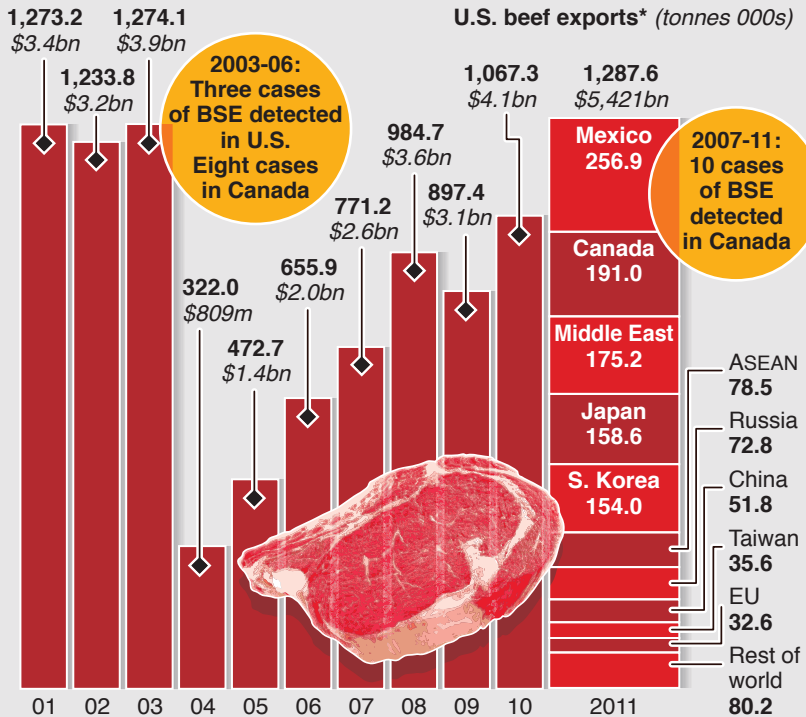


Critical time for U.S. beef trade

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has confirmed the country's fourth case of mad cow disease – the first bovine spongiform encephalopathy infection (BSE) since 2006 – sparking fears of import restrictions



*Includes "variety meat" – internal organs and external parts of animal that are edible

Sources: U.S. Meat Export Federation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention © GRAPHIC NEWS