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Australia's goatmeat industry



Australia is a relatively small producer of goatmeat but is the world's largest exporter of goatmeat.

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How much is produced?

- Australian goat slaughter in 2014-15 was around 2.12 million head (ABS)
- Traditionally, Australian bush goats (rangeland goats) and boer goats are used for meat production and cashmere and angora goats are used for fibre production.
- About 90% of goatmeat production is produced by rangeland goat enterprises.

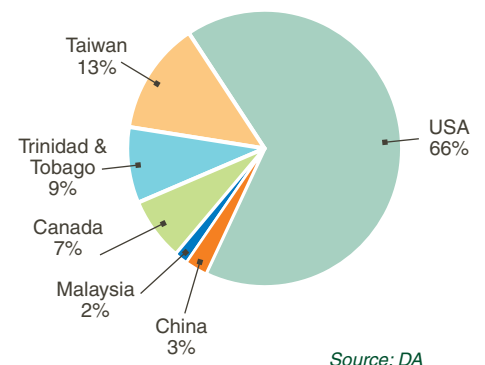
Did you know:

- The industry remains constrained by several fundamental aspects stemming from inconsistent supply and quality. There is a need to develop supply chains, which better satisfy the needs of an identified market and thus add value to the industry.

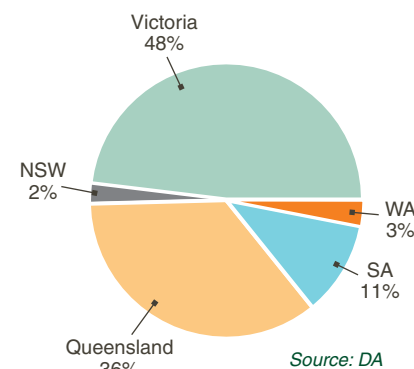
Consumption:

- Goatmeat is the most widely consumed meat in the world. There are few, if any, religious taboos limiting goatmeat consumption. In fact, goatmeat is an important component of the traditions of the Hindu and Muslim faiths.
- The largest producers of goatmeat are the largest consumers, but not the largest importers or exporters. These countries are China, India and Pakistan (FAO).

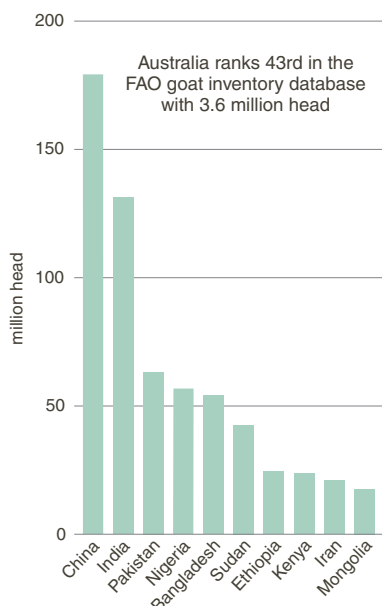
Australian goatmeat exports
34,354 tonnes cwt (2014-15)



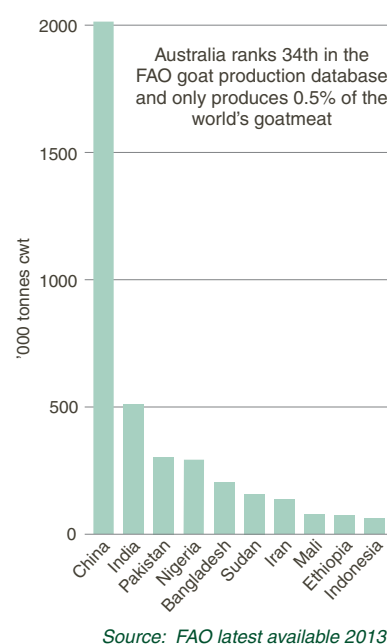
Goatmeat exports by state of production
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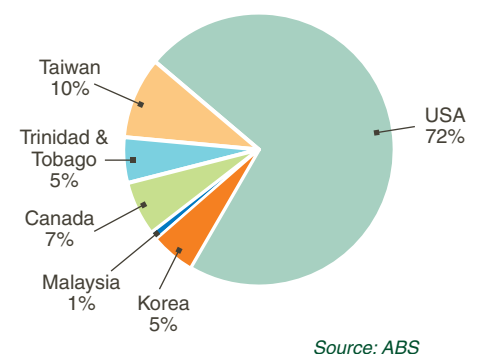
Top ten goat inventories



Top ten goatmeat producers



Value of Australian goatmeat exports
A\$258 million FOB (2014-15)



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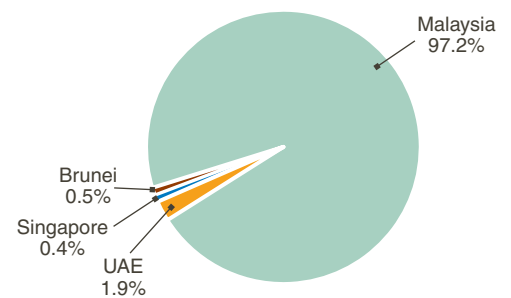


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Export value and volume:

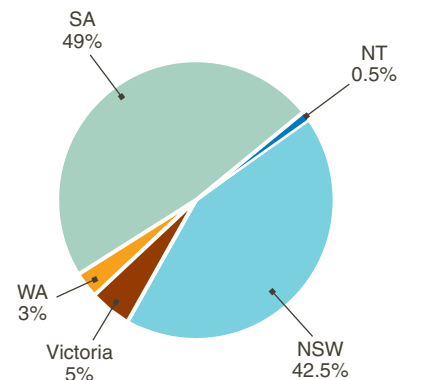
- Although Australia is a relatively small producer of goatmeat, on a world scale, it is the largest exporter.
- In 2014-15, Australia exported 34,354 tonnes swt of goatmeat (DA)
- The two largest markets for Australian goatmeat exports are the US and Taiwan (DA). Demand in the US is generated mainly from the Hispanics, the largest minority group in the US.
- The value of Australian goatmeat exports in 2014-15 was around A\$258 million FOB (ABS).
- In 2014-15, Australia exported 90,950 head of live goats (ABS).
- The largest markets for Australian live goats are Malaysia, UAE and Brunei (ABS).
- Live goat exports were valued at A\$9.61 million in 2014-15 (ABS).

Destination of Australian live goat exports
90,950 head (2014-15)



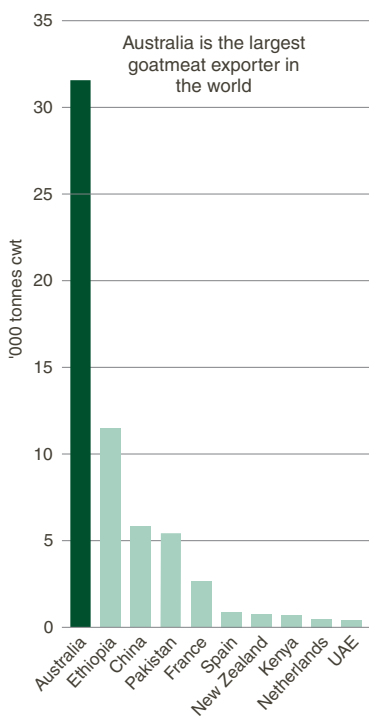
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Live goat exports by state
90,950 head (2014-15)



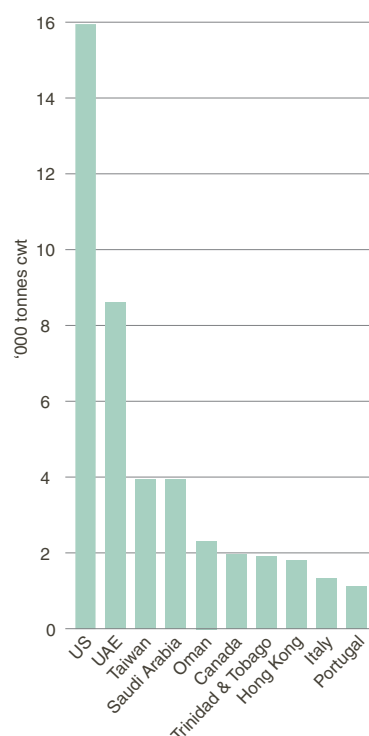
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Top ten goatmeat exporters



Source: FAO latest available 2012

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