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## Saudi Arabia

### Dairy and Products

## Saudi Arabia Lifts Imports Ban Imposed on Bovine Semen from Washington States

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**Report Highlights:**

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This action is not expected to have a major impact on the more than \$12 million red meat and red meat products imported annually by the Kingdom or on the relatively small number of U.S. cows exported. The following table shows U.S. exports of red meat, live cattle and bovine semen to Saudi Arabia in 2003.

Product	Value in US\$
Red meats, fresh/chilled/frozen	\$9,334,000
Red meats, prepared/preserved	2,874,000
Live Cattle	1,784,000
Bovine Semen	1,294,000

Source: U.S.Trade Exports - FATUS Commodity Aggregations  
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