

Missouri cattlemen stung by Japan

BOWLING GREEN, Mo. (AP) — Missouri cattlemen who volunteered for a one-of-a-kind tagging program were especially stung when Japan closed its borders to U.S. beef.

In October, Missouri became the first and only state to develop and implement the program that identifies the source and age of its feeder cattle. The claims are verified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

That was crucial to the Japanese, who would not buy beef from an animal older than 20 months over concerns that age increases the potential for mad cow disease.

With 70,000 beef producers, Missouri is second only to Texas in the number of calf-producing cows. Those numbers, along with participation in the USDA-run program, positioned Missouri to be a bigger supplier of live cattle for beef export, said Missouri cattle rancher Mike John, president-elect of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

John said Friday he was "very disappointed" that Japan shut down the market to U.S. beef. "It's tragic that these things have to happen. The world works on perception and these things tend to have a ripple effect."

Under the Missouri program, producers have to agree to onsite, USDA audits of their production records that they're required to keep for three years. Each participating

calf wears two tags — one in each ear — that tracks it from birth to slaughter.

A visual tag says the animal is enrolled in the verification program.

An electronic tag holds the animal's 15-digit identifying number. When the electronic tag is scanned at the feedlot, slaughterhouse or packer, it reveals the animal's age, date of birth, and producer number.

The information is kept in a computer database and managed by a third party. The cow's two tags are used to cross reference the animal's identity.

Missouri Department of Agriculture Director Fred Ferrell left Sunday for Taiwan and Japan to promote Missouri beef, and impress upon them its quality and safety.

Ferrell brought with him a representative of Missouri's Circle A Ranch, home of the world's largest Angus herd, with 8,000 cows.

Ferrell said five of the major breed associations are based in Missouri, and he plans to show them off to Japanese beef buyers and media if they accept his invitation to visit the state in May.

"With the volume of cattle we produce, and keeping records on our cattle," he said, "we see now a chance to showcase not only the safety and soundness of our cattle, but its superior quality too."

Cattle auctions in Bowling Green

and Joplin in November were the first to auction cattle enrolled in the Missouri program. Cattle sold for \$25 to \$35 a head over market price, officials said.

Greg Onstott, who manages the program for the state Department of Agriculture, said Missouri will continue working with producers to enroll their calves in hopes that "Japan and the USDA get things back on course."

U.S. beef exports to Japan were reopened in December after a two-year hiatus but were suspended again when a recent shipment from a Brooklyn company showed up with bone material that Japan considered at risk for mad cow disease.

The trade agreement with Japan bars spinal column and other bone tissue. It also limits imports to beef of cattle slaughtered at 20 months and younger.

That's where Missouri stands to gain.

John said it was important for the U.S. and Japanese to resolve the matter, because "we're doing our darndest in Missouri to verify source and age of cattle."

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On the Net:

Missouri Department of Agriculture: <http://www.mda.mo.gov>

U.S. Department of Agriculture's export verification program for Japan:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/arc/qsap.htm>

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WEEKDAYS

JANUARY 24 - JANUARY 30

	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	Good Morning Kansas		Good Morning America				Martha		The View		Millionaire	News
KSNK/NBC (8) (8)	News Cont'd		Today						Live With Regis and Kelly		Paid Program	Paid Program
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News Cont'd		News		The Early Show		The 700 Club		The Price Is Right		The Young and the Restless	
K15CG (2)	BBC World	Body Electric	Caillou	Mister Rogers	Beren Bears	Cliff Pup	Big Big World	Dragon Tales	Sesame Street		Teletubbies	Barney-Friends
ESPN (28)	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Sports-Center	Varied	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		NFL Live	Varied
USA (37)	Walker, Texas Ranger		JAG		The District		Nash Bridges		Nash Bridges		Coach	Coach
TBS (38)	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Dawson's Creek		Movie				Becker	Becker
WGN (39)	Chang-ing	Believer Voice	Happy Days	Happy Days	Hillbilities	Hillbilities	Rockford Files		Matlock		Magnum, P.I.	
TNT (40)	Angel		Charmed		Charmed		ER		ER		Judging Amy	
DSC (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	American Chopper		American Chopper		Varied Programs			
A&E (47)	Varied Programs								City Confidential		American Justice	
HIST (48)	Varied Programs											
NICK (55)	Oddparents	Oddparents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Dora the Explorer	Go Diego	Blue's Clues	Backyardigans	Dora the Explorer	Lazy-Town	Max & Ruby	Dora the Explorer
DISN (56)	Break-fast Bear	Higglytown	Einstein	JoJo's Circus	Doodle-bops	Charlie & Lola	The Wiggles	Koala Brothers	Rolie Polie	Doodle-bops	Charlie & Lola	Einstein
FAM (58)	Kong-Series	Spider-Man	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	700 Club Special Programming		Varied Programs		Gilmore Girls		Full House	Full House
HALL (60)	New Morning		The Waltons		The Waltons		Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie		Diagnosis Murder	

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	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	All My Children		One Life to Live		General Hospital		Judge-Brown	Judge-Brown	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	ABC Wid News
KSNK/NBC 8 (8)	News	Inside Edition	Days of our Lives		Passions		The Insider	Jeopardy!	The Ellen DeGeneres Show		News	NBC News
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News	Bold, Beautiful	As the World Turns		Guiding Light		Dr. Phil	Oprah Winfrey		News	CBS News	
K15CG 2	Reading Rainbow	Lions	Varied Programs			Clifford-Red	Cyber-chase	Arthur	Maya & Miguel	Post-cards	Zoom	Business
ESPN 28	Varied Programs			Sr. Bowl Prac.	Varied	1st and 10	NFL Live	Rome-Burning	Around the Horn	Interruption	SportsCenter	
USA 37	Movie				Movie				Movie		Varied Programs	
TBS 38	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Steve Harvey	Steve Harvey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
WGN 39	News		Magnum, P.I.		Da Vinci's Inquest		Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Moesha	Moesha	Home Improve.	Home Improve.
TNT 40	Judging Amy		NYPD Blue		Law & Order		Law & Order		Charmed		Charmed	
DSC 42	Varied Programs		The New Detectives		The FBI Files		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		It Takes a Thief		Cash Cab	Cash Cab
A&E 47	Varied Programs								City Confidential		American Justice	
HIST 48	Modern Marvels		Varied Programs									
NICK 55	Go Diego	Lazy-Town	Rugrats	Teenage Robot	Varied Programs			6teen	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Jimmy Neutron	Danny Phantom
DISN 56	Higglytown	JoJo's Circus	House of Mouse	Lilo & Stitch	Varied Programs				Kim Possible	That's-Raven	Varied	That's-Raven
FAM 58	Family Matters	Family Matters	Boy Mts. World	Boy Mts. World	Full House	Full House	Ground-ed-Life	Ground-ed-Life	Gilmore Girls		7th Heaven	
HALL 60	Matlock		Matlock		Little House on the Prairie		Family Ties	Family Ties	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H

THURSDAY

JANUARY 26

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
KLBY/ABC (4) (6)	News (CC)	Ent. Tonight	Dancing With the Stars (Live) (CC)			Crumbs (N) (CC)	Primetime (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)		
KSNK/NBC (8) (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Will & Grace	Four Kings	Name Is Earl	The Office	ER Nobody's Baby (CC)		News (CC)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night		
KBSL/CBS (12) (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (N)		Without a Trace Page (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late		
K15CG (2)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Sun-flower	Moths	The This Old House Hour (CC)		Antiques Roadshow (N) (CC)		BBC World	Keeping Up	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)		
ESPN (28)	College Basketball: (Live) (CC)		Duke at Virginia Tech.			Ultimate Super Bowl		40-Man Roster (N)		SportsCenter (Live) (CC)		NFL Live (N) (CC)	Game-night
USA (37)	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent			Movie: Patriot Games *** (1992, Suspense) A former CIA agent is stalked by a vengeful IRA terrorist. <i>Harrison Ford.</i> (CC)						Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
TBS (38)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Movie: The Haunting ½ (1999) Research subjects spend a weekend in a haunted house. <i>Liam Neeson.</i> (CC)				Movie: Others		
WGN (39)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		Movie: A Thousand Acres ½ (1997, Drama) <i>Michelle Pfeiffer.</i> (CC)				WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City	Becker Afterglow	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)		
TNT (40)	Law & Order Corruption		NBA Basketball: Phoenix Suns at Miami Heat. AmericanAirlines Arena, (Live) (CC)				NBA Basketball: Dallas Mavericks at Seattle Sonics. KeyArena, (Live) (CC)						
DSC (42)	Human Prey (CC)		Deadly Reptiles II (CC)		Snakes: The Big Squeeze (CC)		Tracking Deadly Vipers (CC)		Human Prey II (CC)		Deadly Reptiles II (CC)		
A&E (47)	The BTK Killer Speaks (CC)		The First 48 A Deadly Betrayal		The First 48 Devil's Candy (CC)		Dallas SWAT Riding shotgun. (N) (CC)		Crossing Jordan Revealed (CC)		The First 48 A Deadly Betrayal		
HIST (48)	Modern Marvels The Stock Exchange		Ancient Disc.		Decoding the Past Secret Societies		Declassified Lindbergh (N) (CC)		Modern Marvels More Earthmovers		Ancient Disc.		
NICK (55)	Oddparents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Romeo! (CC)	Full House	Fresh Prince	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	
DISN (56)	That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Movie: Mulan (1998) Animated. A Chinese maiden disguises herself as a man. (CC)				Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	That's-Raven	That's-Raven	Phil of Future	Kim Possible	
FAM (58)	Smallville Perry		Movie: My Boss's Daughter ½ (2003, Romance-Comedy) <i>Ashlyn Kutcher.</i> (CC)				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC)		Home Videos	Home Videos	
HALL (60)	JAG Death at the Mosque (CC) (DVS)		Walker, Texas Ranger (CC)			Movie: The Long Shot (2004) An accident blinds an equestrian's horse. <i>Julie Benz.</i> (CC)			M*A*S'H (CC)	M*A*S'H C*A*V'E (CC)	M*A*S'H (CC)	M*A*S'H (CC)	

FRIDAY

JANUARY 27

	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	News (CC)	Ent. Tonight	Dancing With the Stars The Results		In Justice Another Country (N) (CC)		20/20 (CC)		News (CC)	Nightline (CC)	Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC)		
KSNK/NBC 3 (8)	News	Wheel of Fortune	Outrageous	Outrageous	Dateline NBC (CC)		The Book of Daniel Withdrawal (N) (CC)		News	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC)	Late Night		
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Ghost Whisperer (N) (CC)		Close to Home The Rapist Next Door (N)		NUMB3RS Harvest (iTV) (N) (CC)		News (CC)	Late Show With David Letterman	Late Late		
K15CG 2	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Wash. Week	Kansas Week	Market-Market	America's Hrtl	Ballykissangel Fallen Angel (CC)		BBC World	Red Green	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)		
ESPN 28	NBA Basketball: Cleveland Cavaliers at Indiana Pacers. Conseco Fieldhouse. (Live) (CC)					NBA Basketball: Minnesota Timberwolves at Houston Rockets. Toyota Center. (Live) (CC)							SportsCenter (Live) (CC)
USA 37	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		Monk (N) (CC)		House Maternity (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		
TBS 38	Raymond	Raymond	Movie: Spider-Man *** (2002) A bite from a mutant spider gives a teen unusual powers. <i>Tobey Maguire.</i>				Movie: Back to the Future ***½ (1985) A boy travels through time to his parents' teenage years.						
WGN 39	Home Videos	Movie: Sphere *** (1998) Experts investigate a spaceship on the ocean floor. <i>Dustin Hoffman.</i> (CC)				WGN News at Nine (CC)		Sex and the City	Becker (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)			
TNT 40	Law & Order Seer (CC) (DVS)		Movie: The Patriot *** (2000, Drama) A man and his son fight side by side in the Revolutionary War. <i>Mel Gibson.</i> (CC) (DVS)					Movie: Windtalkers ** (2002) A troubled Marine must protect a Navajo code talker.					
DSC 42	Pharaoh's Revenge: Treasure		Quest for the Lost Pharaoh (CC)		Nefertiti Resurrected (CC)		Nefertiti Resurrected (CC)		Pharaoh's Revenge: Treasure		Quest for the Lost Pharaoh (CC)		
A&E 47	American Justice Vanished (CC)		Biography: Osama Bin Laden: In-Allah		Biography Al Qaeda (CC)		Hand of Fate: I Missed Flight 93		Random 1 (CC)		Biography: Osama Bin Laden: In-Allah		
HIST 48	Modern Marvels Banks (CC)		The Boneyard (CC)			Modern Marvels Fighting fire with fire.			Battlefield Detectives (CC)		The Boneyard (CC)		
NICK 55	SpongeBob	Cats-cratch	Avatar- Last Air	The X's (CC)	Danny Phantom	Danny Phantom	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	Rose-anne	
DISN 56	Zack & Cody	Emperor New	Movie: The Princess Diaries ***½ (2001, Comedy) <i>Julie Andrews, Anna Hathaway.</i>				The Emperor's New School Rabbit Face						
FAM 58	Smallville Relic		Movie: From Justin to Kelly ***½ (2003, Musical) <i>Kelly Clarkson.</i> (CC)				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club (CC)		3rd Rock Home Videos		
HALL 60	JAG Two Towns (CC) (DVS)		Walker, Texas Rapper: (CC)		Movie: A Place Called Home (2004, Drama) <i>AnnaMargaret, Matthew, Seattle.</i> (CC)				M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	M*A*S*H The Party (CC)	M*A*S*H (CC)	