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USDA/Global Agricultural Information Network Reports

Taiwan Eradicates Foot and Mouth Disease But Challenges Remain for Returning to Pork Export Market - [link](#)

On June 16, 2020, Taiwan was officially recognized as free from foot and mouth disease (FMD) without vaccinations by the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE). Taiwan has been shut out of the global pork market since a 1997 FMD outbreak. The loss of export markets forced Taiwan producers to focus on pork production for the Taiwan market, which resulted in the reemergence of more traditional swine production practices. While Taiwan now has an OIE-recognized FMD-free status, Taiwan remains as an epidemic area for classical swine fever (CSF). CSF will need to be addressed by Taiwan's animal health regulatory authorities to enable Taiwan pork producers to fully participate in the global pork market.

Canada - Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Country Report - [link](#)

Since July 1, 2020, the USMCA certification of origin requires the certifier (importer, exporter, or producer) to cover nine mandated minimum data elements, replacing the old NAFTA certificate of origin. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of Canada pushed back most regulatory initiatives (including Front of Package Labeling) until late 2020 or early 2021, and delayed enforcement of certain measures (including Safe Food for Canadians Regulations requirements for the manufactured food sector).

Taiwan Issues New COOL Regulations Affecting US Pork and Beef – [link](#)

On September 21, 2020, the Taiwan Food and Drug Administration (TFDA) issued new country of origin labeling regulations for 1) pork in packaged food; 2) pork served in restaurants; and 3) bulk food products including beef and pork. This report contains unofficial English translations of these regulations, as well as Taiwan's notifications to the WTO TBT Committee for two of the three measures.

Food Processing Magazine

Pandemic Price Bump for Meat is Ending - [link](#)

Meat prices that spiked during the pandemic are coming back down, in a move that's good news for consumers but bad for producers and processors. Retail prices for ground beef, chicken and pork loins are all at pre-pandemic levels, and certain products are even cheaper. The USDA predicts that cash receipts for ranchers and other meat producers will drop by 8% this year.

Specialty Foods Magazine

FDA Proposes Food Traceability Rule – [link](#)

The FDA has proposed a rule that would establish new traceability requirements for the food industry. The rule would mandate additional recordkeeping requirements for companies that manufacture, process, pack, or store foods that the FDA believes are likely to cause food borne illness. These foods, which include shell eggs, nut butters, leafy greens, and shellfish, are identified in the agency's draft Food Traceability List.

