

# Review and Outlook for EU Beef Sector

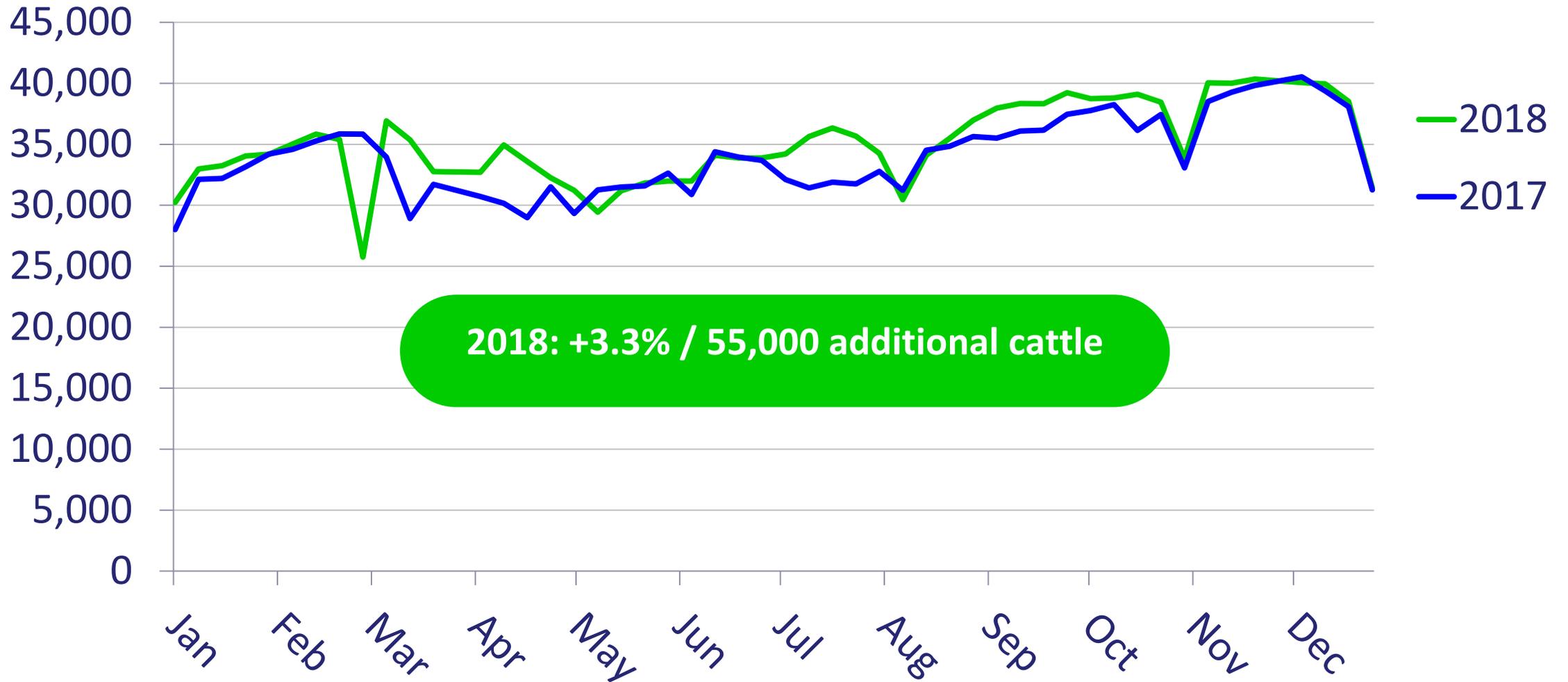
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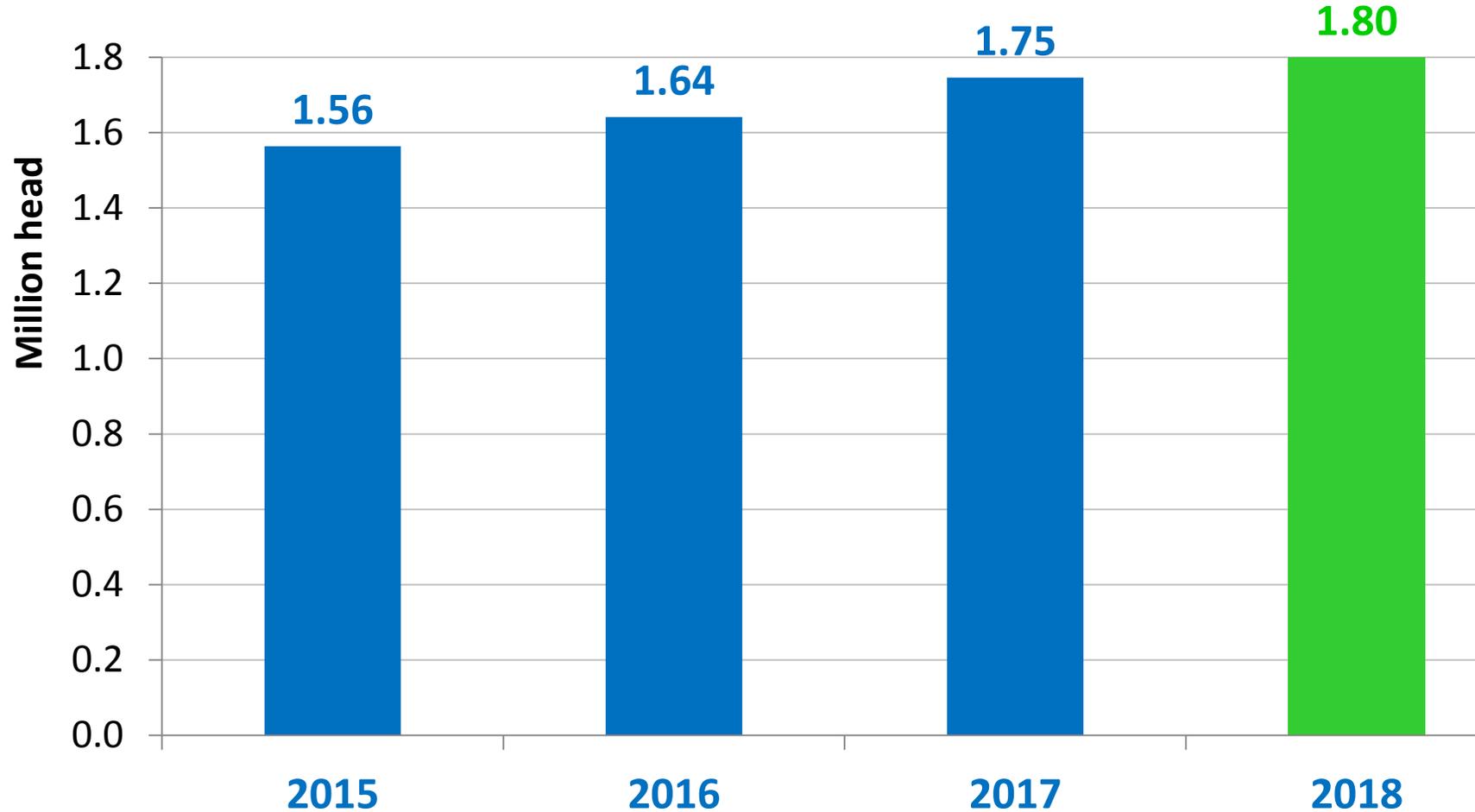
Growing the success of Irish food & horticulture

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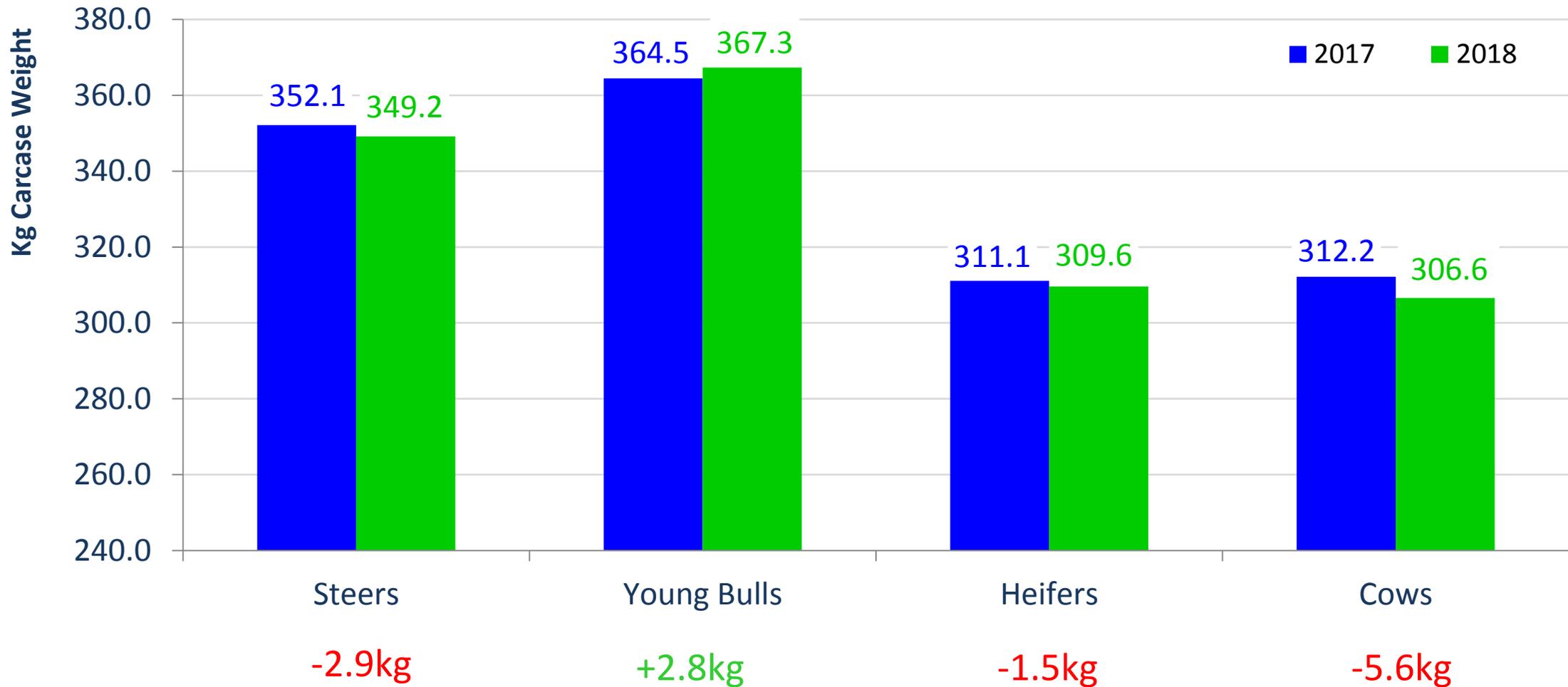
# Irish weekly finished cattle supplies (head)



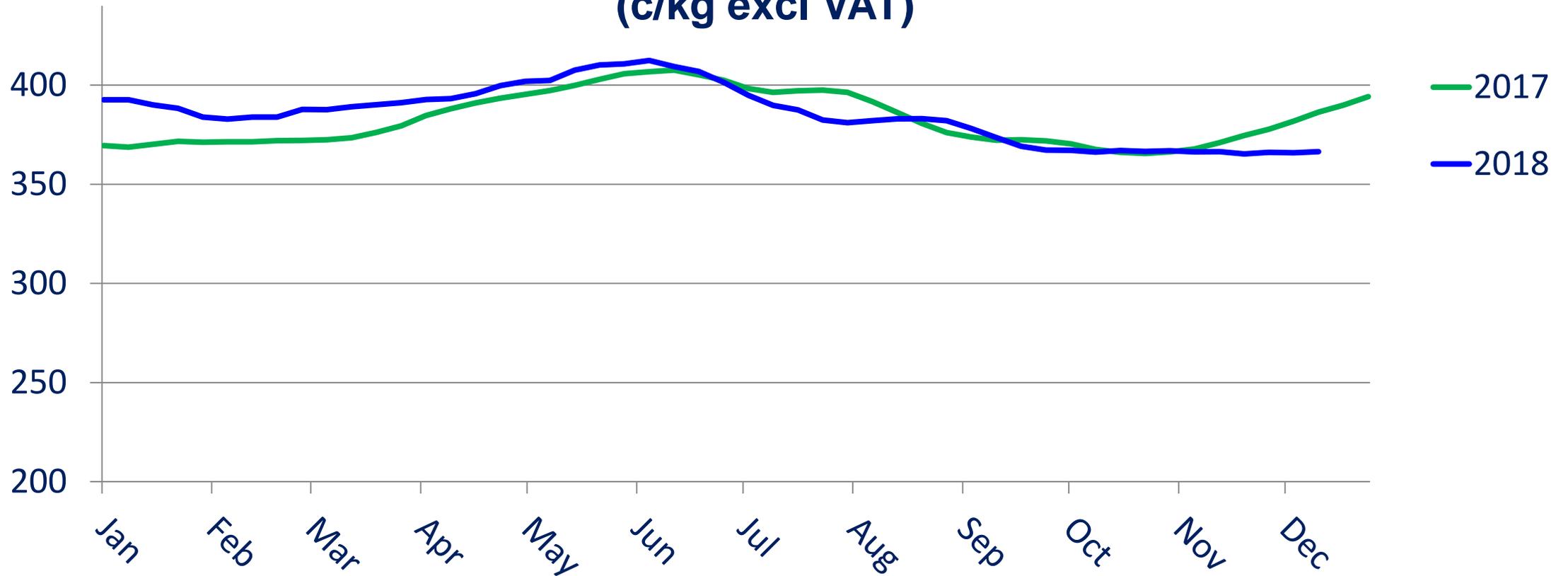
# Finished Cattle Supplies - Export Meat Plants 2015 - 2019(F)



# Average Carcase Weights Decline Slightly



# Producer Prices: Ireland R3 Steer (c/kg excl VAT)

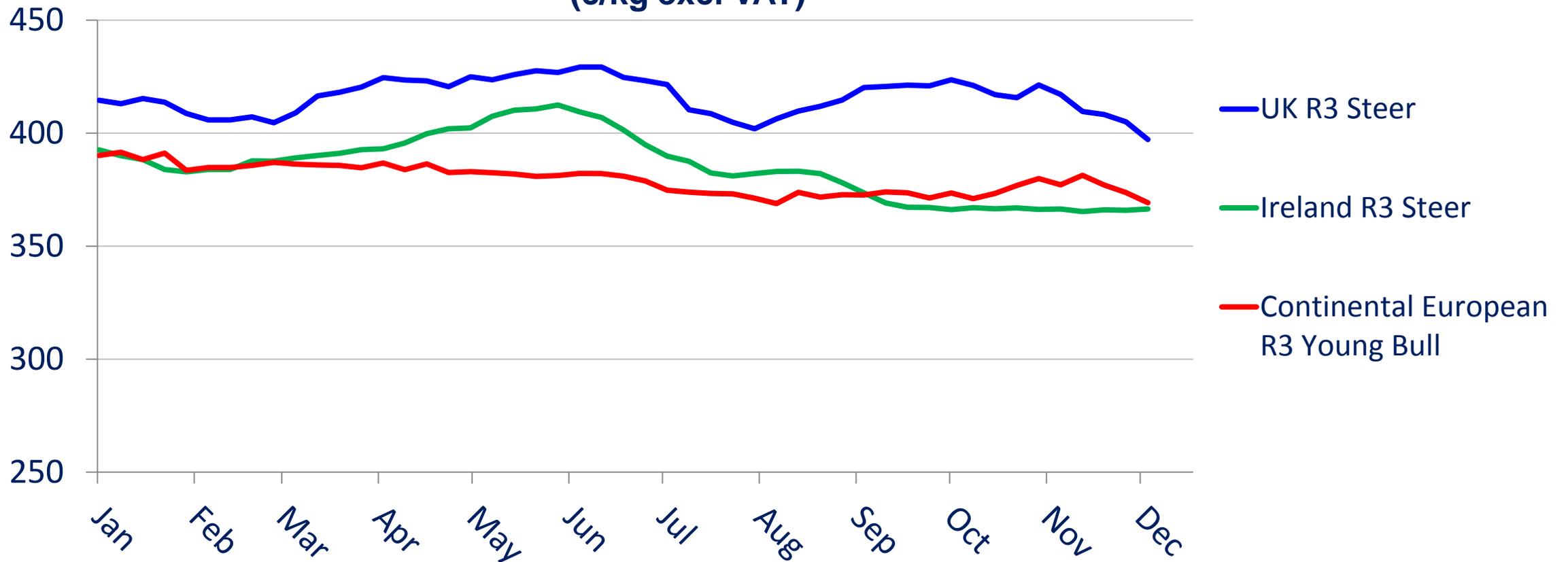


During 2018, Irish R3 steer price increased marginally vs. 2017 (€3.85 vs. €3.83)

(w/e 30/12) Irish Price Dec '18: €3.66/kg vs. Dec. '17: €3.95/kg

# Producer Prices: Ireland vs. UK & Continental EU

(c/kg excl VAT)



During 2018, Irish R3 steer €3.85 vs. UK R3 steer €4.16, Continental EU R3 YB €3.80

(w/e 30/12) Irish Price €3.66/kg vs. UK €3.97 vs. Continental EU: €3.69/kg

# European Markets Beef Production 2018

## UK

- Slaughtering +2.1%
- Cows +6%, Hfrs +5%

## Poland

- Production +4.6%

## Germany

- Production +2.0%

**EU Beef Production 1.7% higher** (EU Commission)

- Live Exports +2%

## Italy

- Production +2.9%
- Live imports 1.13m

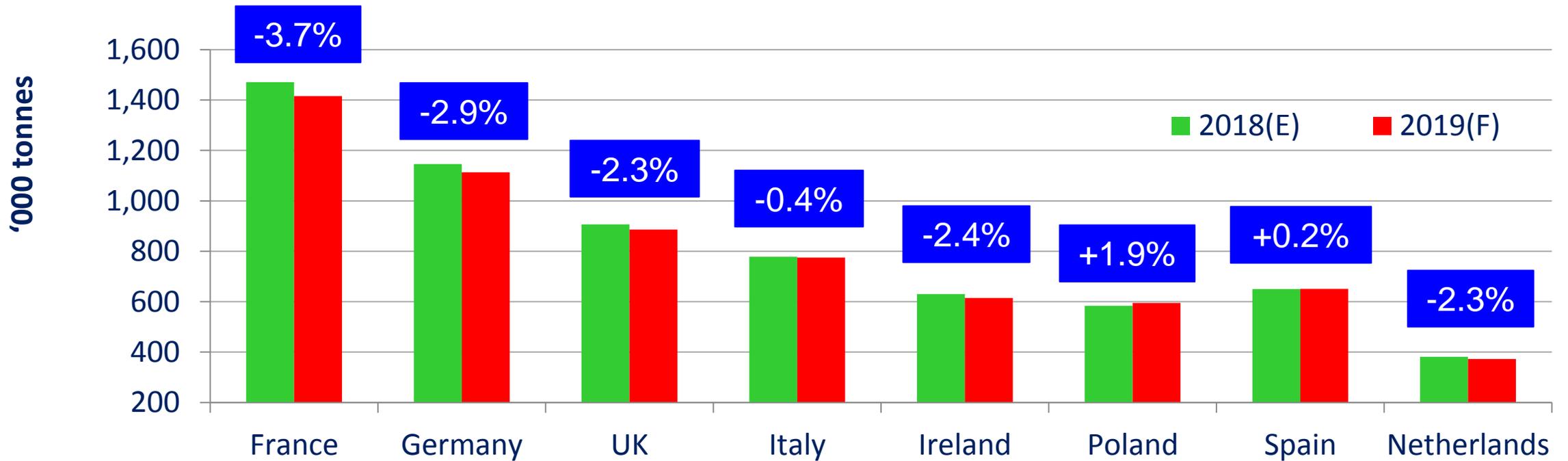
## Spain

- Production +1.4%

Source: EU Commission beef forecast working group

# EU beef production trend 2018 – 2019

1.7% decline in EU beef output forecast for 2019

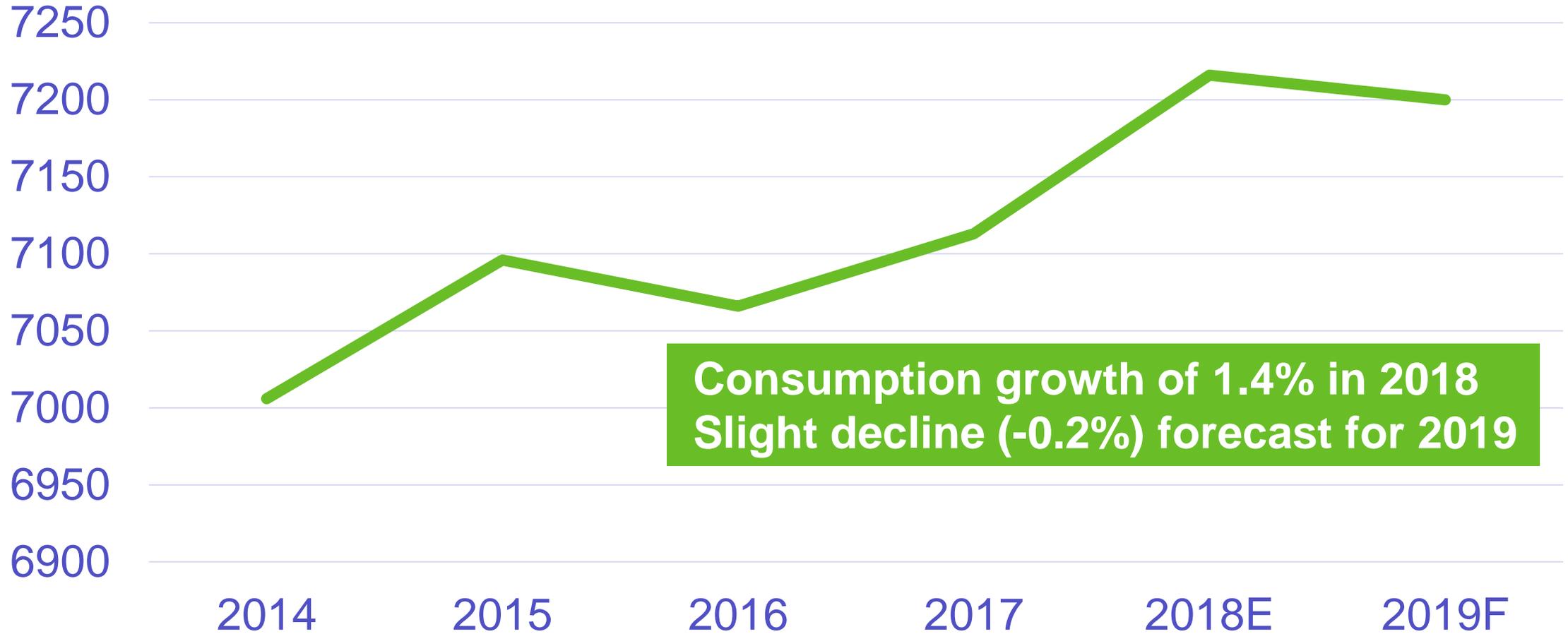


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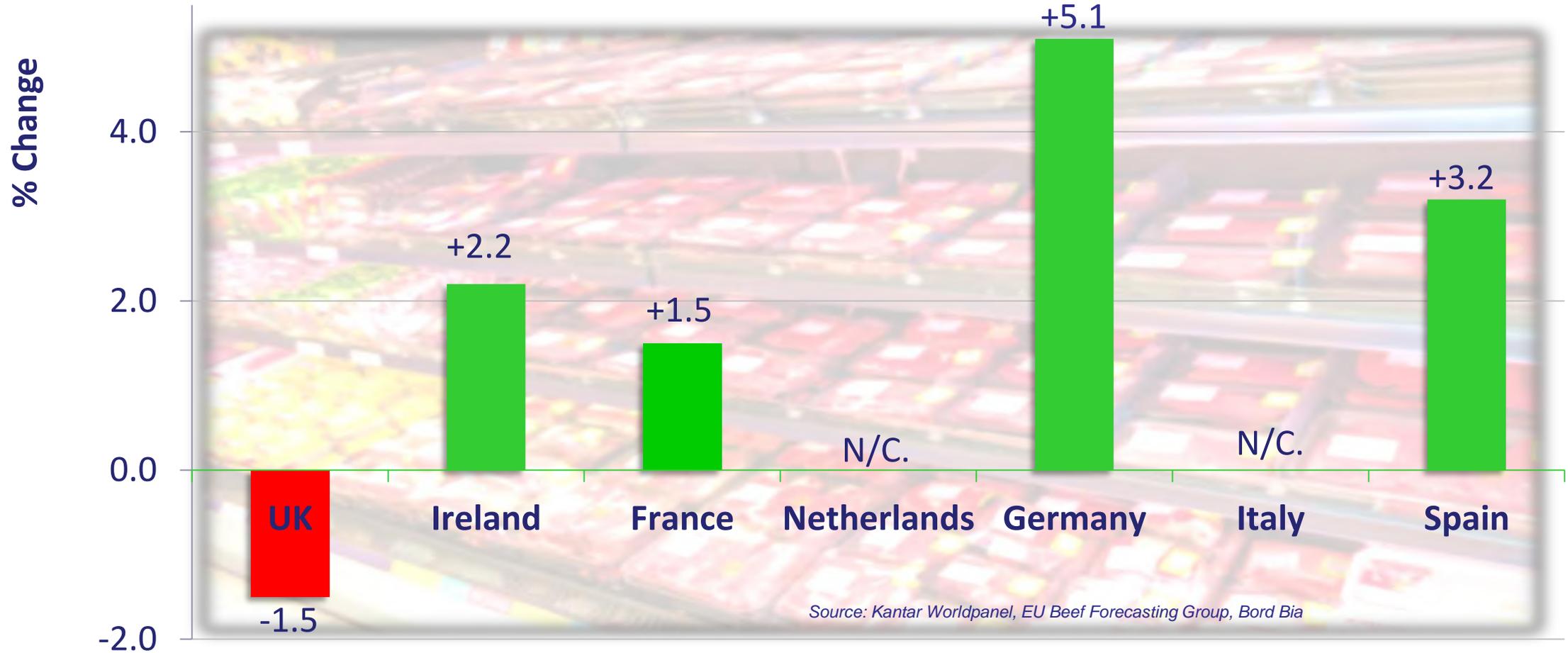
# EU Beef Consumption

Source: EU Beef Forecast Working Group

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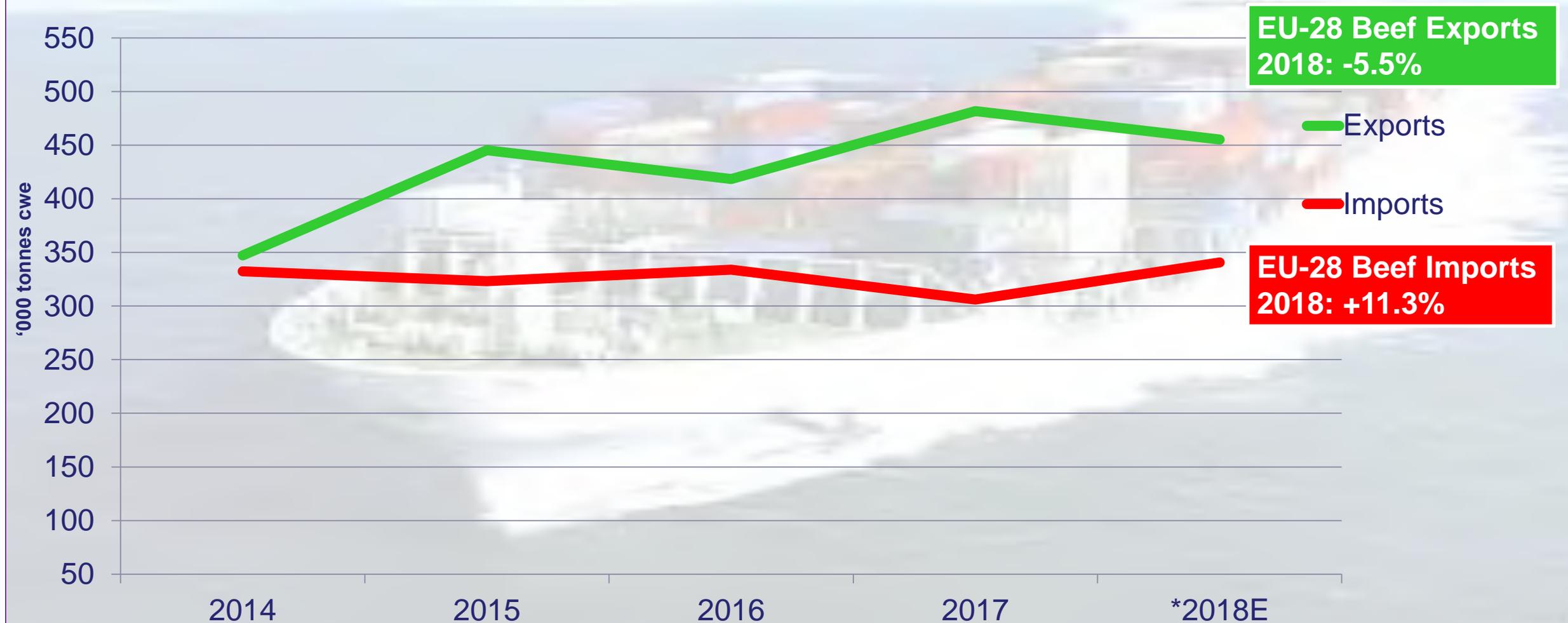


# Beef Consumption – Key Markets 2018



# EU Beef Imports/Exports

Source: EU Commission



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## EU Beef Imports increase by 11.3%

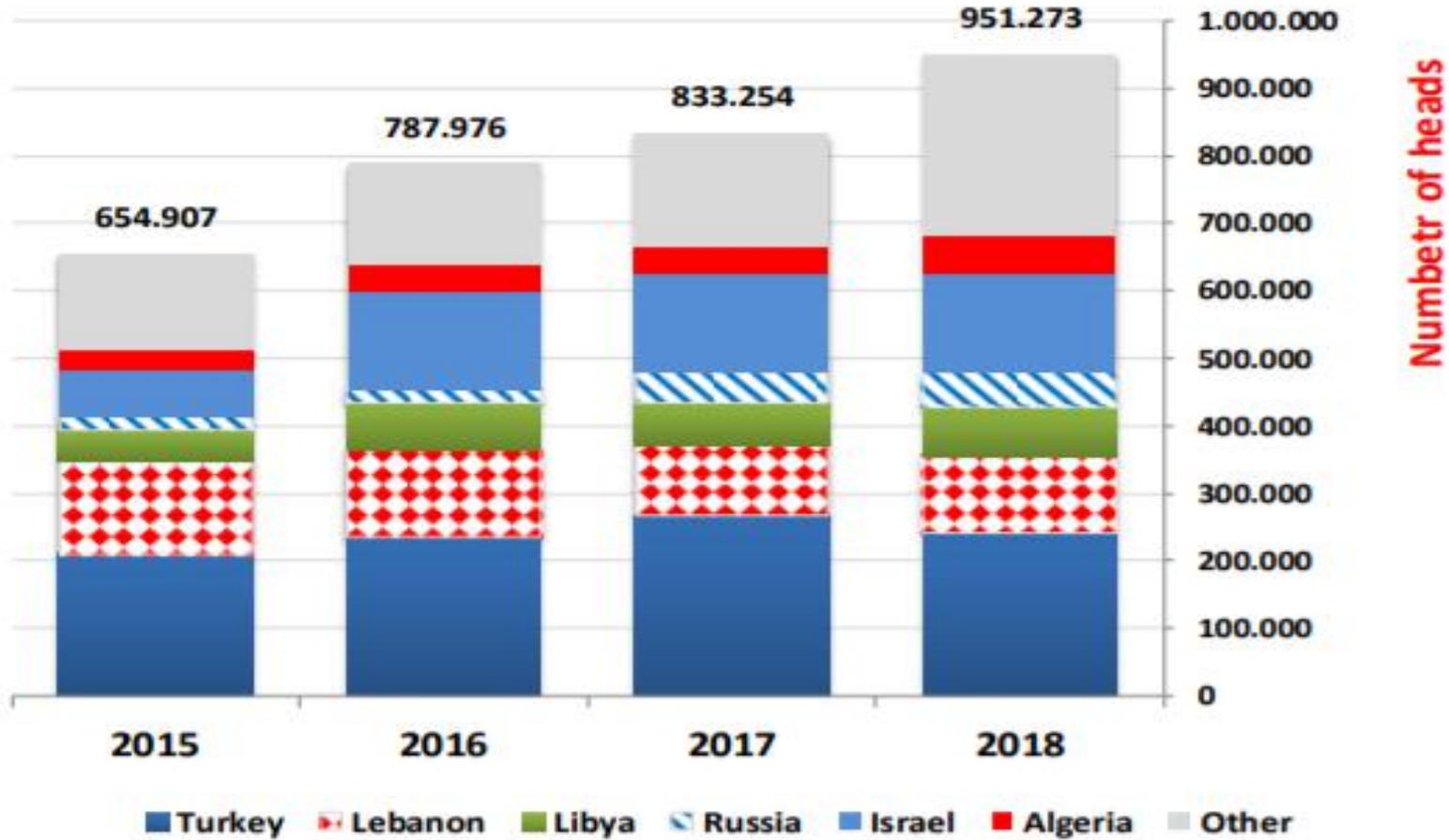
Origins	2014		2015		2016		2017		Jan-Oct 18		Compared to Jan-Oct 17
	tonnes	%	tonnes	%	tonnes	%	tonnes	%	tonnes	%	
Brazil	144.259	43,4%	136.858	42,4%	140.319	42,0%	115.392	37,7%	115.333	40,0%	+ 22,0%
Argentina	42.074	12,7%	42.149	13,0%	43.542	13,0%	49.890	16,3%	57.940	20,1%	+ 40,7%
Uruguay	49.043	14,8%	46.287	14,3%	56.747	17,0%	58.016	19,0%	46.451	16,1%	- 9,1%
Australia	32.653	9,8%	30.884	9,6%	27.850	8,3%	21.990	7,2%	19.270	6,7%	- 4,8%
USA	23.234	7,0%	24.132	7,5%	20.499	6,1%	21.624	7,1%	18.328	6,4%	- 10,6%
New Zealand	14.432	4,3%	11.380	3,5%	9.869	3,0%	8.093	2,6%	7.381	2,6%	+ 4,6%
Botswana	6.424	1,9%	9.258	2,9%	9.382	2,8%	7.718	2,5%	5.359	1,9%	+ 0,4%
Paraguay	0	0,0%	1.915	0,6%	5.979	1,8%	6.915	2,3%	5.322	1,8%	- 5,1%
Namibia	9.994	3,0%	12.112	3,7%	10.686	3,2%	7.705	2,5%	4.959	1,7%	- 27,0%
Switzerland	5.456	1,6%	5.090	1,6%	5.500	1,6%	5.138	1,7%	4.342	1,5%	+ 5,4%
Serbia	425	0,1%	439	0,1%	557	0,2%	575	0,2%	1.028	0,4%	+++
Canada	780	0,2%	428	0,1%	421	0,1%	513	0,2%	946	0,3%	+++
Japan	100	0,0%	359	0,1%	579	0,2%	693	0,2%	616	0,2%	+ 12,1%
Other Origins	3.488	1,0%	1.810	0,6%	2.022	0,6%	1.842	0,6%	1.313	0,5%	
Extra-EU	332.362		323.099		333.952		306.105		288.587		
% change			- 3%		+ 3%		- 8%		+ 11,3%		

## EU Beef Exports decline by 5.5%

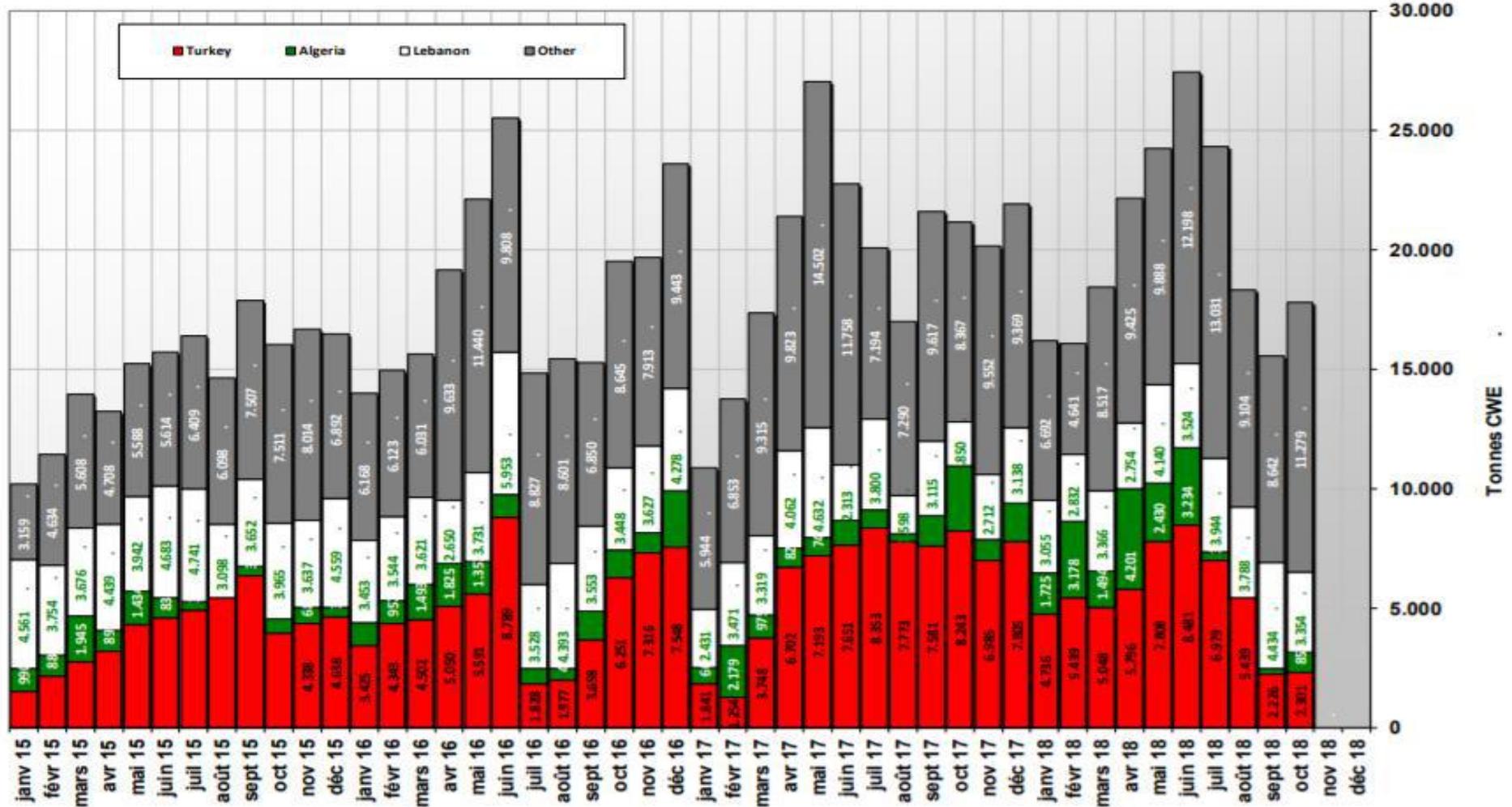
Destinations	2014		2015		2016		2017		Jan-Oct 18		Compared to Jan-Oct 17
	tonnes	%	tonnes	%	tonnes	%	tonnes	%	tonnes	%	
Hong Kong	28.573	8,2%	65.112	14,6%	45.198	10,8%	58.416	12,1%	59.762	14,2%	- 17,8%
Turkey	559	0,2%	1.280	0,3%	9.482	2,3%	10.751	2,2%	35.351	8,4%	+++
Ghana	40.878	11,8%	33.255	7,5%	37.364	8,9%	35.340	7,3%	33.286	7,9%	- 5,2%
Ivory Coast	21.619	6,2%	28.839	6,5%	35.740	8,5%	36.713	7,6%	30.864	7,3%	- 3,2%
Bosnia-Herz.	21.870	6,3%	31.821	7,1%	36.593	8,7%	36.850	7,6%	29.665	7,0%	+ 7,7%
Philippines	2.534	0,7%	11.630	2,6%	13.053	3,1%	24.247	5,0%	24.096	5,7%	- 27,8%
Sw itzerland	25.817	7,4%	25.730	5,8%	25.009	6,0%	24.435	5,1%	20.853	5,0%	- 7,5%
Israel	4.224	1,2%	3.855	0,9%	6.087	1,5%	15.137	3,1%	17.474	4,2%	+ 13,6%
Chile	1	0,0%	27	0,0%	50	0,0%	2.228	0,5%	12.904	3,1%	+ 81,0%
Algeria	3.135	0,9%	4.227	0,9%	6.662	1,6%	10.726	2,2%	11.207	2,7%	- 7,0%
South Africa	3.339	1,0%	1.325	0,3%	7.481	1,8%	7.361	1,5%	11.037	2,6%	+ 71,2%
Angola	10.589	3,0%	14.587	3,3%	9.643	2,3%	13.549	2,8%	10.980	2,6%	+ 20,7%
For .JRep.Mac	10.315	3,0%	10.994	2,5%	12.375	3,0%	11.451	2,4%	8.445	2,0%	- 11,7%
Ukraine	2.870	0,8%	2.498	0,6%	2.747	0,7%	7.094	1,5%	7.933	1,9%	+ 35,4%
Vietnam	3.175	0,9%	6.410	1,4%	11.627	2,8%	22.252	4,6%	7.514	1,8%	- 40,5%
Norw ay	10.217	2,9%	7.872	1,8%	19.122	4,6%	18.315	3,8%	7.074	1,7%	- 42,9%
China	7.228	2,1%	8.242	1,9%	6.027	1,4%	10.804	2,2%	5.283	1,3%	- 1,4%
Other Destinations	150.312	43,3%	187.568	42,1%	134.124	32,1%	136.176	28,3%	87.070	20,7%	
Extra-EU	347.252		445.272		418.383		481.846		420.795		
% change			+ 28%		- 6%		+ 15%		- 5,5%		

# EU Exports of Live Cattle increase by 14%

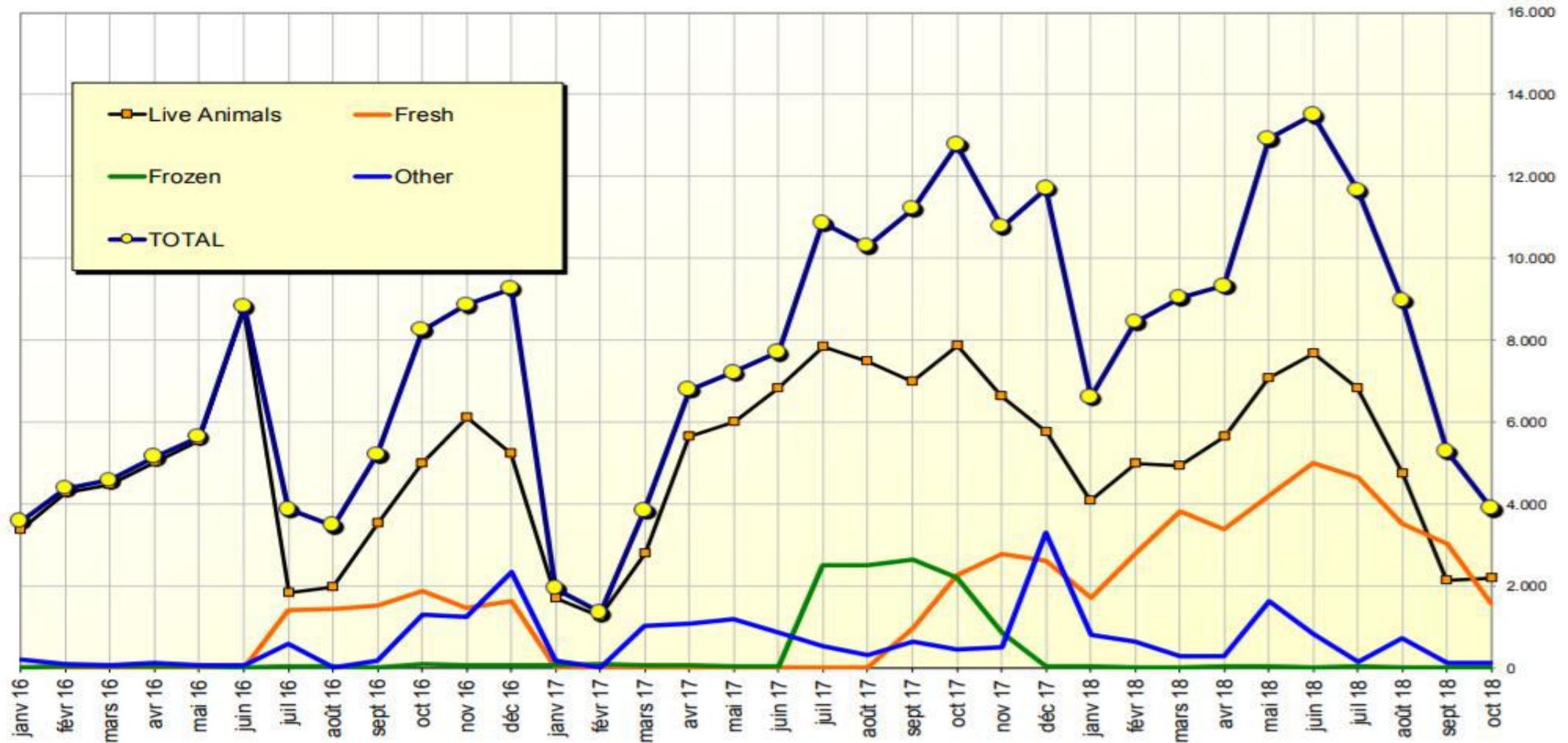
EU Exports of BEEF live animals by partner for the period Jan-Oct 2018



# EU Exports of Live Cattle increase by 14%



# EU Exports to Turkey



# Summary

- Irish cattle supplies increase by 55,000 hd
- Prime cattle prices stronger in the first half, before declining sharply in mid-2018
- EU beef output grew by 1.7%
- Prices also declined in UK & across EU
- Market situation impacted by:
  - Drought-related culling in Northern Europe
  - 11.3% higher beef imports into EU
  - However, robust EU consumption +1.4%



A close-up photograph of a brown cow's nose, partially obscured by vibrant green grass. The cow's skin is a rich, warm brown, and its nose is a darker, almost black color. The grass is in sharp focus, with individual blades clearly visible. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a field or pasture. Overlaid on the center of the image is the text "Thank You Happy New Year!" in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

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