND OVER	16,940	17,042	17,463	17,732	17,392	17,189	16,891	16,682	16,441	16,790	16,554	16,277	16,511	16,700	1.1%
BULLS 500 LBS. AND OVER	2,278	2,307	2,390	2,392	2,350	2,270	2,281	2,293	2,274	2,244	2,248	2,206	2,219	2,300	3.7%
HFRS, STRS AND BULLS UNDER 500 LBS.	18,117	17,884	18,369	18,488	17,826	17,401	17,290	16,816	16,206	15,763	15,545	15,210	15,385	15,400	0.1%
ANNUAL CALF CROP **	39,369	40,105	40,264	39,823	38,961	38,812	38,796	38,631	38,280	38,224	37,903	37,625	37,800		0.5%

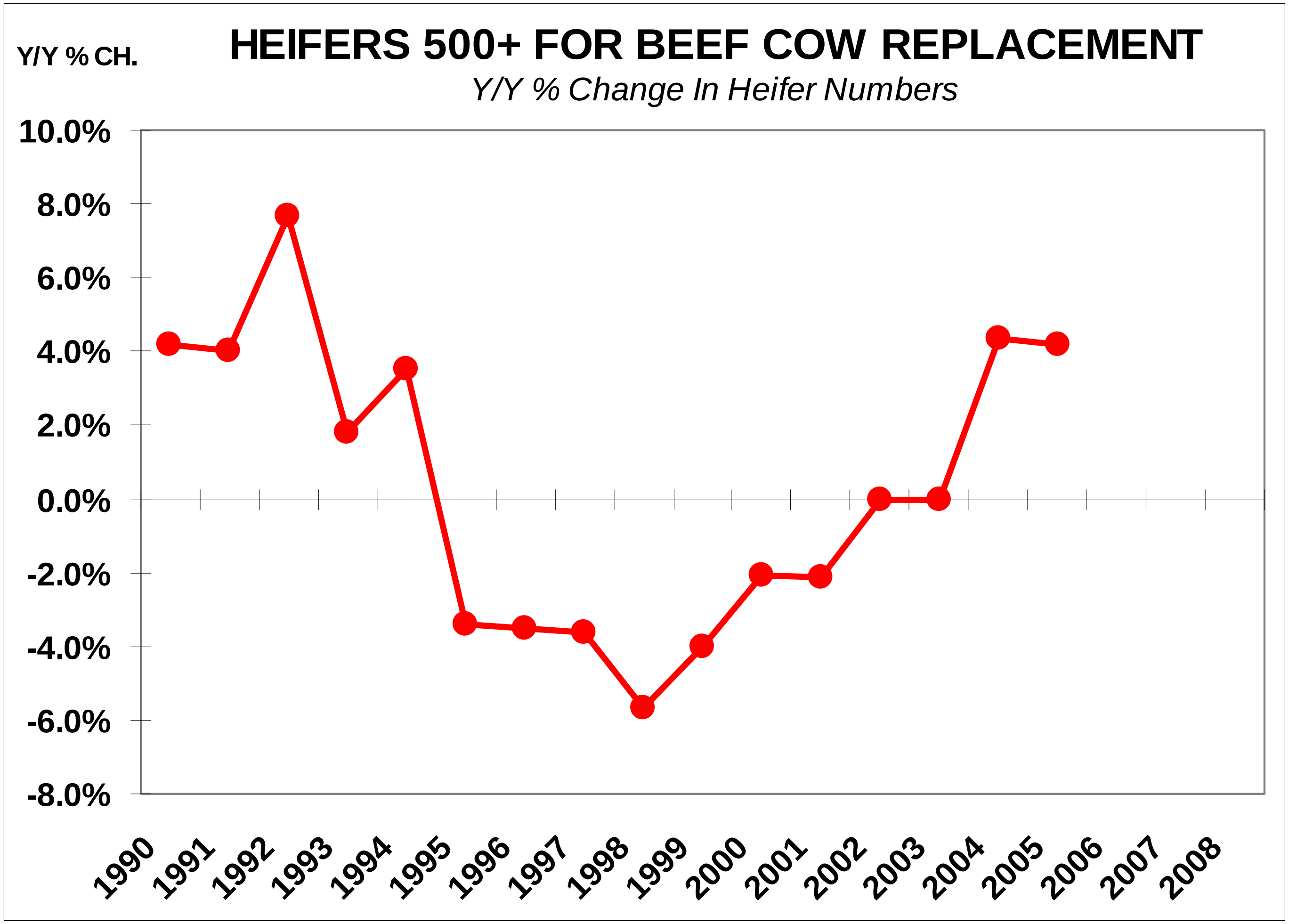
** Calf Crop % Change from 2004

January 1 US Cattle Inventory





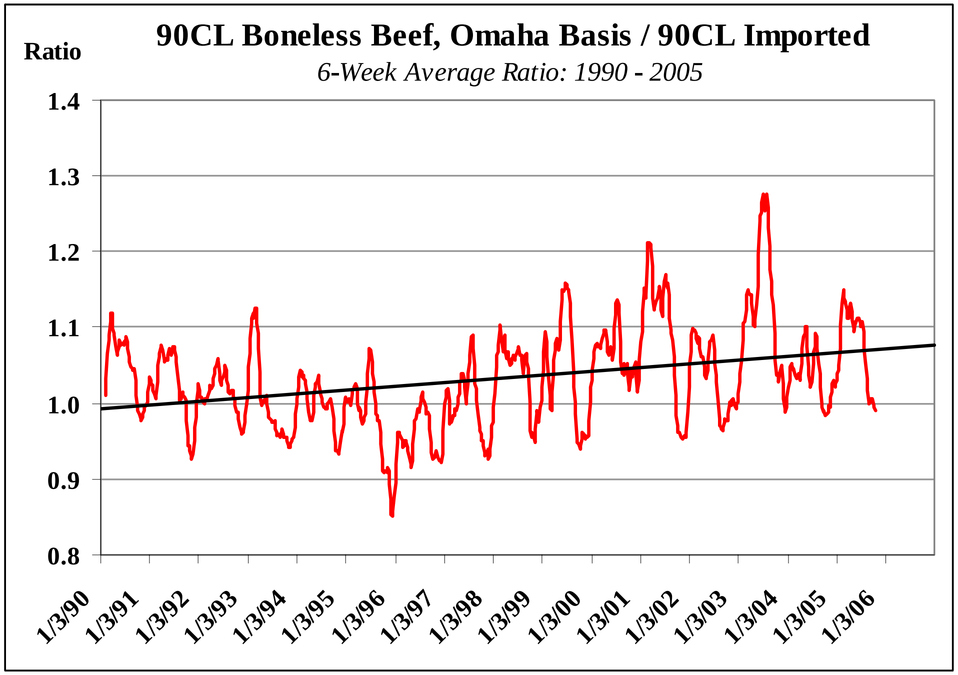
- The US cattle inventory posted the first year over year increase since 1995, increasing by 1% from July 1, 2004 levels

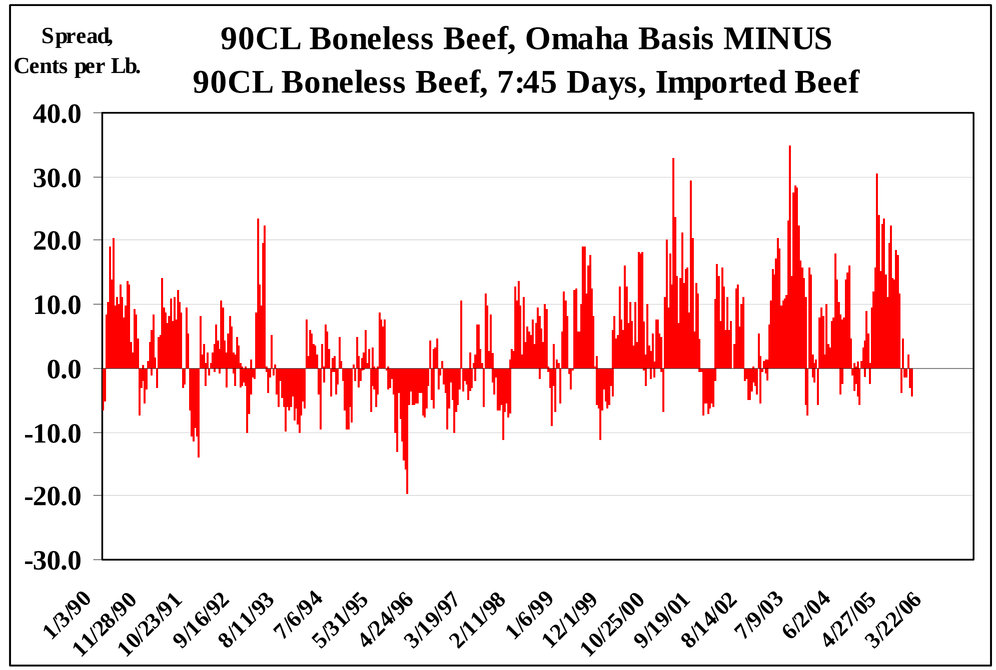


- For the second consecutive year, heifer numbers continued to increase, an indication of more heifers going to the breeding herd rather than slaughter

90CL Boneless Imported Beef

vs. Domestic 90CL and Domestic Live Steer Prices





- Ratio of domestic 90CL fresh to imported 90CL frz. was above trend levels through mid July before declining sharply
- So far in 2005, the spread between domestic and imported lean prices has followed seasonal trends. Q1 = 16.7 cents, Q2 = 14 cents and Q3 = 2.3 cents

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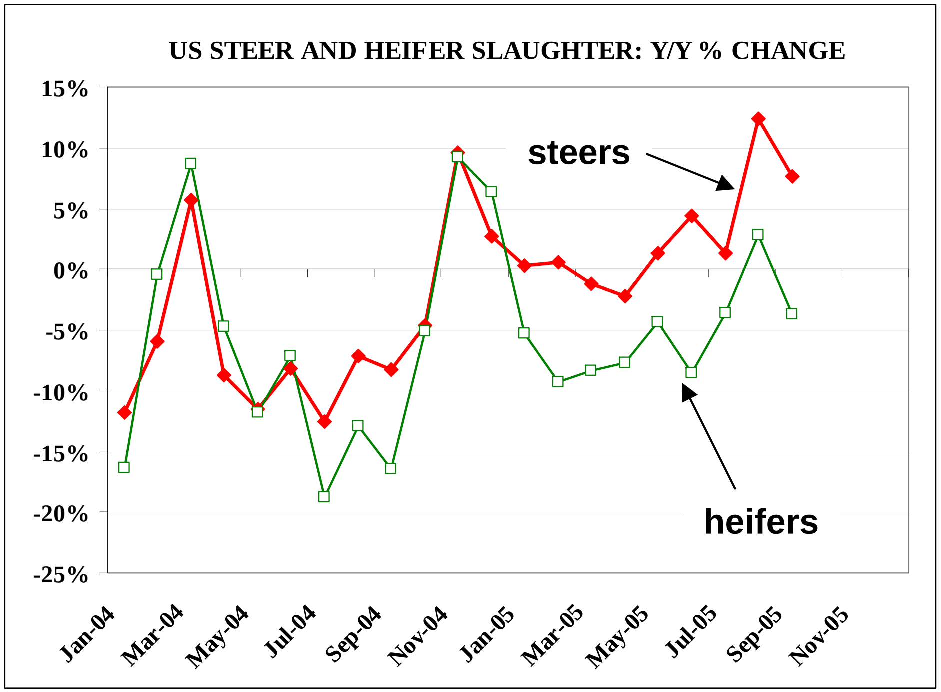
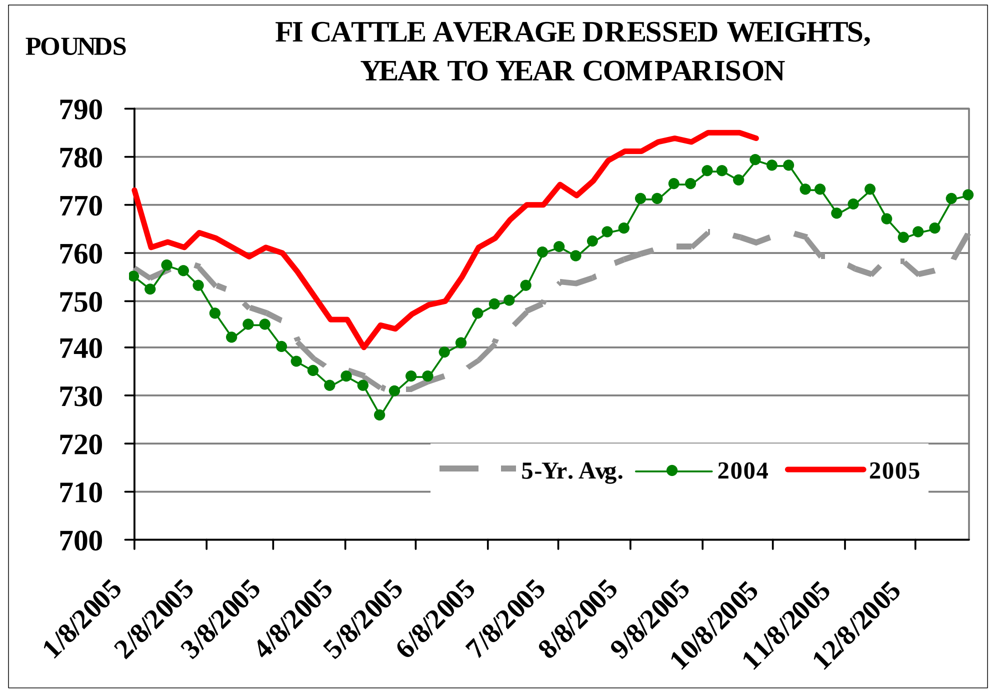
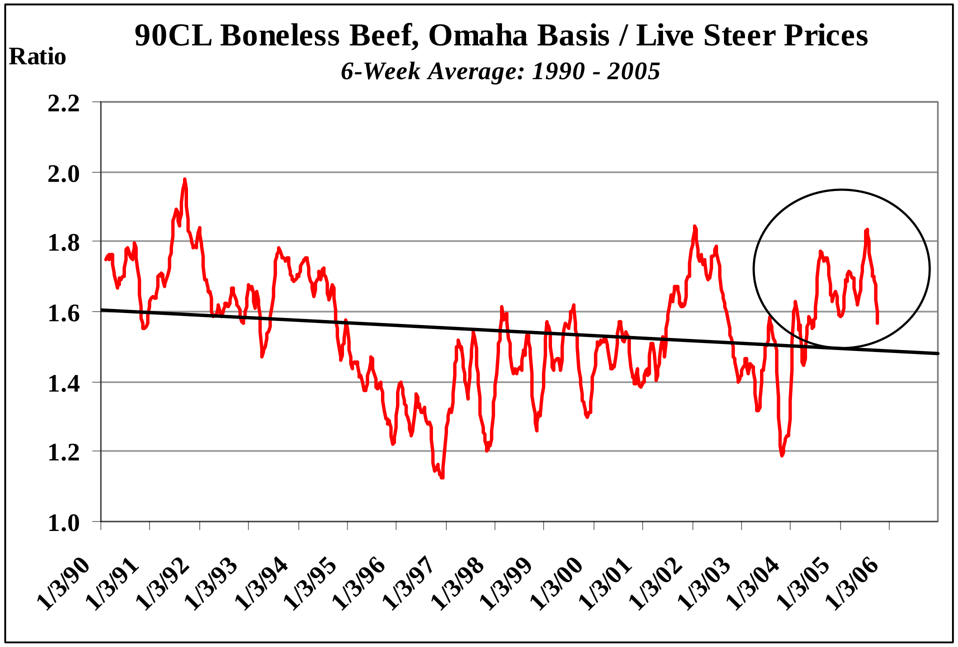
Cattle Carcass Weight And Slaughter

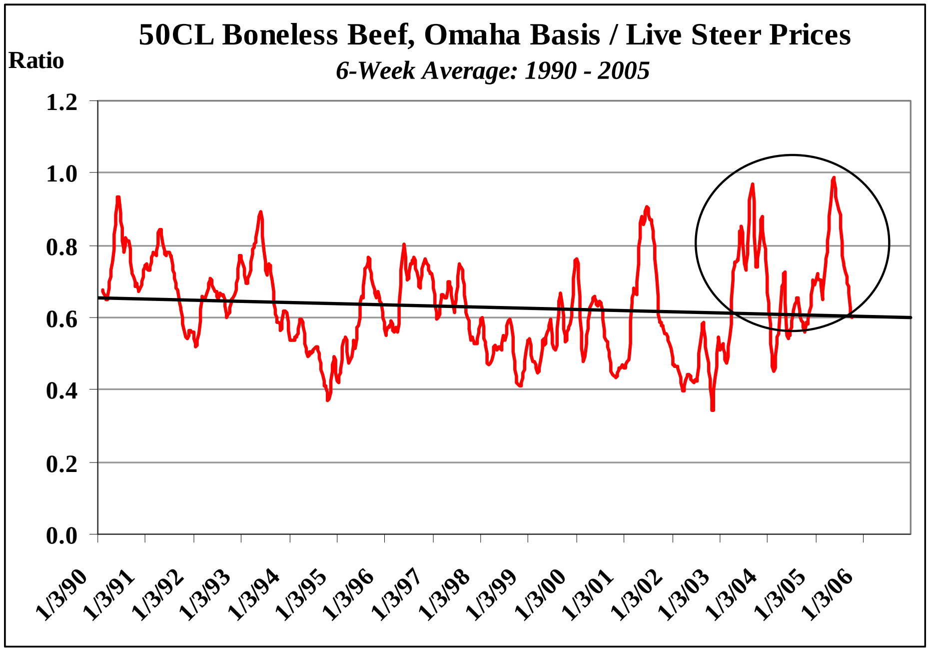




US Live Steer Prices

vs. Domestic 90CL and 50CL Boneless Beef Prices

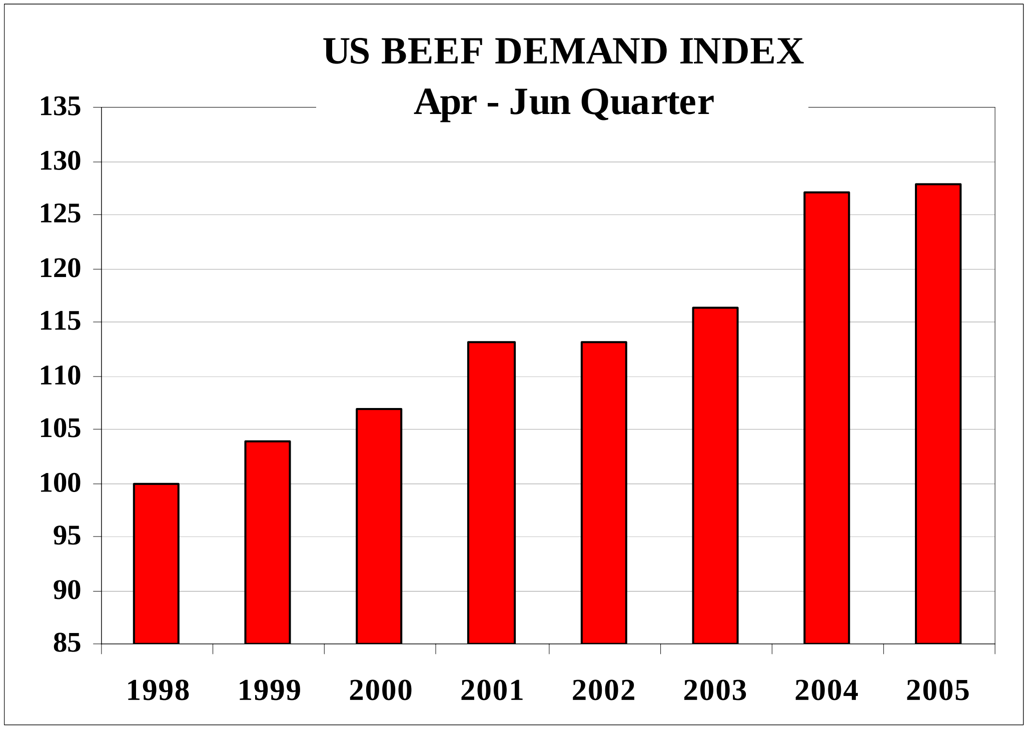




- Both lean and fat US domestic beef trimmings have been above trend due to tight supplies of lean cow meat and reduced overall cattle slaughter

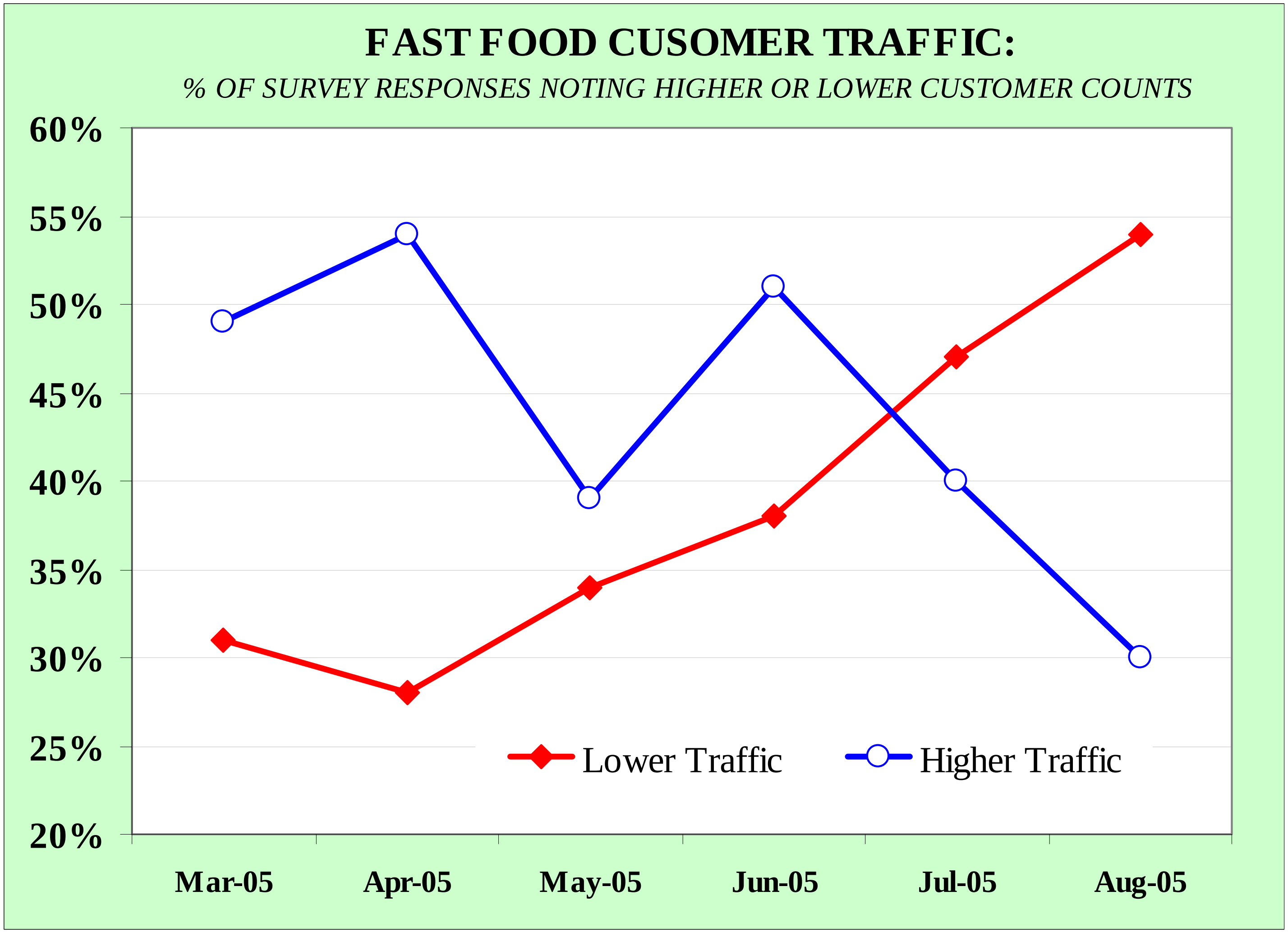
On The Demand Side…

Beef Demand Growth Levels Off



- As expected, beef demand growth in the US has slowed down.
- Why?
  - High oil prices
  - Lower disposable incomes
  - Low carb craze lost steam
  - Beef less competitive vs. other meat protein sources

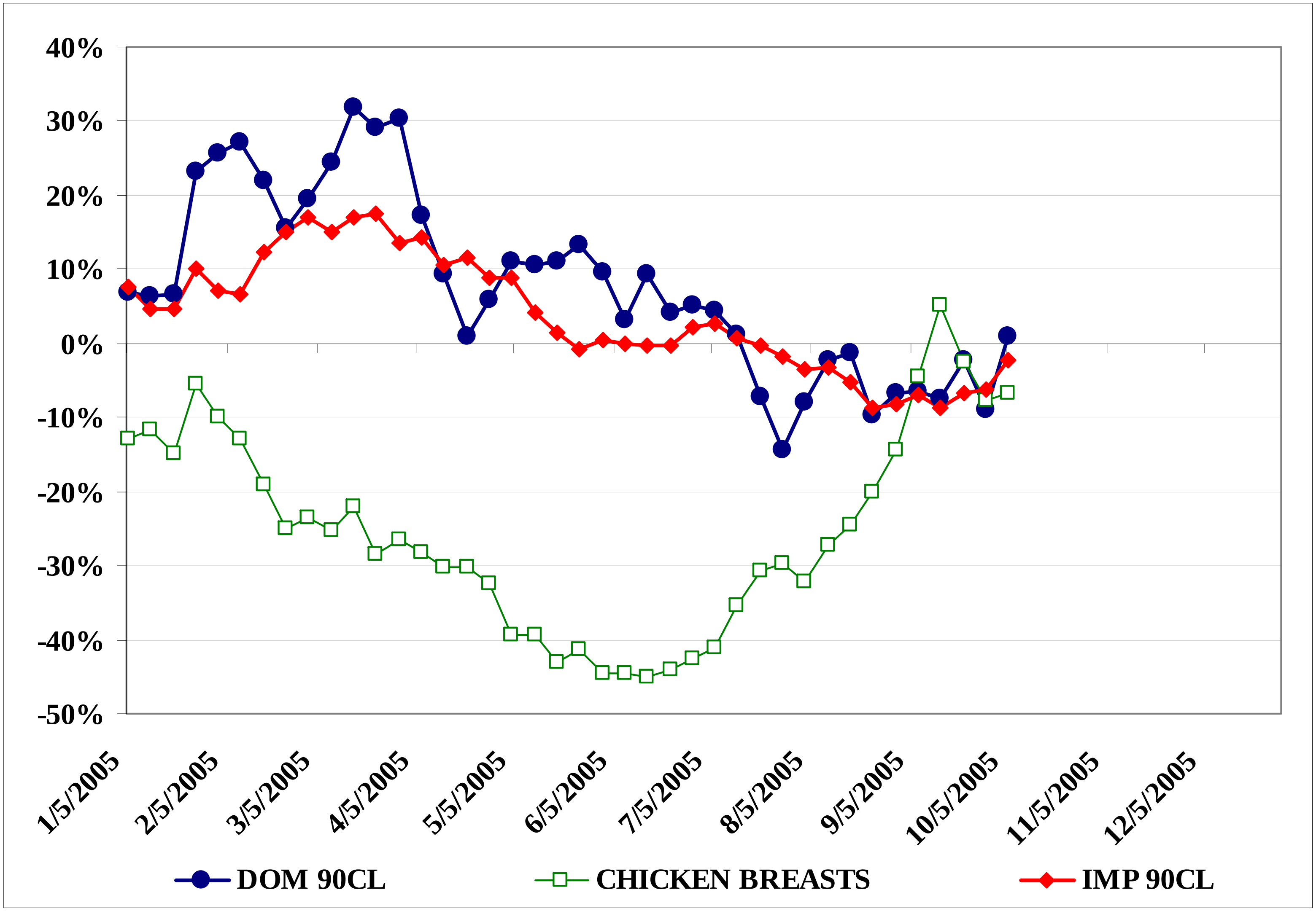
High gas prices taking a toll on fast food?

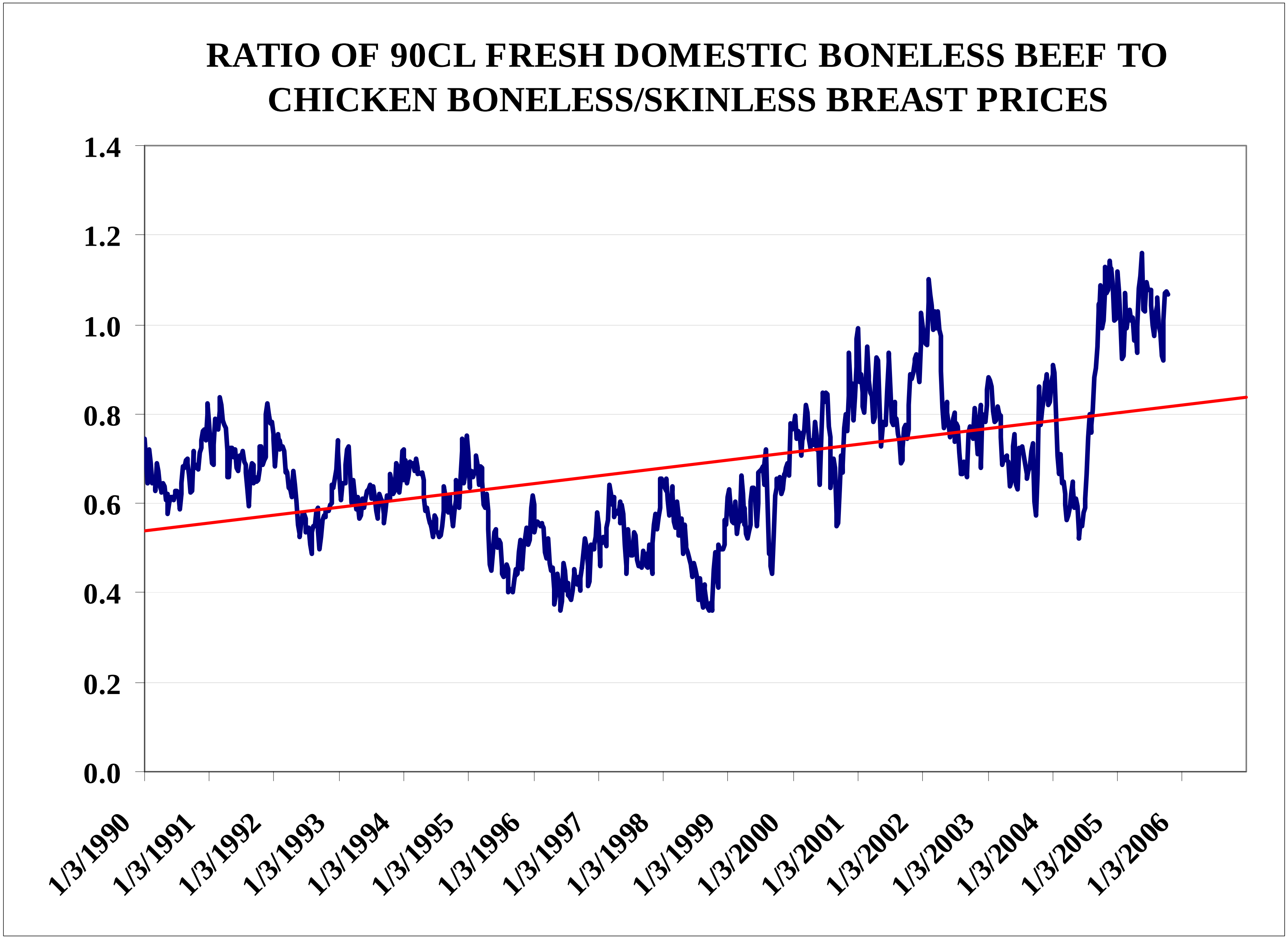


Source: National Restaurant Association

A GAUGE OF OVERALL COMPETITIVENESS

Y/Y % CHANGE IN PRICE OF 90CL DOMESTIC BEEF, 90CL IMPORTED BEEF AND CHICKEN BREAST PRICES




RATIO OF 90CL FRESH DOMESTIC BONELESS BEEF TO CHICKEN BONELESS/SKINLESS BREAST PRICES
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Competing Meats…

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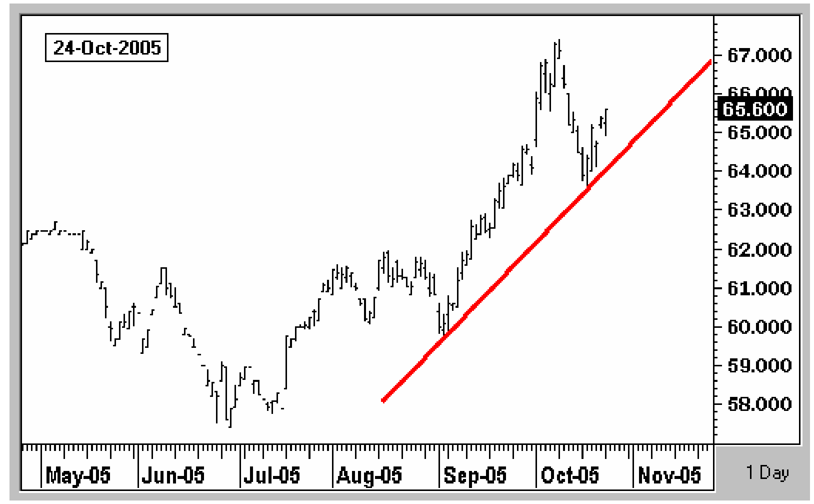
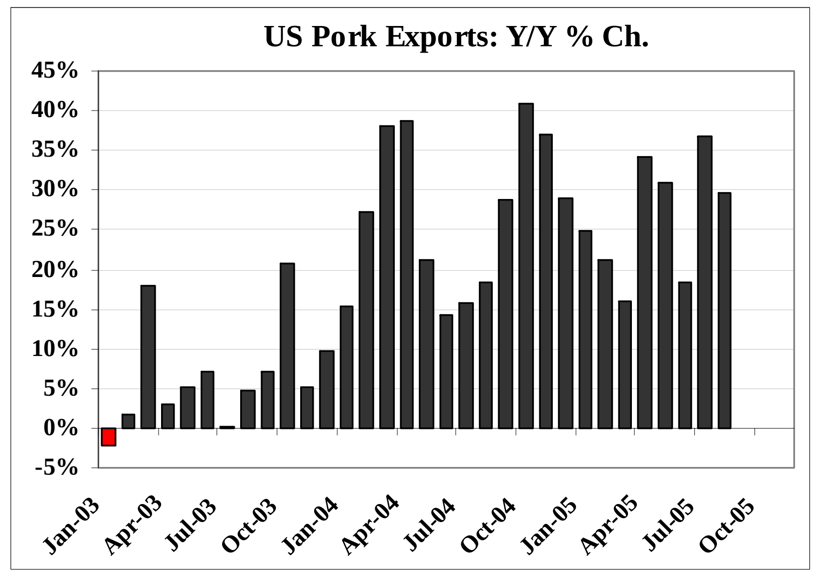
Pork Market Situation and Outlook

- Lean hog futures continue on an upward trend as:
  - Latest USDA inventory report indicated little growth in hog supplies
  - US domestic demand remains fair
- Pork export markets continue to remove a larger percentage of US domestic production
- Current estimates are now for hog supplies in the next 6 – 9 months to be only marginally higher than in 2004 and 2005
- Key to pork market:
  - Continuing strong export <u>growth</u>
  - Maintain control of supply expansion
- Wild cards:
  - Bird flu
  - US beef exports to Japan
  - Eastern Europe & other markets that currently banned Brazilian pork

May 2006 Futures





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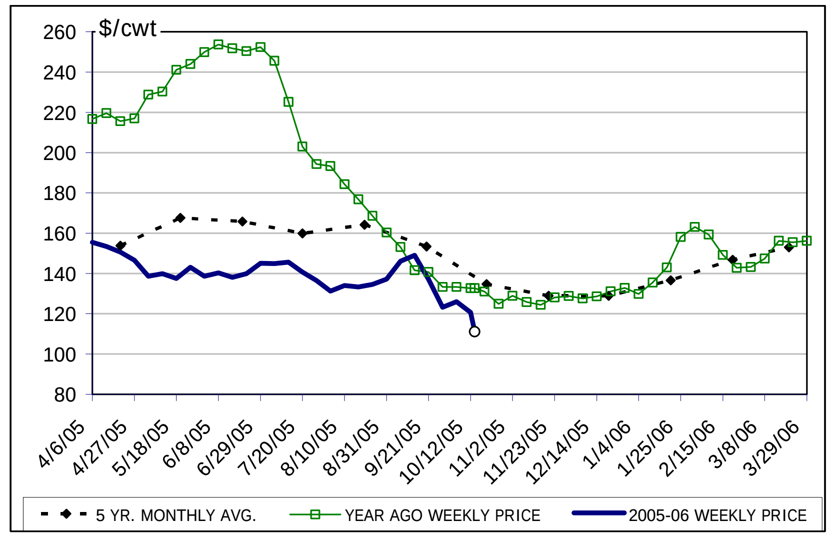
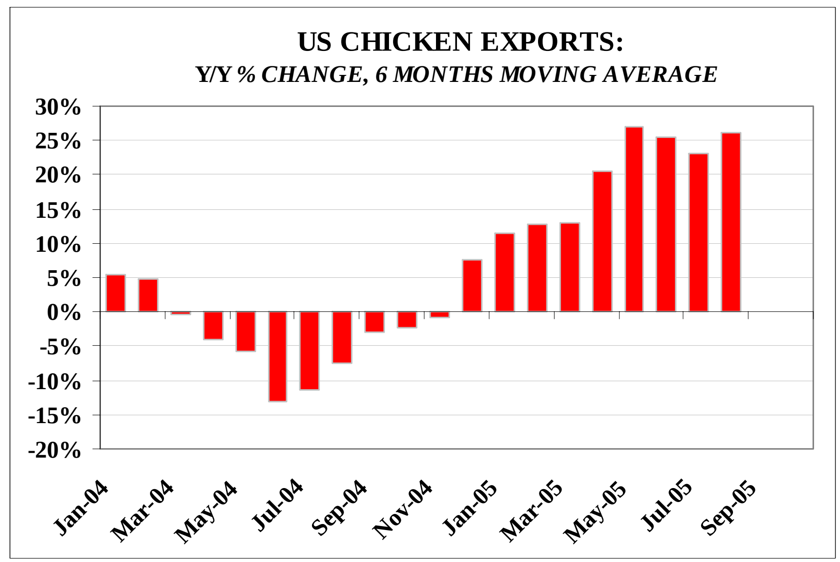
Broiler Market Situation and Outlook

- The tone in the market remains bearish. Printed market at $1.10/lb.
- Breast prices have been under pressure for some time and despite some supply disruptions they are at historically low levels
- Broiler production expected to slow down in the coming weeks as producers reduce chick placements
- Exports have also been excellent, which has allowed producers to:
  - Get much higher prices for leg quarters and other low value items
  - Maintain profitable margins despite low breast prices
- **Item to watch**: Bird flu. Risk of outbreak in US relatively low but it remains a significant threat in Europe and is devastating Asia
- Seasonally chicken breast prices bottom out in December, an opportune time to revisit annual contracts with suppliers

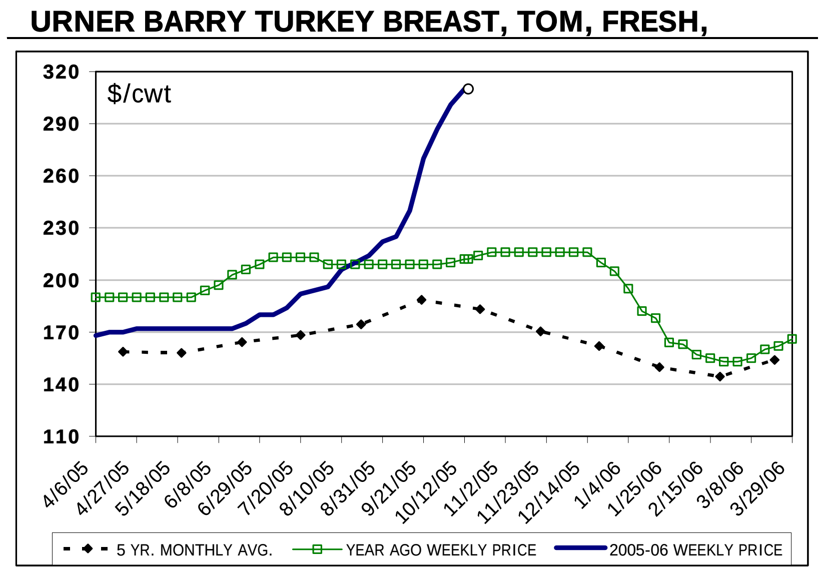
N.E. BROILER BREAST BONELESS-SKINLESS, USDA

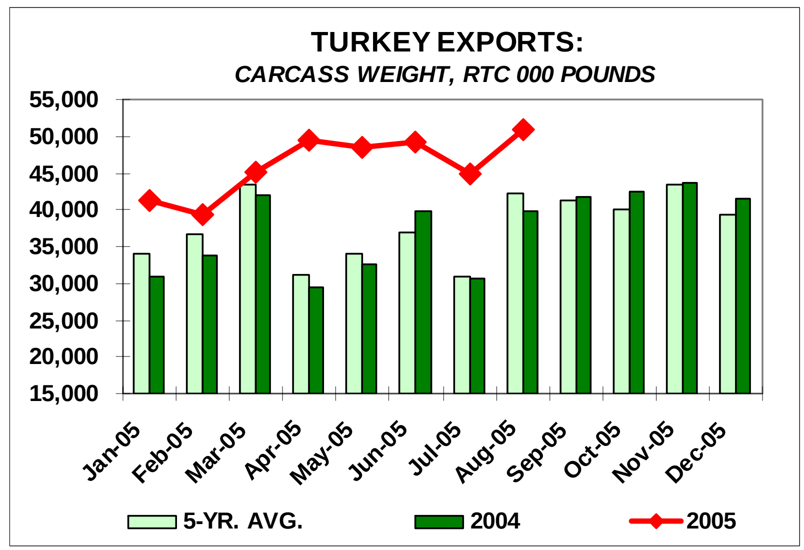




Turkey Market Situation and Outlook

- **<u>Turkey breast prices at all time record levels</u>**
- **<u>Why?</u>**
  - Summer weather
  - Hurricane Katrina
  - Higher forward bookings last summer
  - Tight supply of tom turkey meat
- Turkey exports have recovered but bird flu remains a risk
- Demand growth remains limited
- Outlook is for whole bird prices in 2006 to be 1% lower than in 2005
- Breast prices expected to decline 2.3%





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Feed Situation…

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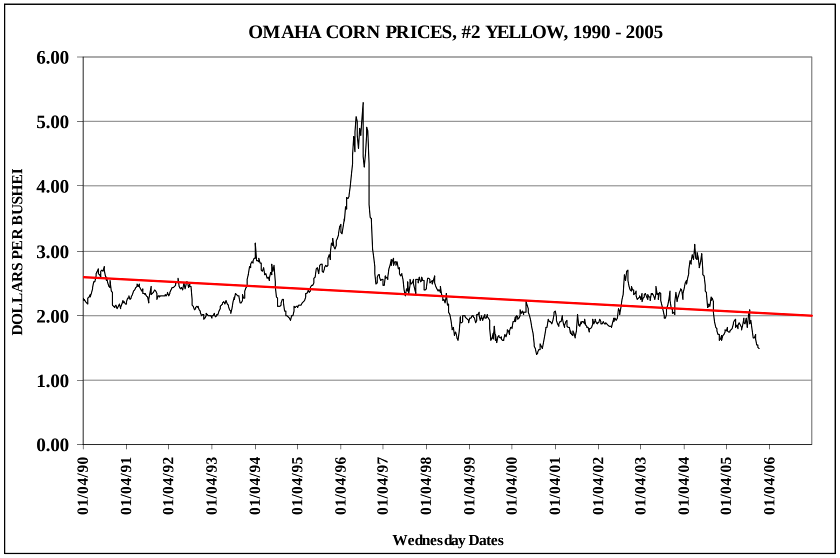
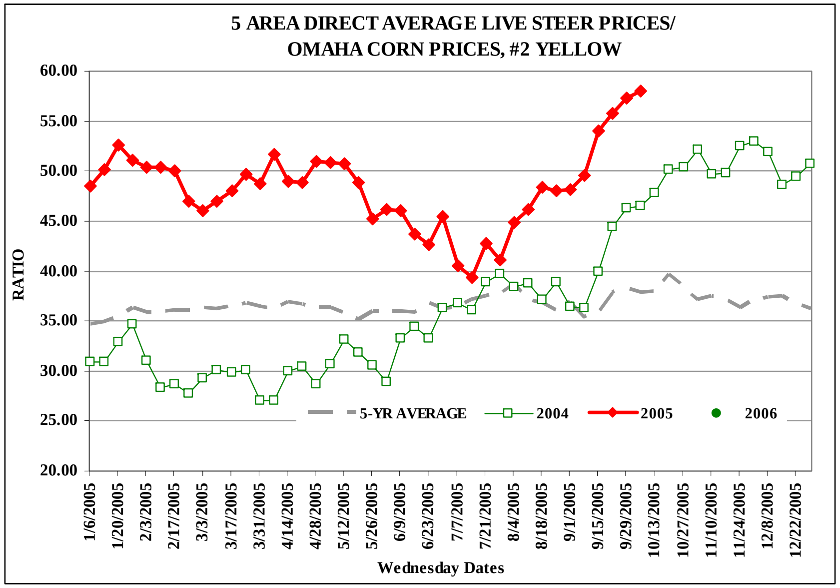
Corn Market Situation and Outlook

- Corn futures still looking to set a bottom as harvest supply pressures continue to weigh on the market.
- So far the driver have been better crop yield reports than previously expected
- Export movement and domestic demand will tend to be more of a driver in the next six months
- High transportation costs are also bearish for corn prices
- Also bearish is the ongoing bird flu debacle in Asia
- Ethanol prices and sales are mildly bullish but gains in that front will more than be offset by slower than expected feed use (little pork expansion) and export sales.





U.S. Corn Supply and Use

	2003-04 Actual	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 September Projection	2005-06 October Projection	% Change vs. 2004/05	% Change vs. 2003/04
			-- Million Acres --			
Planted	78.6	80.9	81.6	81.6	0.9%	3.8%
Harvested	70.9	73.6	74.3	74.3	1.0%	4.8%
			-- Bushels --			
Yield per harvested acre	142.2	160.4	143.2	146.1	-8.9%	2.7%
			-- Million Bushels --			
Beginning stocks	1,087	958	2,125	2,112	120.5%	94.3%
Production	10,089	11,807	10,639	10,857	-8.0%	7.6%
Imports	14	10	10	10	0.0%	-28.6%
Supply, total	**11,190**	**12,775**	**12,774**	**12,979**	**1.6%**	**16.0%**
Feed and residual	5,798	6,000	5,825	5,875	-2.1%	1.3%
Food, seed & industrial	2,537	2,760	2,870	2,885	4.5%	13.7%
Domestic use, total	**8,335**	**8,760**	**8,695**	**8,760**	**0.0%**	**5.1%**
Exports	1,897	1,800	2,000	2,000	11.1%	5.4%
Use, total	**10,232**	**10,560**	**10,695**	**10,760**	**1.9%**	**5.2%**
Ending stocks	958	2,215	2,079	2,219	0.2%	131.6%
CCC inventory	0	1	1	1		
Free stocks	958	2,214	2,078	2,219		
Outstanding Loans	164	275	280	300		
Avg. farm price ($/bu)	**2.42**	**2.05**	**1.70 - 2.10**	**1.65 - 2.05**	**-9.8%**	**-23.6%**

Source: USDA

Better growing conditions and more acres

Second highest yield on record despite some drought this summer.

Total supply continues to increase

Ending stocks remain very **burdensome**.

Adding them up…

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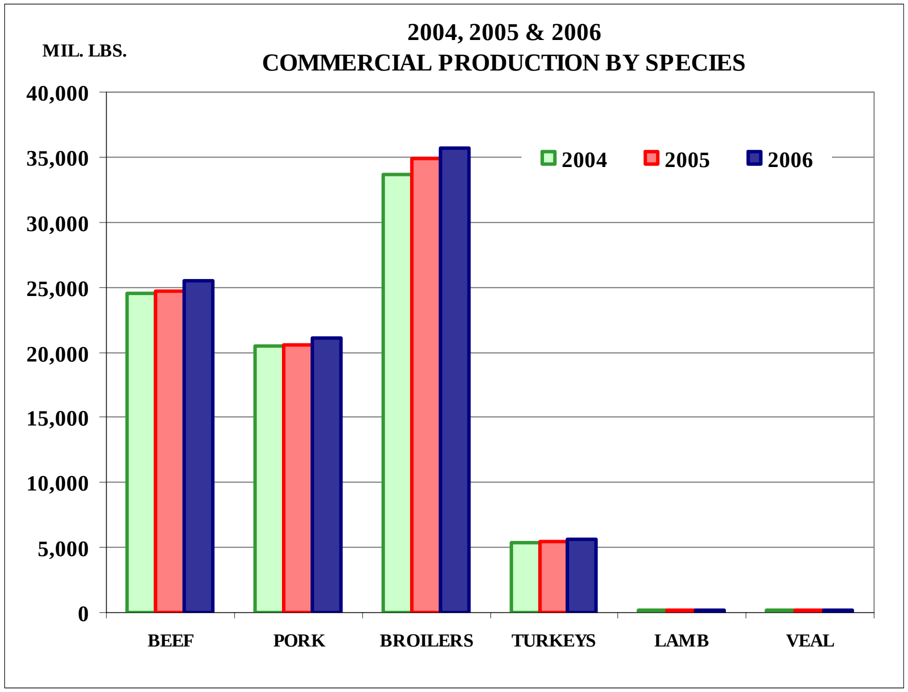
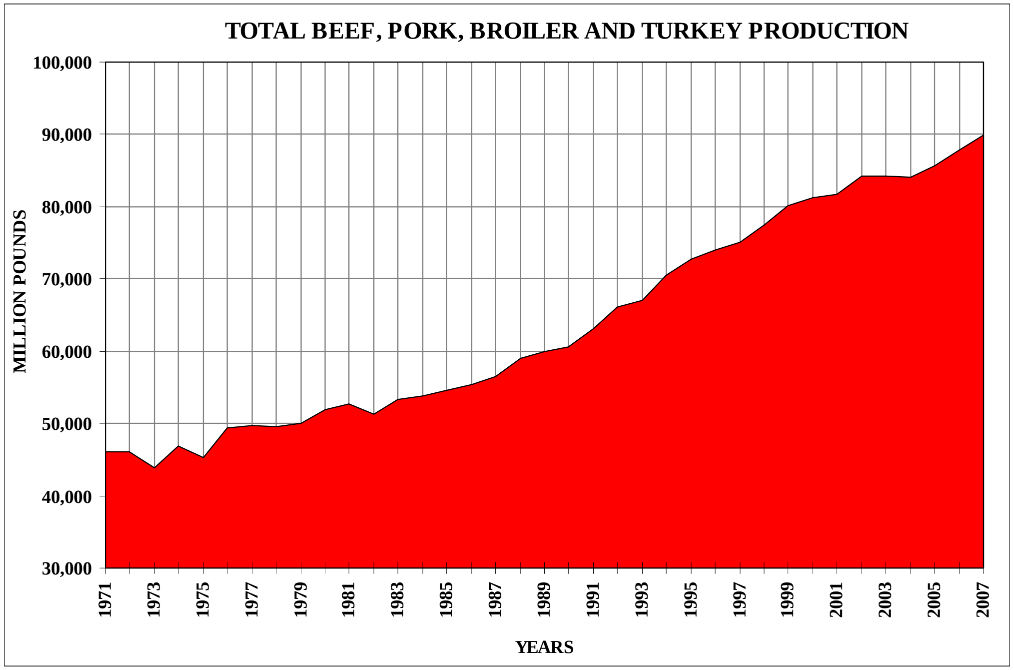
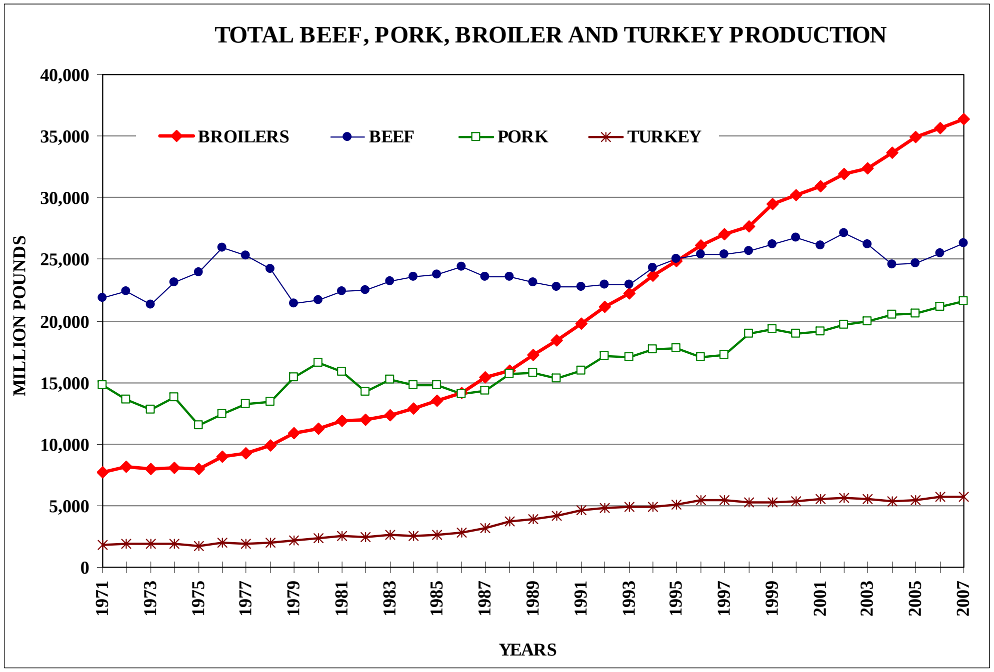
US Meat Production in 2004, 2005 and 2006



	2004	2005	% CHANGE	2006	% CHANGE
BEEF	24,548	24,714	0.7%	25,456	3.0%
PORK	20,509	20,586	0.4%	21,097	2.5%
BROILERS	33,689	34,936	3.7%	35,670	2.1%
TURKEYS	5,383	5,487	1.9%	5,670	3.3%
LAMB	194	189	-2.8%	193	2.3%
VEAL	167	157	-6.2%	154	-1.9%

Beef, Pork, Broiler & Turkey Production





- Total production of beef, pork, broiler and turkey in 2005 expected to be up 1.9% and increase another 2.5% in 2006.
- <u>2006 production</u>: Beef up 3%, Pork up 2.5%, Broiler meat up 2.1% and Turkey production up 3.3%.

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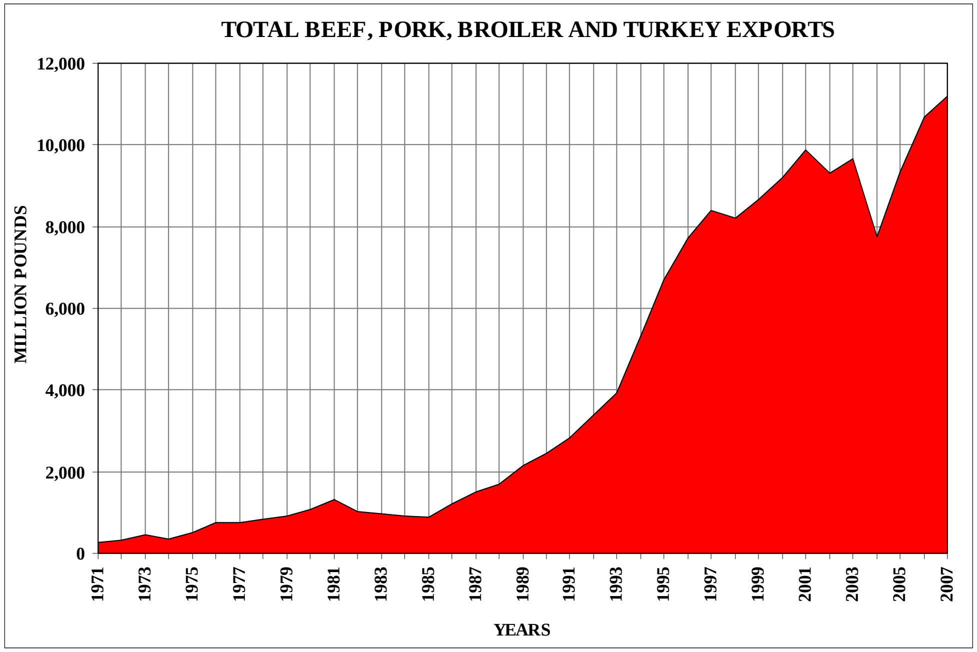
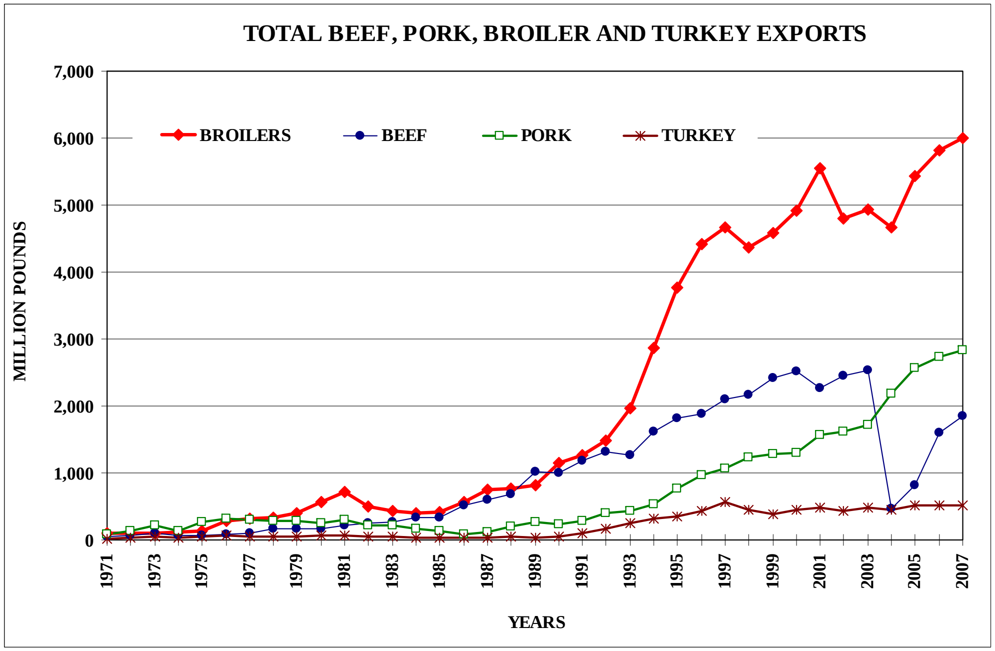
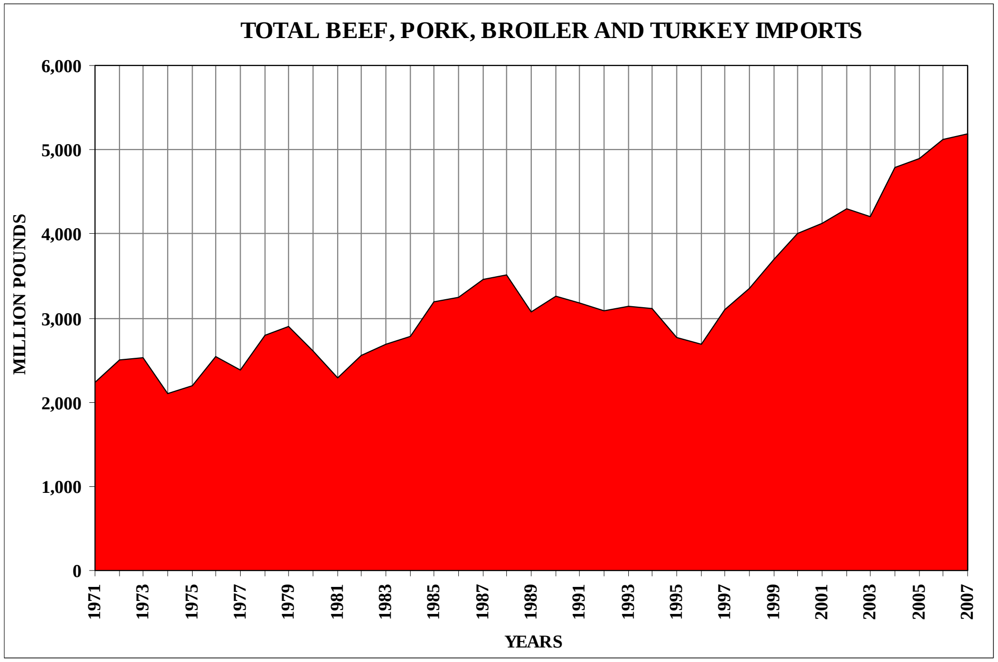
Beef, Pork, Broiler & Turkey Exports

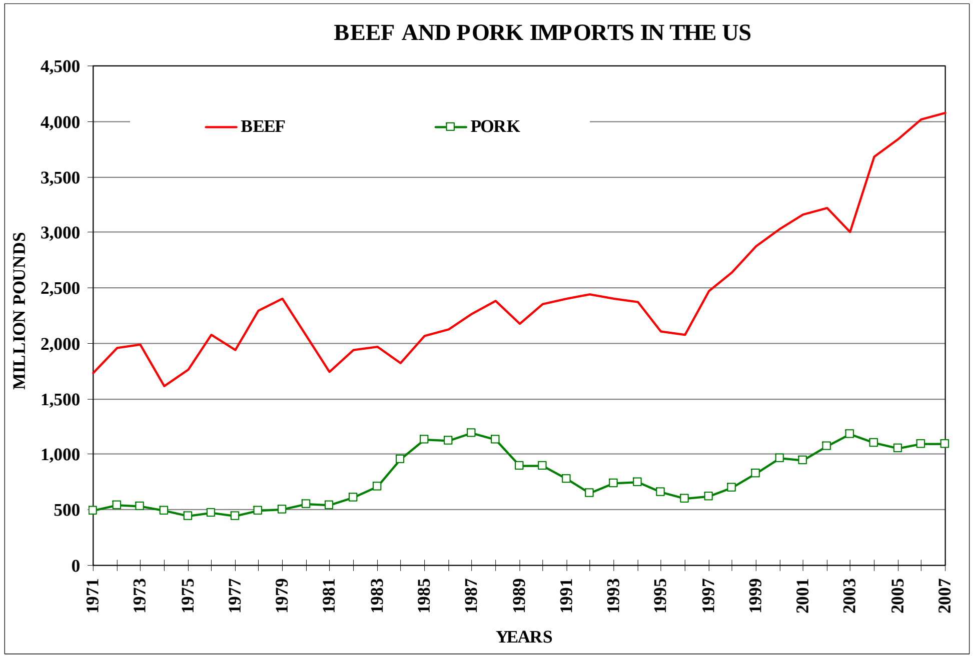




- Total US beef, pork, broiler and turkey exports expected to be up 20.4% in 2005 and increase another 14.5% in 2006
- Beef exports in 2005 were at 32% of pre-BSE levels and we expect them to recover very slowly when trade with Japan/S. Korea resumes
- Pork exports in 2005 up 18% and expected to increase another 6.6% in 2006

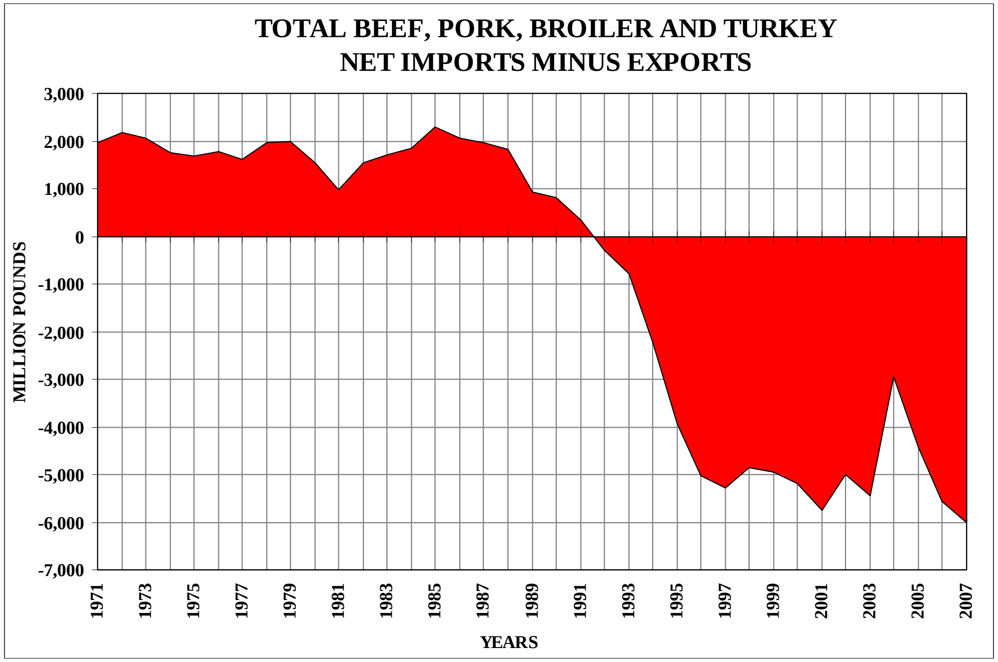
Beef, Pork, Broiler & Turkey Imports

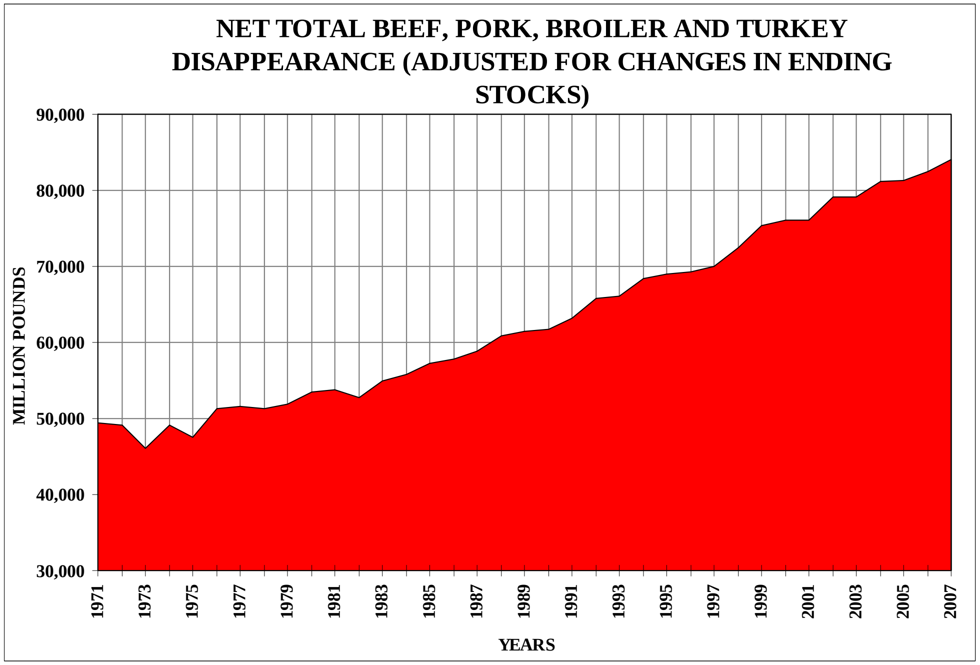




- Total US beef and pork imports expected to be up 2.2% in 2005 and also increase by 4.6% in 2005
- Beef imports in 2005 expected to be up 4.2% and expected to be up 4.8% in 2006
- Pork imports expected to be down 4.5% in 2005 but up 3.8% in 2006

Combined Beef, Pork, Broiler & Turkey Imports Minus Exports





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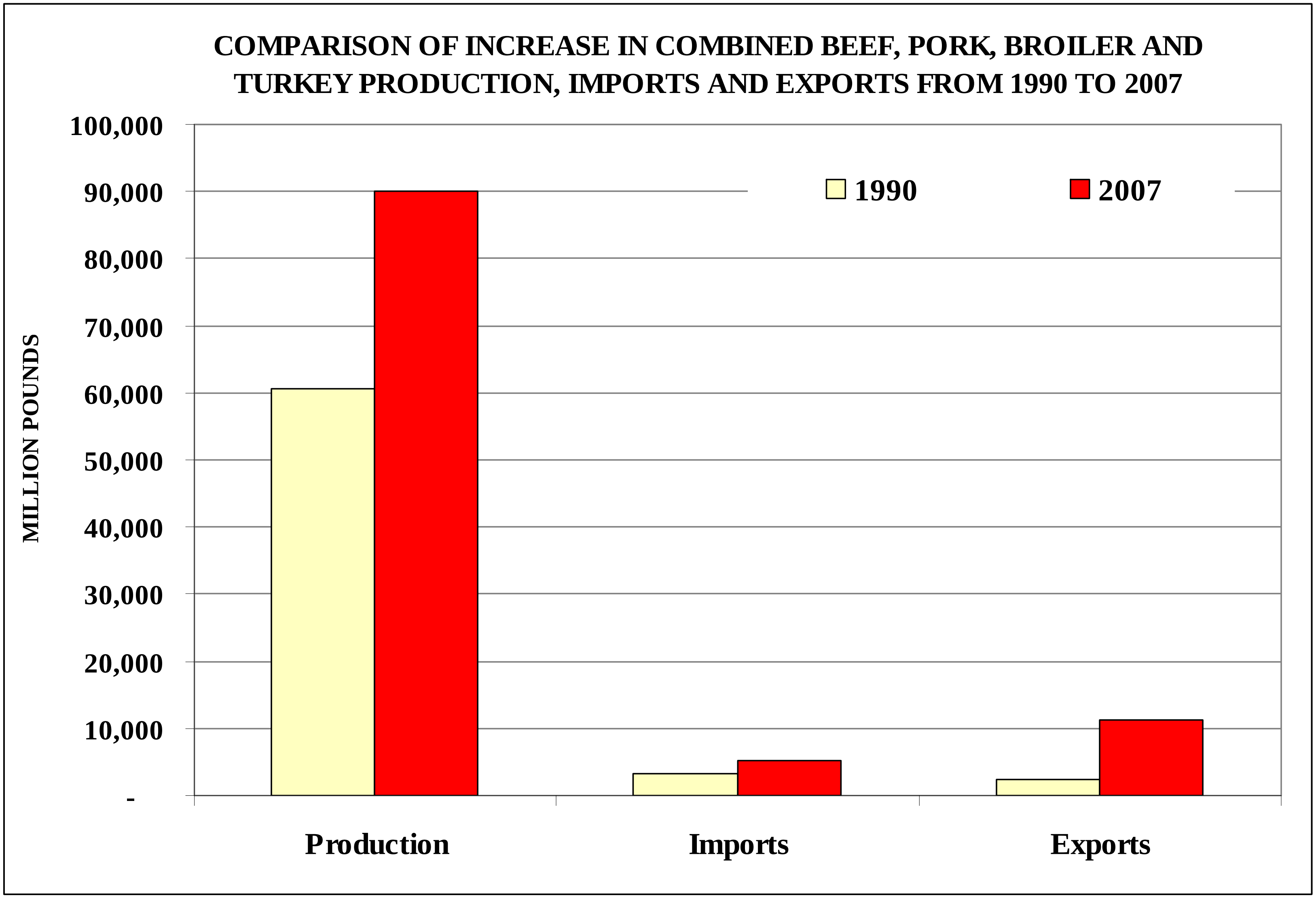
COMPARISON OF INCREASE IN COMBINED BEEF, PORK, BROILER AND TURKEY PRODUCTION, IMPORTS AND EXPORTS FROM 1990 TO 2007
MILLION POUNDS
100,000
90,000
80,000
70,000
60,000
50,000
40,000
30,000
20,000
10,000
-
1990
2007
Production
Imports
Exports

SUPPLY SITUATION IN WORLD BEEF MARKETS

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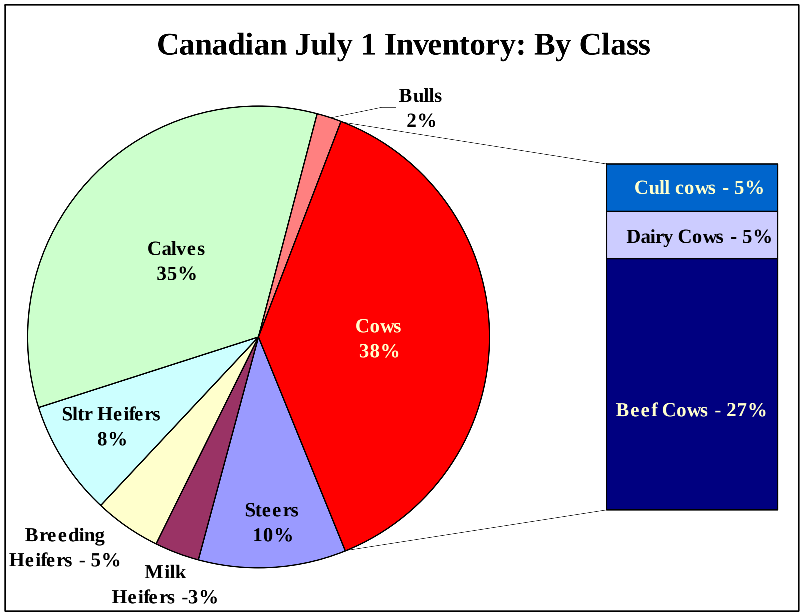
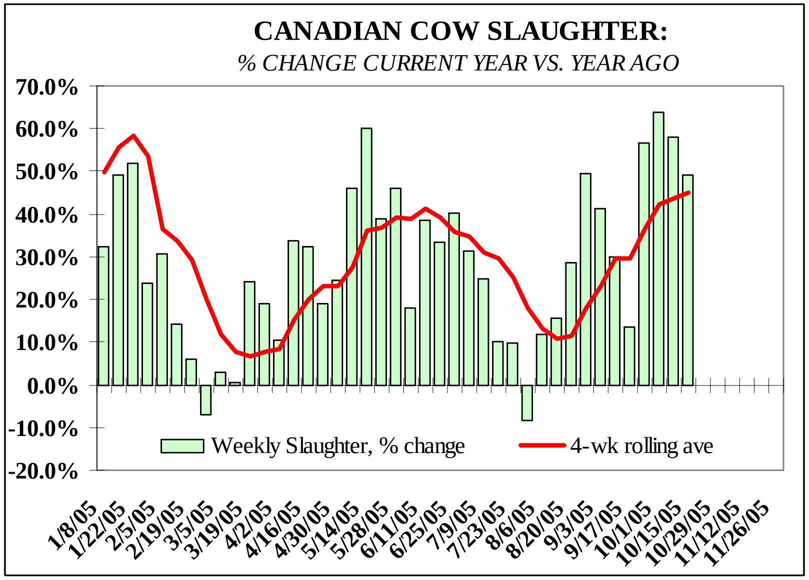
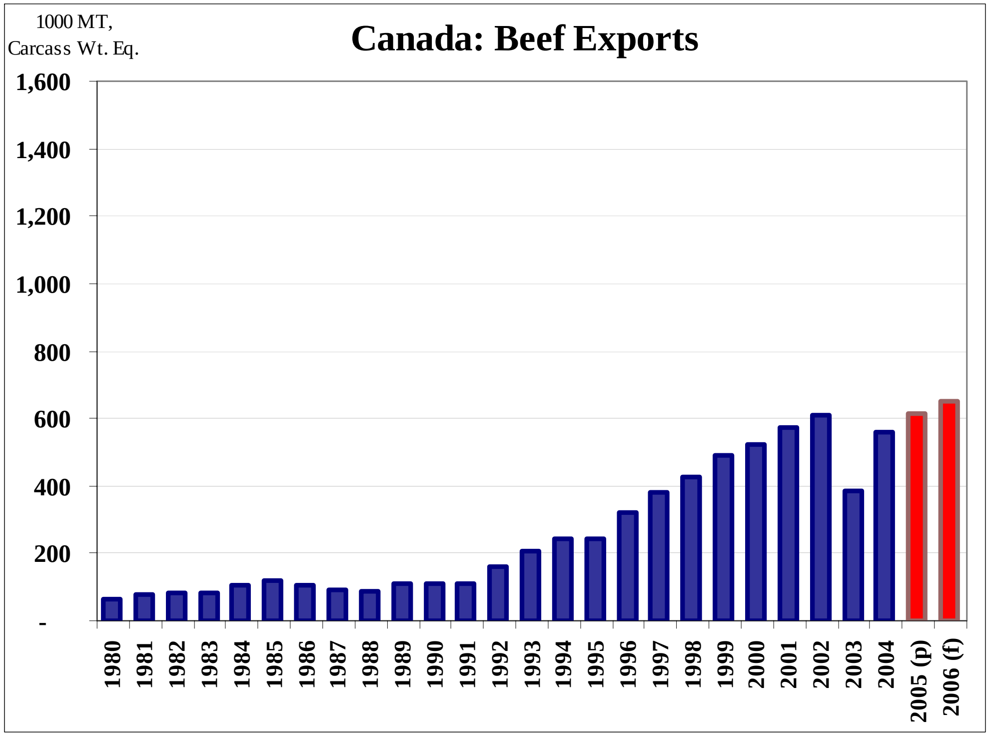
Update on Canadian Beef Situation

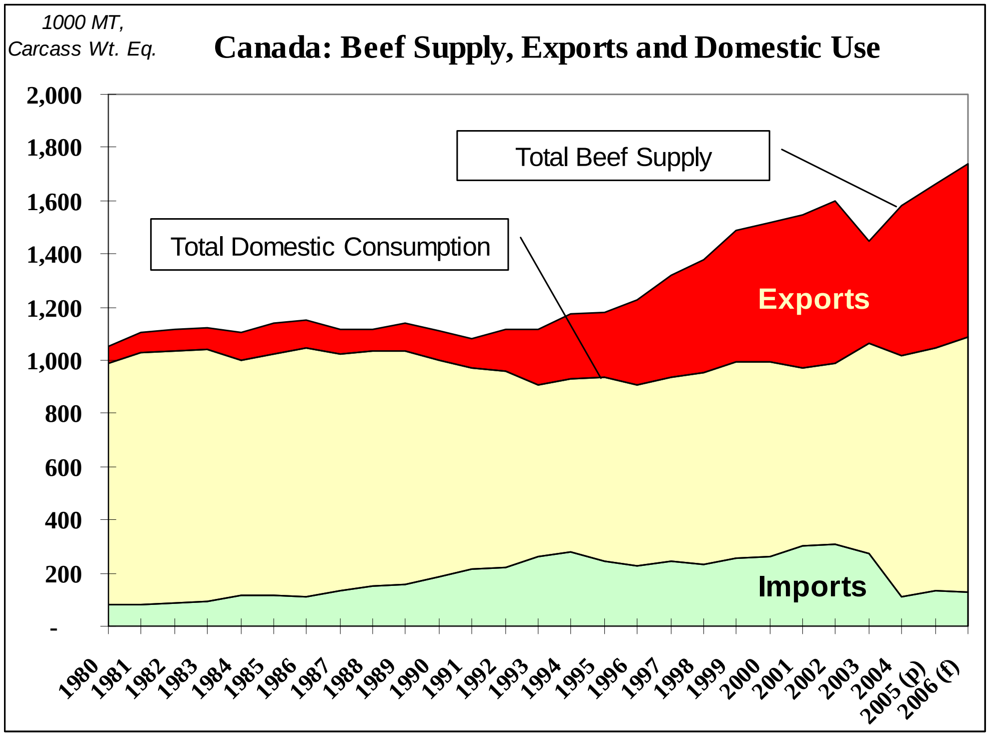
- Canada allowed in July to export live cattle, 30 month or younger, to the US market.
- During period Jul. 23 – Oct. 15, it has shipped:
  - 108,874 feeder cattle (17% less than in 2002)
  - 130,940 slaughter cattle (38% than in 2002)
- No flood of Canadian cattle as many claimed.
- But Canadian cattle inventory is record large as…
- …more than 900,000 cull cows have backed up in the system.
- This will weigh on Canadian demand for imported beef





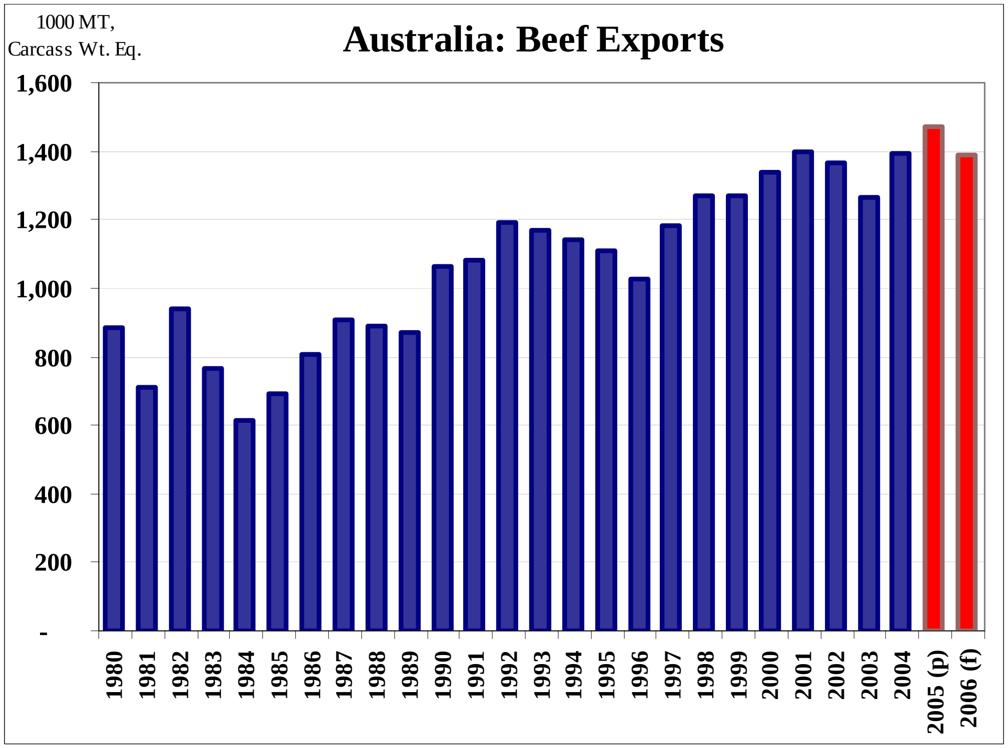
Canada

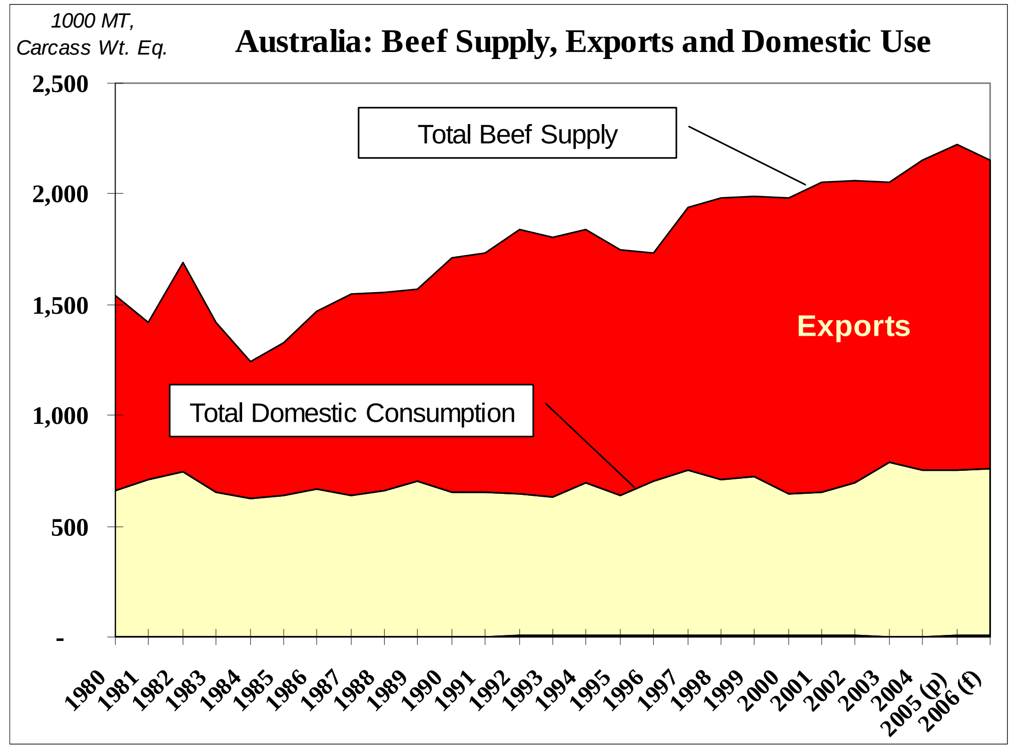




- Canadian beef exports in 2005 are expected to be up 10% from last year and increase another 5.7% in 2006. With resumption of US beef imports, 2005 imported beef supplies rose 21.6% but remain about half what they were before BSE outbreak. Imports in 2006 are expected to be down 3.7% and at historically low levels.
- Total beef production in 2005 is expected to be up 4.8% and continue to increase by 5.2% in 2006
- The Canadian cattle herd expected to increase by 2.9% in 2005 and 1.1% in 2005 (Jan 1 inventories)

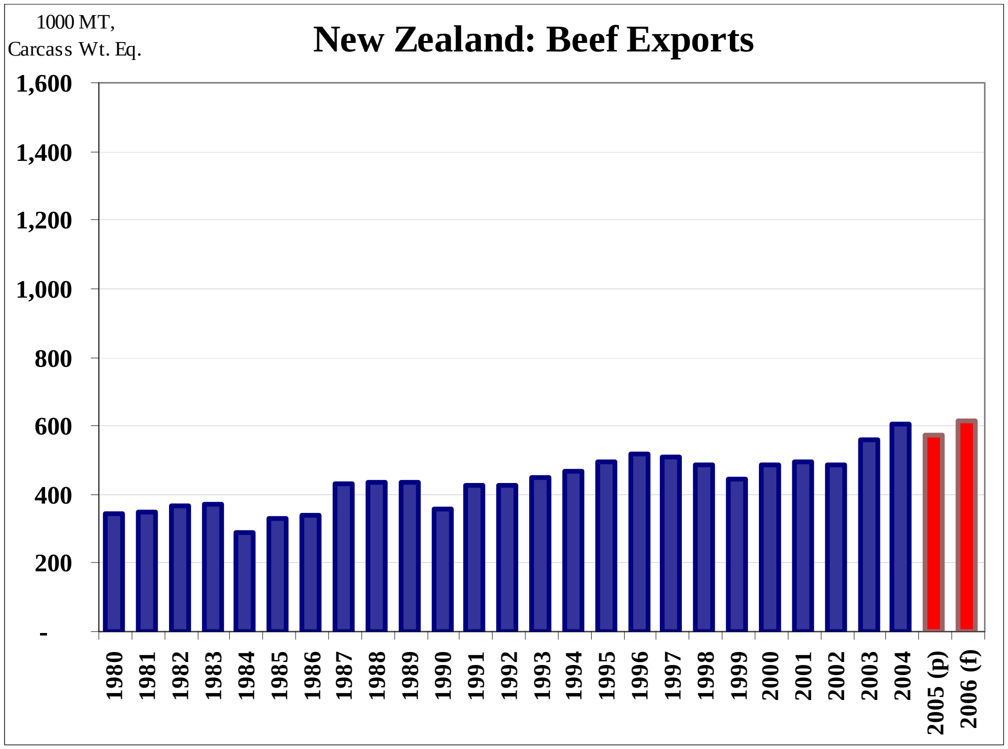
Australia

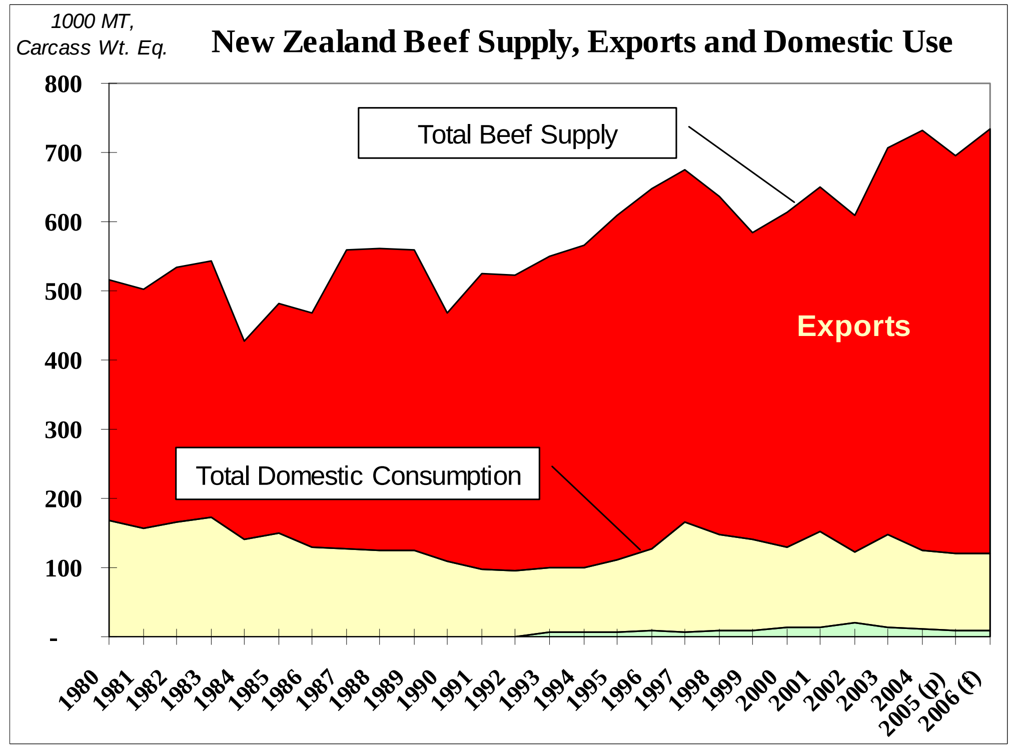




- Australian beef exports in calendar year 2005 are expected to be up 5.4% from last year but are expected to decline by a similar amount in CY 2006.
- Total beef production in 2005 is expected to be up 3.9% but it is expected to be 2.3% lower in CY 2006.
- Australian herd expected to be 1.7% larger in 2005 vs. 2004 and continue to advance 1.8% in 2006

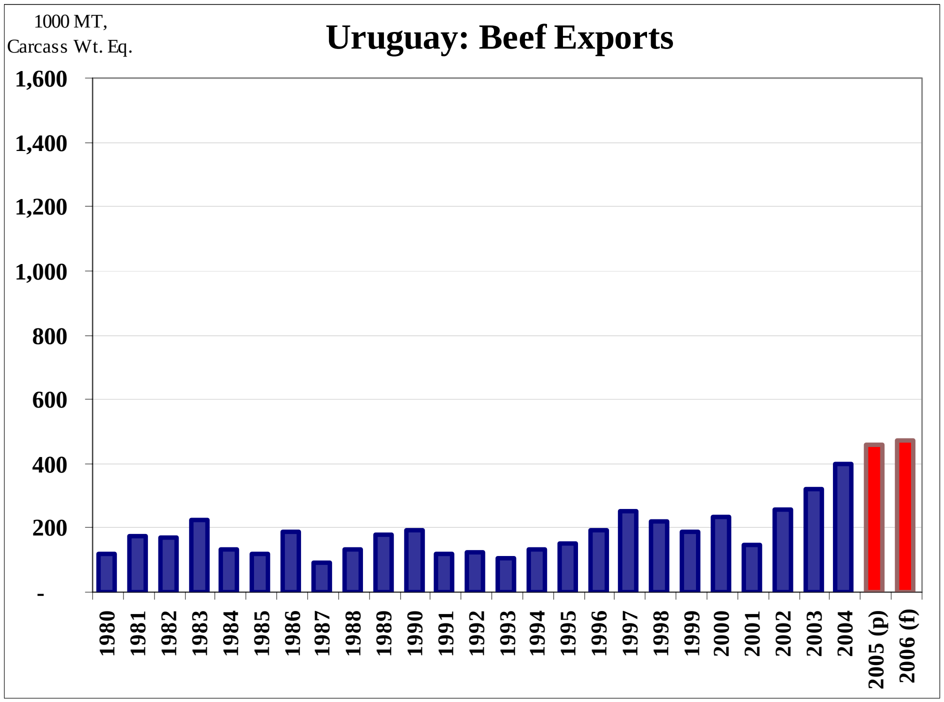
New Zealand

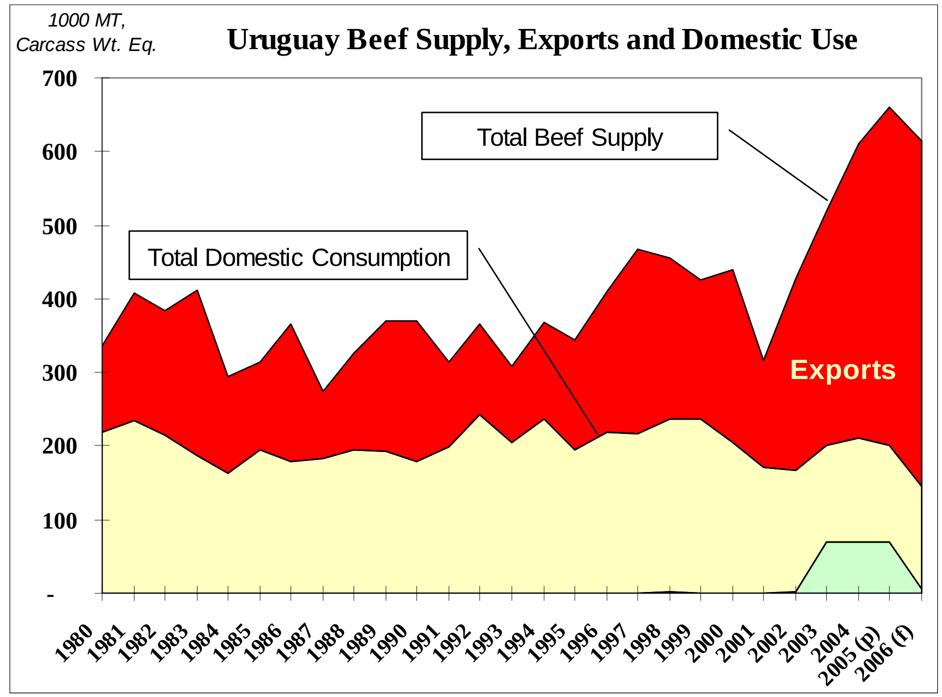




- New Zealand beef exports in 2005 are expected to be down 5.1% from the previous year but are expected to bounce back as much as 7% in CY 2006
- Cattle numbers in New Zealand were down 1.3% in 2005 but are expected to increase by 1.7% in 2006 as the dairy herd increases.

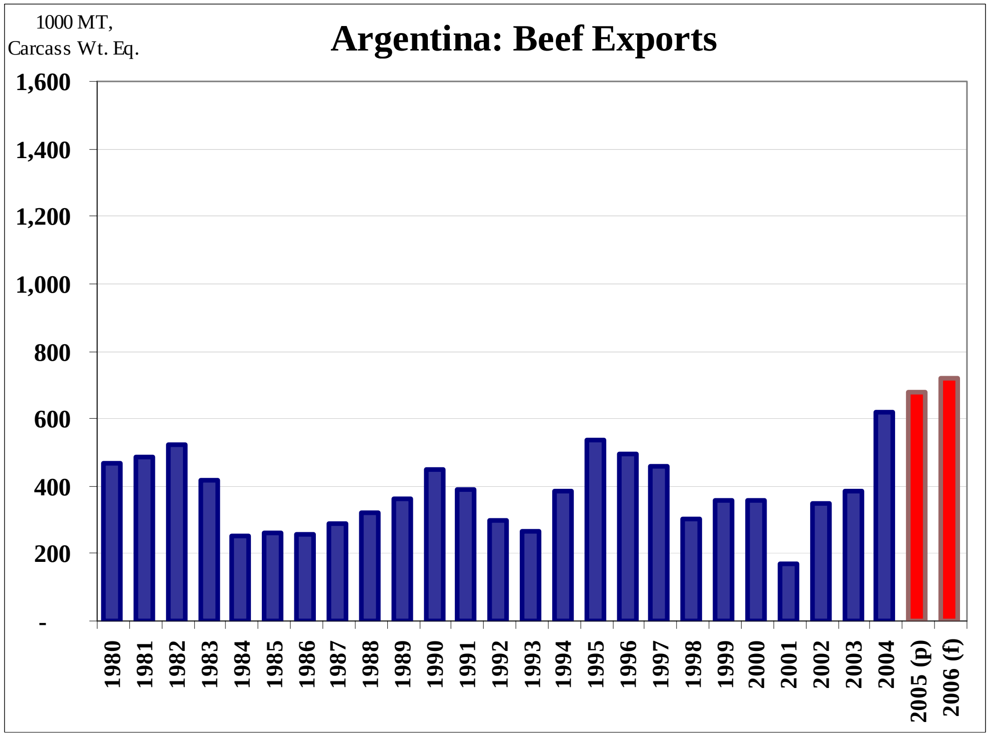
Uruguay

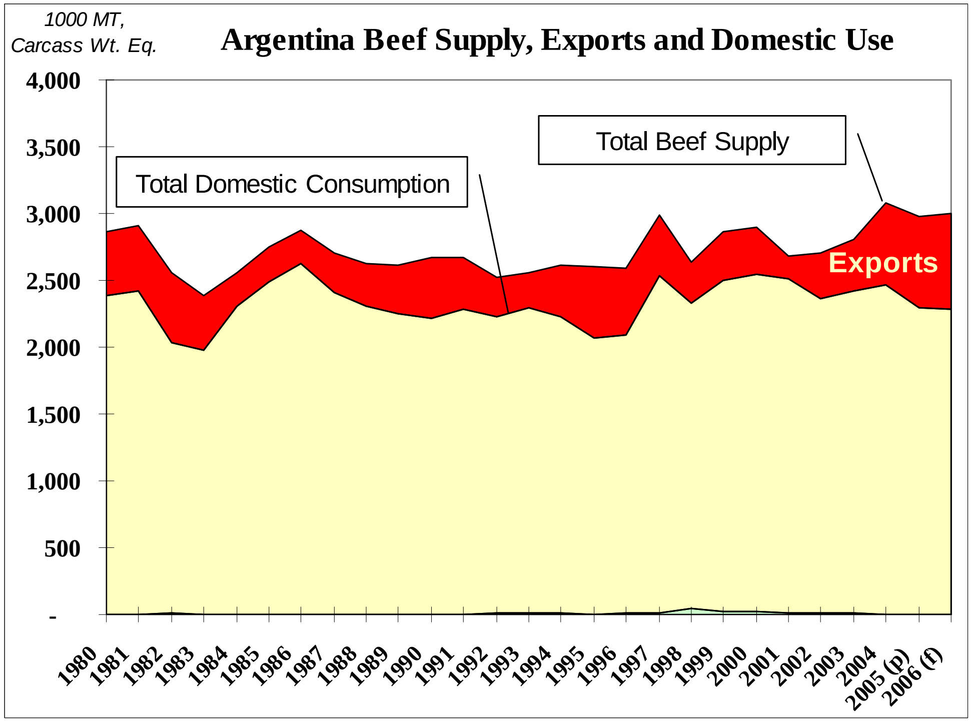




- Uruguayan beef exports in 2005 are expected to be up as much as 15% vs. year ago but should increase 2.2% in 2006
- Beef production increased sharply in 2005, up 11.1% but growth should moderate in 2006, increasing just 1.7%.
- The cattle herd at 12.546 million head was down 0.5% in 2005 and will likely decline further in 2006

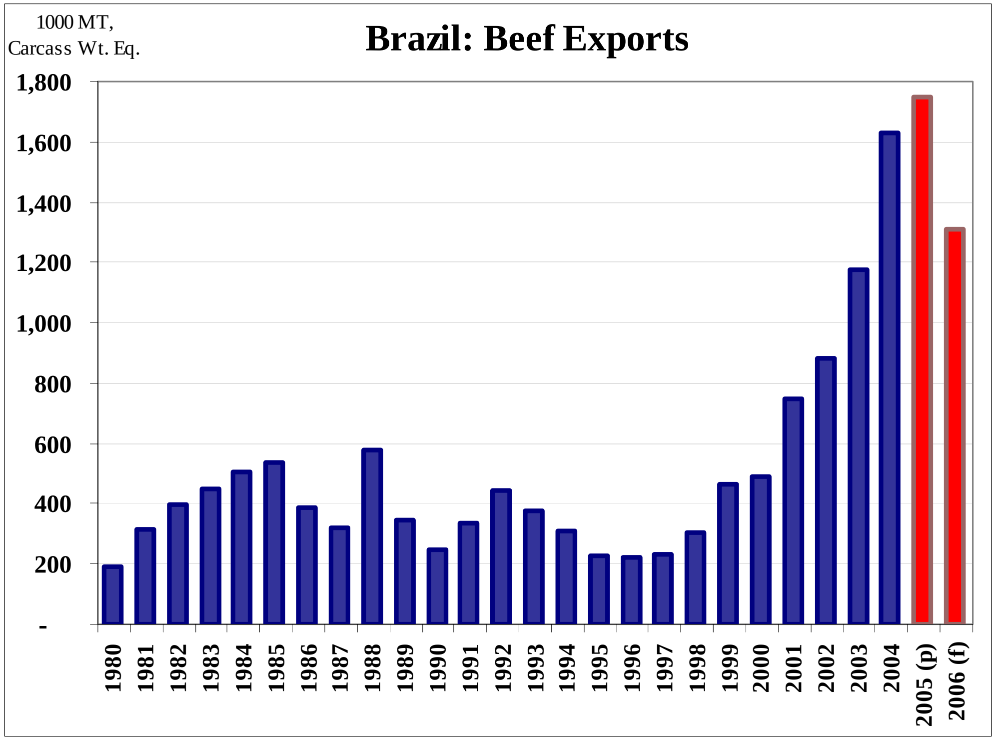
Argentina

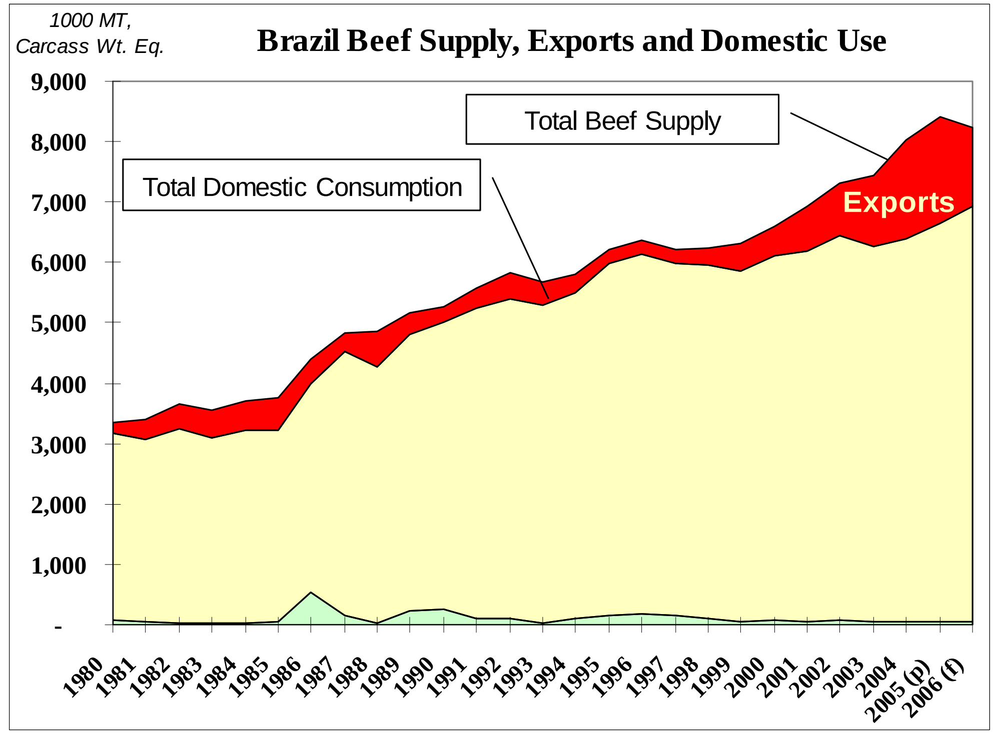




- Argentine beef exports in 2005 are expected to be up as much as 10.2% vs. year ago and will likely increase another 6% in 2006 at 720 kMT
- Beef production 2005 likely declined as much as 4.2% compared to a year ago but 2006 levels should reach 3000 kMT, up 1.7%
- The cattle herd at 49.366 million head was down 2.4% in 2005 and will likely decline further in 2006

Brazil

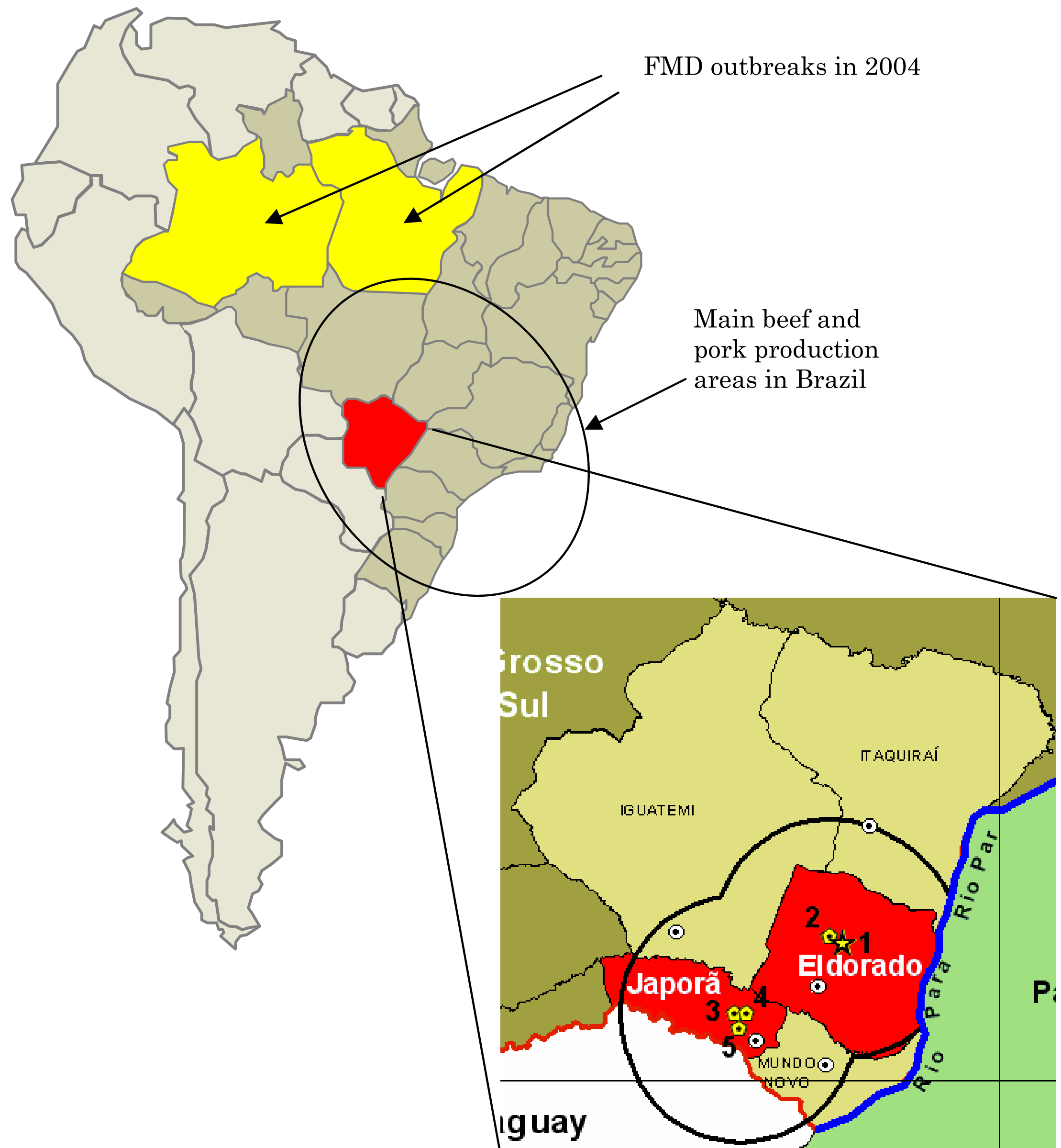




- The recent outbreak of FMD in Brazil will have a notable impact on Brazilian exports. Our preliminary forecasts are for a 25% decline in exports in 2006. Depending on how long bans stay in place, this could be too optimistic
- The Brazilian cattle herd at 173.6 million head in 2006 is expected to be 2.4% larger than in 2005 and 17% larger than in 1990.

Update on Brazil FMD outbreak

- There are currently 9 separate FMD outbreaks in three separate provinces of Mato Grosso do Sul. Details:
  - Province of Eldorado: 1 farm with 3548 susceptible bovines and 65 cases of FMD in bovines
  - Province of Japora: 7 farms with 1560 susceptible and 105 cases.
  - Province of Mundo Nuovo: 1 farm with 777 susceptible and 5 cases



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YEAR	1ST Q JFM	2ND Q AMJ	3RD Q JAS	4TH Q OND	ANNUAL AVERAGE
LIVE STEERS, 5 AREA DIRECT CATTLE AVERAGE					
5-YR AVERAGE 2000-2004	76.45	74.42	74.36	78.28	75.88
2004 HISTORY	81.05	87.40	83.78	85.67	84.48
2005 HISTORY	89.29	88.63	81.68		
2005 FORECAST				88.33	86.98
% CHANGE FROM 2004	10.2%	1.4%	-2.5%	3.1%	3.0%
2006 FORECAST	90.00	85.00	81.33	84.00	85.08
% CHANGE FROM 2005	0.8%	-4.1%	-0.4%	-4.9%	-2.2%
90% BONELESS BEEF, CENTRAL, FRESH, WT. AVG., USDA					
5-YR AVERAGE 2000-2004	116.37	116.78	116.81	114.27	116.06
2004 HISTORY	126.07	137.93	147.33	138.02	137.34
2005 HISTORY	150.98	149.62	139.41		
2005 FORECAST				135.67	143.92
% CHANGE FROM 2004	19.8%	8.5%	-5.4%	-1.7%	4.8%
2006 FORECAST	150.33	142.67	140.00	135.33	142.08
% CHANGE FROM 2005	-0.4%	-4.7%	0.4%	-0.2%	-1.3%
50CL BEEF TRIM, FRESH, OMAHA BASIS, WT.AVE, USDA					
5-YR AVERAGE 2000-2004	39.62	52.45	47.22	46.21	46.38
2004 HISTORY	40.96	56.13	51.61	54.97	50.92
2005 HISTORY	65.35	83.61	55.22		
2005 FORECAST				60.33	66.13
% CHANGE FROM 2004	59.6%	49.0%	7.0%	9.7%	29.9%
2006 FORECAST	55.33	68.00	59.33	53.67	59.08
% CHANGE FROM 2005	-15.3%	-18.7%	7.4%	-11.0%	-10.7%

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YEAR	1ST Q JFM	2ND Q AMJ	3RD Q JAS	4TH Q OND	ANNUAL AVERAGE
7:45, E. COAST 90CL AUSTRALIAN BLENDED COW, TOP, YELLOW SHEET					
5-YR AVERAGE 2000-2004	106.22	105.30	111.33	112.69	108.88
2004 HISTORY	120.98	129.52	143.18	136.18	132.46
2005 HISTORY	134.16	135.78	136.97		
2005 FORECAST				132.33	134.81
% CHANGE FROM 2004	10.9%	4.8%	-4.3%	-2.8%	1.8%
2006 FORECAST	136.33	135.33	134.33	134.67	135.17
% CHANGE FROM 2005	1.6%	-0.3%	-1.9%	1.8%	0.3%
INTERIOR IOWA, DIRECT 250-270# HOGS					
5-YR AVERAGE 2000-2004	53.20	62.13	60.50	52.31	57.03
2004 HISTORY	58.61	72.86	75.64	71.53	69.66
2005 HISTORY	69.68	69.69	67.49		
2005 FORECAST				62.67	67.38
% CHANGE FROM 2004	18.9%	-4.4%	-10.8%	-12.4%	-3.3%
2006 FORECAST	63.00	66.00	61.00	53.00	60.75
% CHANGE FROM 2005	-9.6%	-5.3%	-9.6%	-15.4%	-9.8%
12 CITY BROILER COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE					
5-YR AVERAGE 2000-2004	60.44	62.01	62.83	59.76	61.26
2004 HISTORY	73.31	79.32	75.47	68.29	74.10
2005 HISTORY	71.88	72.64	72.20		
2005 FORECAST				69.00	71.43
% CHANGE FROM 2004	-2.0%	-8.4%	-4.3%	1.0%	-3.6%
2006 FORECAST	70.67	71.00	71.67	69.00	70.58
% CHANGE FROM 2005	-1.7%	-2.3%	-0.7%	0.0%	-1.2%
UNRER BARRY 16/22 TOM TURKEY MARKET, FROZEN EAST					
5-YR AVERAGE 2000-2004	59.25	61.75	67.64	70.43	64.77
2004 HISTORY	59.62	66.55	72.02	73.25	67.86
2005 HISTORY	63.15	66.47	73.97		
2005 FORECAST				79.33	70.73
% CHANGE FROM 2004	5.9%	-0.1%	2.7%	8.3%	4.2%
2006 FORECAST	69.67	68.33	71.00	72.00	70.25
% CHANGE FROM 2005	10.3%	2.8%	-4.0%	-9.2%	-0.7%

Price History and Forecast for Various "Barometer" Items

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	5-Yr Avg	2005*	% Ch vs. 2004	% Ch. vs. 5-Yr. Avg.	2006*	% Ch vs. 2005	% Ch. vs. 5-Yr. Avg.
BEEF												
Imported												
90CL Bnls Beef, 7:45, EC	95.96	105.11	106.74	104.14	132	109	135	1.77%	23.81%	135	0.3%	24.1%
85CL Cow Fores, 7:45, EC	87.80	96.79	96.56	97.58	122	100	125	2.23%	24.53%	125	0.3%	24.9%
Domestic												
Live Steer Prices, 5-Mkt Avg.	69.5	72.5	67.2	84.0	84.5	75.5	87	3.0%	15.2%	85	-2.2%	12.6%
90CL Domestic, Fresh	102.5	113.9	110.1	116.5	137.3	116.1	144	4.8%	24.0%	142	-1.3%	22.4%
50CL Domestic, Fresh	38.8	52.9	33.7	67.0	55.5	49.6	66	19.2%	33.4%	59	-10.7%	19.2%
PORK												
Lean Hog Carcass, USDA Wt. Avg.	59.4	59.6	44.8	51.7	69.7	57.0	67	-3.3%	18.1%	61	-9.8%	6.5%
#2 Hog Cutout Prices	64.0	66.9	53.5	73.3	73.3	66.2	70	-4.1%	6.2%	64	-9.1%	-3.5%
BROILERS												
12 City Broiler Prices	56.2	59.1	55.5	74.1	74.1	63.8	71	-3.6%	12.0%	71	-1.2%	10.6%
Boneless-skinless Chicken Breast	136.6	136.3	133.9	156.3	181.3	148.9	138	-24.1%	-7.6%	141	2.6%	-5.2%
TURKEYS												
Frozen 16/22 Tom Turkey Prices	66.5	62.2	58.4	67.9	67.9	64.6	71	4.2%	9.5%	70	-0.7%	8.8%
Turkey Breast, Fresh	173.3	167.2	152.2	133.9	195.6	164.4	210	7.1%	27.5%	205	-2.3%	24.6%

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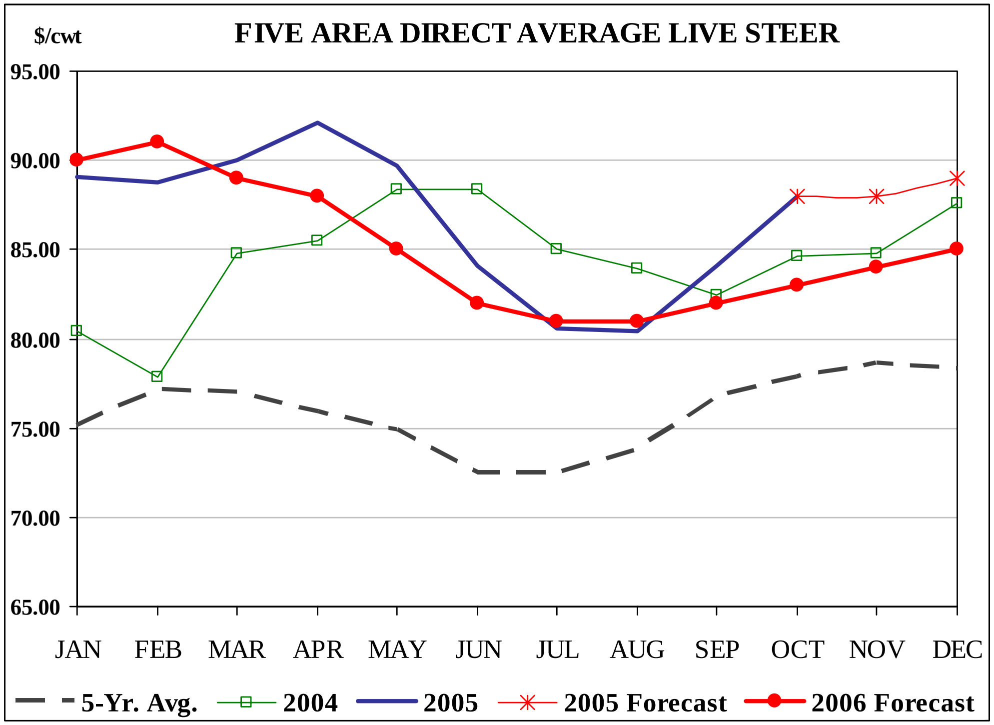
Live Cattle Prices



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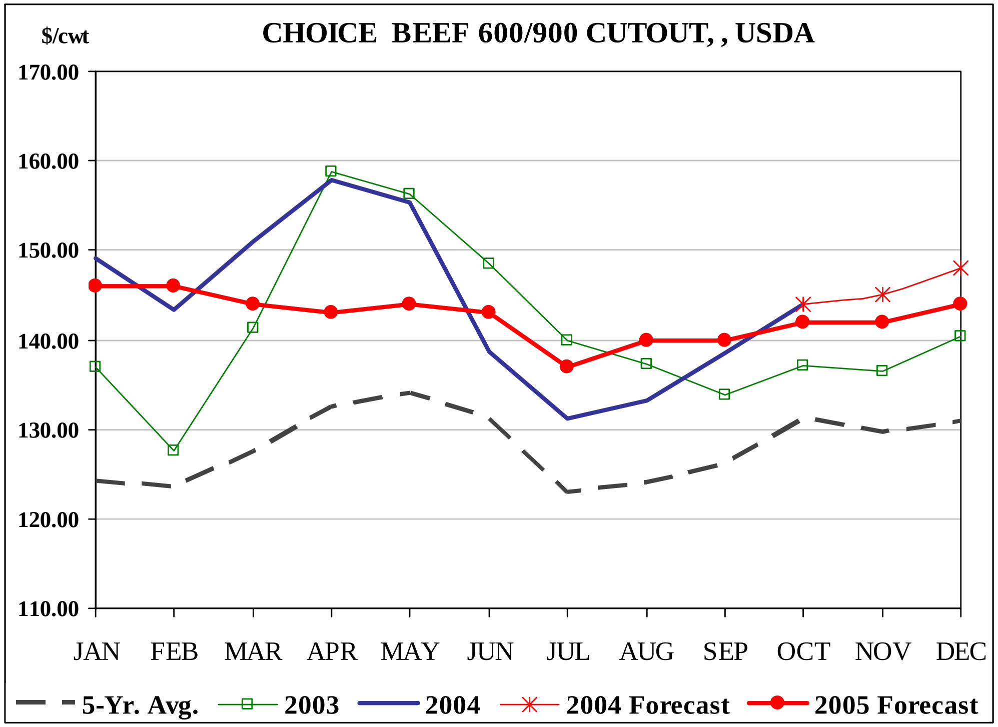

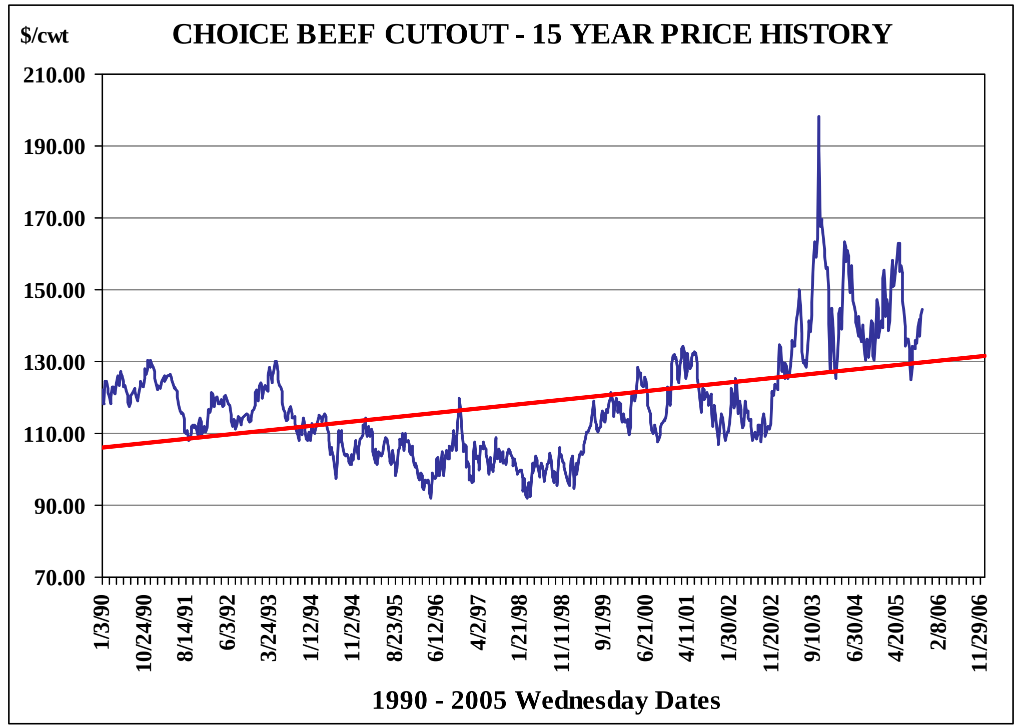

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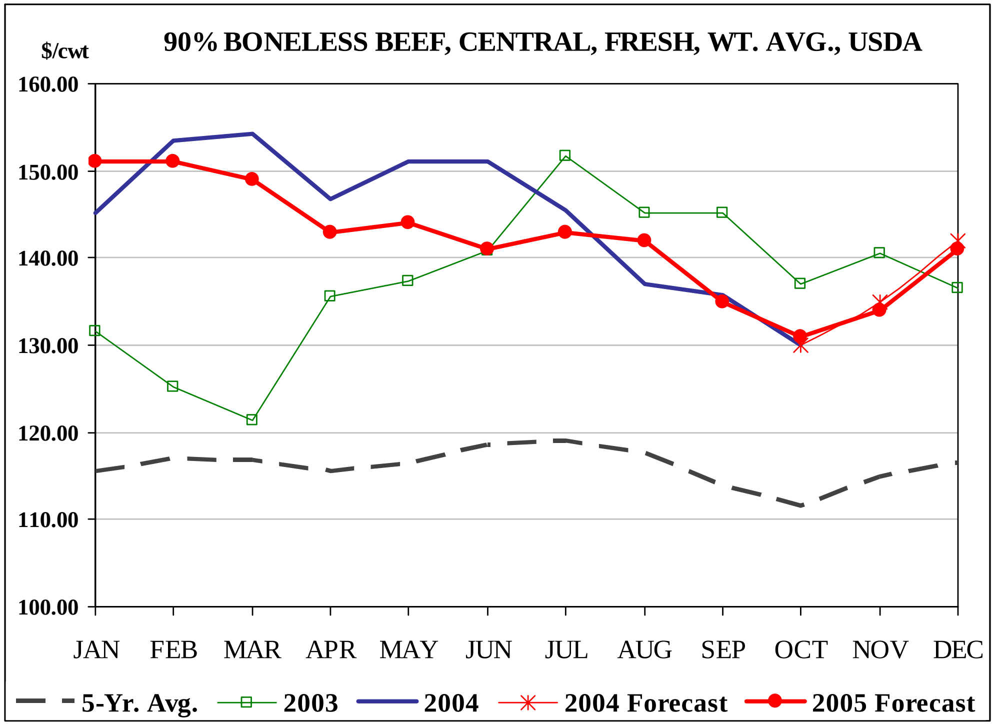

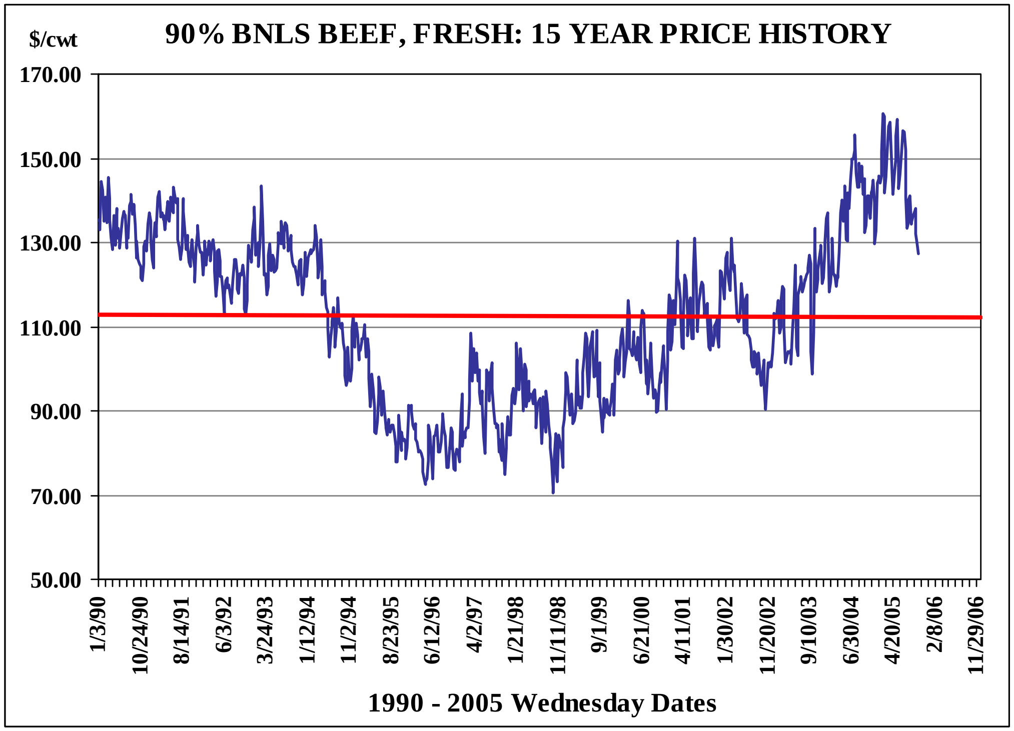

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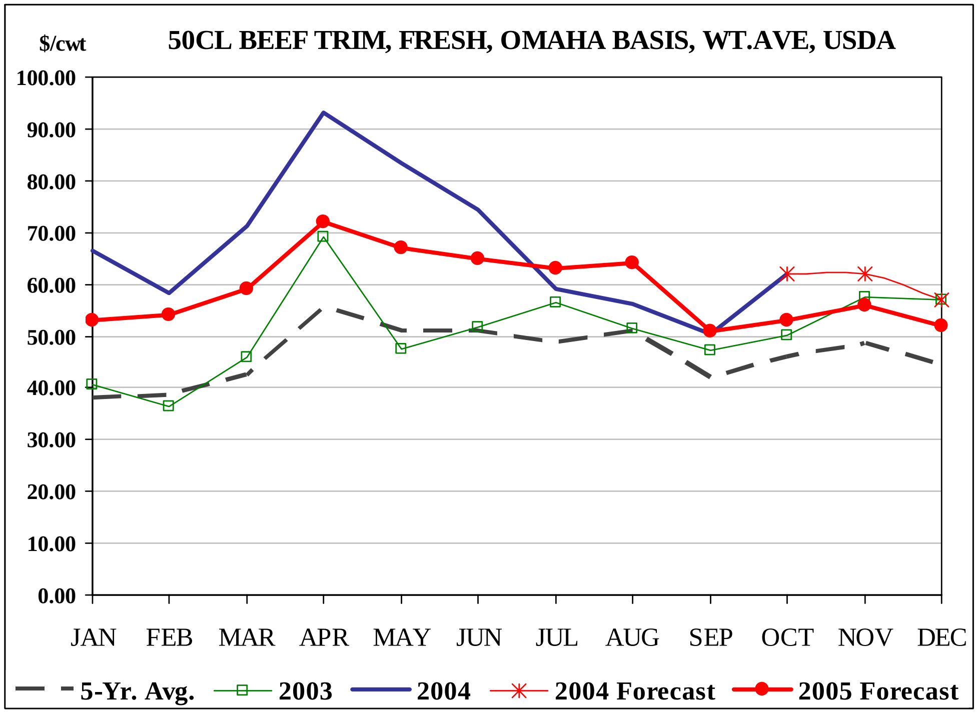

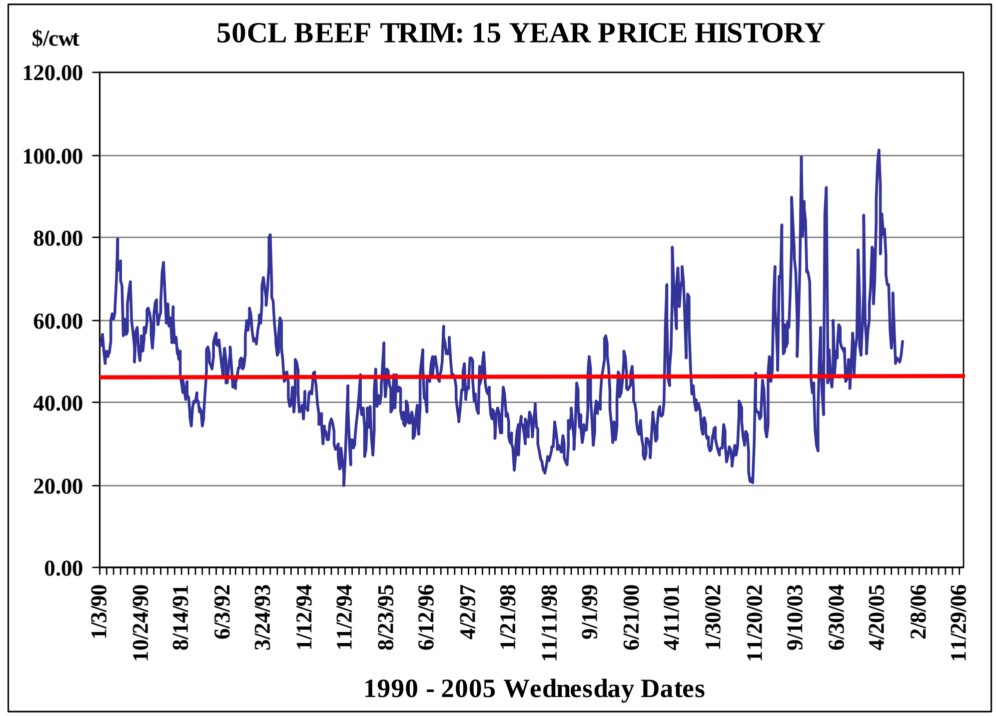

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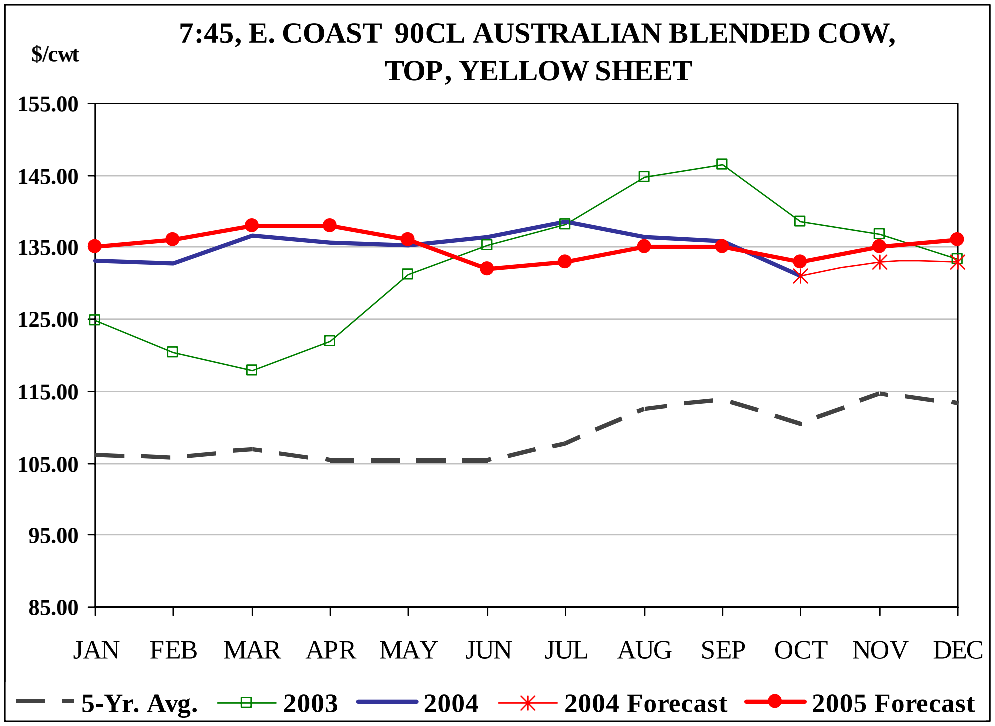

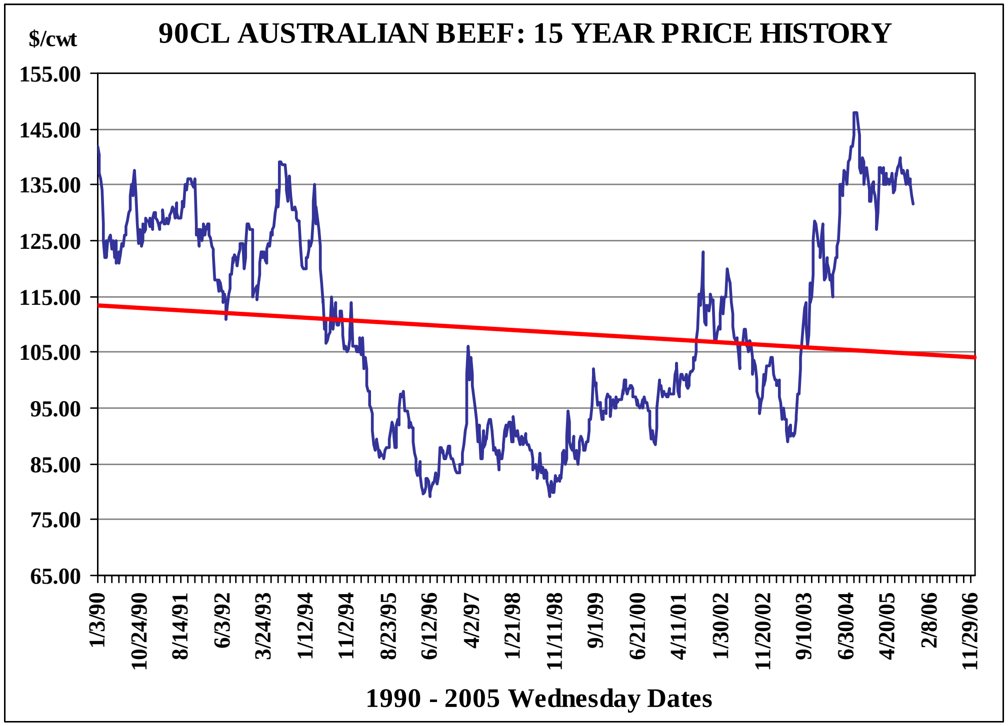

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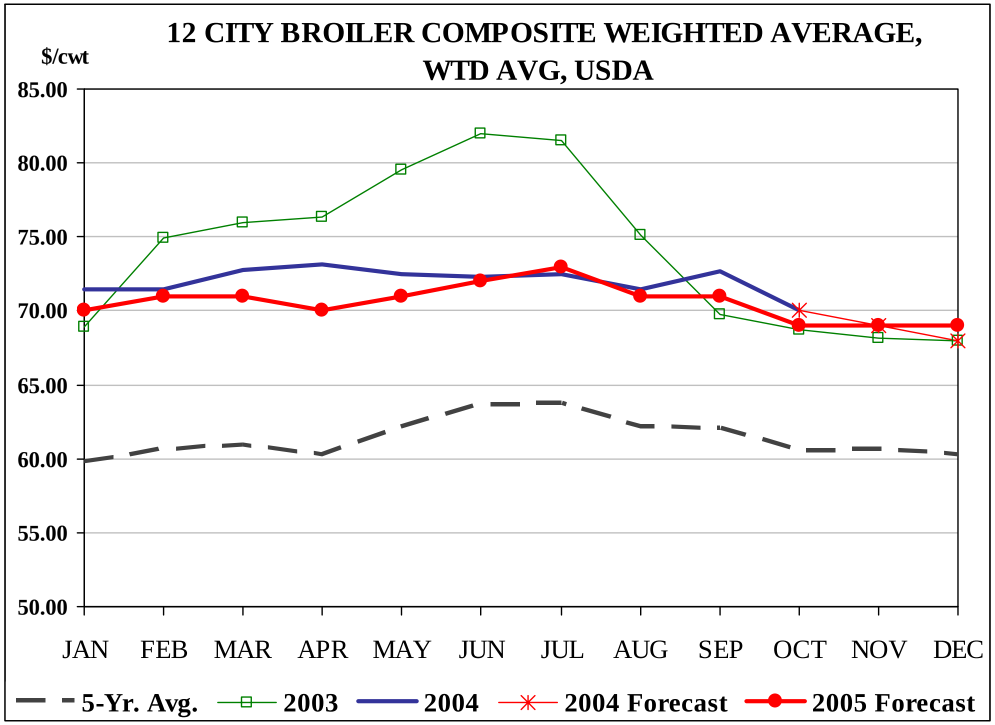

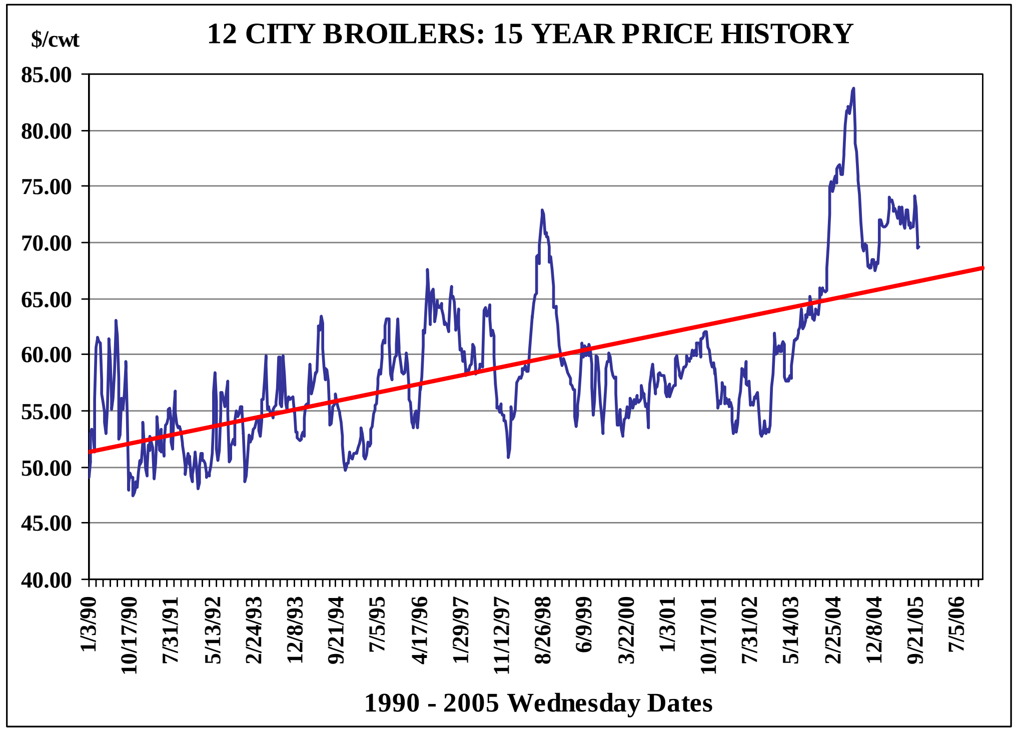

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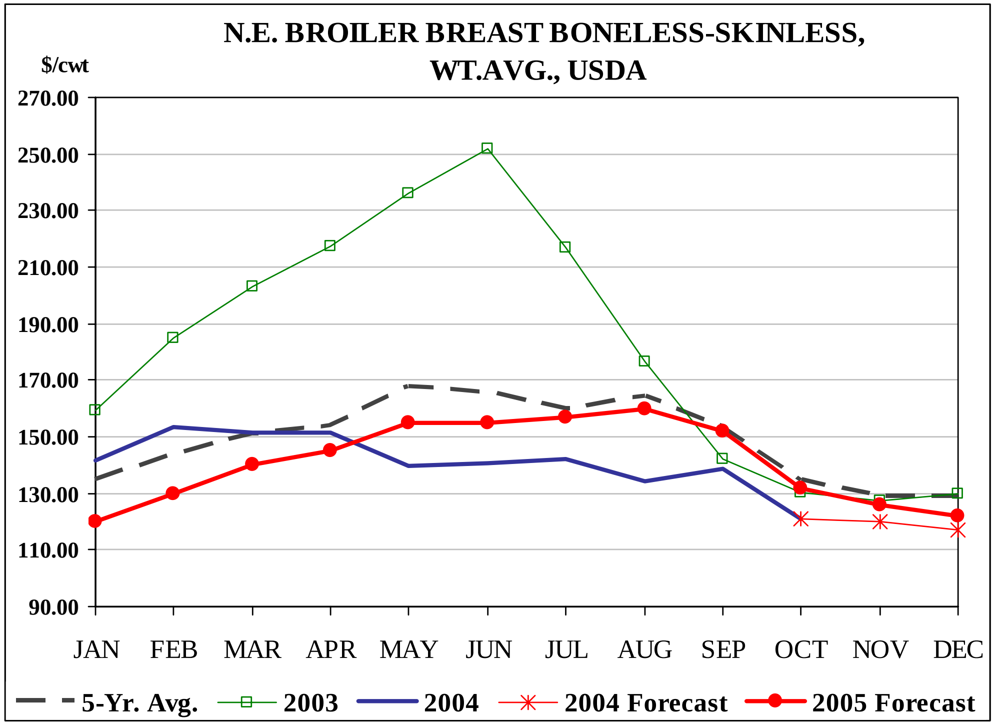

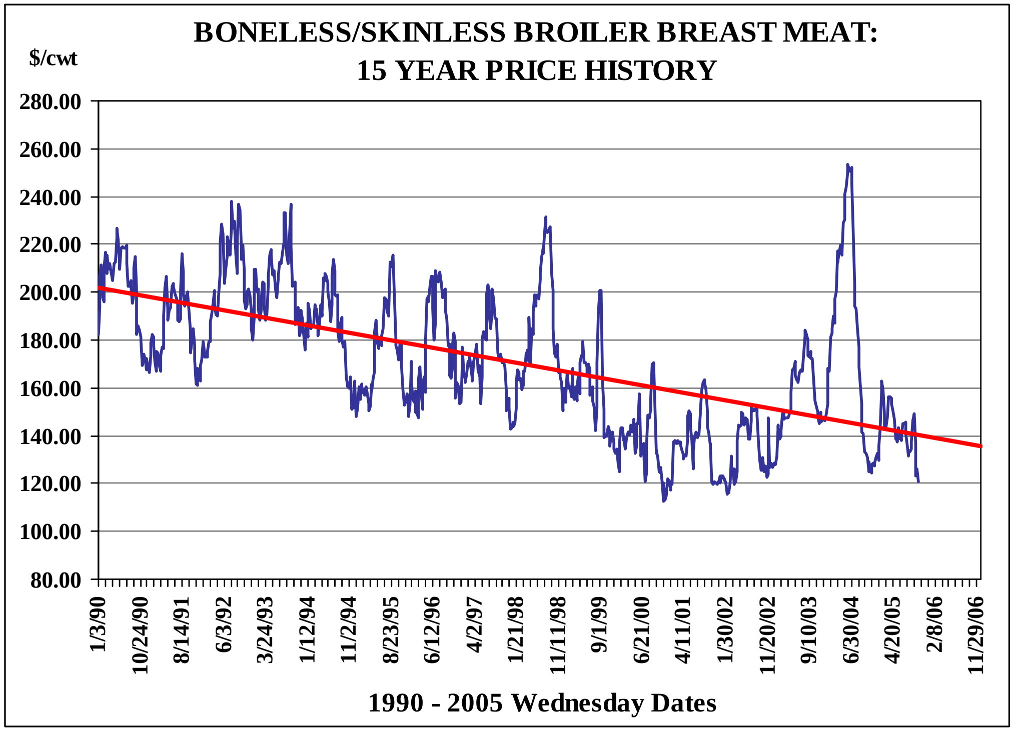

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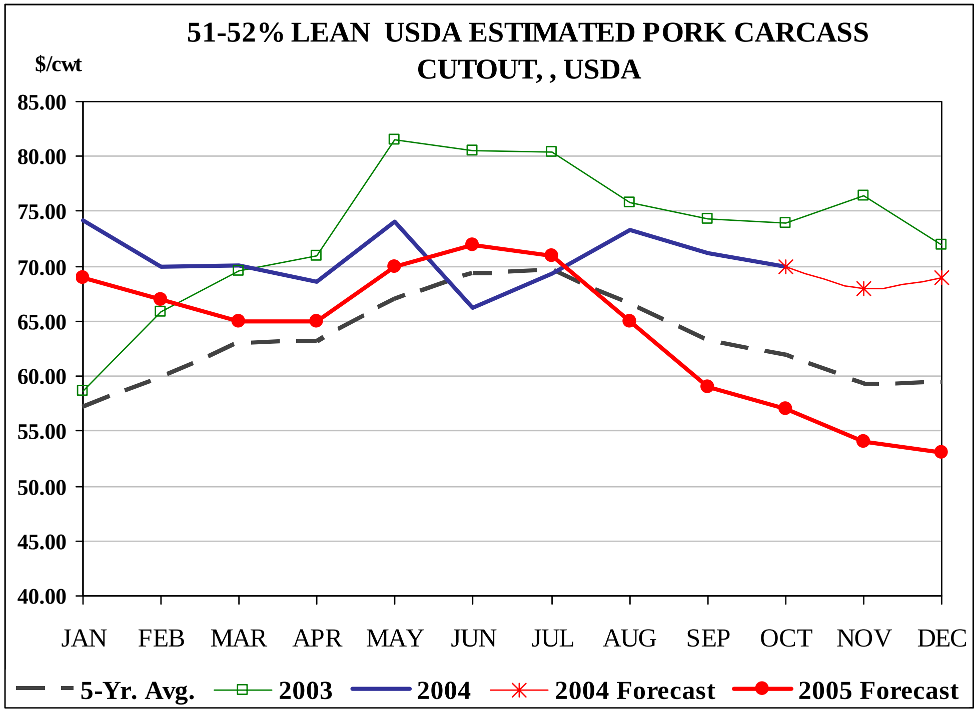

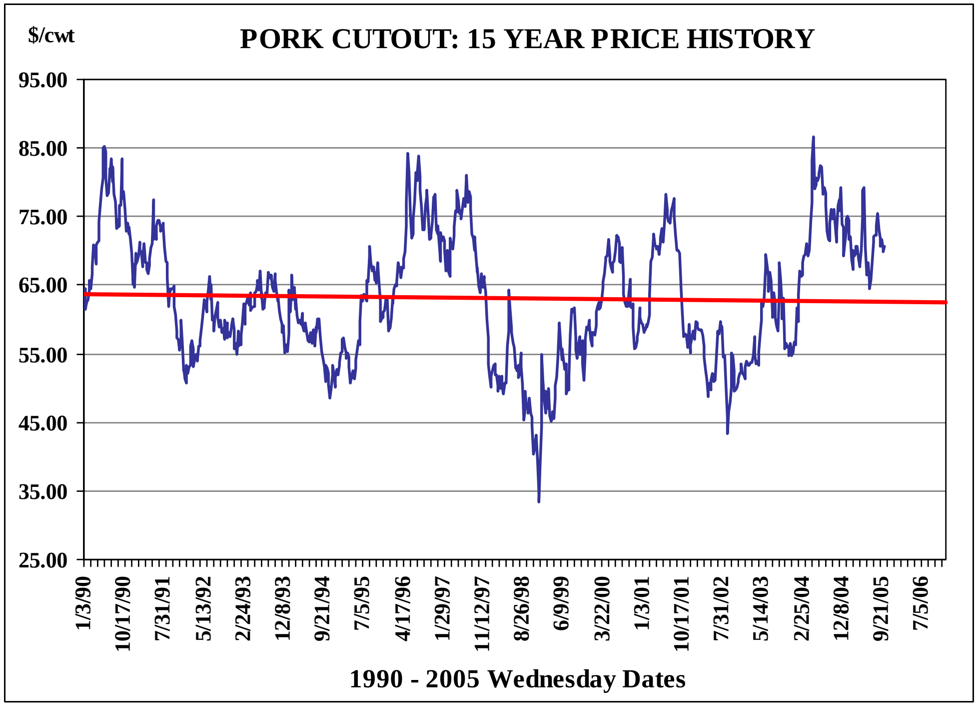

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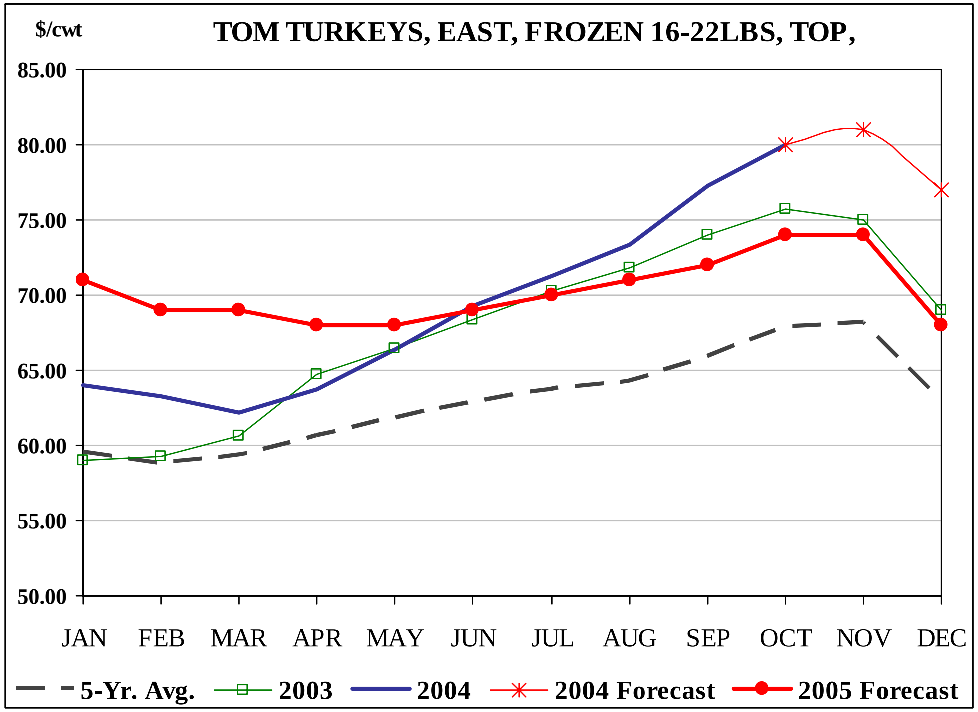

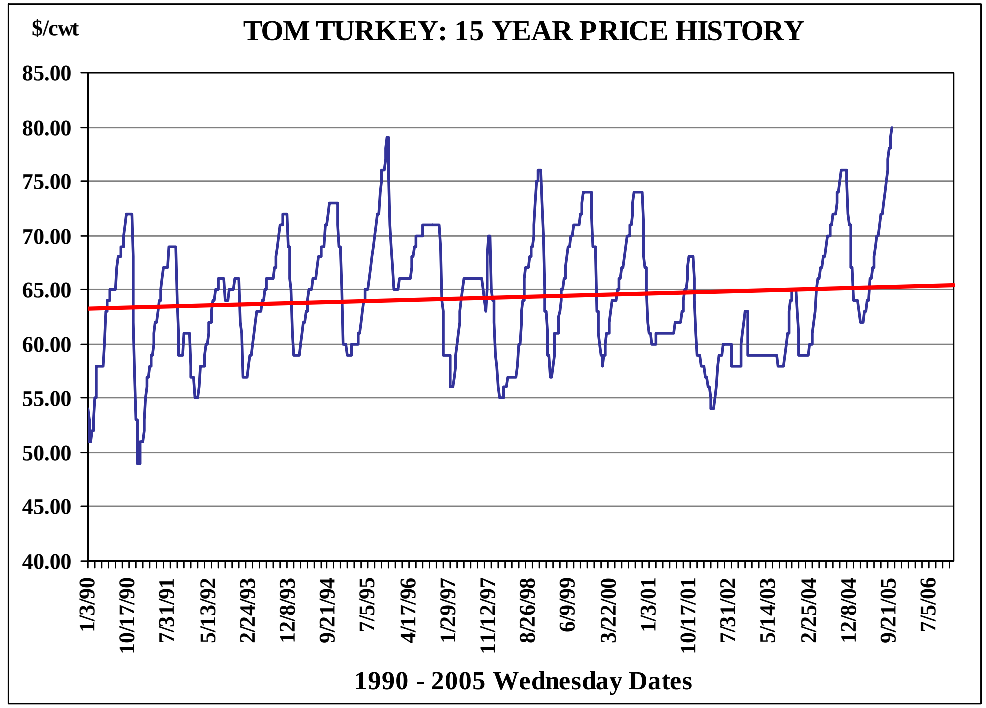

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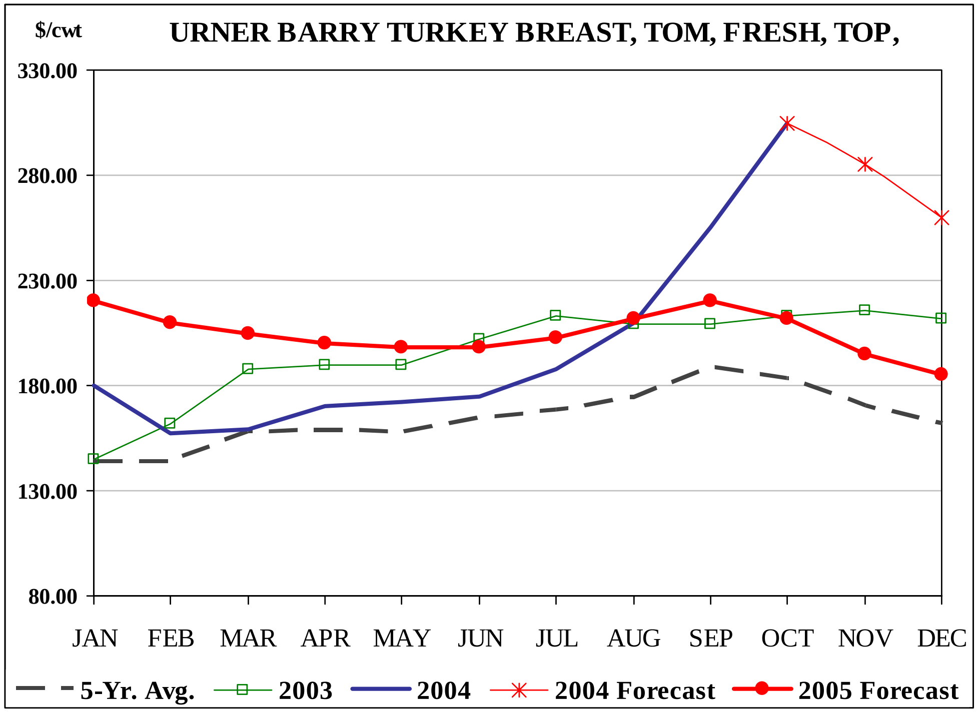

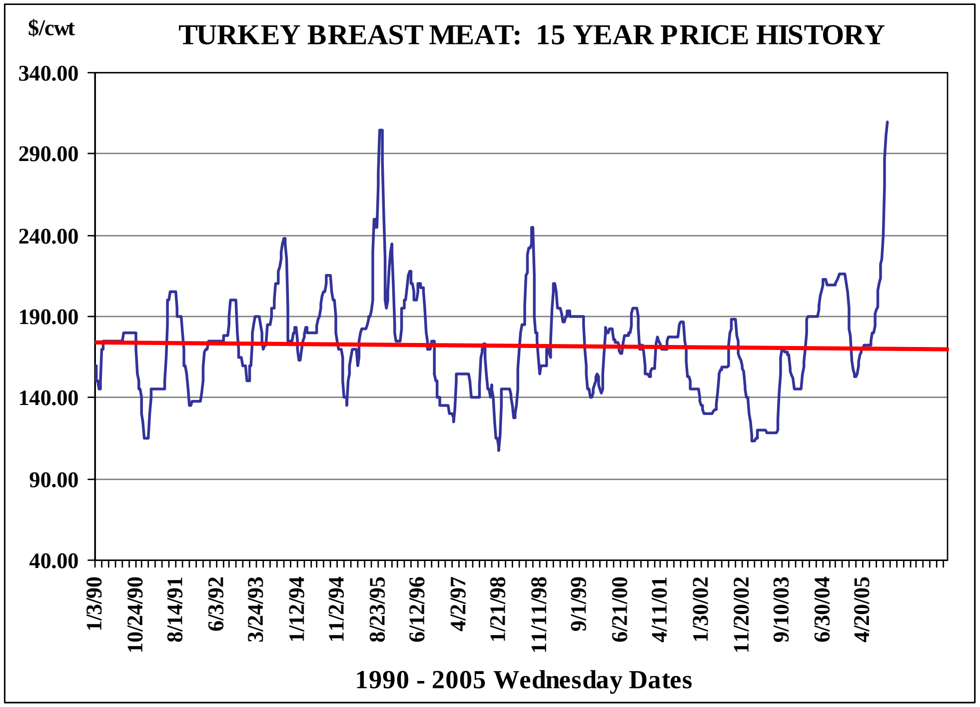

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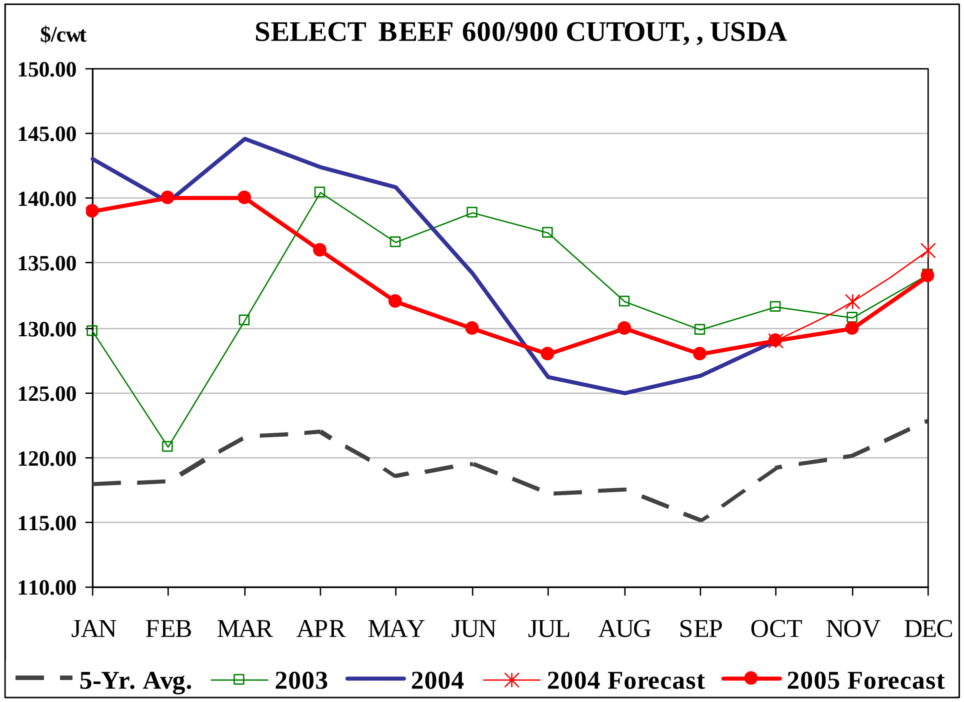

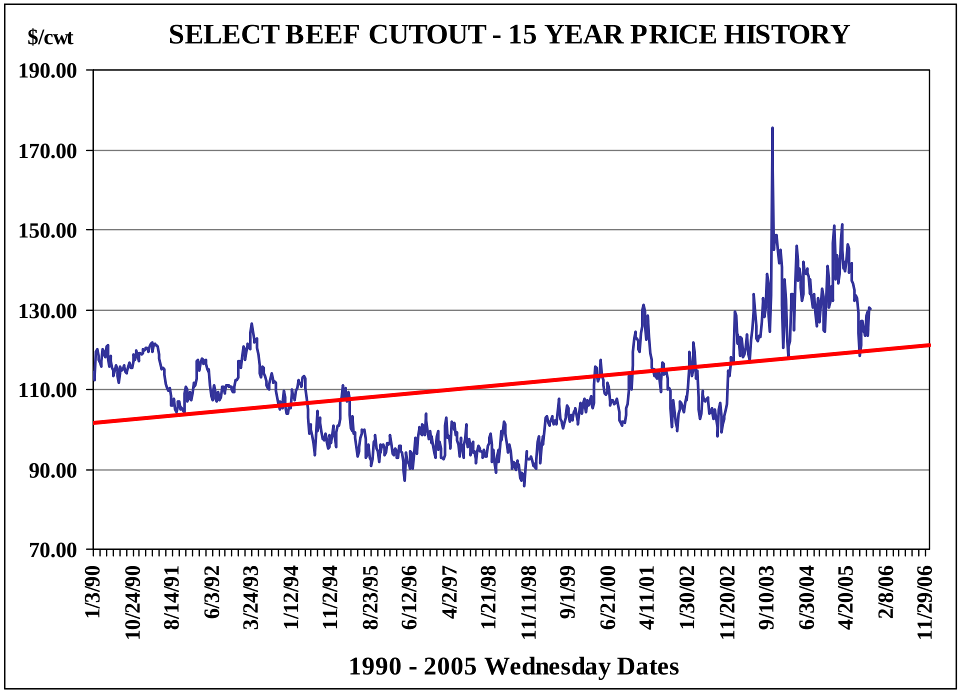

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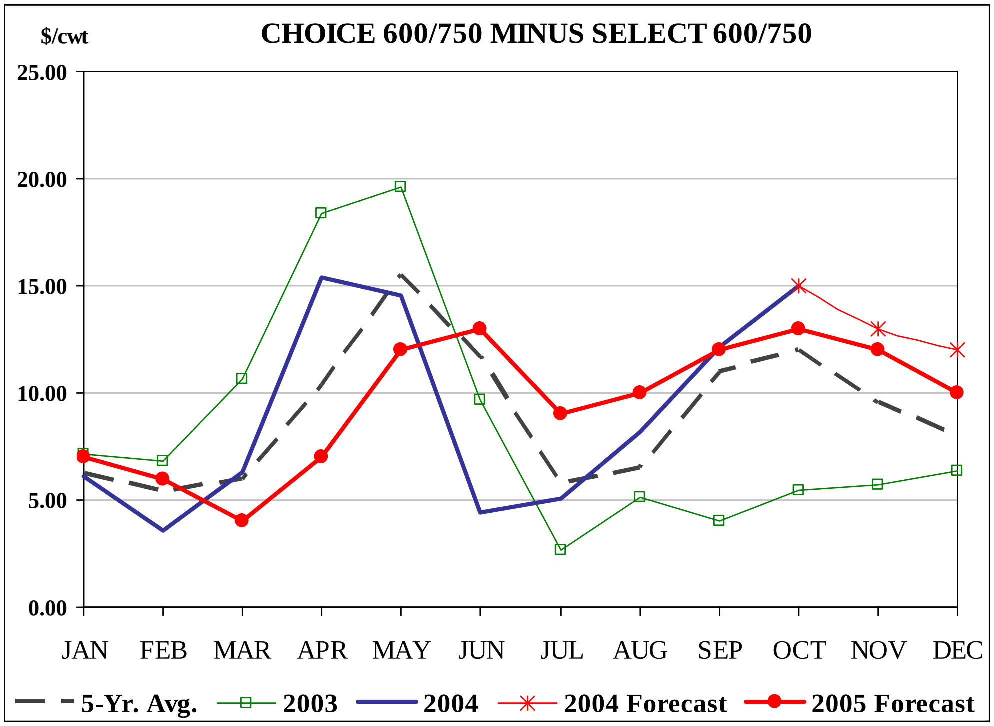
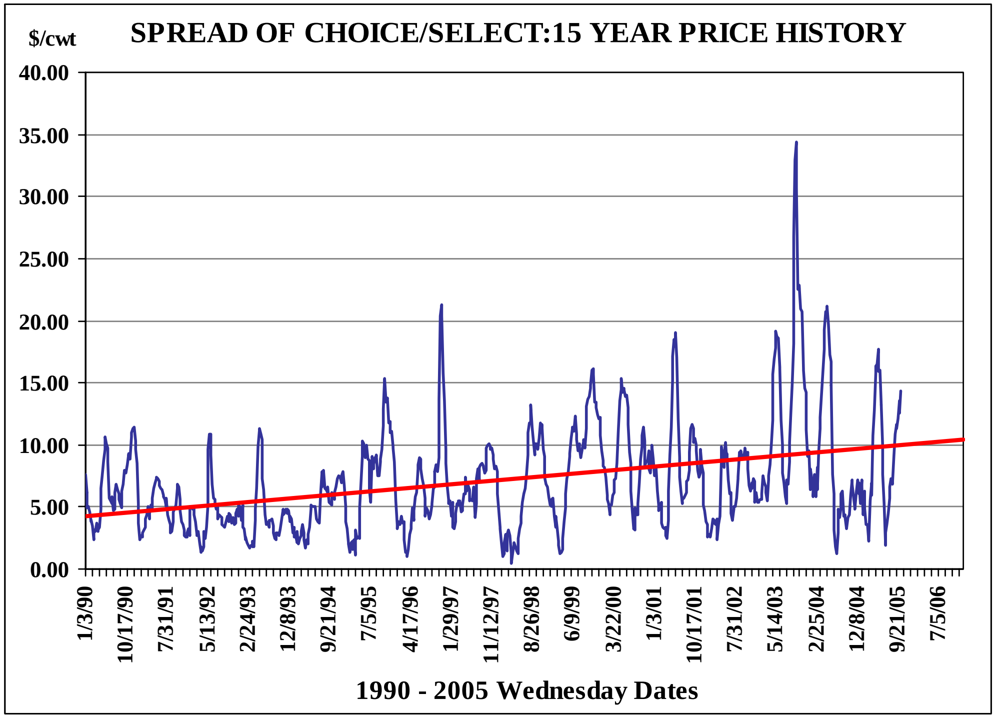
Choice Cutout Minus Select Cutout





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