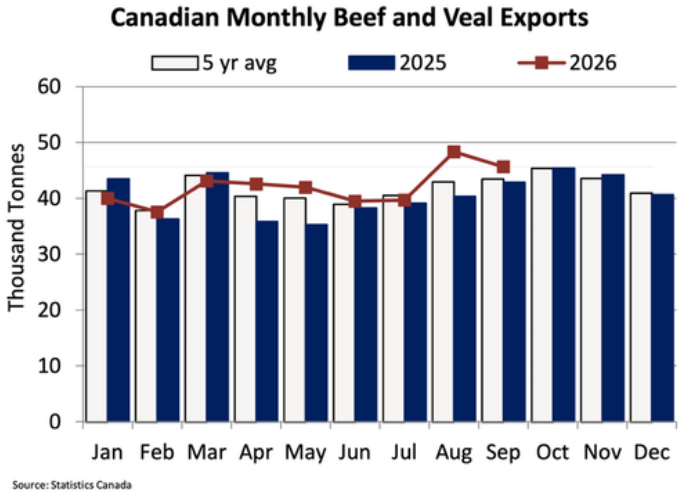


CANADIAN BEEF TRADE REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 2026

In September 2026, Canadian beef export volumes were up 6% from last year and up 5% from the five-year average for September. From January to September, beef exports were up 6% in volume and up 17% in value from last year.

Year-to-date, export volumes increased to Hong Kong and Macau (+36%), Mexico (+25%), Southeast Asia excluding Taiwan (+13%), the EU (+39%), and MENA (+3%) but declined to Japan (-24%), South Korea (-58%), and Taiwan (-37%). Export volumes were steady to the U.S. Exports to China totaled 26,200 tonnes. There were no exports to the U.K.

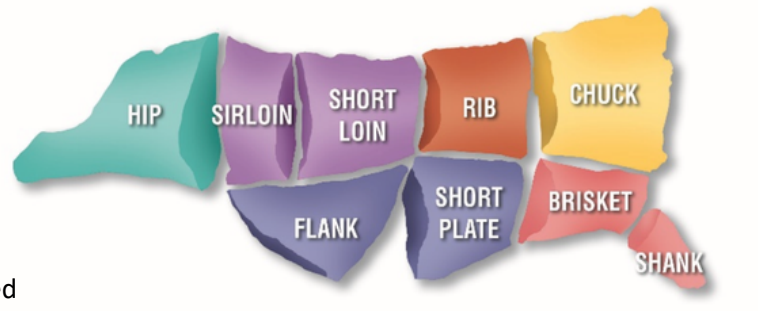
Federally inspected slaughter in September 2026 was up 37% from September of last year at 295,330 head, and up 34% from August 2026.



Exports of Beef Primals

The main primals exported from Canada to the top ten markets from January to September 2026 in volume were:

- Other beef cuts such as boneless trimmings: 97,611 tonnes, 26% of total volume, down 3% Y/Y.
- Chuck: 74,487 tonnes, 20% of total, up 4% Y/Y.
- Rib: 43,760 tonnes, 12% of total, up 26% Y/Y.
- Offal at 39,461 tonnes, 11% of total, down 10% Y/Y.
- Loin: 35,520 tonnes, 10% of total, up 12% Y/Y.
- Flank & Plate: 31,267 tonnes, 8% of total, up 38% Y/Y.
- Hip & Round: 20,897 tonnes, 6% of total, up 14% Y/Y.
- Brisket: 18,400 tonnes, 5% of total, up 5% Y/Y.



The main primal cuts exported to the **U.S.** were:

- Other beef cuts such as boneless trimmings: 92,579 tonnes, 35% of volume, down 6% Y/Y.
- Chuck: 56,623 tonnes, 21% of volume, down 2%Y/Y.
- Loin: 31,730 tonnes, 12% of volume, up 13% Y/Y.
- Rib: 20,504 tonnes, 8% of volume, down 11% Y/Y.
- Hip & Round: 17,588 tonnes, 7% of volume, up 12% Y/Y.
- Offal: 15,074 tonnes, 6% of volume, down 2% Y/Y.
- Brisket: 14,929 tonnes, 6% of volume, up 14% Y/Y.
- Flank & Plate: 10,324 tonnes, 4% of volume, down 14% Y/Y.

The **U.S.** is the top export destination for Canadian beef accounting for 71% of the total volume and 74% of the export value.

The main primal cuts exported to **Mexico** were:

- Offal: 10,281 tonnes, 34% of volume, up 29% Y/Y.
- Chuck: 6,879 tonnes, 23% of volume, down 15% Y/Y.
- Rib: 4,547 tonnes, 15% of volume, up 70% Y/Y.
- Hip & Round: 2,914 tonnes, 10% of volume, up 112% Y/Y.
- Other beef cuts: 2,644 tonnes, 9% of volume, up 57% Y/Y.
- Loin: 2,202 tonnes, 7% of volume, up 12% Y/Y.

Mexico is the second-largest market for loin, offal and other beef cuts.

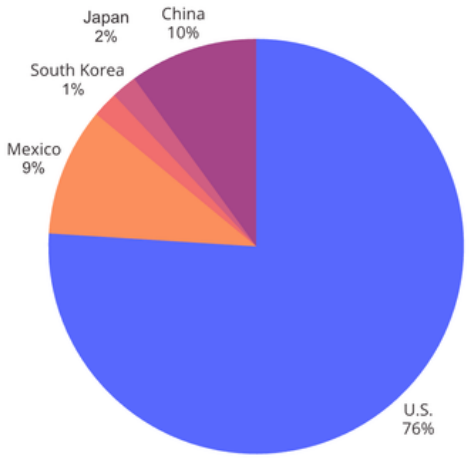
The main primal cuts exported to **China** were:

- Rib: 8,650 tonnes, 33 % of volume.
- Flank & Plate: 7,610 tonnes, 29% of volume.
- Chuck: 7,395 tonnes, 28% of volume.
- Brisket: 1,261 tonnes, 5% of volume.
- Offal: 179 tonnes, 1% of volume.

The rapid growth of exports to China in 2026 is a positive development for the Canadian beef sector. China has now surpassed Japan to become the third largest market in volume for Canadian beef, following the U.S. and Mexico; and the second largest in value ($376 million), below the U.S. ($3.3 billion), but above Mexico ($326 million).

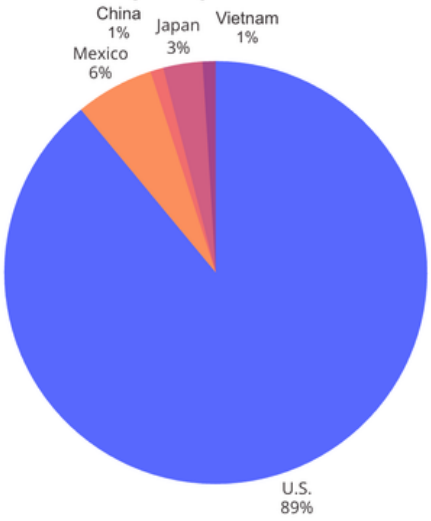
The top markets in volume for each beef primal product are shown in the following pie charts:

Chuck Exports in Volume by Destination
January - September 2026



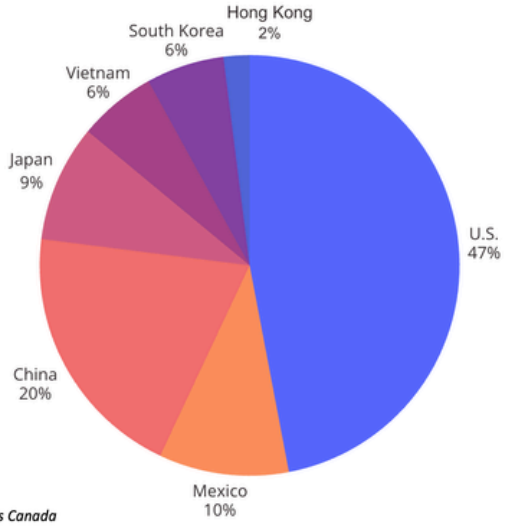
Source: Statistics Canada

Loin Exports in Volume by Destination
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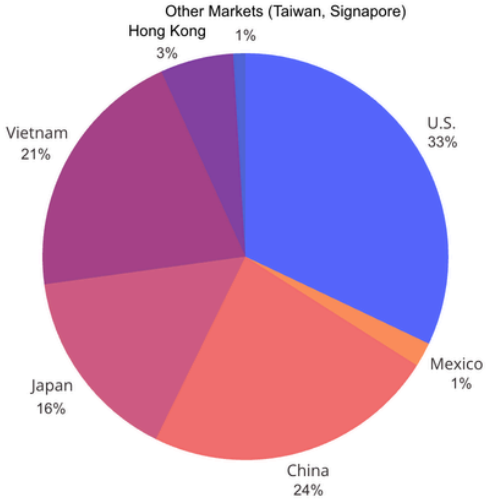
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Rib Exports in Volume by Destination
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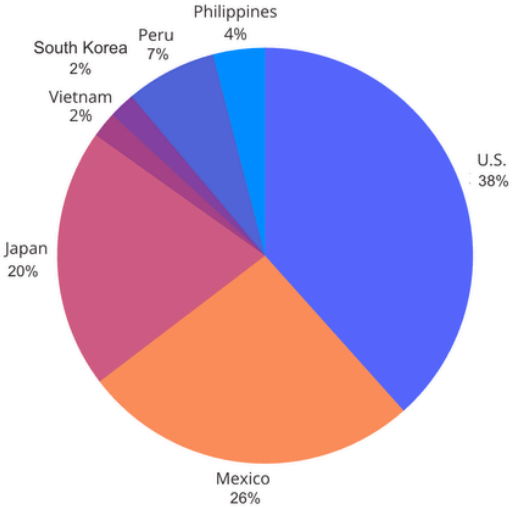
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Flank and Plate Exports in Volume by Destination
January - September 2026



Source: Statistics Canada

Offal Exports in Volume by Destination
January - September 2026



Source: Statistics Canada

Exported Volumes (kg) of Canadian Beef to Top 10 Markets
January - September 2026

