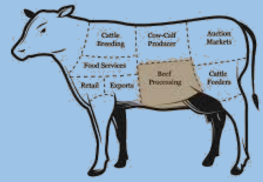
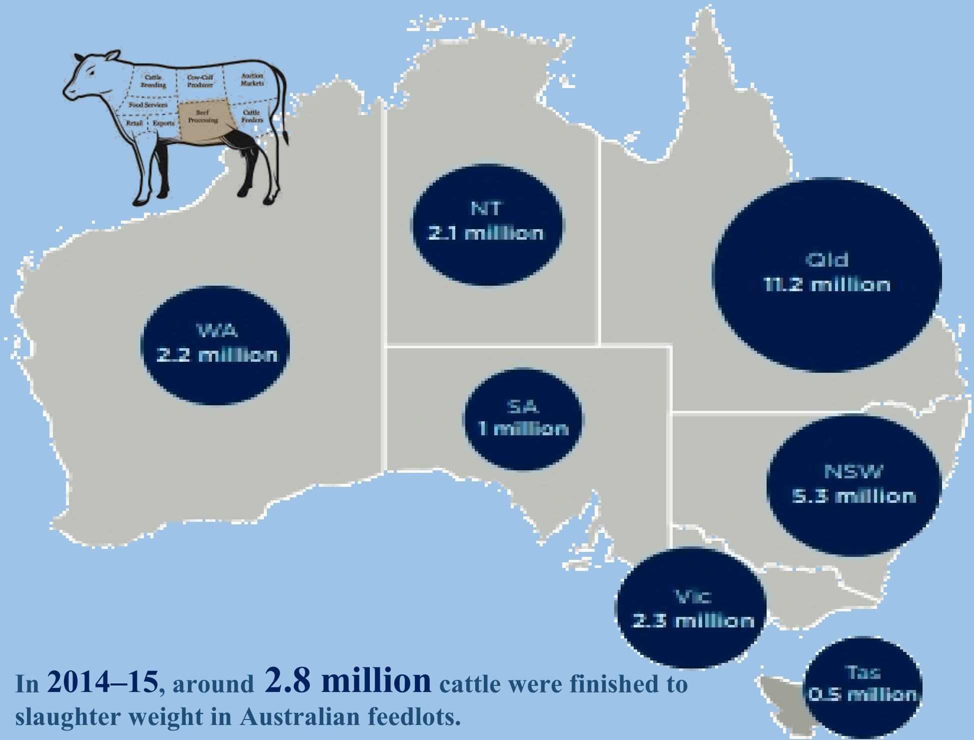
The Australia's Cattle & Beef industry strongly influence competitive dynamics and prices in 2014-2015



- Australian cattle numbers By state -



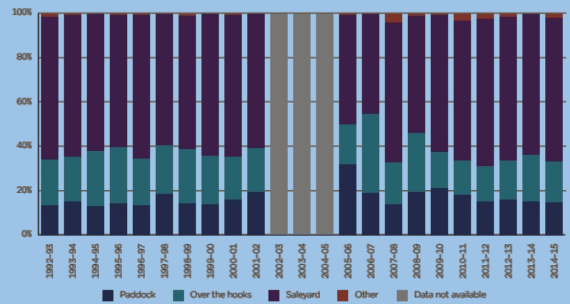
In 2014–15, around **2.8 million** cattle were finished to slaughter weight in Australian feedlots.

New South Wales is the second largest feedlot cattle producer, accounting for around **30 per cent** of turn off, followed by Victoria (**7 per cent**), South Australia (**4 per cent**) and Western Australia (**3 per cent**).

Beef cattle farms by herd size, three-year average 2012–13 to 2014–15

Beef herd size	Northern Australia		Southern Australia	
	Number of farms	Share of beef cattle	Number of farms	Share of beef cattle
100 to 200 head	1 206	1%	6 500	12%
200 to 400 head	1 765	4%	7 279	26%
400 to 800 head	2 073	9%	3 657	26%
800 to 1600 head	1 378	12%	1 081	14%
1600 to 5400 head	1 606	32%	476	17%
More than 5400 head	389	42%	42	4%
Total	8 417	100%	19 035	100%

Method of selling cattle, southern Australia



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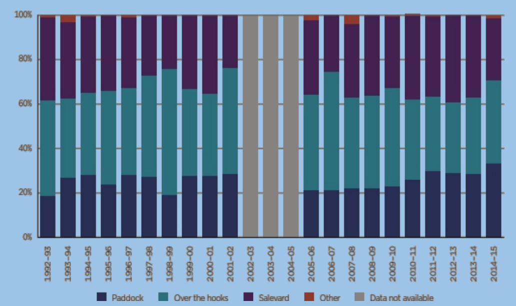
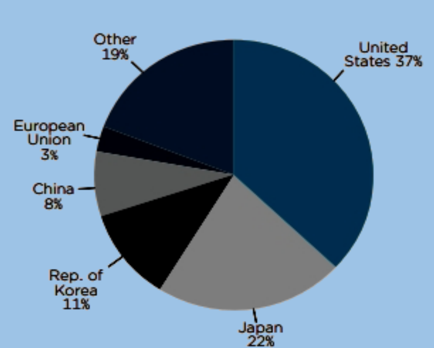


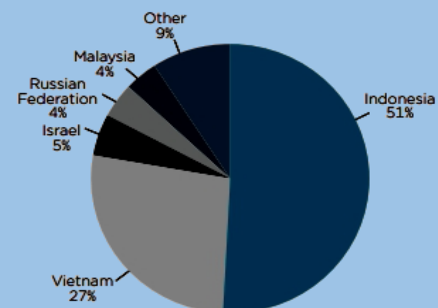
In **2014–15** the United States was the largest market for Australian beef and veal exports, valued at $**3.2** billion, followed by Japan ($**1.9** billion) and the Republic of Korea ($**1** billion).

Australia's major beef and live cattle export markets, 2014–15

Beef $8.9 billion



Live cattle (excluding breeders) $1.2 billion



Live cattle shipments to Australia's largest markets, Indonesia and Vietnam, were valued at **595** million and $**319** million respectively in 2014–15 (figure 2.1)

Live feeder/slaughter cattle exports by port, 2015