# U.S. Meat Export Federation

## CURRENT RESOLUTIONS

**through**
**November 2025**

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| RESOLUTION #2024-5-1 | |
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| **SUBMITTED BY:** | Exporter Committee |
| **DATE:** | May 23, 2025 |
| **TITLE:** | **PRRS Resistant Pig Resolution** |
| **WHEREAS,** | The growth in the U.S. pork industry has been driven by exports. Exports account for 30% of pork and variety meat production and at $8.63 billion, export value averaged $66.53 per head in 2024. |
| **WHEREAS,** | The U.S. has significant pork exports (valued at $5 million or more) to 30 countries in 2024, with diversification of markets as a top priority for the U.S. pork industry. |
| **WHEREAS,** | When access is lost or restricted in one market, it impacts other markets, raises costs, and introduces new complexities. |
| **WHEREAS,** | While new technologies bring new opportunities, they also pose risks to U.S. export market access and customer acceptance. |
| **WHEREAS,** | The European Union is the largest exporter of pork; Brazil is the third largest exporter and the fastest growing. The EU will not adopt new technologies; Brazil claims freedom from PRRS, while embracing new technologies. These competitors will use any market access or marketing advantage against U.S. pork. |
| **WHEREAS,** | Biosecurity and freedom from foreign animal disease remain critical to the success of the U.S. pork industry. |
| **WHEREAS,** | The U.S. pork industry just came through two years of historic losses, averaging $28.60 per head from October 2022 to March 2024.*<br>*(*Iowa State University, farrow-to-finish margins)* |
| **WHEREAS,** | The PRRS Resistant Pig (PRP) recently received approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and, |
| **WHEREAS,** | The U.S. pork industry must make informed decisions regarding adoption of this technology. |

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| **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** | USMEF recommends that the U.S. pork industry, through the national organizations, receives more information about trading partner acceptance of the PRP before the PRP is adopted, such as:<br>• Which regulatory body in each country is providing the approval?<br>  ○ Does the approval apply to imports of pork produced from PRPs? If so, does the approval require labeling or product identification differentiating product from PRPs?<br>• Where can exporters find this and other related information about international market acceptance for pork from PRPs?<br>• Which countries do not accept pork from PRPs, and how this might factor into adoption?<br>Considering the above, USMEF requests an analysis of the situation, including the potential impact on export market access. |
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| RESOLUTION #2019-5-1 | |
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| **SUBMITTED BY:** | Exporter Committee |
| **DATE:** | May 22, 2014; updated and extended May 24, 2024 |
| **TITLE:** | **Market Access Expansion for U.S. Red Meat** |
| **WHEREAS,** | Technical market access issues continue to be the single most important limiting factor in the growth of U.S. beef, pork, and lamb exports; and |
| **WHEREAS,** | Resolving technical market access issues requires the sustained focus and close collaboration of the U.S. government and the red meat industry; |
| **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** | That USMEF will work closely with Meat Institute, National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) and National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) to implement a coordinated strategy for conveying the industry's market access priorities to the U.S. government and collaborating closely with USDA and USTR to resolve the industry's priority market access issues as expeditiously as possible. |
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| RESOLUTION #2003-5-1 | |
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| **SUBMITTED BY:** | Pork & Allied Industries Committee |
| **DATE:** | May 23, 2003; extended May 22, 2008; extended May 24, 2018; updated and extended May 26, 2023 |
| **TITLE:** | **U.S. Pork Seal** |
| **WHEREAS,** | It is vitally important to the entire pork chain that consumers in foreign markets be made aware of American pork; and |
| **WHEREAS,** | The American pork industry has developed the U.S. pork seal to represent American pork products, |
| **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** | That USMEF supports the use of the U.S. Pork℠ seal as the primary identifier for pork in all USMEF foreign market development activities, unless market conditions warrant otherwise. |
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| Executive Comm. | ❒ Approved ☑ Approved as modified ☐ Disapproved |
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| RESOLUTION #2022-11-1 | |
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| **SUBMITTED BY:** | Exporter Committee |
| **DATE:** | Nov. 11, 2022 |
| **TITLE:** | **Prioritizing Foreign Animal Disease Regionalization Agreements** |
| **WHEREAS,** | Foreign animal diseases represent a significant threat to the U.S. red meat industry and its ability to export product in the event of a disease outbreak or incident; and |
| **WHEREAS,** | African swine fever (ASF) has been especially disruptive to pork trade in many regions of the world; and |
| **WHEREAS,** | The U.S. Meat Export Federation (USMEF) greatly appreciates the efforts of USDA and other federal and state agencies to prevent entry of ASF into the United States, and their collaboration with Mexico and Canada to prevent ASF from reaching North America. This includes establishment of an ASF protection zone in the Caribbean and engaging with trading partners to secure recognition of the protection zone, which will minimize the impact on trade if ASF is detected in Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands; and |
| **WHEREAS,** | these ASF prevention measures are paramount, but the U.S. must also take greater steps to protect access to export markets in the event that ASF enters our country or U.S. territories. |
| **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** | USMEF requests that reaching ASF regionalization agreements with key trading partners be made a top priority for USDA and USTR. Such agreements, when implemented in cooperation with state animal health officials, are a critical tool for mitigating trade disruptions and allowing continuation or resumption of product movement from areas not affected by ASF.. |
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| RESOLUTION #2012-11-1 | |
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| **SUBMITTED BY:** | Exporter Committee |
| **DATE:** | Nov. 9, 2012; updated and extended, Nov. 11, 2022 |
| **TITLE:** | **Lamb Market Access** |
| **WHEREAS,** | The U.S. sheep industry is a safe, reliable and quality supplier of lamb products, and some trading partners have been extremely slow in removing non-science based trade barriers that block access for U.S. lamb; and |
| **WHEREAS,** | Several key markets, including South Korea, China, Thailand, Vietnam and all South American countries remain closed to U.S. lamb due to the presence of the transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE) scrapie in the U.S. sheep flock; and |
| **WHEREAS,** | The U.S. sheep industry has implemented a scrapie eradication program that meets the World Organization of Animal Health (OIE) requirements and standards for scrapie; and |
| **WHEREAS,** | Scrapie is not considered a zoonotic disease; therefore, edible products exported from scrapie-infected countries, regions or zones should not be restricted. |
| **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** | That USMEF supports making it a higher priority for the U.S. government to negotiate market-opening agreements for lamb in targeted export markets. |
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| RESOLUTION #2017-5-1 | |
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| **SUBMITTED BY:** | Executive Committee |
| **DATE:** | May 26, 2017; updated and extended, May 27, 2022 |
| **TITLE:** | **Support for USDA Programs Designed to Expand International Demand for U.S. Agricultural Products** |
| **WHEREAS,** | The USDA Market Access Program (MAP), Foreign Market Development Program (FMD) and Emerging Markets Program, as well as similar international marketing programs, have been very important tools for expanding exports of U.S. red meat; and |
| **WHEREAS,** | Independent studies have confirmed that these programs have a proven, effective track record of bolstering U.S. exports and delivering positive returns for U.S. agriculture and the U.S. economy. |
| **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** | That USMEF supports continued funding of USDA export market development programs and encourages organizations that advocate on behalf of U.S. agriculture to make funding these programs a legislative priority. |
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| RESOLUTION #2021-11-1 | |
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| **SUBMITTED BY:** | Exporter Committee |
| **DATE:** | Nov. 12, 2021 |
| **TITLE:** | **U.S. Exports Logistics Challenges** |
| **WHEREAS,** | The U.S. logistics supply chain, including ports, marine and inland terminals, rail, and trucking, have faced unprecedented challenges due to a multitude of complicating factors; and |
| **WHEREAS,** | U.S. red meat exports are dependent on a highly efficient logistics supply chain, particularly via the U.S. west coast, to deliver products to customers around the world, and global customers are increasingly concerned about the U.S. industry's ability to meet their product needs in a timely and reliable manner; and |
| **WHEREAS,** | U.S. red meat exporters have been impacted by delayed shipments and uncertain shipping windows, detention and demurrage charges, and limited availability of shipping containers and chassis, |
| **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** | USMEF will work with industry partners to seek solutions to the current logistical challenges across the supply chain and will support ongoing efforts between industry and the U.S. government to alleviate the current challenges as well as pursue long-term structural improvements to prevent future issues. |
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| RESOLUTION #2021-11-2 | |
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| **SUBMITTED BY:** | Pork & Allied Industries Committee |
| **DATE:** | Nov. 21, 2021 |
| **TITLE:** | **Support for U.S. Swine Health Improvement Plan** |
| **WHEREAS,** | The United States Swine Health Improvement Plan (US SHIP) pilot project is underway; and |
| **WHEREAS,** | The US SHIP pilot aims to develop and implement a US SHIP African swine fever (ASF)-classical swine fever (CSF) monitored certification of U.S. swine production sites and slaughter facilities; and |
| **WHEREAS,** | Use of USDA cooperative agreements would provide for a well-understood and user- friendly means for providing financial support to these efforts at the respective participating states or institutions, |
| **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** | That USMEF urges USDA-APHIS to expand the support for the US SHIP pilot project; and<br>USMEF urges USDA-APHIS to utilize USDA funding for ASF prevention and preparatory efforts for:<br>• Supporting the states' efforts in establishing (starting-up) the operations of a US SHIP Official State Agency within their respective state.<br>• Supporting ASF prevention and preparedness related initiatives (i.e., working groups and project based work) determined to be pursued further via a series of resolutions passed at the inaugural US SHIP House of Delegates. These resolutions and associated efforts center on a number of higher-order items related to biosecurity, traceability, and sampling and testing (surveillance).<br>• Supporting the costs of diagnostic sample collections and submissions. |
| **Disposition:** | |
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| RESOLUTION #2011-11-1 | |
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| **SUBMITTED BY:** | Exporter Committee |
| **DATE:** | Nov. 3, 2011; updated and extended Nov. 12, 2021 |
| **TITLE:** | **Traceability** |
| **WHEREAS,** | Foreign governments and buyers in international markets expect the USDA and the U.S. industry to be able to respond quickly and effectively to disease outbreaks and to provide them with accurate, detailed, and timely information describing the steps that are being taken to manage the outbreak and maintain the integrity of our animal health and food safety systems; and |
| **WHEREAS,** | Most other major beef, pork, and lamb exporting countries have implemented animal ID and traceability systems and are using their systems to differentiate themselves from the U.S. with buyers in international markets; and |
| **WHEREAS,** | USDA has implemented the first phase of the Animal Disease Traceability rule. |
| **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** | USMEF strongly supports a traceability system in the U.S. that:<br>- Is built on a program under the authority of USDA<br>- Utilizes electronic ID and electronic data transfer for movement documents<br>- Meets the expectations of foreign governments and buyers in international markets, and<br>- Is consistent with the OIE guidelines. |
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| RESOLUTION #2011-5-2 | |
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| **SUBMITTED BY:** | Exporter Committee |
| **DATE:** | May 27, 2011; updated and extended Nov. 12, 2021 |
| **TITLE:** | **Continued Implementation of USDA FSIS Public Health Information System (PHIS) Export Module** |
| **WHEREAS,** | USDA FSIS has developed software for a standardized electronic export certificate under the PHIS Export module; and |
| **WHEREAS,** | The PHIS Export module is a key element that helps U.S. Exporters remain competitive internationally, assists with demands of U.S. trading partners and improves the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of exporting, and |
| **WHEREAS,** | USDA FSIS has continued to add countries into the PHIS Export Module, and has made further enhancements to the system to improve functionality and efficiency, |
| **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** | That USMEF, through its members and staff, request USDA FSIS to continue to expeditiously implement the PHIS Export Module with the goal of enhancing the system to allow for electronic generation and transmission of health certificates, as well as establishing PHIS as the sole means for issuing export certificates. |
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| RESOLUTION #2011-5-1 | |
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| **SUBMITTED BY:** | Exporter Committee |
| **DATE:** | May 27, 2011, updated and extended Nov. 12, 2021 |
| **TITLE:** | **Science-based Trade** |
| **WHEREAS,** | The U.S. pork, beef and lamb industries are among the most technologically advanced in the world; and |
| **WHEREAS,** | This reliance on technology is critical to the U.S. red meat industry's continued ability to compete in markets around the world; and |
| **WHEREAS,** | It is the policy of the European Union and some other countries to prevent the development and adoption of new, safe production and processing technologies such as growth promoting compounds (e.g., hormones and beta agonists), pathogen reduction treatments, GMOs, cloning, etc.; and |
| **WHEREAS,** | Ensuring global food security in the future will depend on continued investment in the development of safe, production-enhancing technologies and the availability of these technologies to food producing countries around the world; and |
| **WHEREAS,** | The sustainability of the U.S. red meat industry requires new technologies to drive efficiency gains and promote animal health, while aiming to produce even higher quality and nutrient dense beef, pork and lamb, |
| **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** | That USMEF should work closely with industry partners and the U.S. government to actively promote science-based trade policies and ensure the continued development and dissemination of new, safe production-enhancing technologies. |
| **Disposition:** | |
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| RESOLUTION #2016-5-1 | |
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| **SUBMITTED BY:** | Beef and Allied Industries Committee |
| **DATE:** | May 27, 2016; updated and extended on May 25, 2021 |
| **TITLE:** | **Support for the Beef Industry Long Range Plan** |
| **WHEREAS,** | The first core strategy contained in the Beef Industry Long Range Plan (covering the years 2021 through 2025) is to drive growth in U.S. beef exports; and |
| **WHEREAS,** | The Beef Industry Long Range Plan includes the following goals:<br>• Grow U.S. beef exports to 17% of U.S. beef production by 2025<br>• Grow the value of U.S. beef exports as a percent of total beef value to 21% by 2025<br>• By 2025, 75% of all cattle producing states are participating in a nationwide animal disease traceability program (e.g. U.S. Cattle Trace); and |
| **WHEREAS,** | Achieving the goals and objectives contained in the Beef Industry Long Range Plan will require support and cooperation from many industry organizations and stakeholders, including USMEF. |
| **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** | That USMEF supports the Beef Industry Long Range Plan and will work with industry partners to achieve export growth through the strategic initiatives outlined in the plan. |
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