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Report Name: Tunisian Market Opens to Embryos and Semen of Small and Large Ruminants

Country: Tunisia

Post: Tunis

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Report Highlights:

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The Tunisian market for bovine and small ruminant semen and embryos is currently estimated at \$1,000,000. The European Union leads the market with an 83 percent market share. The Tunisian dairy industry is a small but viable client for U.S. bovine genetics. Tunisian small ruminant farms have a significant need for improved management, offering a long-term growth opportunity significant need for genetic improvement.

The market access request for these products was initiated by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service in 2021 and carried out in collaboration with APHIS Veterinary Services, APHIS International Services, the office of the APHIS Attaché in Cairo, and the locally employed staff of the Foreign Agricultural Service at the US Embassy in Tunis, Tunisia.

Sample certificates are included in the hyperlinks below.

- 1- <u>Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Bovine Embryos from the United States of America to</u> Tunisia
- 2- <u>Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Ovine and Caprine Embryos from the United States of America to Tunisia</u>
- 3- <u>Veterinary Health Certificate for Export of Ovine and Caprine Semen from the United States of America to Tunisia</u>

Attachments: No Attachments.