

Taiwan, America and meat wars

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美國牛肉進口

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Pig farmers

- Thousands of pig farmers throwing dung in the streets of Taipei
- Opposition lawmakers chanting slogans and occupying the speaker's podium
- There are all episodes in a growing row over meat imports into Taiwan

The issue

- American exports to Taiwan of meat that contains ractopamine
- The Americans want Taiwan to lift its ban ... asking Taiwan to set maximum residuals levels for allowable amounts instead

Free Trade

- Unless this is done America will not agree to any new economic initiatives with the diplomatically isolated island ... including bilateral tax and investment agreements
- It will not champion Taiwan's membership of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), a nascent free-trade group

Poll

- A poll in mid-February found that 71% support the ban
- President Ma: Getting Taiwan into a position to join the TPP is one of his main goals
- He worries that dependence on China will give the mainland too great an influence on the island's economy

有條件開放

- 2012.3.16

行政院昨晚宣布, 在「安全容許、牛豬分離、強制標示、排除內臟」四大原則下, 對飼料添加萊克多巴胺的牛肉「有條件解禁」

- 2012.9.11

瘦肉精萊克多巴胺殘留容許量為10 ppb; 使用萊劑的帶骨及去骨美國牛肉, 去骨加拿大牛肉, 可申請輸入台灣