Transport (reducing transport times)

- (Info on) Trade movements animals
- Reducing transport times (live animals)
- Control posts

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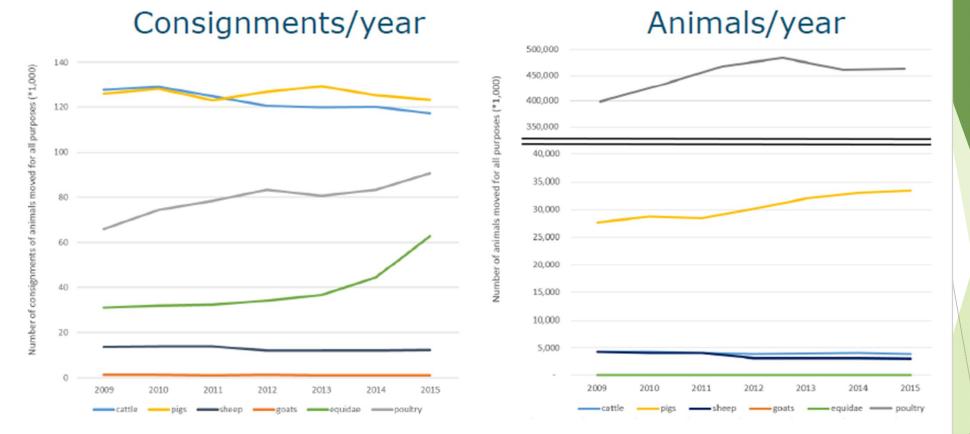
Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality

Intra EU trade of animals

Source: "The economics of animal transport. Long distance transport of animals in de EU". Dr Coen van Wagenberg, Wageningen Economic research (OIE Animal Welfare Forum, France, 11-12 April 2019)







- Consignments/year 365,000->410,000; most pigs, cattle
- Animals/year 440->540 million; most poultry (400-500 million) and pigs (27-34 million)



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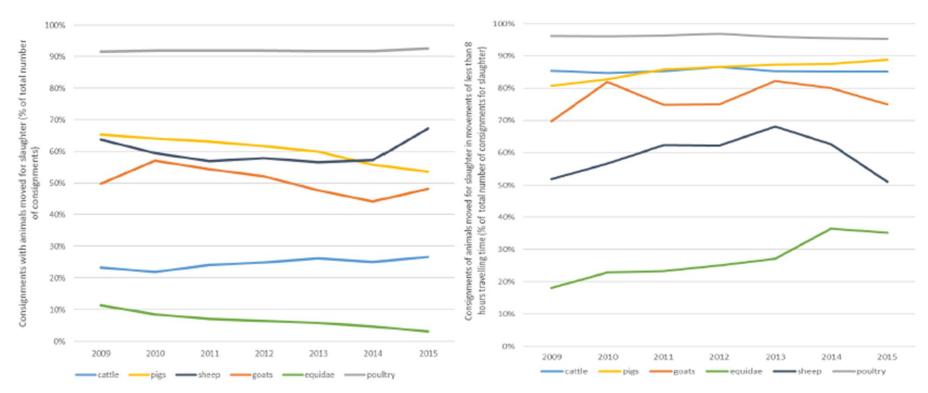
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Source: TRACES

Intra-EU cross-border transport of animals for slaughter ('09-'15)

% animals for slaughter

% <8 hours travelling time



- Majority moved for slaughter, except cattle and equidae
- Majority moved less than 8 hours, except equidae



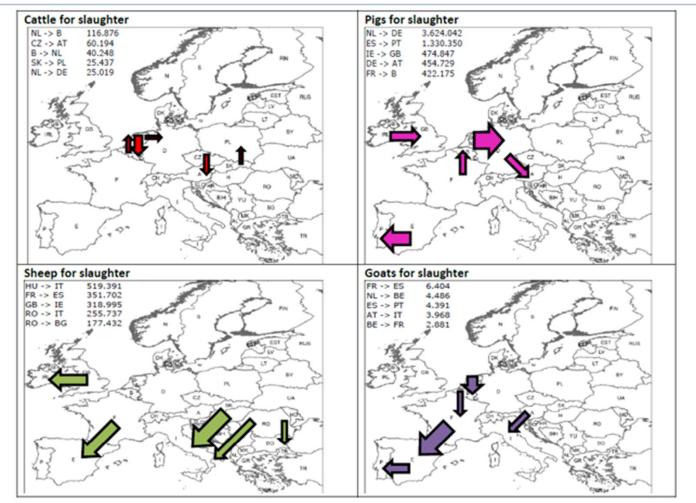


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Intra-EU transport of animals for slaughter (2015)

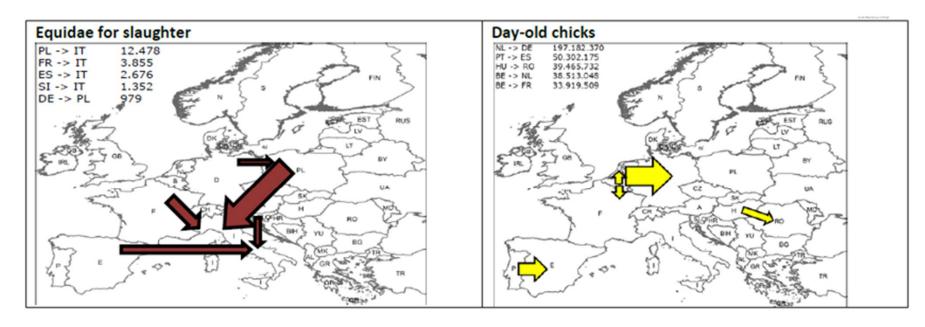


Movements throughout EU, route depends on animal type





Intra-EU transport of horses for slaughter and day-old chicks (2015)



- Horses for slaughter to Italy
- Day-old chicks Netherlands large player





Why are animals moved?

1. Differences in slaughter costs between Member States

5.5 million spent hens/year from Netherlands to Poland

TableComparing scenario 1 'transport of spent hens from the Netherlands for slaughter inPoland' with scenario 2 'slaughter of spent hens in the Netherlands followed by transport of their meatto Poland'

Indicators	Unit	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Difference	
Costs					
Total costs	€ per kg meat in	0.88	1.20	0.32	spo
	Poland				
Among which					
Transport costs	€ per kg meat	0.32	0.04	-0.28	
Slaughter costs	€ per kg meat	0.55	1.07	0.52	
Transport costs after	€ per kg meat	0.01	0.09	0.08	
slaughter					

- 2. Differences in primary production costs between Member States
 - Horses from Poland to Italy
 - Poland compared to Italy
 - Widely available pastures



- Lower production costs due to lower feed and labour costs and tradition of breeding horses with lowfat meat
- Low primary production costs in Poland compensate the additional transport costs of live horses

- 3. Insufficient slaughter capacity in a Member State
- 570,000 lambs/year from Hungary to Italy

TableComparing scenario 1 'transport of lambs from Hungary for slaughter in Italy' withscenario 2 'slaughter of lambs in Hungary followed by transport of their meat to Italy'

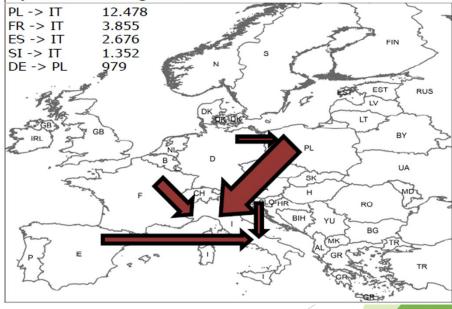
Indicators	Unit	Scenario 1	Scenario 2	Difference
Costs				
Total	€ per kg meat in Italy	1.16	0.67	0.49
Among which				
Transport costs	€ per kg meat	0.44	0.10	0.34
Slaughter costs	€ per kg meat	0.69	0.51	0.18
Transport costs	€ per kg meat	0.02	0.07	-0.05

- Privatisation in 1990's; slaughter capacity sold to Italian companies; closing of slaughter locations in Hungary.
- 80-90% of lambs are moved from Hungary to Italy



- 4. Lack of consumer demand in own Member State, large demand in another Member State
 - Horses to Italy
 - Large part of horse meat consumed in EU is consumed in Italy
 - "Locally produced", "Local origin"
 - Fresh (=not frozen) meat

Equidae for slaughter



- 5. Differences in animal welfare policy between Member States
 - Stricter enforcement and less stringent norms provide incentives to move animals
 - Recent evaluation Regulation 1/2005: general implementation, data recording, enforcement, compliance with rules on fitness for transport have improved



Reducing transport times

OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code

Section 7: Animal welfare.

Article 7.3.1.

The amount of time animals spend on a *journey* should be kept to the minimum.

European Union

Transport regulation (Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2005):

- Recital (5): "For reasons of animal welfare the transport of animals over long journeys, including animals for slaughter, should be limited as far as possible."
- Article 3(a): all necessary arrangements have been made in advance to minimise the length of the journey and meet animals' needs during the journey;

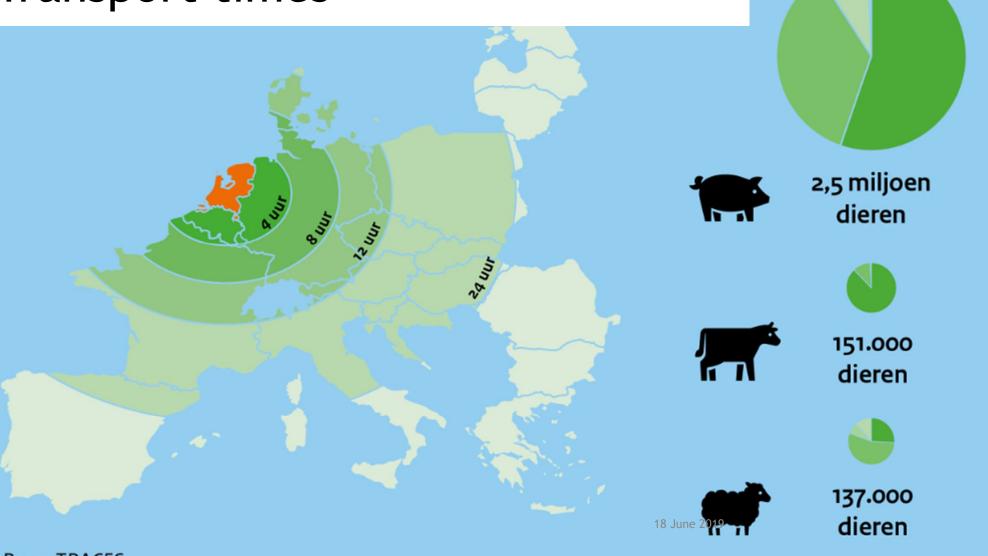
Scientific Committee on Animal Health and Animal Welfare (SCAHAW, 2002):

Many animal species and categories should have a considerable resting period (at least 6 hours) after a maximum of 8 hours transport.

Netherlands

- Focus on slaughter animals and export breeding cattle
- No exports of slaughter animals to countries outside the EU
- Overview of transport times of slaughter animals
- Meetings with industry and NGO's:
 - Add maximum transport times in private labels
 - Look for local market for spent hens
 - Investigate (long distance) exports of piglets for slaughter
 - Communication and awareness
- Use international platforms/ co-organise round table meeting

Slaughter animals 2018 Transport times



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Slaughter animals 2018 Transport times

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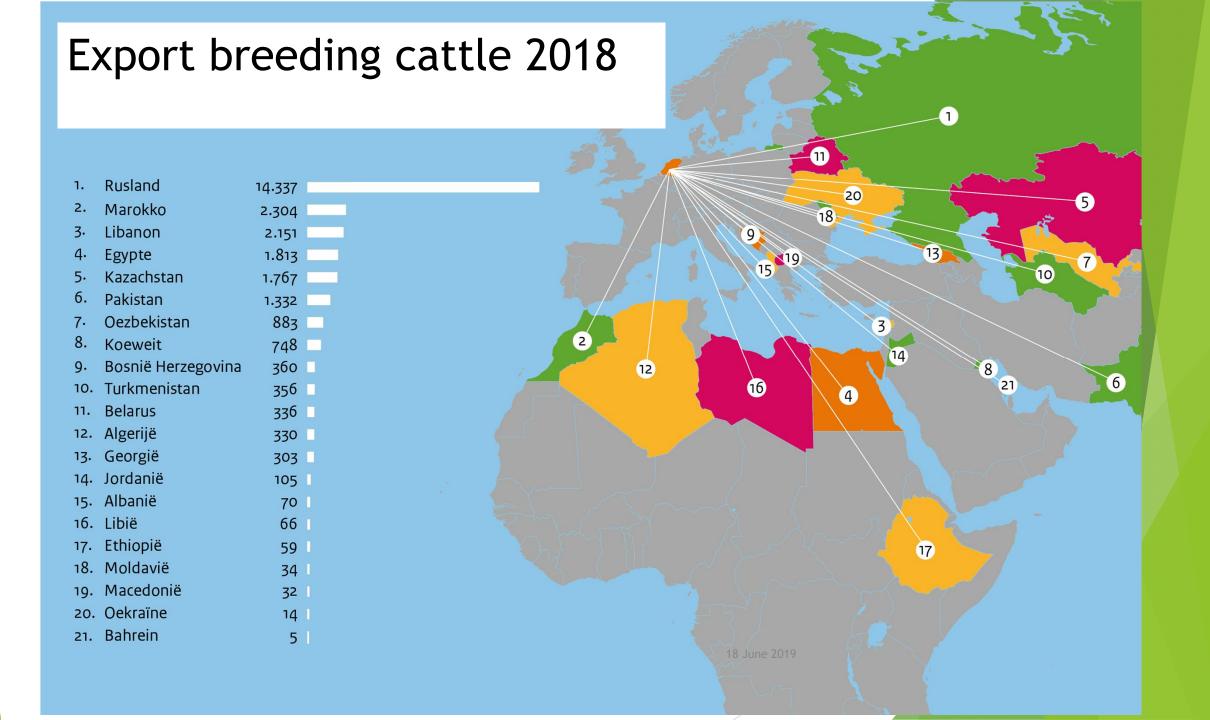
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Exports animals to countries outside EU

2018:

- > 21 million day old chicks
- 27.500 cattle
- ▶ 3.500 pigs
- 3.500 horses
- 2.000 sheep/goats



Exports of live cattle versus semen

Country	Cattle 2018	Semen 2018
Russia	14.377	132.086
Marocco	2.304	0
Lebanon	2.151	0
Egypt	1.813	7.064
Kazachstan	1.767	0

Focus on Russia and countries that import cattle (>1500), but no semen:

- Marocco
- ▶ Lebanon
- ► Kazachstan

EU Control post

Visit to "van Dommelen" Wednesday 19 June



EU approved control posts

Council regulation (EC) 1255/97:

- Control posts are places where animals are rested for at least 12 hours or more after the maximum journey times as laid down in Regulation 1/2005
- The competent authority shall approve and issue an approval number to each control post.
- Such approval may be limited to a particular species or to certain categories of animal and health status.
- Member States shall notify the Commission of the list of approved control posts and any updates. Control posts shall be listed by the Commission: <u>https://ec.europa.eu/food/sites/food/files/animals/docs/aw_list_of_approv_ed_control_posts.pdf</u>

Requirements

- Official controls
- Health and hygiene measures
- Construction and facilities
- Operations (handling and taking care of animals)

