

Russia – Goal to be Self Sufficient in Pork and Poultry – Jan-2011

On December 15, 2010, Meat Trade News reported that the CEO of one of Russia's largest integrated pork and poultry producers predicted the country will reach self-sufficiency by the end of next year.ⁱ

On January 30, 2010, President Medvedev signed Russia's 'Food Security Doctrine,' which prescribes Russia to reach 85% self-sufficiency in total meat and poultry by 2020.ⁱⁱ Then in September, the president outlined state development plans for the meat sector for 2013-2017 including the modernization of food and processing facilities, and of storage, transportation, logistics and delivery systems.

Russia has already met with success in increasing domestic production of poultry and in August the Ministry of Agriculture stated that by 2012 Russia will reach its targeted level of self-sufficiency and be able to start exporting poultry.ⁱⁱⁱ However, pork has experienced a slower development, while beef production remains unprofitable and continues to decrease.

Russia has announced a reduction in its import quotas for poultry products by 40% in 2011; however the quotas for pork and beef were not changed. Russia's pork tariff rate quota for 2011 is set at 472,100 metric tons.^{iv} In 2009, Russia had reduced its 2010 import quotas for both pork (11%) and poultry (18%).

Canada/Alberta Exports

Canada is the world's third-largest pork exporter and in 2009 Russia was the sixth largest export market for Canadian pork products. At the end of October 2010, Canada had exported 70,574 tonnes of pork products to the Russia, which was an increase of over 50% over the volume shipped over the same period in of 2009.

Russia was Alberta's fifth largest pork export market in 2009. From January to October 2010, Alberta shipped 9,274 tonnes of pork to Russia an increase of over 25% over the same period in 2009.

Alberta did not ship any poultry products in 2009; however, in 2008 the province shipped nearly \$100,000 in poultry products.

Competitors

The top pork exporters to Russia include Brazil, the European Union and the United States. In 2009 and 2010 Russia restricted imports from various American and European plants because Russia said it found residues of antibiotics in meat shipped from the plants. Russia's policies toward maximum residue levels and micro-biological requirements in raw meat do not reflect Codex Alimentarius recommendations.^v

The United States usually supplies approximately 75% of Russia's poultry imports. In January 2010, Russia placed a ban on US chicken imports due to issues surrounding chlorine treatments. The ban was later lifted in July for processors who meet the allowable amount of chlorine used to disinfect the meat.^{vi}

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