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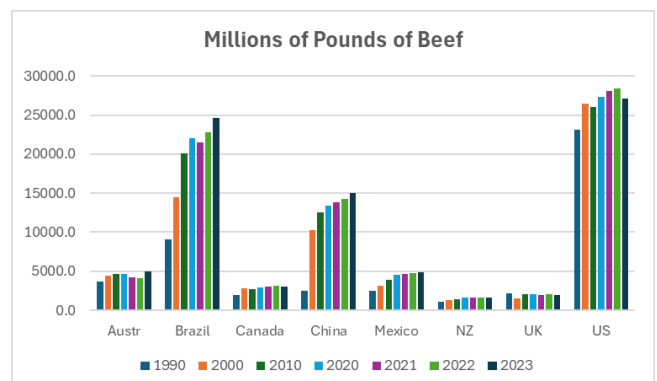
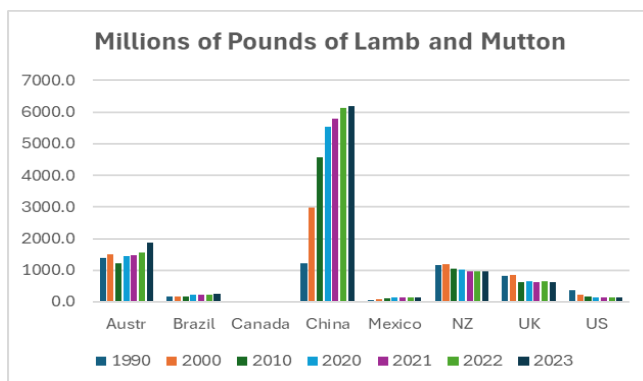
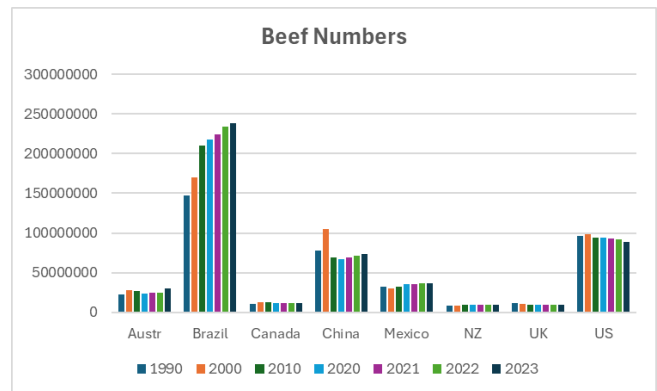
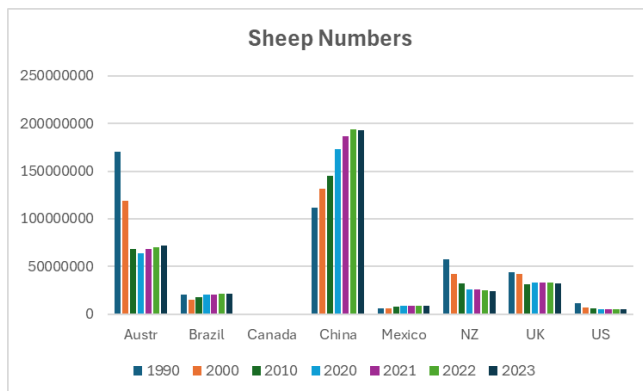
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Every couple of years, I try and update this data set to see where the trends are with our major trading partners and competitors. There obviously has been a great deal of discussion lately about trade and it is always interesting to look at the hard data yourself to see what it says. Unfortunately, it is extremely hard to find current data as most is summarized by year.

US Fabric Textile Imports and Exports, USDA ERS, pounds								
Textile Imports	1990	2000	2010	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Cotton	2,408,443,245	7,301,541,935	9,861,599,306	7,855,745,739	10,154,635,916	9,742,414,424	7,943,798,871	8,620,602,116
Linen	575,121,168	505,392,369	499,219,208	944,125,660	1,128,854,133	1,095,036,459	986,288,130	1,178,206,076
Wool	209,610,404	470,708,904	456,596,392	368,914,815	451,888,149	496,449,862	429,122,102	441,764,647
Silk	79,682,654	195,388,724	145,026,849	168,000,446	203,796,383	256,935,405	273,466,810	334,072,648
Synthetic	1,847,953,469	4,907,632,351	7,564,580,029	9,934,583,296	11,878,891,882	11,203,070,791	9,631,587,813	10,423,661,993
Total (lbs)	5,120,810,940	13,380,664,283	18,527,021,783	19,271,369,956	23,818,066,462	22,793,906,941	19,264,263,726	20,998,307,481
Textile Exports	1990	2000	2010	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Cotton	483,300,114	2,339,224,219	1,779,107,942	1,097,951,906	1,419,584,072	1,417,295,895	1,278,632,687	1,065,299,283
Linen	60,902,385	129,039,263	106,261,522	74,813,567	80,821,063	88,739,436	74,697,484	61,630,534
Wool	61,355,254	215,307,186	85,165,466	62,114,799	83,350,335	67,740,540	88,378,506	57,599,395
Silk	30,237,818	89,952,355	28,646,054	31,412,297	49,704,696	36,093,142	36,076,581	22,541,946
Synthetic	1,019,192,325	2,479,019,588	1,649,977,004	1,309,777,694	1,468,491,735	1,255,589,715	1,487,771,258	1,051,278,040
Total (lbs)	1,654,987,896	5,252,542,611	3,649,157,987	2,576,070,263	3,101,951,903	2,865,458,727	2,965,556,517	2,258,349,200
US Lamb and Mutton Imports and Exports, USDA ERS, pounds								
Lamb Import	1990	2000	2010	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 Jan-July 2025
Australia	13,415,000	58,400,000	86,831,000	161,988,904	195,652,176	207,835,830	178,771,717	229,608,246 128,856,450
New Zealand	11,508,000	35,349,000	47,372,000	48,459,911	64,399,966	64,953,344	58,505,319	76,495,857 43,934,783
Chile	0	0	0	1727126	2,669,714	2,619,861	1,803,287	2,375,795 1,128,781
Mexico	0	32,000	21,000	655,683	547,379	1,472,882	40,209	13,206 4,905
Canada	3,000	290,000	128,000	126,684	82,768	118,684	85,828	163,650 113,282
Uruguay	0	1,040,000	0	673,565	889,056	986,188	573,582	247,748 198,759
Total (lbs)	24,928,000	95,202,000	134,602,000	213,633,521	264,241,059	278,002,800	239,870,702	309,127,019 174,933,101
Lamb Export	1990	2000	2010	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 Jan-July 2025
Mexico	81,000	707,000	1,024,000	341,485	278,796	250,615	270,075	405,509 544,193
Bermuda	5,000	7,000	0	0	0	0	0	0 0
Canada	620,000	0	64,000	5,789	0	0	0	0 286,857
Bahamas	39,000	1,000	221,000	2,851	20,915	47,362	17,059	155,763 7,868
Japan	205,000	29,000	0	85,235	333	0	0	49,461 0
Total (lbs)	1,378,000	843,000	1,777,000	536,704	476,994	530,430	664,354	752,856 1,003,476
Mutton Import	1990	2000	2010	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 Jan-July 2025
Australia	15,662,000	33,559,000	21,498,000	81,507,073	90,774,985	70,057,052	37,416,657	46,299,721 12,289,803
New Zealand	131,000	752,000	9,230,000	6,065,319	7,441,742	8,318,907	6,706,516	8,773,404 4,134,113
Chile	0	0	0	150,069	784,907	173,158	0	0 0
Canada	41,000	1,000	271,000	0	20,967	0	0	0 0
Uruguay	0	0	0	193,760	641,743	1,545,608	0	368,249 0
Total (lbs)	15,833,000	34,342,000	31,000,000	87,916,220	99,664,345	80,132,696	44,380,106	55,551,538 16,423,917
Mutton Export	1990	2000	2010	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 Jan-July 2025
Mexico	1,458,000	3,009,000	5,983,000	678,332	759,589	1,355,216	1,176,214	1,286,628 1,317,472
Bermuda	5,000	103,000	1,091,000	234,598	225,795	138,456	13,628	9,872 20,295
Canada	1,700,000	196,000	420,000	190,506	95,758	594,444	261,160	118,413 82,986
Bahamas	92,000	0	1,091,000	253,379	248,050	349,779	426,606	642,329 471,659
Dominican Rep	21,000	5,000	422,000	33,466	221,628	378,455	176,031	138,526 137,475
Total (lbs)	4,332,000	4,060,000	14,301,000	2,700,587	3,002,494	5,303,781	4,389,486	4,085,113 3,406,869

The trade data is only half the picture as one also needs to see how production and numbers are shifting in various countries. It is interesting to look at the efficiency of production in each country by comparing the change in numbers of either sheep or cattle with the change in production of lamb and beef. Australia has dropping sheep numbers and increasing lamb production as they replace wethers with more productive ewes and develop their feedlot system. China has increasing numbers and large increases in production. The US dominates the world in terms of beef production with a shrinking herd while Brazil is only increasing production by increasing herd size.



US Imports and Exports, millions of pounds							
	1990	2000	2010	2020	2021	2022	2023
Beef Imports	1542.5	2101.3	1619.9	2364.3	2336.1	2397.3	2642.0
Beef Exports	750.7	1983.8	1602.2	2079.0	2442.5	2523.1	2145.5
Goat Imports	3.0	12.4	29.6	21.6	41.9	46.0	22.7
Goat Exports	3.5	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3
Lamb Imports	43.2	120.7	148.5	271.5	324.5	317.5	250.3
Lamb Exports	6.1	5.3	18.3	8.0	4.7	6.7	5.4
Grease Wool Imports	52.5	25.9	2.4	1.5	2.1	1.1	0.5
Grease Wool Exports	2.3	4.7	9.3	5.3	9.6	8.4	6.9
Clean Wool Imports	23.3	19.3	5.6	5.0	5.4	5.6	4.1
Clean Wool Exports	0.9	2.4	1.5	1.0	0.9	1.1	0.7