
Pork Exports Jump to US\$ 1 Billion in Brazil. FAM Disease Didn't Hurt Business.

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Brazilian pork exports reached US\$ 1 billion during the first 10 months of this year, which represents an increase of 63% over the same period of last year.

This information was given by the Brazilian Industrial Association of Pork Producers and Exporters (ABIPÉCS), Thursday, November 10. Year-to-date, 539,174 tons of pork were exported, which is 27.4% more than the January-October period of 2004.

After registering a reduction in September, exports went back up in October, when revenue totaled US\$ 121.8 million, the year's highest, and 55% more than in October of 2004. October shipments went up 45%, when compared to October of last year.

Pork exports during the last 12 consecutive months totaled US\$ 1.172 billion, when 629,266 tons of the product were shipped abroad.

Brazil is the largest pork exporter in the world. Russia is the country's largest buyer. This year, Russia bought approximately 40% of all of the meat Brazil exported, that is, 348,695 tons that cost US\$ 696.54 million.

According to ABIPÉCS, the recent occurrences of foot-and-mouth disease (FAM), in the state of Mato Grosso do Sul, did not affect country's pork exports.

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