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March Red Meat Export Numbers Solid, Future More Uncertain

Audio with Joe Schuele (SHE-lee), Communications Director, U.S. Meat Export Federation

The March red meat export numbers are in and they were very good. Joe Schuele (SHE-lee) of the U.S. Meat Export Federation says March was the best month ever for combined red meat export value in terms of beef, pork, and lamb...tape

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Study: U.S. Farmland Shrinking

A report from American Farmland trust released Wednesday finds that between 1992 and 2012, almost 31 million acres of farmland were lost, equal to all the farmland in Iowa. The "Farms Under Threat: The State of America's Farmland" report, according to American Farmland Trust, shows the loss of farmland "is serious" and "will accelerate" unless action is taken. The report found that of the 31 million acres lost in that time, 11 million of those acres were among the best farmland in the nation. The data found that 62 percent of all development between 1992 and 2012 occurred on farmland, and expanding urban areas accounted for 59 percent of the loss. An American Farmland Trust spokesperson says action is needed now "because the lost farmland is irretrievable." The organization further states that allowing large-scale farmland loss to continue "imperils our ability to feed our growing population." It also challenges the nation's economic prosperity.