

domestic demand, depriving their own disadvantaged, at the expense of a market for U.S. produced meat, returns from which could assist in building up local, rural communities . . . and the citizens who depend upon that revenue.

VIGOR OF DOMESTIC CATTLE INDUSTRY PARAMOUNT

Americans must soon decide whether it is more important to provide a profit for a few U.S. meat importers, escaping most local taxes and the hiring of American labor, or that it must preserve the vigor and well-being of the domestic cattle industry and the millions who depend upon it.

The need for reasonable protection for our basic, domestic meat supply has not changed. What is needed are changes in our ground rules to enable the domestic industry to more precisely predict and plan for the future. We can never become dependent upon meat supplies from other shores. We therefore must limit and regulate the exporters—and our own thoughtless importers—to serving us what we need, rather than giving them a free rein to send what they want, when they want, where they want or how.

TABLE 1.—MONTHLY BEEF AND VEAL IMPORTS ¹

[Pounds, in millions, carcass weight equivalent]

Month	1965 (pounds)	1966 (pounds)	Percent change	1967 (pounds)	Percent change	1968 (pounds)	Percent change
January.....	41,767	79,790	+91	113,622	+42	121,719	+7
February.....	53,659	87,314	+63	88,010	+1	108,773	+24
March.....	100,029	68,364	-32	93,092	+36	95,110	+2
April.....	52,637	88,918	+69	84,573	-5	-----	-----
May.....	84,604	72,380	-14	77,956	+8	-----	-----
June.....	73,843	139,981	+90	104,102	-26	-----	-----
July.....	89,793	92,633	+3	134,790	+46	-----	-----
August.....	95,667	131,957	+38	137,075	+4	-----	-----
September.....	97,107	137,849	+42	140,676	+2	-----	-----
October.....	98,828	126,349	+28	140,191	+11	-----	-----
November.....	88,438	98,848	+12	121,731	+23	-----	-----
December.....	84,192	99,403	+18	105,441	+6	-----	-----
Total.....	960,564	1,223,786	+27	1,341,259	+10	-----	-----

¹ Prepared by the American National Cattlemen's Association, Denver, Colo., May, 1968. (Includes fresh, frozen, pickled cured, prepared, or preserved and beef sausage.)