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# **Philippines to Reduce Cattle Imports from Australia 2000**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

**Agriculture Secretary Edgardo Angara has ordered the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) to prepare guidelines for the implementation of a progressive reduction in the importation of live feeder cattle from Australia. Australia is the largest cattle supplier to the Philippines exporting around 250,000 head of cattle annually.**

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According to press reports, Secretary of Agriculture Edgardo J. Angara has instructed the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) to prepare guidelines for a gradual reduction of live cattle imports from Australia. Mr. Angara reportedly said the reduction should bring down the country's live cattle imports by 20 percent annually over 5 years. The move is part of the GOP's efforts to protest the refusal of Australia to remove regulations that restrict the entry of Philippine banana and pineapple exports. Australia is the largest live cattle supplier to the Philippines exporting around 250,000 head of feeder cattle annually.

Mr. Angara allayed fears of a shortage of beef saying cattle raisers can consider other sources other than Australia. The Department of Agriculture (DA) reportedly is buying 2,000 heifers from New Zealand and 8,000 Brahman cattle from the U.S. for distribution to local raisers.