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Report Highlights:

USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and Zambia's Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries have agreed upon new Veterinary Health Certificates for export of bovine semen, bovine embryos and live poultry/day-old chicks/hatching eggs from the United States to Zambia. The Veterinary Health Certificates will allow smoother trade and increased opportunities for U.S. genetics compared to the import permits required in the past. The Zambian market is also open for imports of live cattle, sheep, and goats from the United States as of February 2025. Zambia imported US\$6.7 million of day-old chicks and US\$328,985 of bovine semen in 2024 and has announced plans to nearly double its cattle herd.

Background

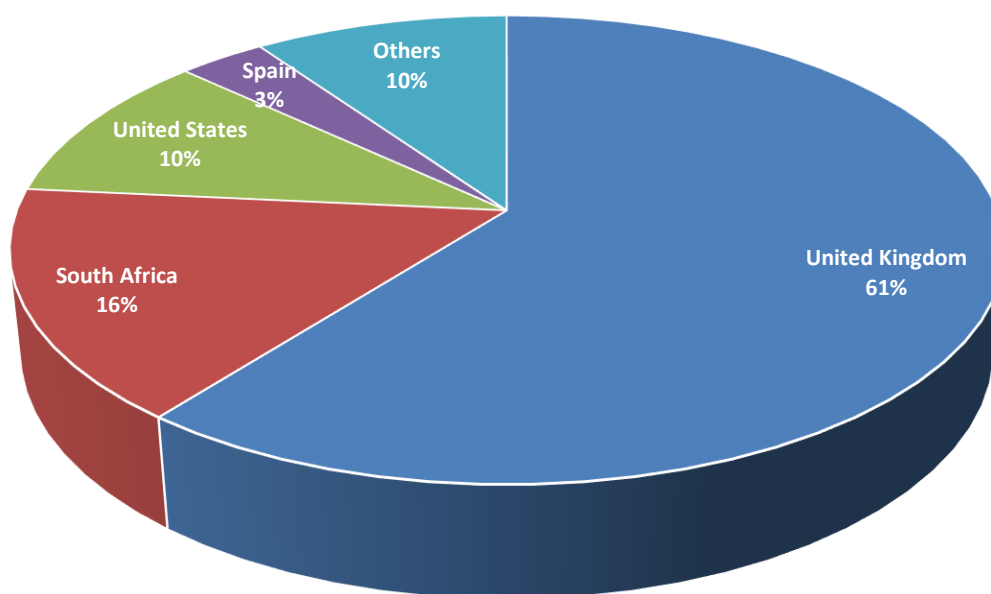
After seven years of effort, United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS) and Zambia's Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries have concluded negotiations for Veterinary Health Certificates for export of bovine semen, bovine embryos and live poultry/day old chickens/hatching eggs from the United States to Zambia. The Veterinary Health Certificates will allow smoother trade and increased opportunities for U.S. genetics compared to the import permits required in the past. The Zambian market is also open for imports of live cattle, sheep, and goats from the United States as of February 2025.

APHIS has previously concluded protocol negotiations that allowed U.S. bovine genetics and live animals to get market access in Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, and South Africa.

In June 2025, the Zambian president announced a Livestock development plan that seeks to increase Zambia's cattle herd from four million to seven million. In 2024, Zambia imported live animals valued at US\$8.2 million from the world. Day old chicks contributed 82 percent to the total live animals imported followed by live cattle for pure breeding at 12 percent. The United Kingdom was leading supplier of live animals at 61 percent followed by South Africa and the United States at 16 percent and 10 percent respectively.

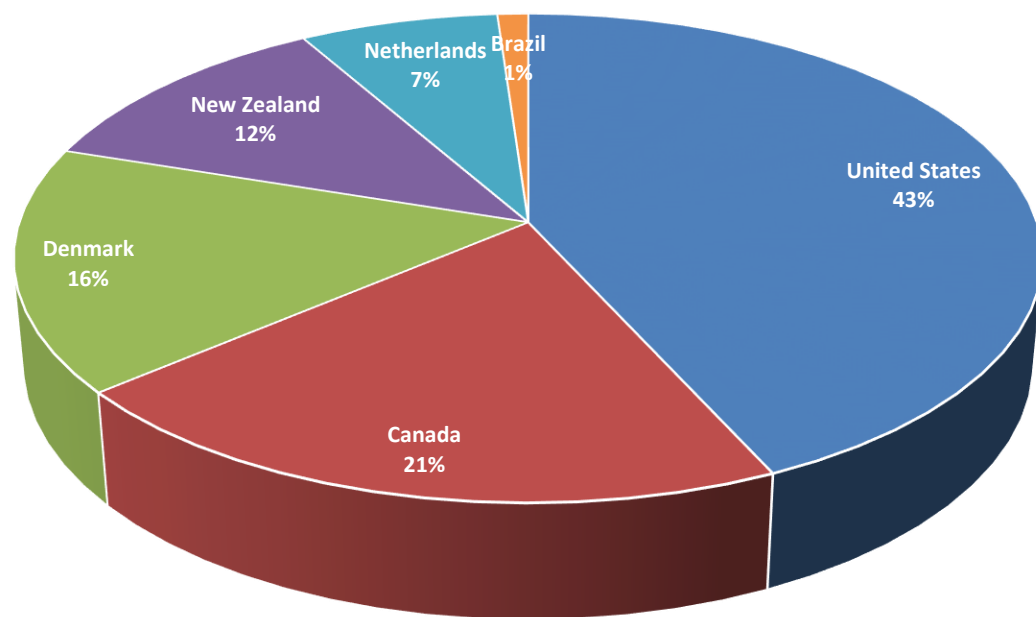
Figure 1

Zambia Imports of Live Animals in 2024



Source: Post using Trade Data Monitor

Figure 2
Zambia Imports of Bovine Semen from the World in 2024



Source: Post using Trade Data Monitor

Zambia imported US\$328,985 of bovine semen in 2024. The United States was the leading supplier, with a share of 43 percent valued at US\$142,019, followed by Canada at 21 percent, Denmark at 16 percent, and New Zealand at 12 percent. The Jersey and Holstein breeds are the most preferred in the Zambia dairy industry together with the local indigenous breeds. Beef breeds in Zambia include Boran, Brahman, Bonsmara, and Santa Gertrudis.

Attachments:

No Attachments.