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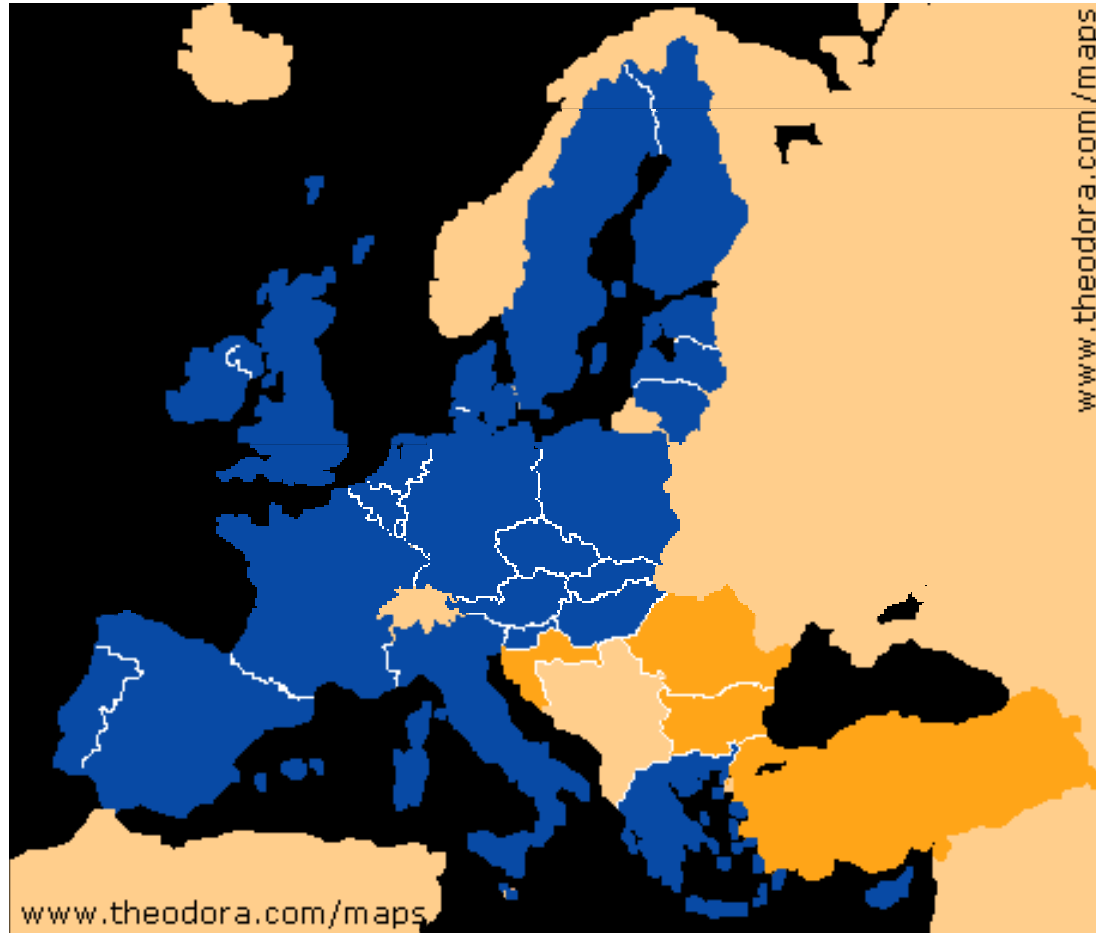
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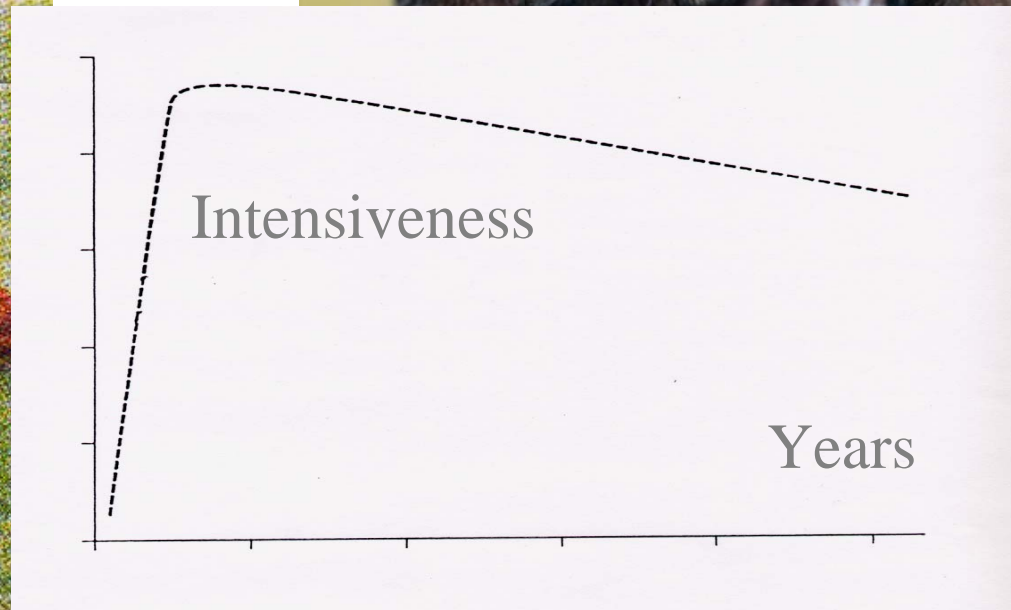
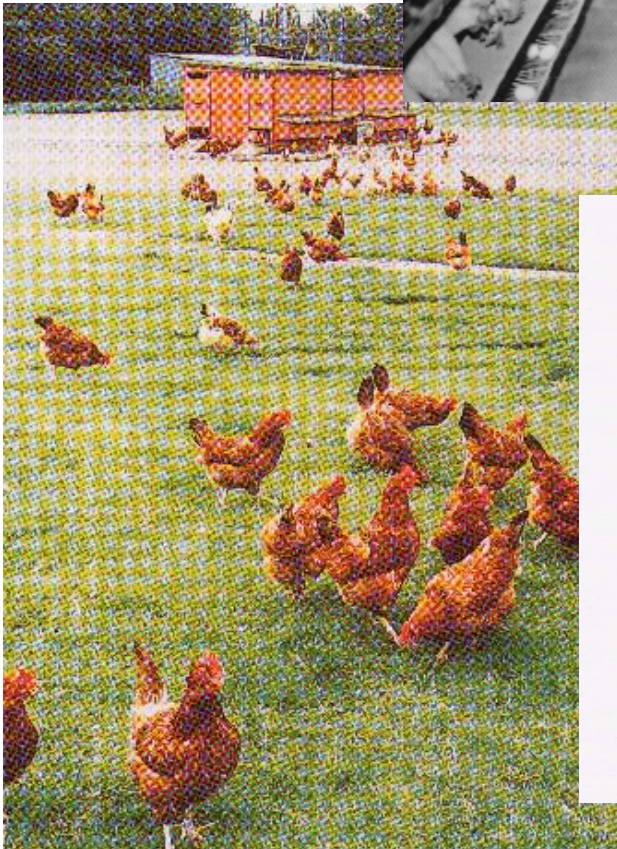
Niche markets



- High quality
- Healthy
- Natural
- Local
- Organic
- Sustainable
- Humane

European Union

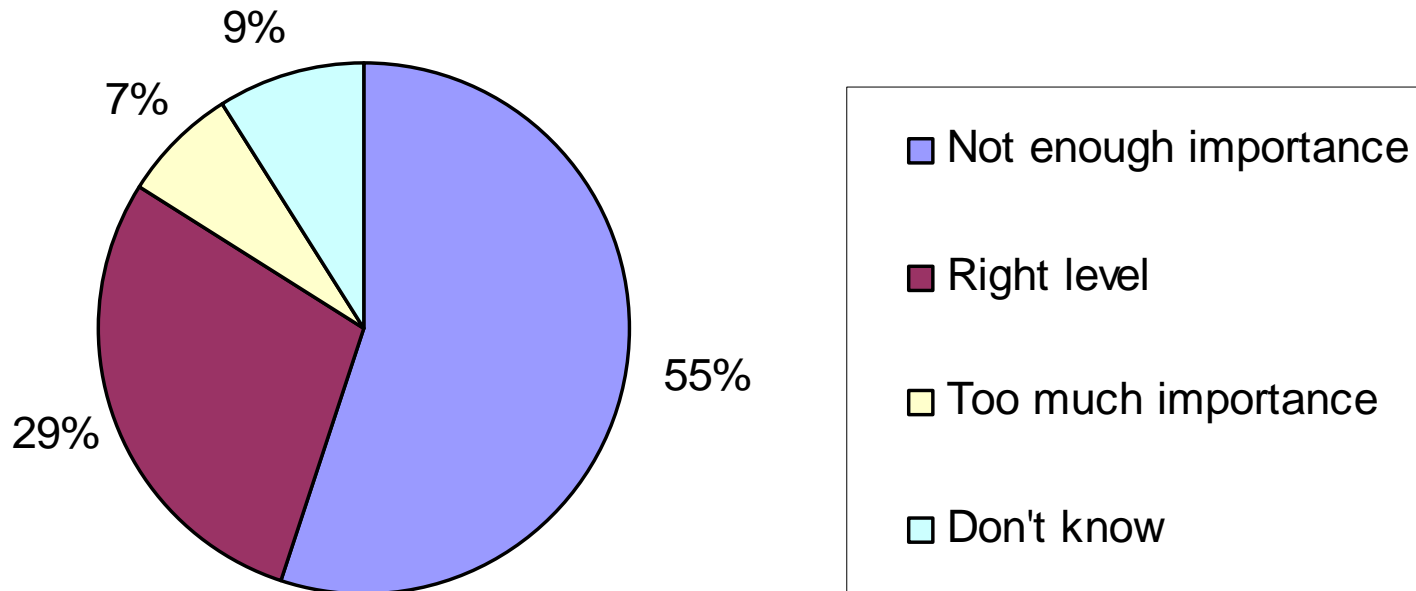




Eurobarometer 2005

Attitudes of consumers towards the welfare of farmed animals (24,708 replies)

Q12 In (OUR COUNTRY)'s current food and agricultural policy, do you believe that animal welfare/protection receives...?



European Union

... aims to ensure that trade liberalisation does not undermine EU efforts to improve the welfare of animals



Agricultural trade 2004

\$ billion

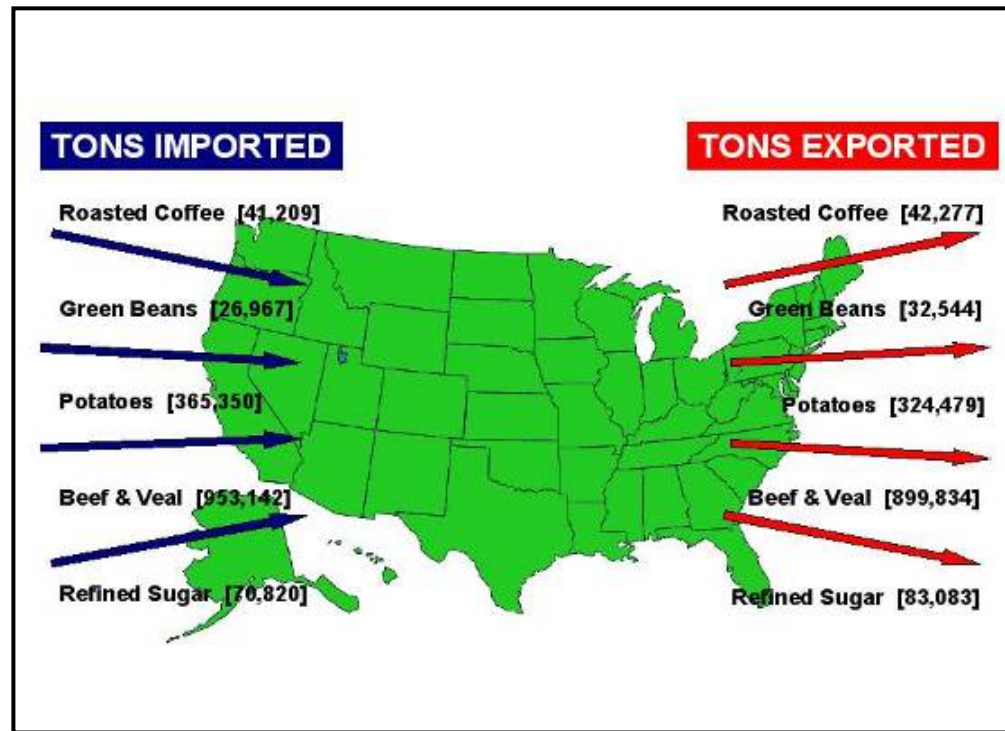
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Exports

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Imports

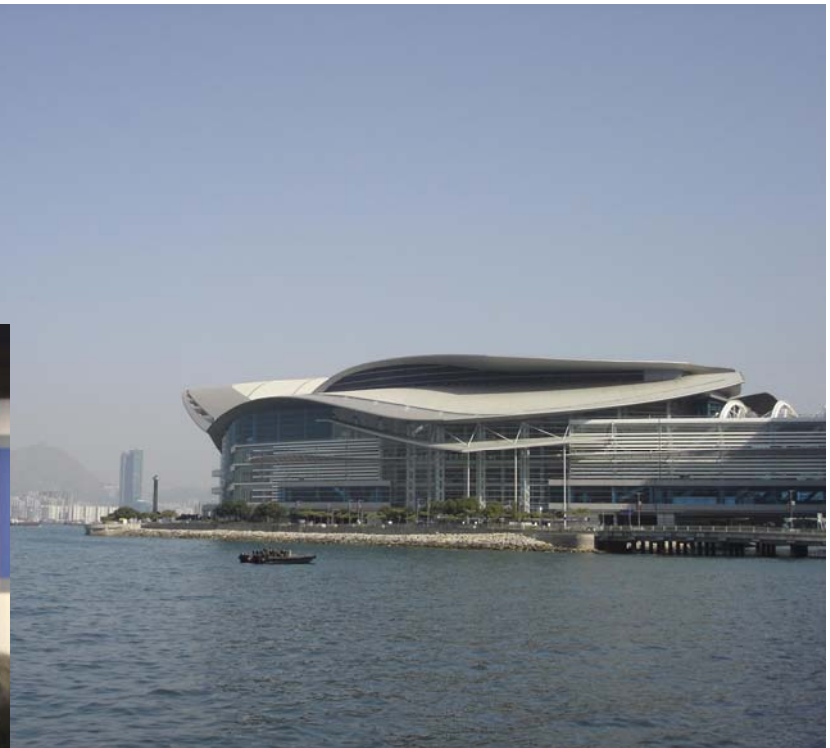
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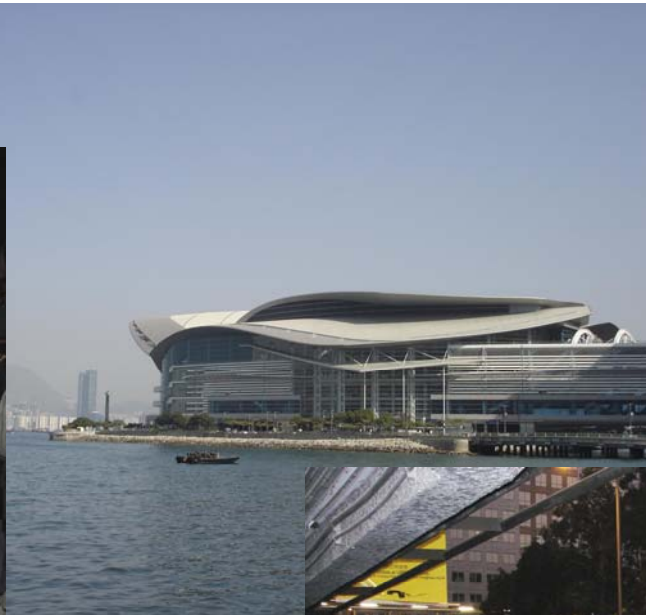
EU imports



World Trade Organization



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- 149 countries
- Agreement on Agriculture
 - Doha Development Agenda
 - Hong Kong, December 2005
 - Talks suspended July 2006
- Export support (subsidies)
- Market restriction (tariffs)
- Domestic support
- Non-trade concerns

Non-trade concerns

- Food security, environment, animal welfare
- ‘Trade concerns’
- Doha Declaration:
“We take note of the non-trade concerns ... submitted by Members and confirm that non-trade concerns will be taken into account in the negotiations”

World Trade Organization



WTO rules

- Export subsidies
- Market tariffs
 - but ... Sensitive Products
- Domestic support
 - Amber box (bad)
 - Blue box (good)
 - Green box (neutral)
 - Internal eg Rural Development Programme
 - External eg Trade related assistance and capacity building

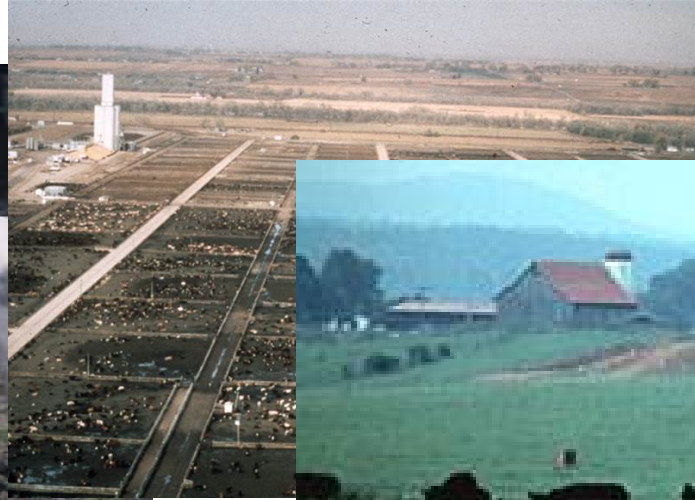


EU imports from DCs



- 40% of imports
- 20% of DC exports
- > US + Canada + Japan

Developing countries



Animals and People First



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- **Agriculture and the WTO**
- **Animal Welfare and Food Security**
- **Animal Welfare and Trade**
- **Animal Welfare and the Future**

EU trade

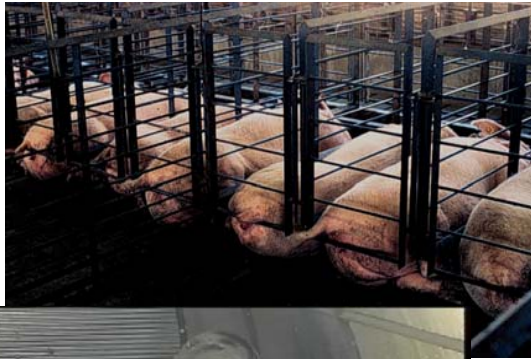


- Bilaterals
- Animal Welfare Action Plan 2006

EU Animal Welfare Action Plan 2006

1. Upgrading minimum standards
2. Researching the 3 Rs
3. Introducing international initiatives to raise awareness standardised indicators and create a greater consensus on animal welfare.
4. Ensuring keepers and public are informed, including engaging with Developing Countries to explore trade opportunities
5. Continuing to support and initiate further welfare friendly production systems.

Intergovernmental organizations



- International Finance Corporation
- UN Food & Agriculture Org.
 - Good Agricultural Practices
- World Animal Health Org. (OIE)
 - Animal welfare standards
 - **Implementation?**

World trade, sustainability and farm animal welfare



Sustainable
agriculture?
Abstainable
agriculture

Abstainable agriculture is not sustainable

