

CANADIAN BEEF TRADE



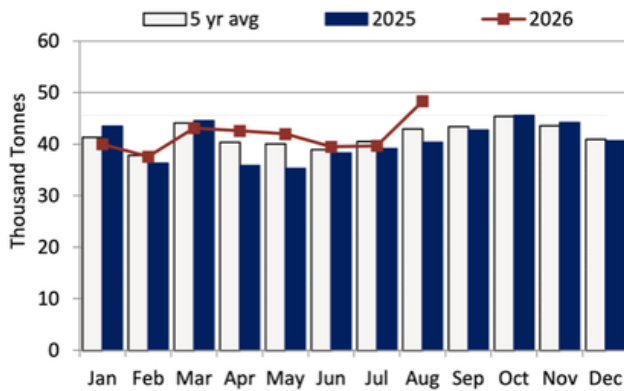
REPORT FOR AUGUST 2026 YTD TRADE

In August 2026, Canadian beef exports were up 20% from August 2025 and up 13% from the five-year average for August. From January to August 2026, beef exports were up 6% in volume and up 16% in value from last year.

Year-to-date, export volumes increased to Hong Kong and Macau (+17%), Mexico (+25%), Southeast Asia excluding Taiwan (+9%), and the EU (+48%); but declined to the U.S. (-1%), Japan (-27%), South Korea (-58%), Taiwan (-35%), and MENA (-7%). Volumes to China totaled 25,400 tonnes. There were no exports to the U.K.

Federally inspected slaughter in August 2026 was the same (+0.2%) from August of last year at 220 thousand head, and down 9% from July 2026.

Canadian Monthly Beef and Veal Exports



Beef Exports to Japan

From January to August 2026 (YTD), beef exports to Japan were down 27% in volume and 11% in value vs. same period in 2025 at 20,596 tonnes and \$220 million.

Japan's total meat volume sales are projected to grow moderately from 5,401.6 thousand tonnes in 2021 to 5,718.6 thousand tonnes by 2030.

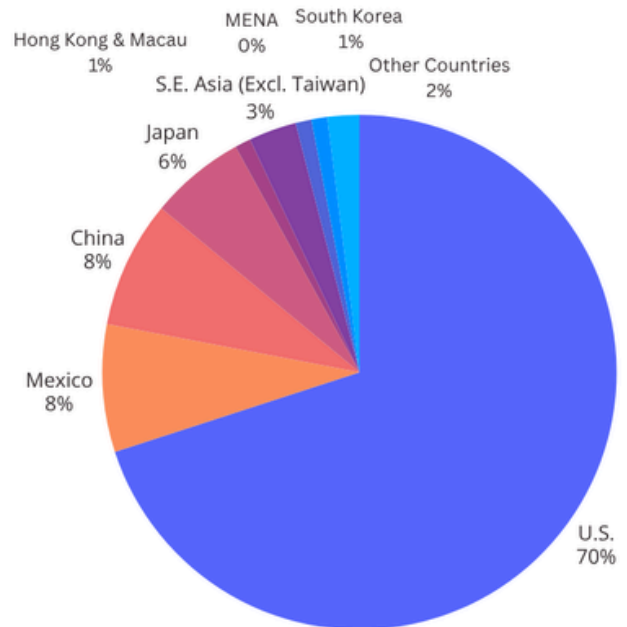
Per capita meat consumption in Japan is projected to grow steadily from 43.0 kilograms in 2021 to 47.8 kilograms by 2030, reflecting a compound annual growth rate of 1.5% for 2021 to 2025 and moderating to 0.9% over 2025 to 2030.

Fresh meat dominates consumption, increasing from 32.6 kilograms to 36.1 kilograms per person; while beef and veal expand modestly (6.2 kilograms to 6.9 kilograms) ⁽¹⁾

Despite a reduction in both volume and value of Canadian beef exports to Japan, the average unit price was up 21%, from \$8.86/kg in 2025 to \$10.70/kg in YTD August 2026.

Japan is Canada's fourth largest beef export market after the U.S., Mexico and China, with a 6% share of total export volumes.

Canadian Beef Export Volumes (%)
January - August YTD 2026





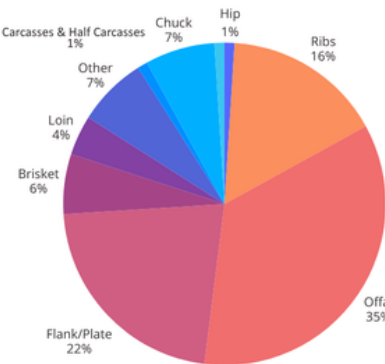
Canadian Beef at Kanehide retail store in Japan.
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Canadian Beef promotion in Japan
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Canadian Beef Exports to Japan YTD August 2026

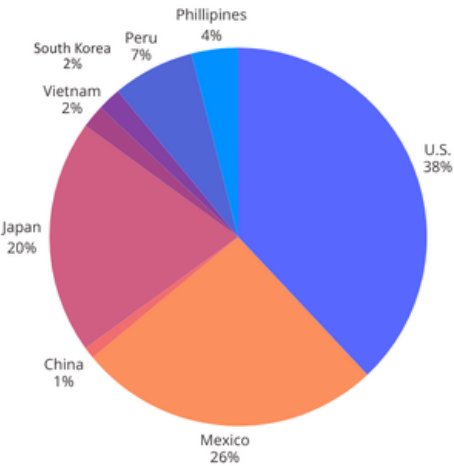
Canadian Beef Export Volumes to Japan
 by Product Type
 January - August YTD 2026



Source: Statistics Canada

Offal exports totalled 7,223 tonnes, valued at \$81 million from January to August 2026, down 21% in volume and 28% in value from the same period of 2025. Offal represented 35% of the total volume of beef exported to Japan. Japan is the third largest importer of Canadian variety meats after the U.S. and Mexico.

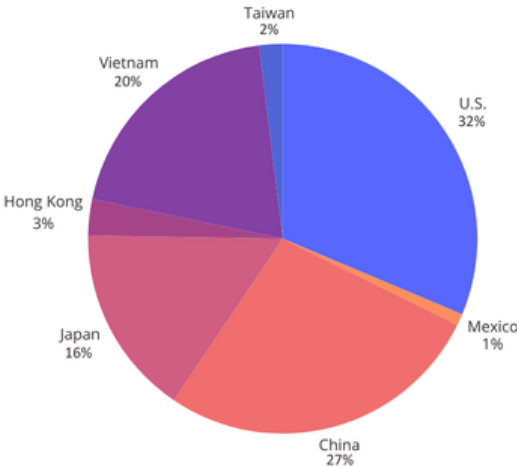
Offal - Canadian Beef Exports by Market
 January - August 2026 YTD



Source: Statistics Canada

Flank & plate exports totalled 4,502 tonnes, valued at \$31 million, up 1% in volume and was steady in value compared to the same period of 2025. Flank & plate represented 22% of the total volume of beef exported to Japan. Japan is the fourth largest importer of Canadian Flank & Plate following the U.S., China and Vietnam.

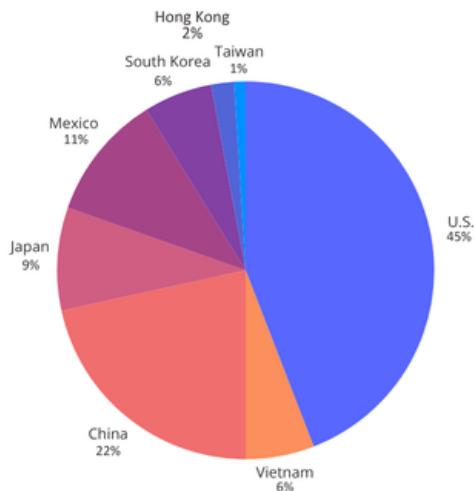
Flank & Plate Exports by Market
 January - August 2026 YTD



Source: Statistics Canada

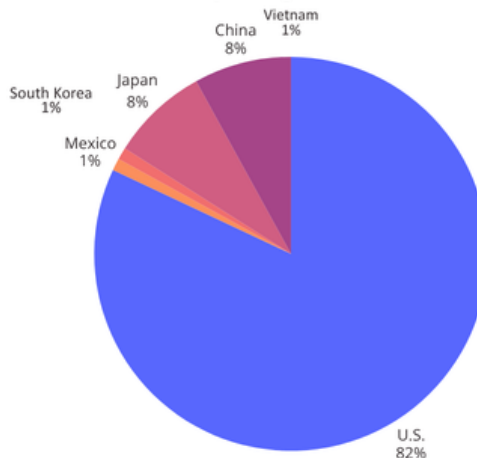
Ribs exports totalled 3,295 tonnes, valued at \$36 million, up 60% in volume and 63% in value from the same period of 2025. Ribes represented 16% of the total beef volume exported to Japan. Japan is the fourth largest importer of Canadian Ribes following the U.S., China and Mexico.

Rib Exports by Market January - August 2026 YTD



Source: Statistics Canada

Brisket - Canadian Beef Exports by Market January - August 2026 YTD



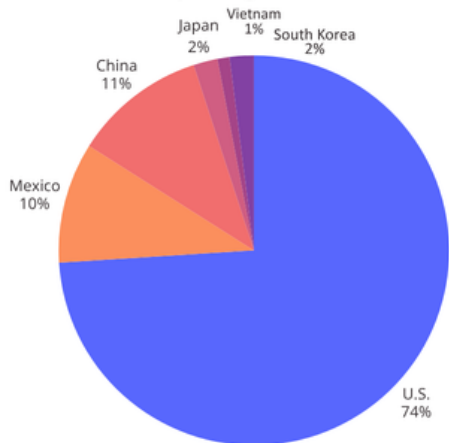
Source: Statistics Canada

Chuck exports totalled 1,484 tonnes valued at \$22 million, down 45% in volume and 29% in value from the same period of 2025. Chuck represented 7% of the total volume exported to Japan. Japan is the fourth largest importer of Canadian Chuck following the U.S. and China and Mexico.

Reference:

1. AAFC, [Sector Trend Analysis – Meat trends in Japan - agriculture.canada.ca](https://www.agriculture.canada.ca), April 29, 2026

Chuck Exports by Market January - August 2026 YTD



Source: Statistics Canada

Brisket exports totalled 1,300 tonnes, valued at \$9 million, down 65% in volume and 62% in value from the same period of 2025. Brisket represented 6% of the total volume exported to Japan. Japan is the second largest importer of Canadian Brisket following the U.S.