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### **U.S. BEEF AND BEEF PRODUCTS GAIN GREATER ACCESS TO CHILE**

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According to USDA and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, U.S. producers are now eligible to send a wider array of beef and beef products to Chile. The market expansion creates wider export access for beef and beef products to Chile that totaled \$6.2 million in 2010, according to USDA.

Expanding the market for U.S. beef exports to Chile is significant news for Texas, the No. 1 cattle producing state in the nation with 14 percent of the U.S. cattle inventory. Cattle are the leading source of agricultural income for the state, accounting for 42 percent of agricultural cash receipts during 2009.

An expanded Chilean market is also a convenient opportunity for Texas producers because of proximity to major seaports at the Gulf of Mexico, from New Orleans to Brownsville.

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