

# Canada Beef Quarterly Market Update

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# **CANADIAN BEEF EXPORTS**



















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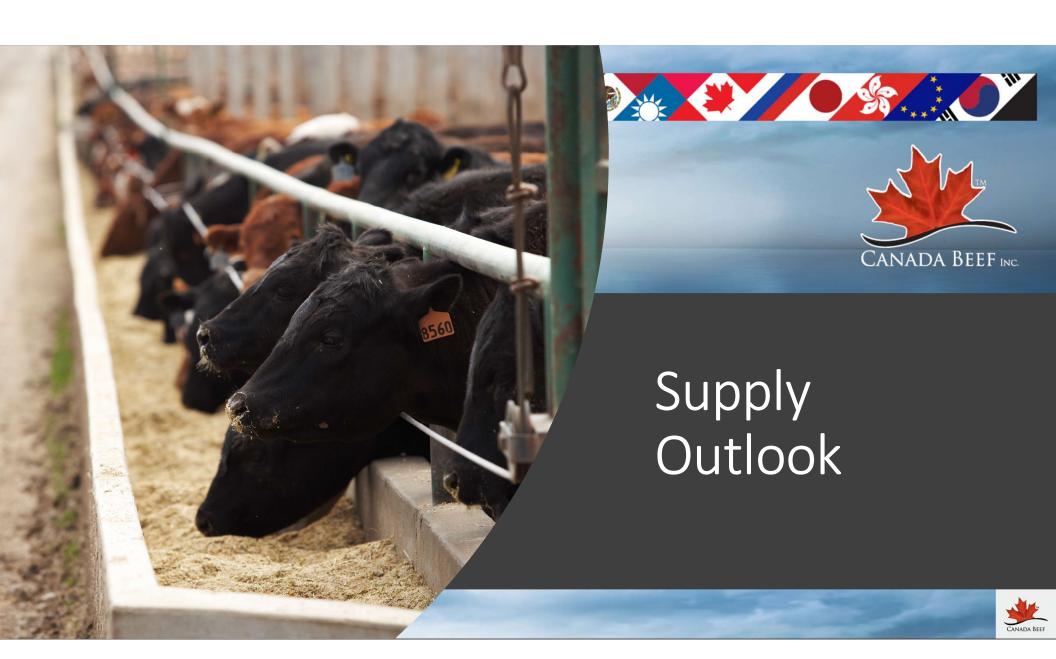
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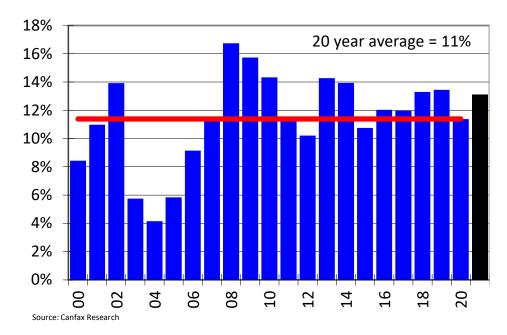
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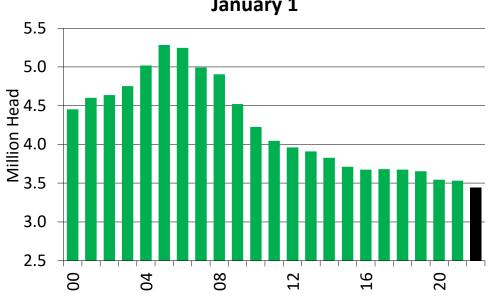


# Jan 1, 2022 Beef Cow Inventories could be down 2-3% similar to 2013-15

## **Canadian Beef Cow Culling Rate**



# Canadian Beef Cow Numbers January 1



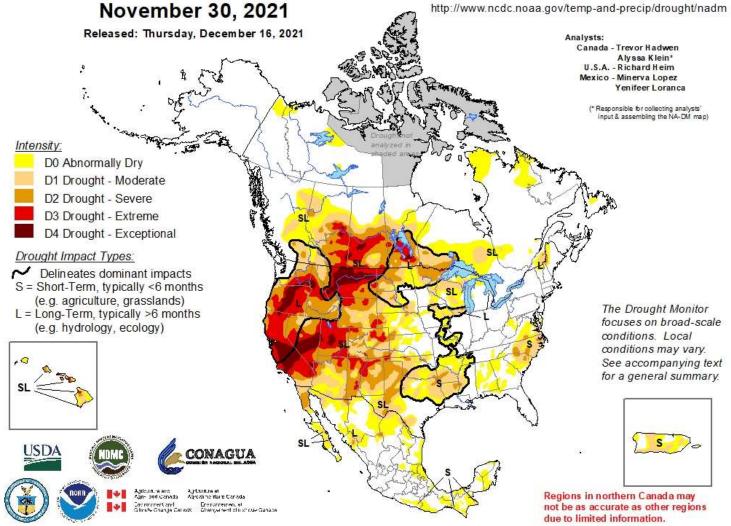
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# North American Drought Monitor



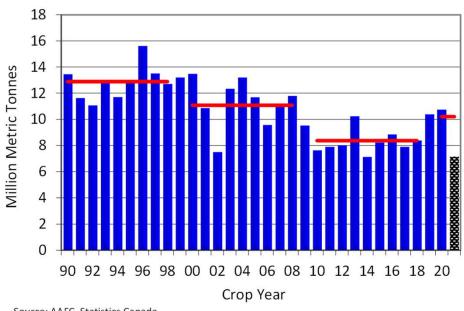




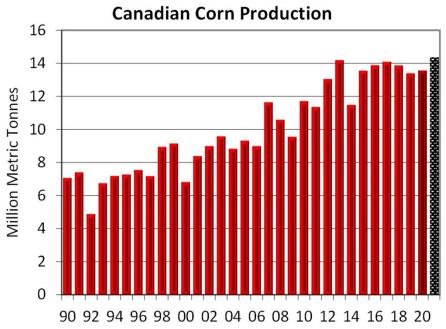


2021/22 CDN Barley production -34%, ending stocks projected to be down 40% with a stocks to use ratio of 6%, down from 7% in 2020/21.

## **Canadian Barley Production**







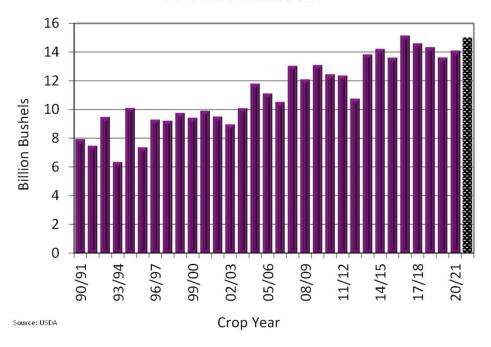
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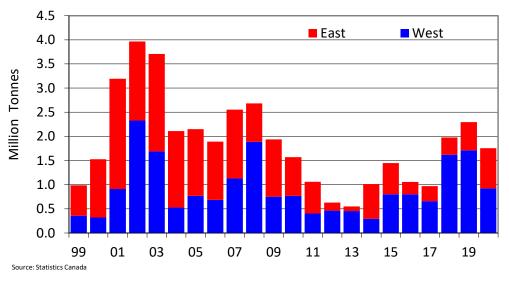


# 2021/22 US corn production up 6%, ending stock up 21% with a stocks to use ratio of 12%, up from 10% in 2020/21

## **US Corn Production**



## **Canadian Corn Imports - West vs. East**

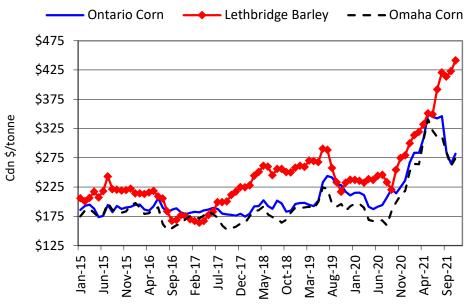




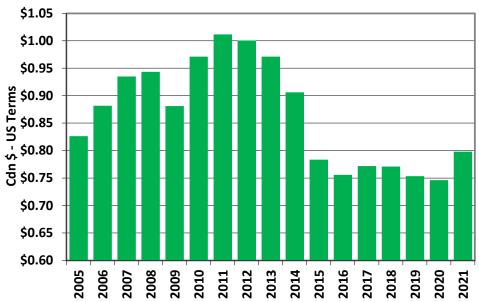


# In Nov 2021, Barley \$441/tonne, Ontario corn \$281/tonne and Omaha corn CDN\$294/tonne

## Feed Grain Prices



## **Annual Canadian Dollar**



Source: Bank of Canada



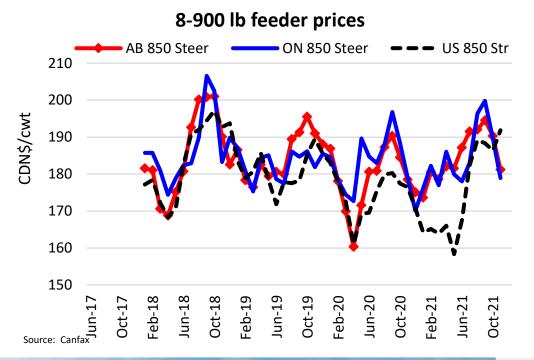


Source: Canfax



# Alberta feeder prices still at a premium in October; discounted in November

### Alberta & US 550 lb Feeder Steer ■AB 550 Steer ■ US 550 Str \$250 \$240 \$230 Cdn \$/cwt \$220 \$210 \$200 \$190 Apr-20 Jul-20 Oct-18 Jan-19 Apr-19 Oct-19 Jan-20 Oct-20 Apr-21 Jul-19 Jan-21

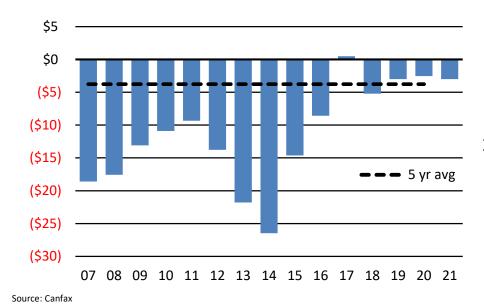




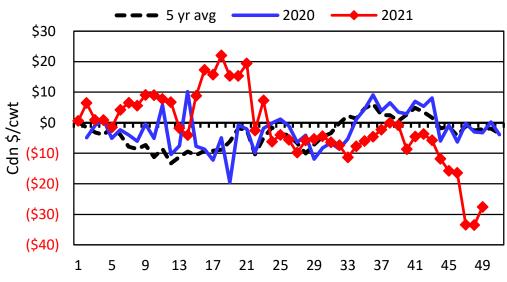


# Feeder basis weaker going into 2022

## Alberta Feeder Basis, 850 lb



# Alberta 850 lb Feeder Steer Basis Cash to Futures



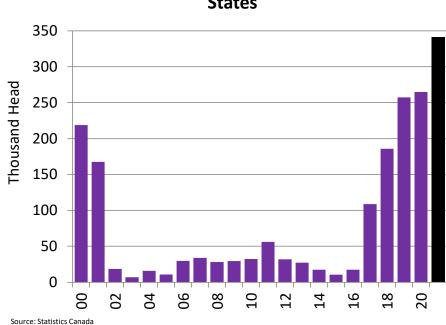
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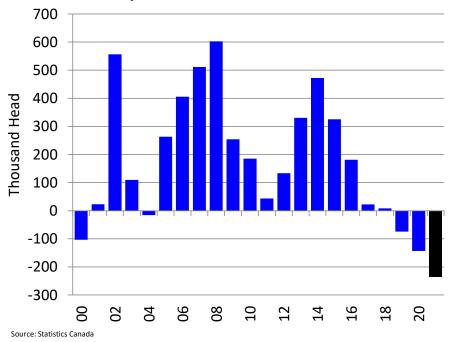


# Feeder exports were up double last year from July-October. Feeder Imports to be record high; Net Imports to increase by 93K

Feeder Cattle Imports from the United States



## **Net Exports of Canadian Feeder Cattle**



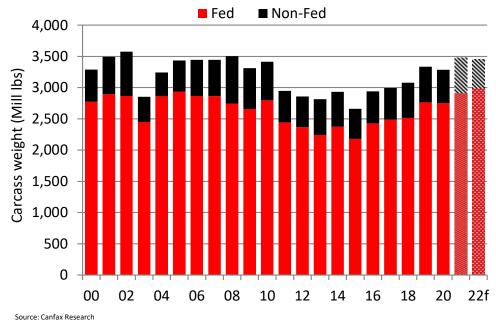




# **Total Beef production is projected to be -0.6% in 2022** *Fed production +2.8% & Non-fed Production -18%*

- US drought expected to move into Southern Plains
  - Potential for jet streams to bring moisture into Pacific NW – supporting snow pack in Q1 2022
  - Relative feed will determine feeder trade in <u>1H</u> 2022
- Cattle supply: July 1, 2021 Calf crop +56K, feeder
   >1yr old +10.5K = +66.5K
- Net feeder trade 93K (Jan-Oct 2021)
  - Potential of steady to +3% or 160K fed marketings
  - Tempered to be up 1% or 93K

### **Canadian Beef Production**



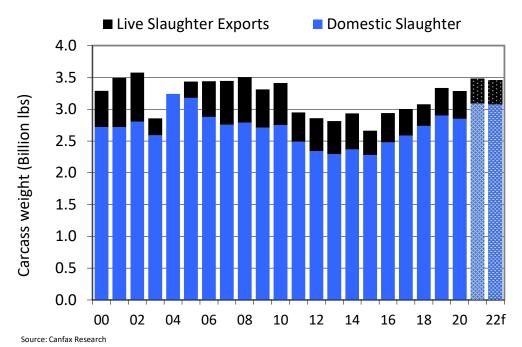




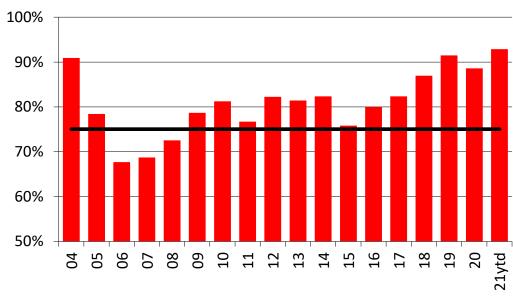


# Labour & utilization in US/CDN packing plants?? Domestic Production -0.4% & Live Exports -2.5%

## **Canadian Beef Production**



# Canadian Federally Inspected Slaughter Estimated Utilization Rate



Source: Canfax Research, CBGA

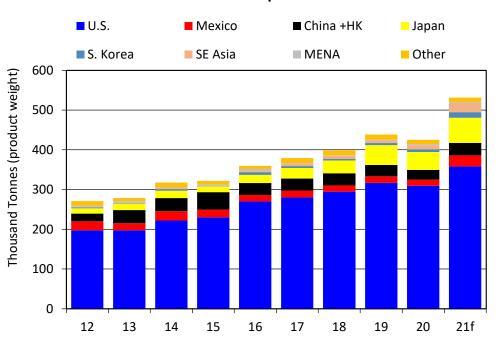




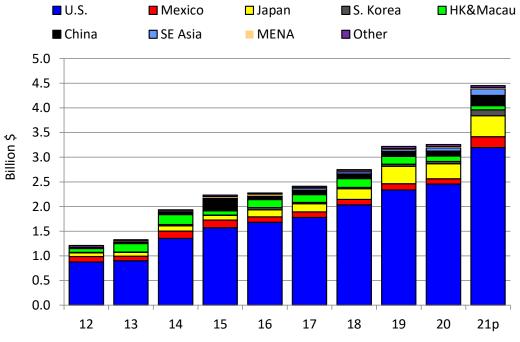


# Beef Exports up 25% in volume and 40% in value from Jan-Oct 2021

### **Canadian Beef Export Volume**



## **Canadian Beef Export Value**



Source: Statistics Canada, CFIA

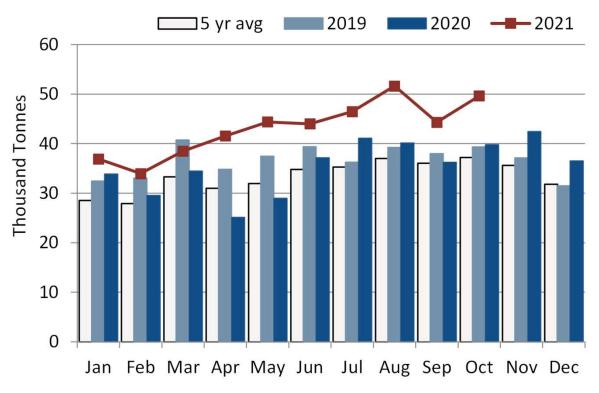
Source: Statistics Canada, CFI





Monthly volumes up in Aug (+29%), Sept (+22%), and Oct (+25%) from last year

## **Canadian Monthly Beef and Veal Exports**



Source: Statistics Canada





# Gains to North America and Asia

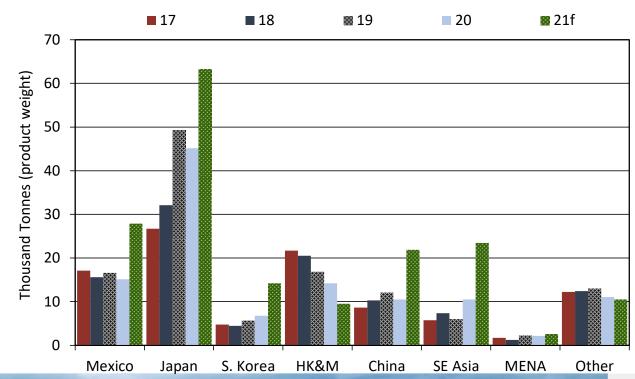
## **Canadian Beef Export Volume**

Year-to-date export volumes increased to:

- U.S. (16%)
- Japan (41%)
- Mexico (84%)
- mainland China (109%)
- SE Asia including Taiwan (123%)
- South Korea (109%)
- EU (44%), and MENA (20%)

## Declined to:

- Hong Kong and Macau (-34%)
- Taiwan (-44%), and the UK (-42%)



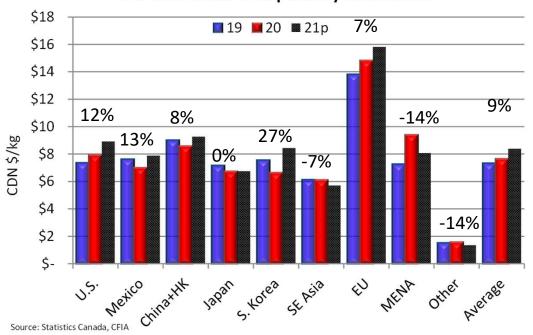
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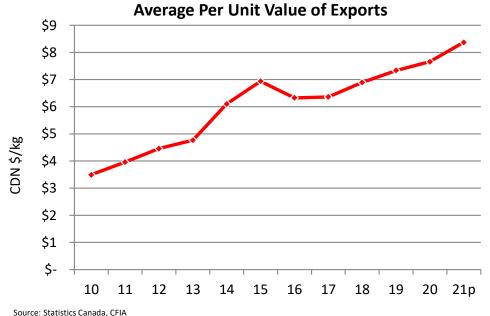




# Per Unit Export prices have increased 8% per year over the last decade

## Per Unit Value of Exports by Destination



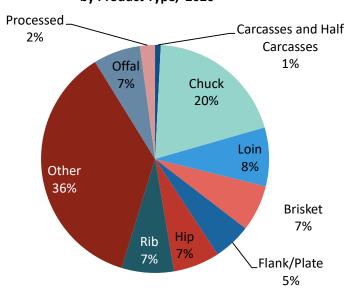




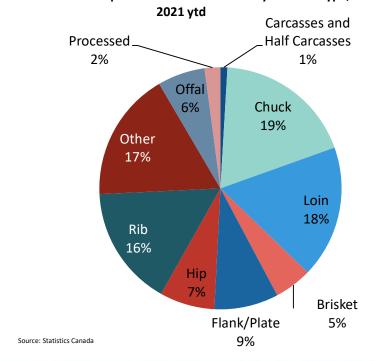


# US - more loin & ribs, less other

# Canadian Beef Export Volumes to the U.S. by Product Type, 2020



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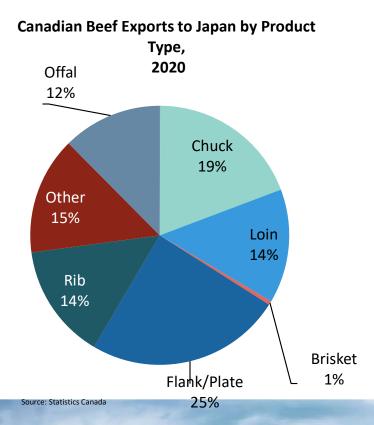




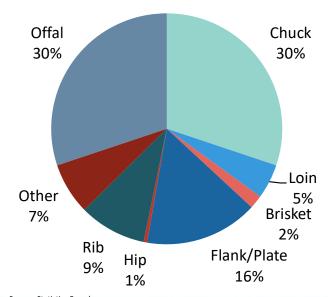


# Japan – more offal & chuck, less loin, Flank/plate, Rib





Canadian Beef Exports to Japan by Product Type, 2021 ytd



Source: Statistics Canada





# Global protein supplies flat since 2015

## **>** U.S.

- Beef Production +3.4% YTD (-2% '22f)
- Strong exports +20% YTD
  - Big gains to China, South Korea, Mexico
- Per capita beef supplies steady (down '22f)

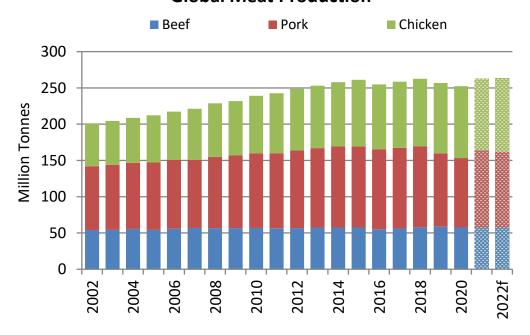
## > Australia

- Slaughter -12% '21p (+12% in '22f)
- Exports -12% '21p (+15% in '22f)

## > Brazil

- Production -9% '21p (+2% '22f)
- Export ban...

## **Global Meat Production**

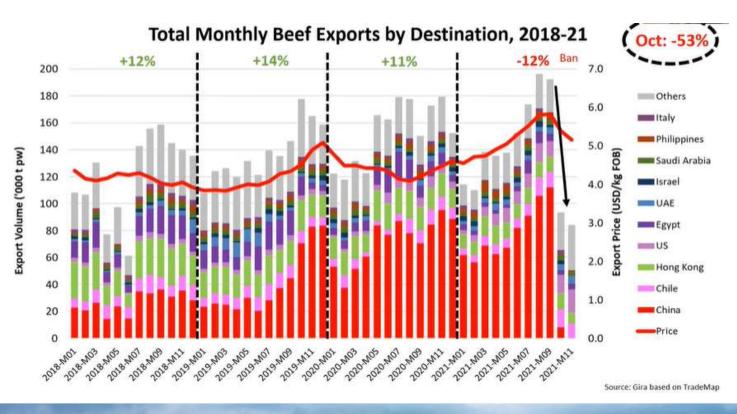


Source: USDA, FAS





## **Market Access issues**



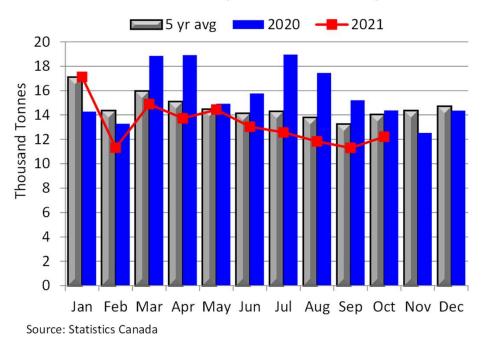
- Brazil Sept atypical BSE Case
  - Bans by: China (48%), Egypt (3%), Philippines (2%), Saudi Arabia (2%), Russia (1%), Indonesia (1%)
  - China access for U30M boneless granted Dec 15<sup>th</sup>
- Argentina Export ban
  - 9% Export tax
  - Cap at 50% of 2020 levels
    - Extended to 2022??
  - Quota to China and Israel, on top of the cap



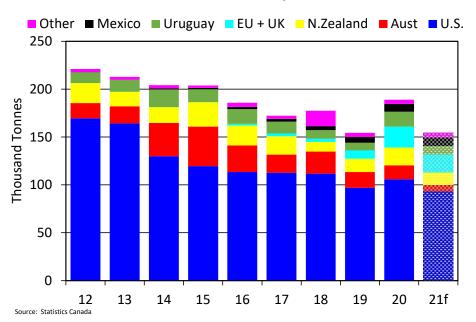


# Imports down 18% from 2020 and steady with 2019 (Jan-Oct): Volumes in 2020 were to backfill lack of cow slaughter

## **Canadian Monthly Beef and Veal Imports**



## **Canadian Beef Imports**



import volumes declined from the U.S. (-12%), the EU (-4%), the UK (-48%), New Zealand (-31%), Uruguay (-40%), and Australia (-48%); and increased from Mexico (3%), Argentina (1588%) and Brazil (2%).





# Summary

- Drought is going to result in a smaller CDN cow herd (down 2-3% on Jan 2022)
- Total Beef Production -0.6% 2022p
  - Domestic production -0.4% & Live Slaughter Exports -2.5%
- Strong international demand
  - Tight global beef supplies and market access issues impacting prices and trade

## Other Issues:

- Volatility & Uncertainty
  - Omicron variant
  - Economic recovery
  - Foodservice recovery in each country
- Inflation











# Real Gross Domestic Product: Q3 2021 steady with Q3 2019

- Better than expected Q3 performance
- ➤ GDP is expected to be up 4.8% in 2021
- Potential to 'catch up' with2019 by end of the year
- > 2022 GDP forecast: +3.9%

# 2.2 2.1 2.0 1.9 1.8 1.7 1.6 1.5 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

**Canadian GDP** 

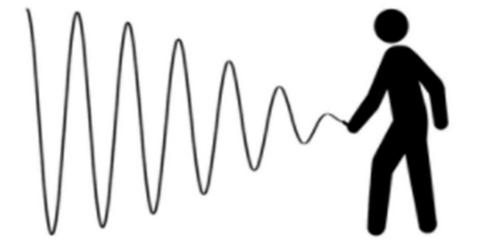
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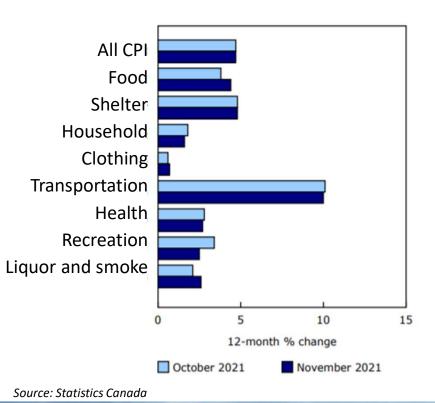
# 2022 Risks: Labour, Inflation, Transportation (LIT)

- > Labour
  - Higher wages for lower income earners and new recruits
- > Inflation
  - Consumer goods
  - Food
- > Transportation
  - Imbalance and supply of freight containers
  - Labour availability

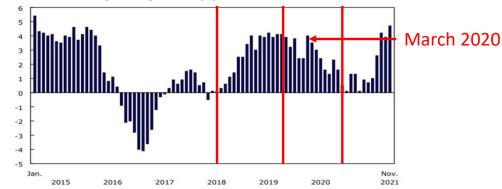


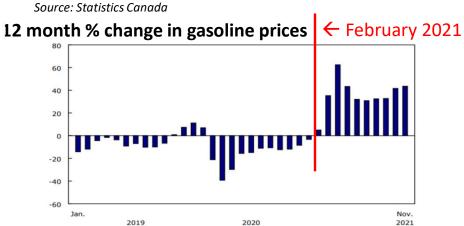


## 2022 Risks: Inflation



## 12 month % change in grocery prices





Source: Statistics Canada

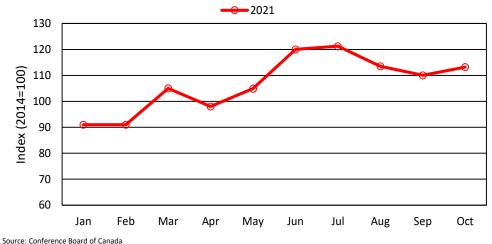




# Consumer Confidence: Q3 2021 steady with Q3 2019

- Optimistic October
- > Q4 dampening
  - Supply Chain Disruptions
  - High Prices
- Older Canadians (+45) less concerned with future finances than younger Canadians

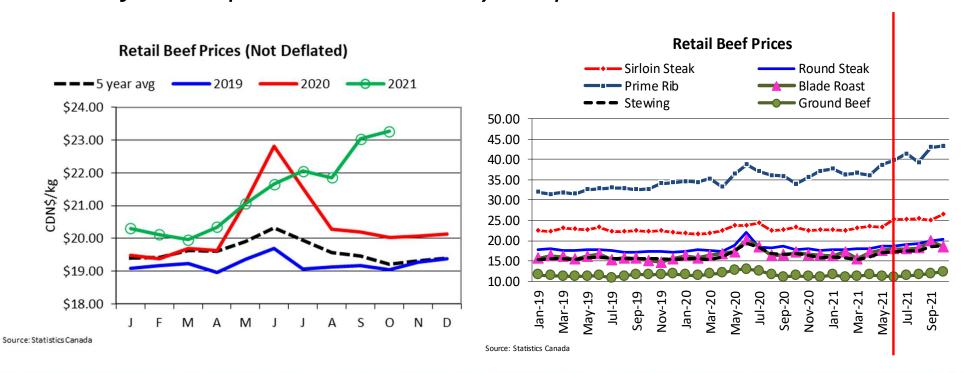
### **Canadian Consumer Confidence**



Source: Conference Board of Canada



# Retail beef price +5% YTD (Jan-Oct) from 2020 and +11% from 2019 2022f: Meat prices will be steady to up 2%



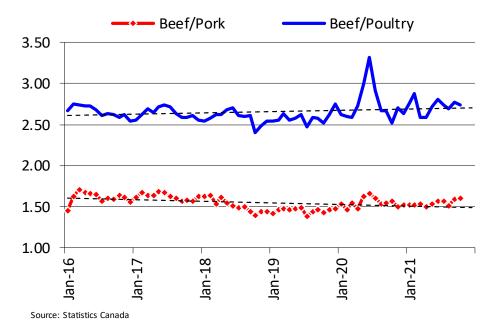




# Retail Price Ratios: Moved down in August to more normal ranges

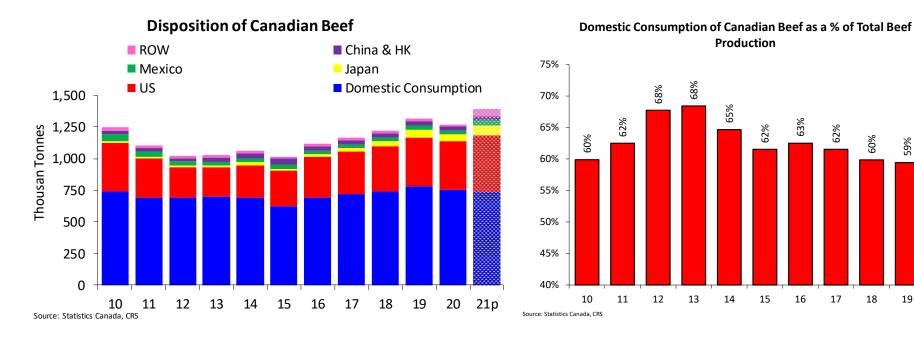
- Beef:Chicken = 2.73 Oct '21 vs.2.52 Oct '20 and Oct '19
- Beef:Pork = 1.60 Oct '21 vs 1.57
  Oct '20 and 1.44 Oct '19

## **Retail Meat Ratios**





# Total domestic beef consumption projected to be down in 2021 Disposition down 6 percentage points with a higher share going abroad

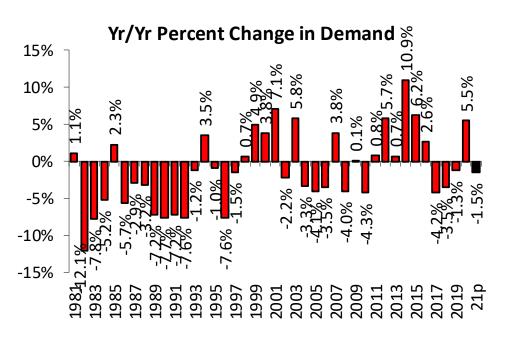


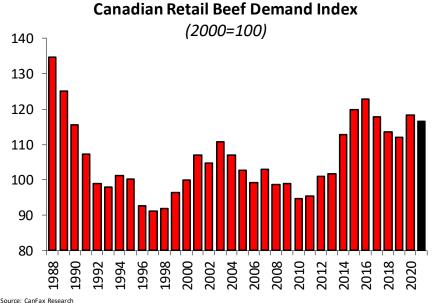


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# Retail beef demand projected to be -1.5% Higher retail prices and lower consumption





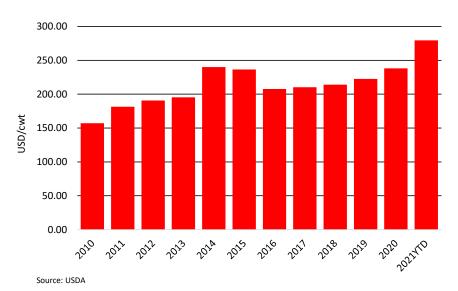




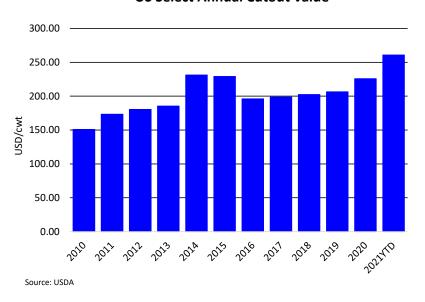


# Choice cutout (YTD Dec 10) up 18% from 2020 with Select up 17% 2022f: Cutout value steady with 2021 high levels

### **US Choice Annual Cutout Value**



### **US Select Annual Cutout Value**

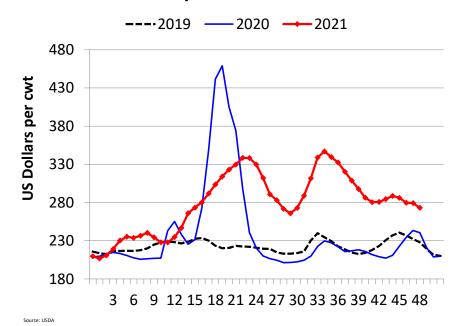




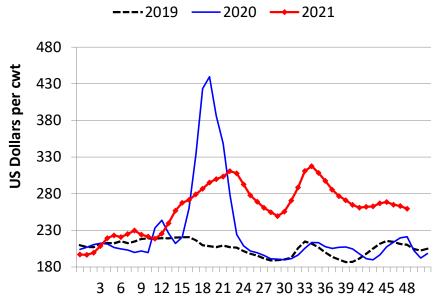


# Higher Wholesale prices for every primal supporting the cutout

## **US Weekly Choice Cutout Values**



## **US Weekly Select Cutout Values**

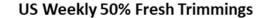


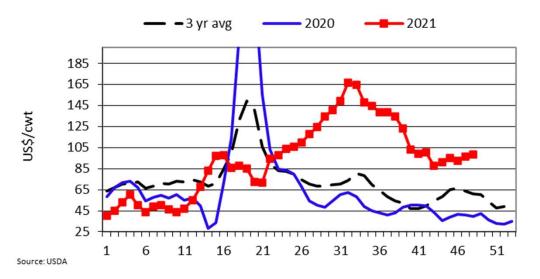
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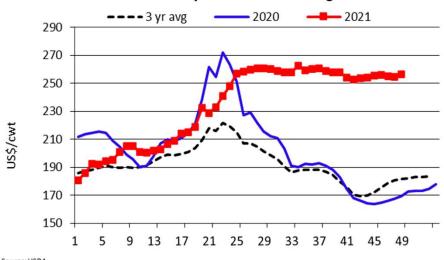
# **US Trim prices have been very strong**

2022f:If drought hits the Southern Plains; liquidation will continue in 2022





## **US Weekly 85% Fresh Trimmings**



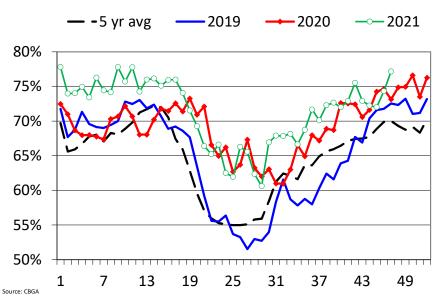




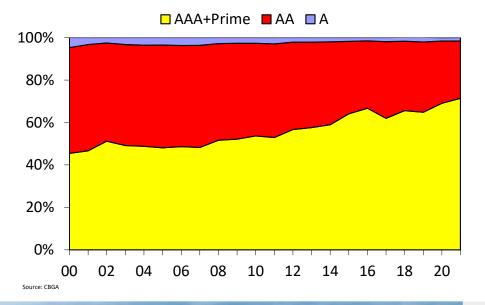


# YTD (Jan-Nov) Prime+AAA grading at 71.5% of all 'A' grades up 4% from same period 2020

## Canadian AAA+Prime as % of all A Grades



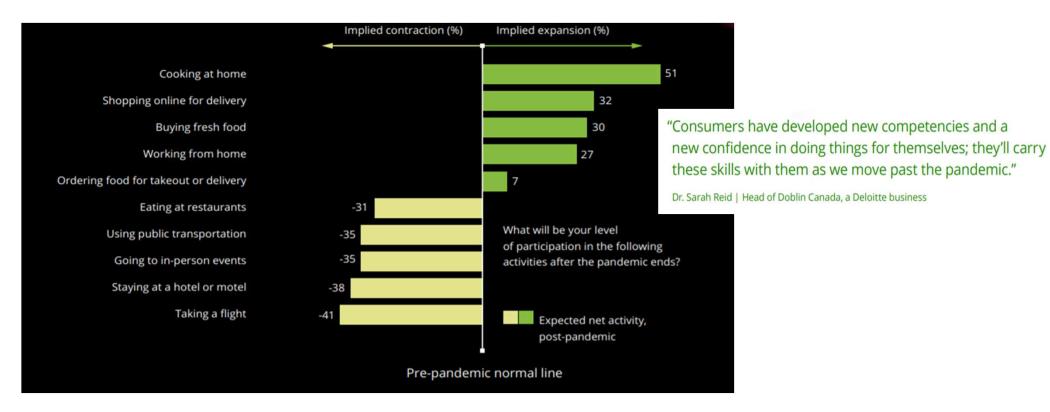
# Breakdown of A, AA and AAA Grades % of Canadian Total A Grades





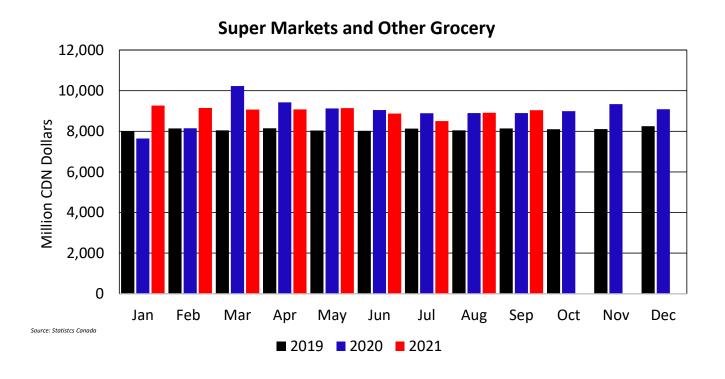


## 2022: Drivers of Domestic Demand





# Grocery Sales: Growth eases but demand still entrenched in the retail sector



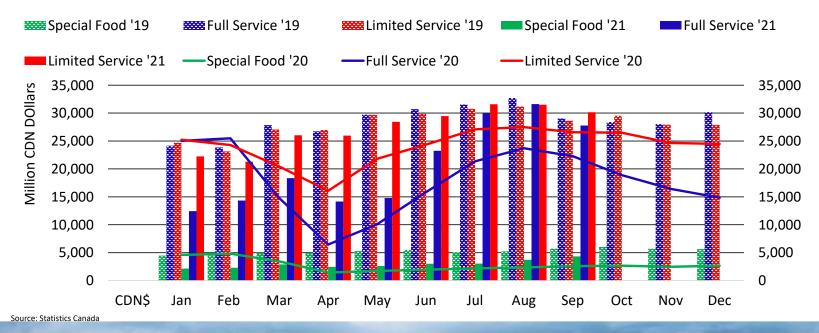




Food service: YTD (Jan-Sep) Limited-service sales down 2% from 2020 and 2019; Full service sales up 13% from 2020 but down 27% from 2019.

2022f: Limited service to reach parity with 2019, but full-service sales will lag until the second half of the year.

### **Canadian Food Service Sales**







# **Summary for 2022**

## **Bullish**

- Strengthening Canadian economy
- Lower unemployment, higher wages
- Easing restrictions (?) and the return of tourism
- Growing demand for high-quality beef
- Resurgence of health-related choices and balanced meals

## **Bearish**

- Supply chain disruptions
- Rising inflation
- Labour availability





