This is a graded discussion: 5 points possible

Since this is a group discussion, each group has its own conversation for this topic. Here are the ones you have access to:

- Discussion 4.1
- Discussion 4.2
- Discussion 4.3
- Discussion 4.4
- Discussion 4.5
- Discussion 4.6
- Discussion 4.7
- Discussion 4.8
- Discussion 4.9

Week 4 Discussion

It is such a large class and I fear that some participants are not being heard. Please note that you have been randomly divided by Canvas into groups to discuss amongst a smaller cohort of students. This will allow for a more personalized discussion opportunity. Warning: Your participation in the conversation will be more apparent.

Discussion

You are managing a ranch in Avon, UT. At the last board meeting, a member was concerned with the precipitous decrease in total exports around 2004 after reviewing a graph from an old popular press article. (see image below)

- Explain the reason for the dramatic decrease in exports.
- Provide some reassurance (talking points) that this is unlikely to happen again.
- He snuggly suggests that he does not care what happens on that side of the pond (i.e., international markets). Offer a few arguments as to why we (animal scientists) care about exports.

Full credit will be earned by providing a thoughtful and complete primary post by Midnight, Wednesday and then replying to a peer’s with a substantive comment by the discussion deadline.

![Figure 1: U.S. Industry Net Export Values (Annual)](image)

*Source: Livestock Marketing Information Center*