Mexican Beef and Cattle Production and Trade:

Current Situation and Implications for Coming Years

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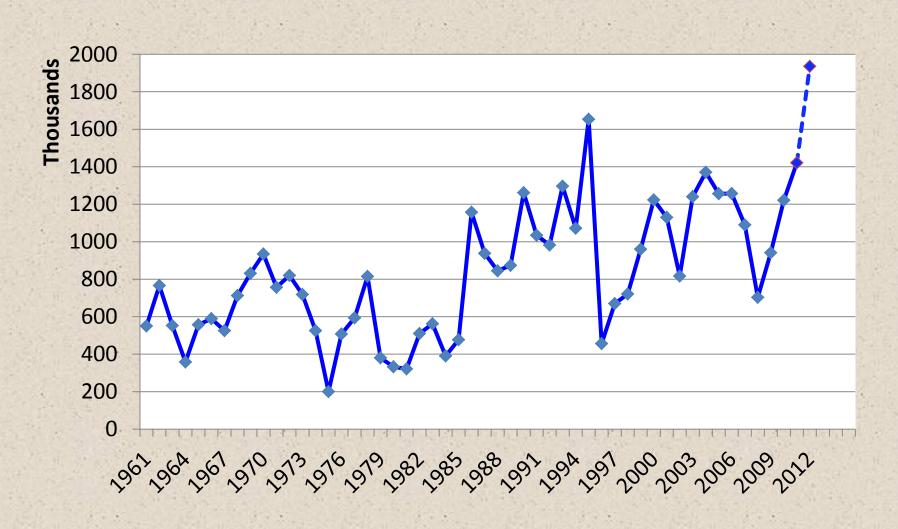
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Cattle Imports from Mexico, Head

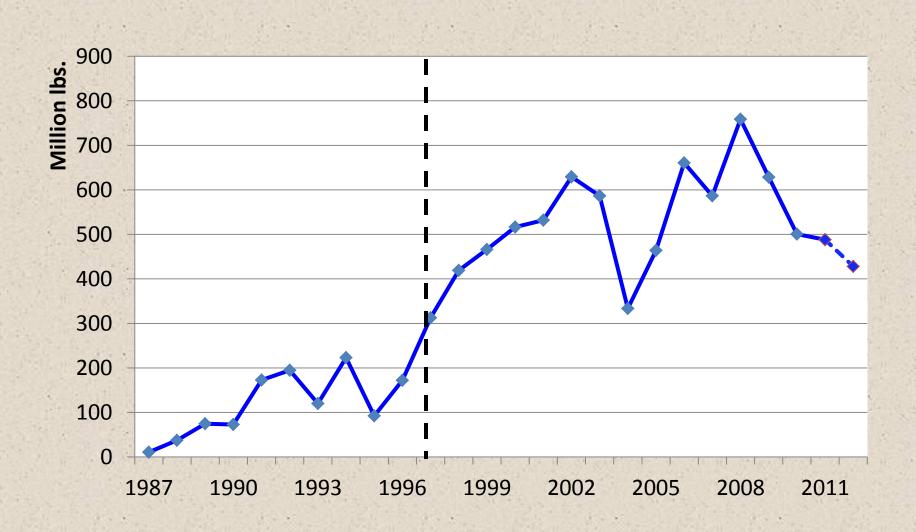


Evolution of U.S.-Mexican Cattle and Beef Trade

- 1997- Current
 - Mexican cattle exports to U.S.
 - Expanded U.S. beef exports to Mexico
 - Comparative advantage in cattle feeding and meat processing
 - Augment Mexican beef production
 - Augment specific beef products (end meats)
 - » Complimentary to U.S. beef demand
 - Growing Mexican demand for fed beef



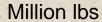
Beef Exports to Mexico

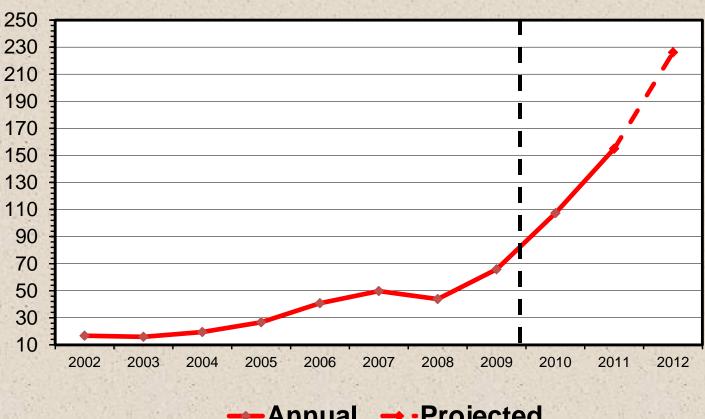


Evolution of U.S.-Mexican Cattle and Beef Trade

- 2009 Current
 - Mexican cattle exports to U.S.
 - U.S. beef exports to Mexico
 - Expanded beef imports from Mexico
 - Rapid growth in boxed beef marketing (infrastructure)
 - Enhanced value relative to carcass system
 - Enhanced carcass value
 - Specific products in specific markets
 - High U.S. market value (prices and exchange rate)
 - Hispanic targeted market?
 - Transportation advantage?

BEEF IMPORTS FROM MEXICO Annual





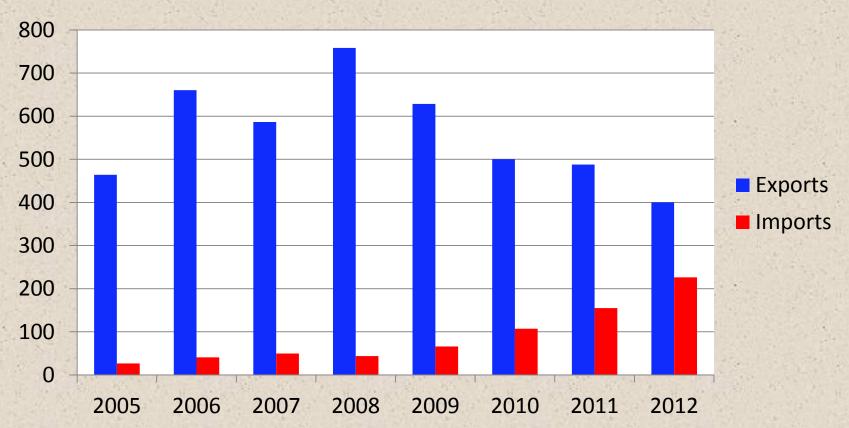
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Current Situation: U.S.-Mexican Cattle and Beef Trade

- Increased Beef Imports from Mexico
 - More Boxed Beef Production (Structural change)
 - Price and Exchange impacts
- Reduced Beef Exports to Mexico
 - Price and Exchange impacts
 - Weak Mexican Economy
 - Changing Mexican Preferences?
- Expanded Imports of Mexican Cattle
 - Drought impacts
 - Market impacts

U.S. Beef Trade with Mexico 2012 Projected

Million lbs.



U.S. Imports of Mexican Beef January-July, 2012

HS Classification	Product	% of Total
0201305	Boneless, Not Proc, FC	50%
0201205	Bone-In, Not Proc, FC	39%
0201303	Boneless, Proc, FC	3%
0202303	Boneless, Proc, Froz	3%
0201203	Bone-In, Proc, FC	
	Total	41,400.7 MT

Mexican beef in a supermarket in Oklahoma, September, 2012



Product originated at a TIF plant near Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico

Carcass Price, U.S. Select vs Mexico City, Pesos/kg, Jan 2003 – Aug 2012



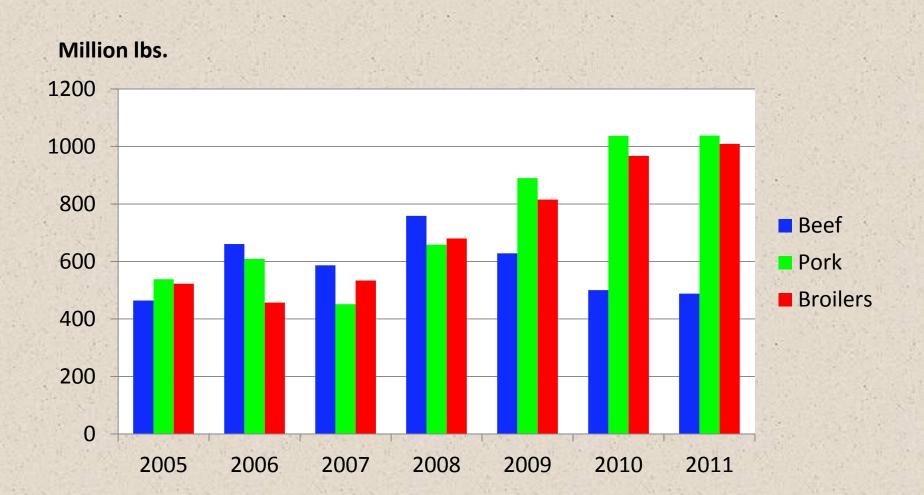
EXCHANGE RATE US Dollar base, Monthly



Livestock Marketing Information Center

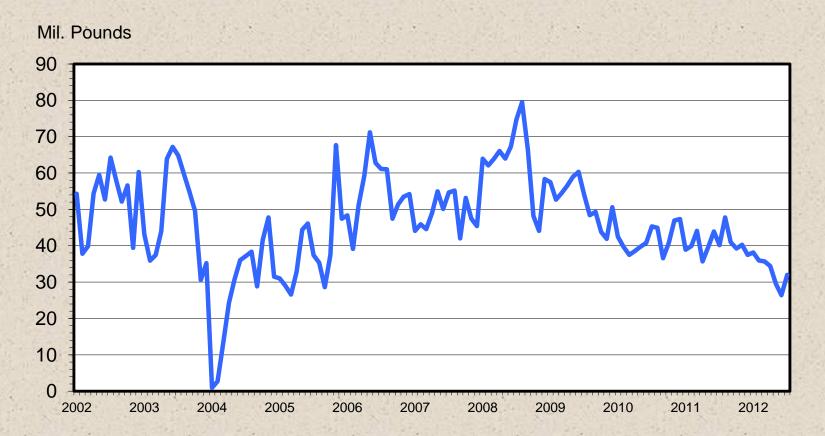
Data Source: Pacific Exchange Rate Service, Univ. of B.C., Compiled & Analysis by LMIC

U.S. Meat Exports to Mexico



US BEEF EXPORTS TO MEXICO

Carcass Weight, Monthly

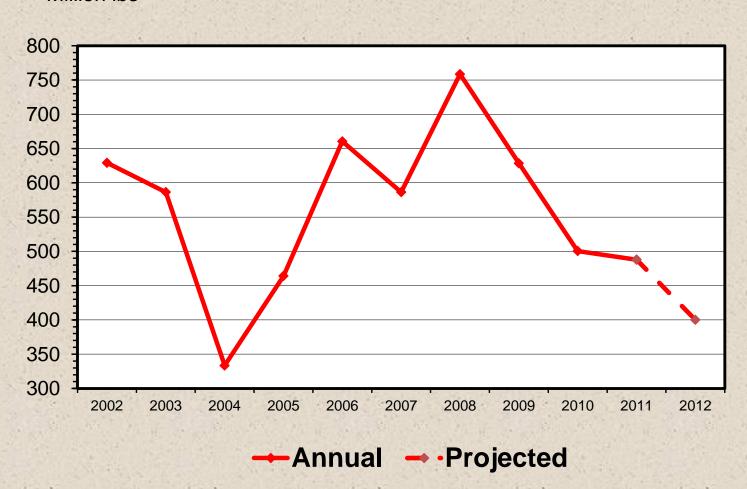


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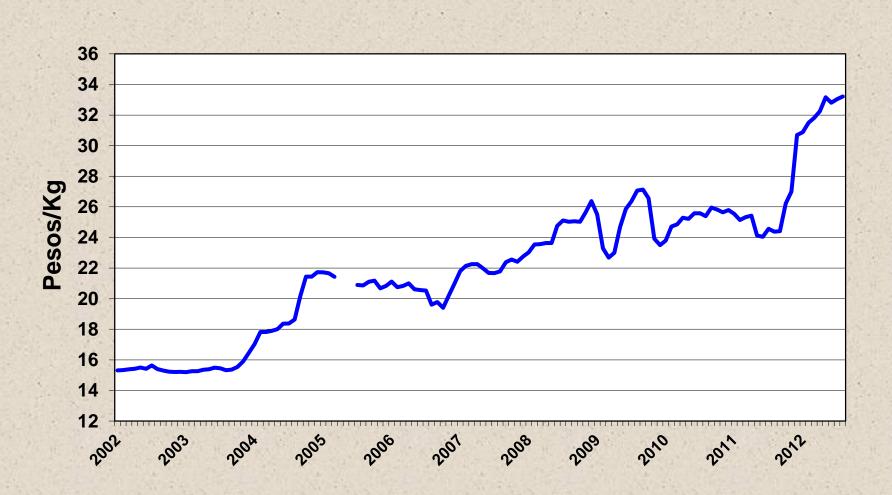
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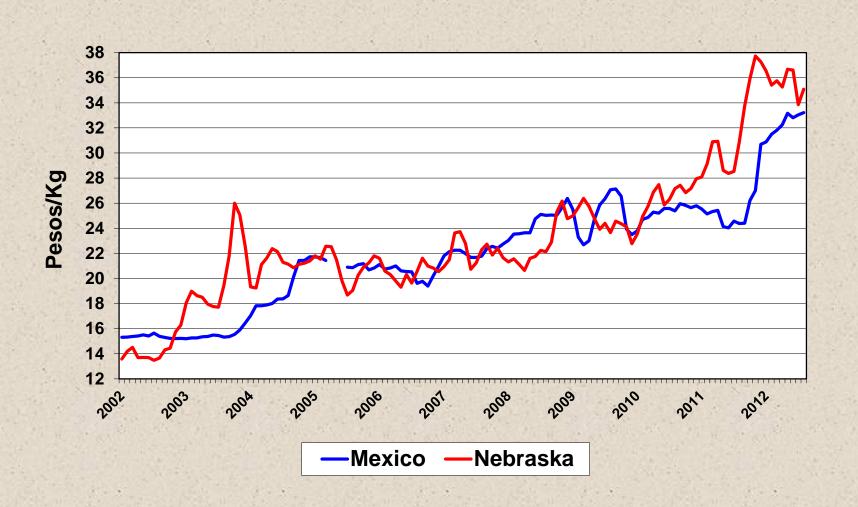
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Slaughter Cattle Price, Mexico City Monthly, Jan 2002 – Aug 2012

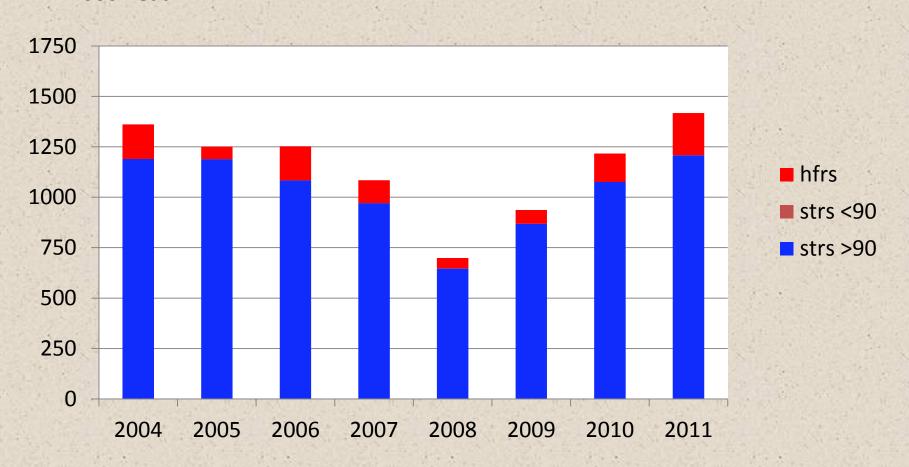


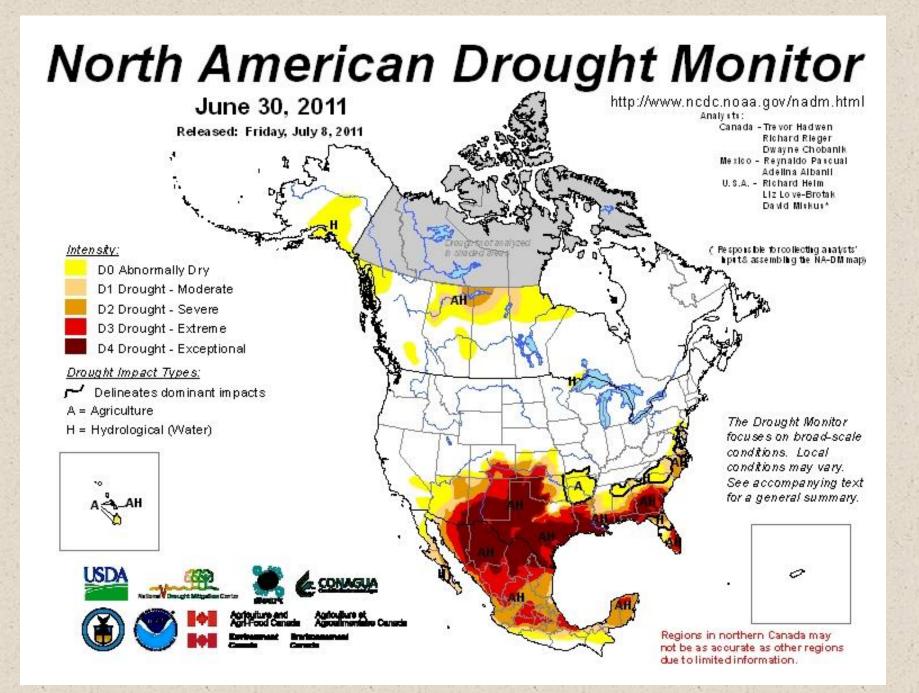
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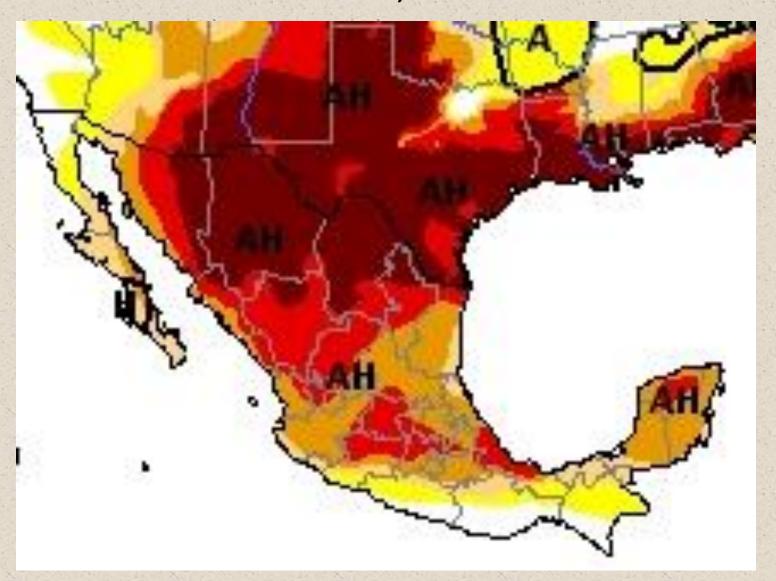
Cattle Imports from Mexico Major Categories, Annual

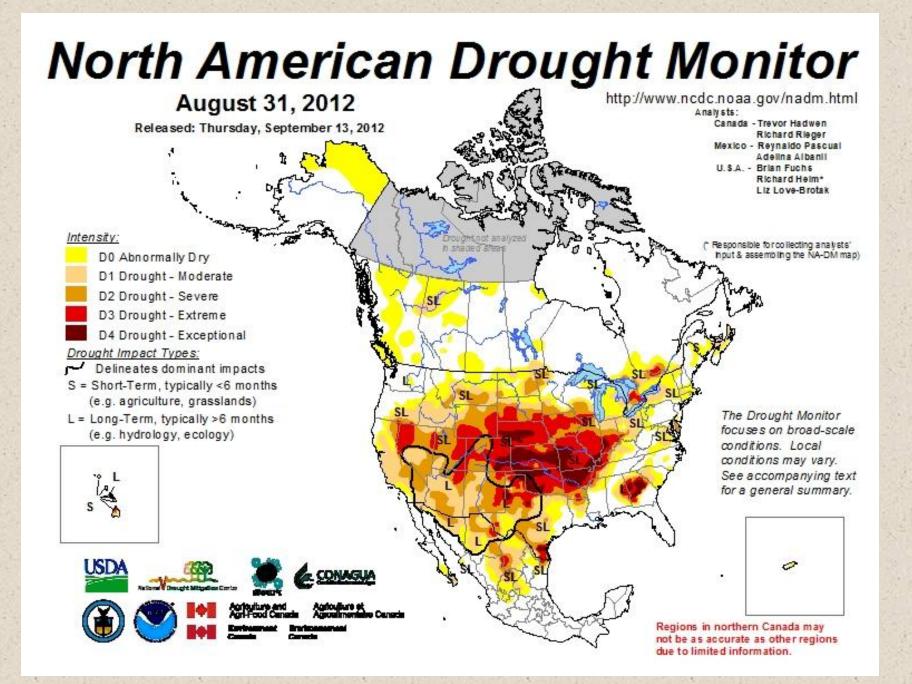
1000 head



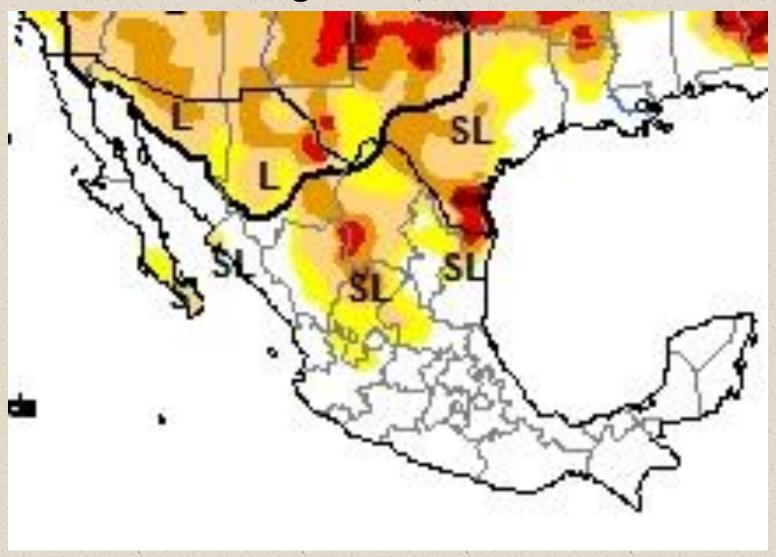


North American Drought Monitor June 30, 2011

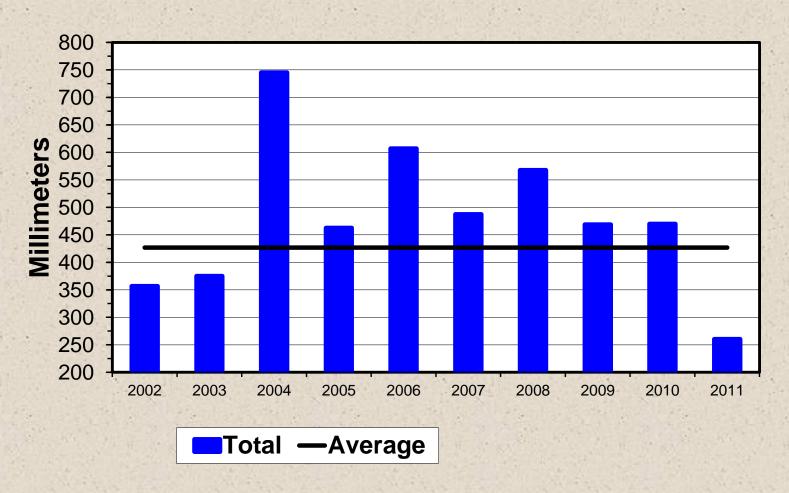




North American Drought Monitor August 31, 2012

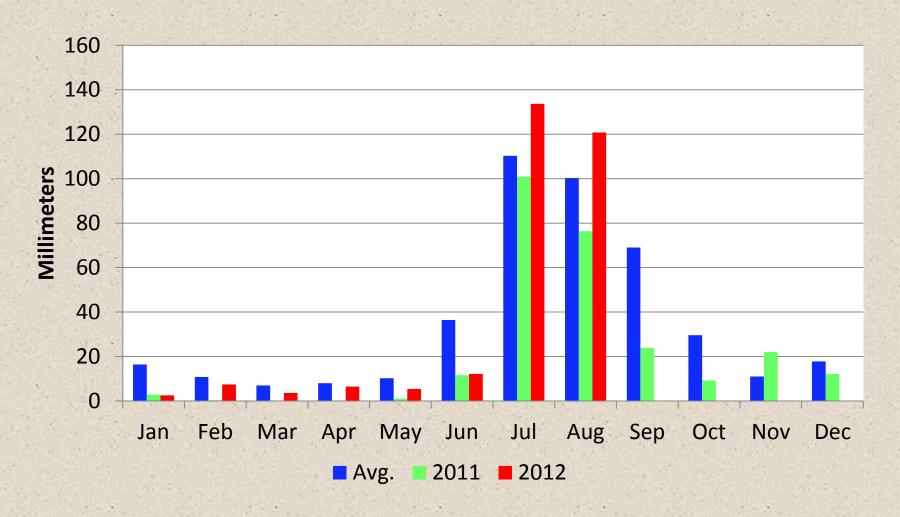


Precipitation, Chihuahua, Mexico Annual, millimeters



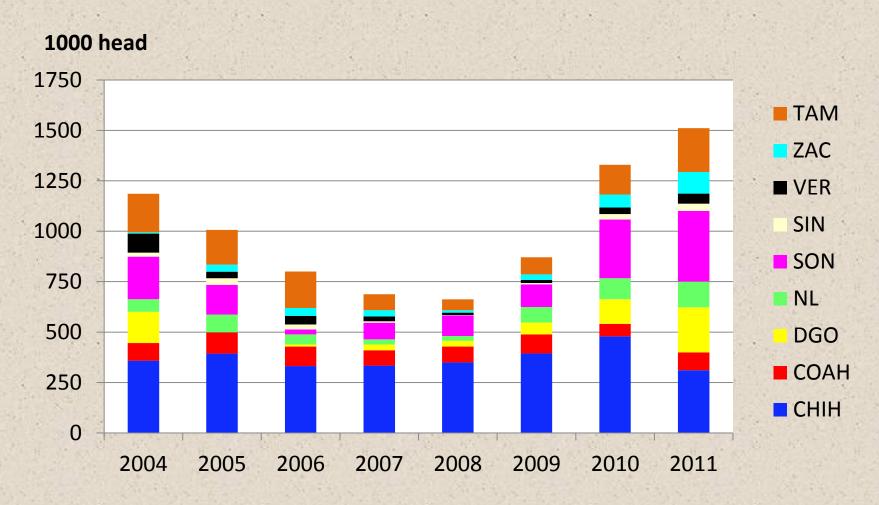
Source: SMN

Monthly Precipitation, Chihuahua, Mexico



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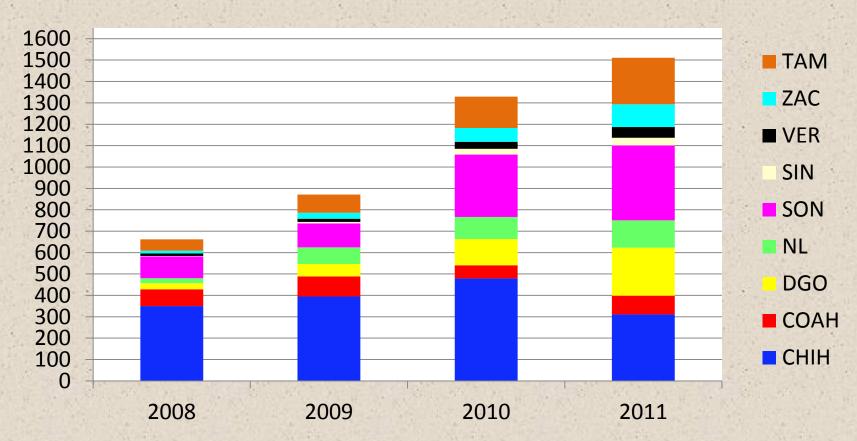
Cattle Imports from Mexico Annual, Sep-Aug Cycle



Source: SNIIM

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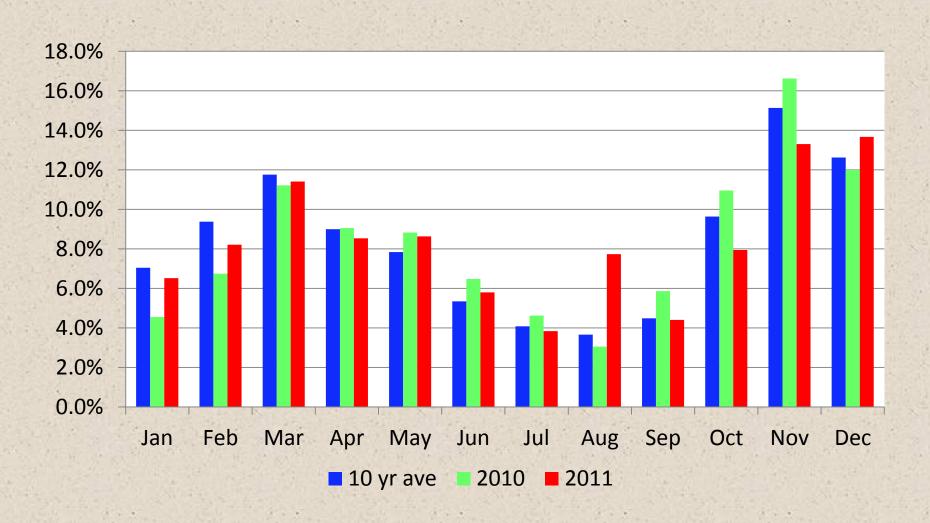
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Mexican Cattle Imports by State of Origin, Head

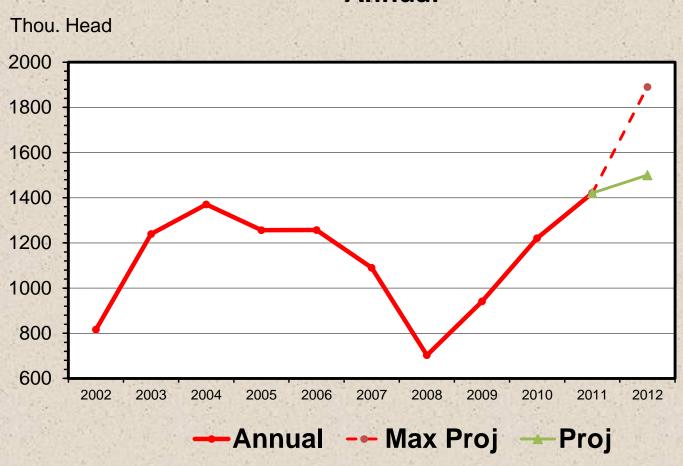
State of Origin	2004-2010 Ave.	2011	2011 as % of Ave.
CHIHUAHUA	377238	311231	-17.5%
COAHUILA	85684	87553	2.2%
DURANGO	57579	223795	288.7%
NUEVO LEON	61581	127987	107.8%
SONORA	138697	350090	152.4%
SINALOA	17139	35885	109.4%
VERACRUZ	36174	50422	39.4%
ZACATECAS	30534	106433	248.6%
TAMAULIPUS	130145	217748	67.3%

Source: SNIIM

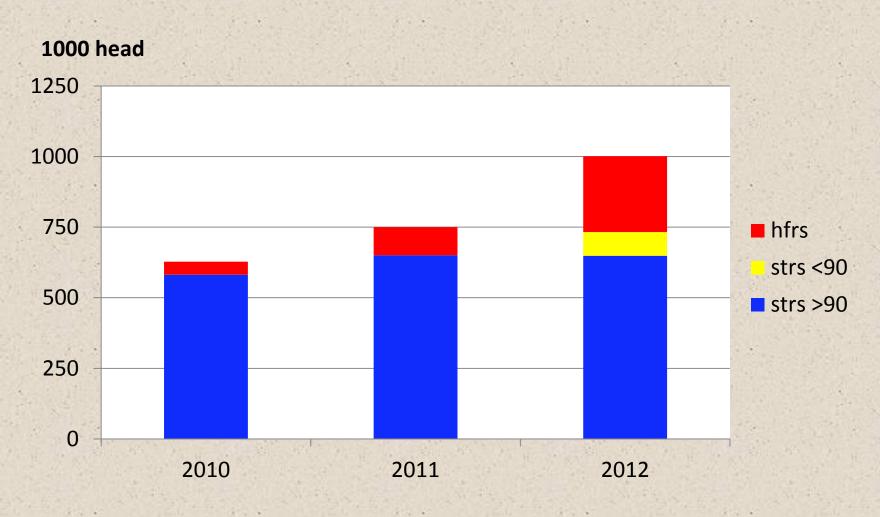
Mexican Cattle Imports Percent of Annual Total



CATTLE IMPORTS FROM MEXICO Annual



Cattle Imports from Mexico January-July



Summary: Mexican Drought Impacts and Future Trade Flows

- U.S. imports of Mexican Cattle
 - Significantly reduced in future
 - Late 2012 2014/2015
- U.S. beef exports to Mexico
 - Positive: Reduced Mexican beef production
 - Herd liquidation in drought and need to rebuild
 - Negative: Weak Mexican Peso and economy
 - U.S. beef is expensive
- U.S. imports of Mexican beef
 - Growth but to what level?
 - Value seeking/Improved product mix

