

## Argentina Largest Exporter of Horsemeat

**The country's horsemeat industry is thriving according to agriculture report.**

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According to a report from Argentina's Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food Secretary, Argentina became the world's leading exporter of horsemeat during 2007. According to the report, 35,755 tons of horsemeat — the equivalent of \$87.5 million (U.S.) — was exported out of the country. Russia took the most meat, followed by Holland and France.

"Demand is sustained and strong; we can expect a good year for Argentine horsemeat, given its quality, price and added value," the report said.

The United States and Canada were the main world exporters of horsemeat behind Argentina during 2007. However, with the shutdown of U.S. horse slaughter plants in 2007, the United States won't make the list in 2008.