The Australian Meat Industry

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Key Market Developments

Drought

BSE in Japan

US Beef Quota

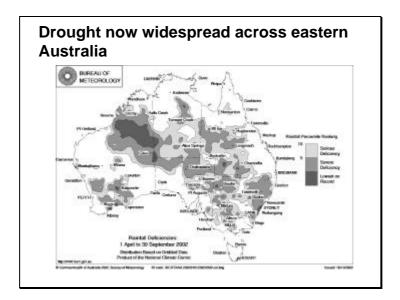
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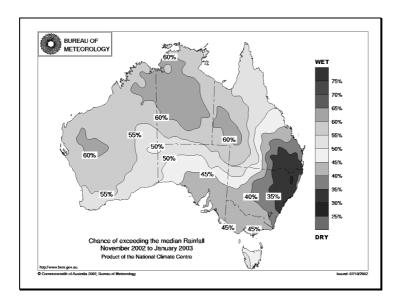
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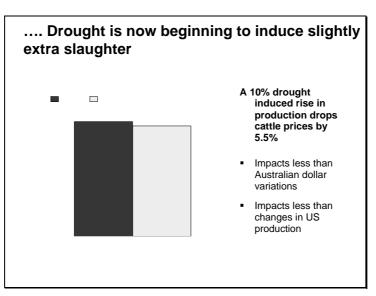
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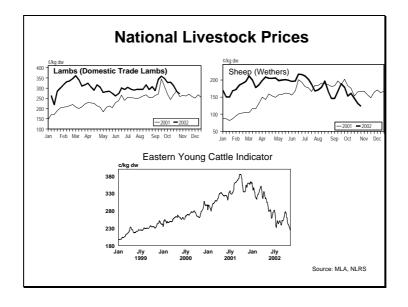
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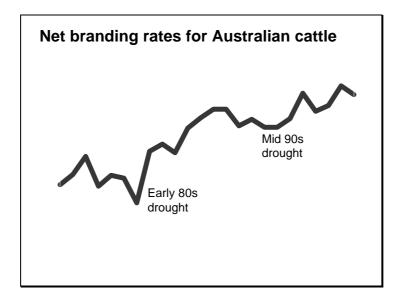




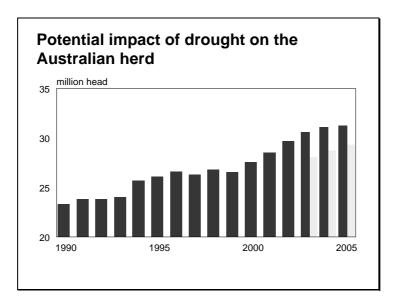


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Drought

Feed grain supply Chemical residues

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Export Driven Percentage of Production Exported

Beef 66%

Lamb 38% (15% 10 years ago)

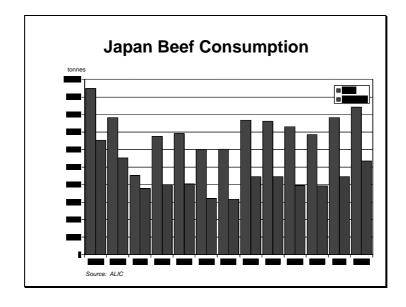
Mutton 70%

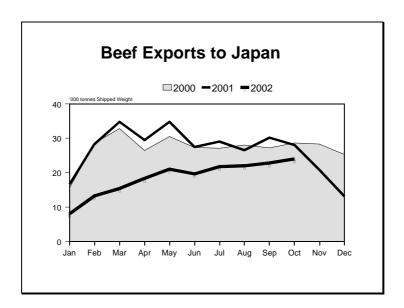
* Fiscal 2001/02

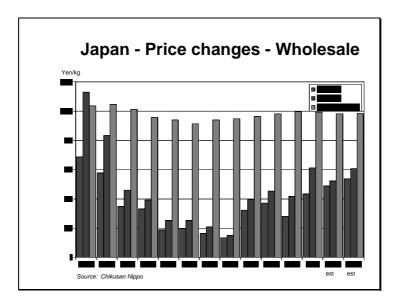
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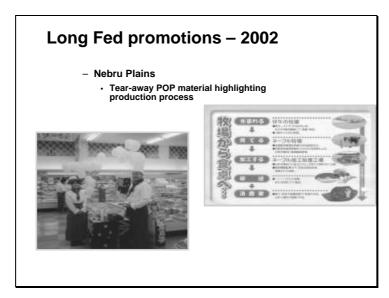
BSE in Japan

BSE discovered in September 2001 Compounded by mislabelling scandals Initial 50% drop in beef consumption A\$500 million lost export sales



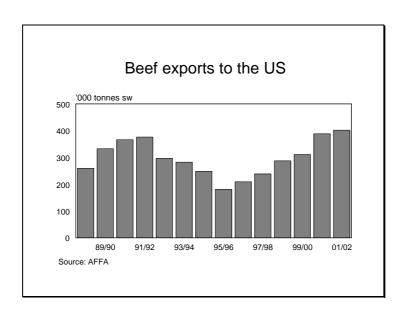






Other Grain Fed promotions – 2002 - Ito Ham • POP material

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US Beef Quota

Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ)
26.4% tariff paid on exports above
378,214 tonnes
Australian Government introduced a
quota management scheme

12,000 tonnes shipped with tariff paid

Korea

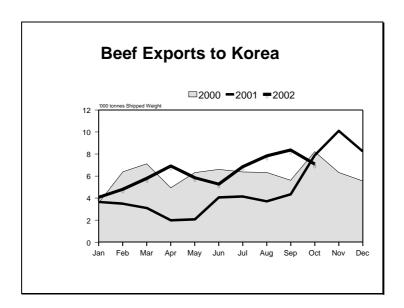
Market liberalised January 1, 2001

- With 40% tariff

Final two impediments removed since then

- Retail distribution restrictions
- Freezing chilled beef

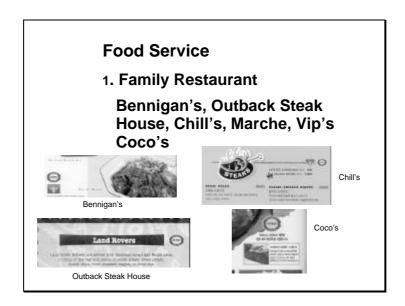
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Summary of future cattle market influencing factors

Recovery in Japan expected to continue, albeit at a slower pace.

..... But competition in Canada may be a little greater next year.

Sales into the US market capped, but with higher prices the possibility of some over quota sales

Korea, South Asia & China to continue to represent growth markets

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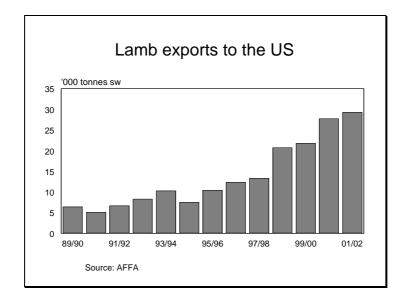
Lamb Exports

10 years ago only 15% of lamb production exported

Now 35% exported

Average lamb slaughter weights

1991 17 kgs 2001 20kgs



A reasonably bright outlook for the Australian lamb industry

Lower flock inventories & forecast lower competitor production levels indicates strong future export demand

Growing interest in lamb from Asia

Broad base of export demand a positive for the industry

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On-farm QA

Only 43% cattle and 10% sheep slaughtered covered by QA

CATTLECARE 17% cattle

FLOCKCARE 2% sheep

NVD almost universal

- Producer liability
- No audit, no records required

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On-farm QA

Two-tiered system to be developed

Level 1

- Food safety certification only
- Linked to NVD
- Driven through AUS-MEAT accreditation

Level 2

- Added modules
- Eg. Animal handling/welfare environmental management

National Livestock Identification Scheme (NLIS)

Permanent electronic identification system

Secure identification and tracing of animals from property of birth to slaughter

National, central data base Enhancement of tail tag system To roll out State-by-State

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NLIS

Industry benefits:

Better control of disease epidemics

Enables access to EU market

Maintains Australia's reputation as supplier of safe meat

Improved management onfarm



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Drought

medium term effects

Recovering Japanese market

Opportunities in Korea

Limitations in North America

Bright outlook for lamb exports

On-farm QA and secure traceability