



DOJ Investigates Antitrust Violations in Beef Market

Description

The Justice Department is looking into high beef prices in the USA. They are checking if big meat companies are doing something wrong. They will review over 3 million documents and talk to people in the industry.

Four large companies control 85% of the beef market. Many of these companies are partly owned by Brazil. The acting Attorney General, Todd Blanche, asked people to report any bad practices. If someone helps find problems, they could get money from any fines over \$1 million.

Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins said the USA has fewer cattle now. As of January 1, there were about 86.2 million cattle. This is the lowest number since the 1950s.

The government realizes the cattle supply needs to grow. Rollins said they are working on solving this problem. They want to support American ranchers and protect food security.

The Justice Department has not said when they might finish their investigation. They will also look for help from whistleblowers who have important information.

Vocabulary List:

1. **investigation** //ɪnˌvɛstəˈɡeɪʃən// (noun): careful study to find facts or truth
2. **whistleblowers** //ˈwɪsəlˌblɒʊərz// (noun): people who report bad actions to authorities
3. **fines** //faɪnz// (noun): money paid as punishment for breaking rules
4. **industry** //ˈɪndəstri// (noun): group of businesses making similar products or services
5. **supply** //səˈplaɪ// (noun): amount of something available for people to use
6. **review** //rɪˈvju// (verb): to look at something carefully to judge it

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What is the primary focus of the Justice Department's investigation?

Option: High beef prices

Option: High pork prices



-
- Option: High chicken prices
 - Option: High fish prices

2. What percentage of the beef market is controlled by four large companies?

- Option: 70%
- Option: 80%
- Option: 85%
- Option: 90%

3. Who is the acting Attorney General mentioned in the text?

- Option: Todd Blanche
- Option: Brooke Rollins
- Option: John Doe
- Option: Jane Smith

4. As of January 1, how many cattle were reported in the USA?

- Option: 80 million
- Option: 82 million
- Option: 86.2 million
- Option: 90 million

5. What does Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins say about the cattle supply?

- Option: It needs to grow
- Option: It is sufficient
- Option: It is increasing
- Option: It is decreasing

6. What could people receive for reporting bad practices in the beef industry?

- Option: Job offers
- Option: Cash rewards
- Option: Public acknowledgment
- Option: No rewards

True-False

7. The Justice Department is investigating low beef prices in the USA.

8. As of January 1, there were more than 90 million cattle in the USA.



-
9. The investigation will involve reviewing over 3 million documents.
10. The investigation is expected to conclude very quickly.
11. Four large companies own less than half of the beef market.
12. American ranchers are being supported to protect food security.

Gap-Fill

13. The Justice Department is looking into high beef prices in the USA and will review over 3 million _____.
14. As of January 1, there were about 86.2 million cattle, which is the lowest number since the _____.
15. The acting Attorney General asked people to report any bad _____ related to the beef industry.
16. Many of the large companies in the beef market are partly owned by _____.
17. The government is working on solving the issue of the cattle _____ that needs to grow.
18. Whistleblowers who help the Justice Department could receive a portion of fines over ____ million.
18. Whistleblowers who help the Justice Department could receive a portion of fines over _____ million.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. High beef prices 2. 85% 3. Todd Blanche 4. 86.2 million 5. It needs to grow 6. Cash rewards

True-False: 7. False 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. False 12. True 18. True

Gap-Fill: 13. documents 14. 1950s 15. practices 16. Brazil 17. supply 18. 1



CATEGORY

1. Business - LEVEL1

POST TAG

1. antitrust
2. beef market
3. DOJ
4. ESL learning
5. esl news
6. Level 1
7. whistleblowers

Tags

1. antitrust
2. beef market
3. DOJ
4. ESL learning
5. esl news
6. Level 1
7. whistleblowers

ESL-NEWS.COM

Date Created

2026/05/05

Author

aimeeyoung99