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Record Queensland cattle shipment unloads successfully

The largest live cattle shipment ever to leave Queensland has unloaded successfully in South-East Asia.

The Wellard Rural Exports shipment of 20,060 cattle, 1939 sheep and 625 goats aboard the MV Deneb from Townsville, Queensland, finished unloading in Jakarta and Panjang, Indonesia, and Pasir Gudang, Malaysia, earlier this week.

It was Queensland's biggest cattle shipment, and Australia's second biggest cattle shipment on record.

Wellard Rural Exports Managing Director Steve Meerwald said the company had achieved a voyage success rate of 99.94 per cent for the large cattle shipment, a success rate of 99.64 per cent for the sheep and a success rate of 99.36 per cent for the goats – well above industry standards.

Mr Meerwald said the shipment was part of Wellard Rural Exports' regular and growing south-east Asian trade.

"Whether we are shipping 5000 head or 20,000 head, it is an exercise that is demanding in every respect to meet our commercial and regulatory standards," he said.

"However, the outcome of every aspect of this latest shipment, from sourcing the livestock to final discharge, has been particularly pleasing given the large numbers involved."

Wellard Rural Exports South-East Asian representative Scot Braithwaite said the importers had been particularly impressed with the cattle they had received.

"The resurgence of the live cattle trade in Queensland has enabled the importers in Indonesia and Malaysia to access quality Queensland cattle, and they are extremely happy with the animals they have bought," he said.

The discharge of the MV Deneb has capped off a busy period for Wellard Rural Exports. In addition to the 20,060 cattle aboard the MV Deneb, another 18,312 cattle and 2257 goats were loaded aboard the MV Becrux in Darwin just 10 days prior.

The MV Deneb is now returning to Fremantle, WA, to load feed, before embarking on another south-east Asian voyage, with load ports yet to be confirmed.

Pictures:

Deneb 001: Cattle are unloaded from the MV Deneb in Pasir Gudang, Malaysia.

Deneb 002: The MV Deneb berthed at the Pasir Gudang Port, Malaysia, as trucks queue to take the remainder of the 20,060 cattle loaded onto the vessel.

Deneb 003: A truck is dwarfed by the MV Deneb at Pasir Gudang, Malaysia, as it prepares to unload the vessel.

About Wellard Rural Exports

Wellard Rural Exports has supplied quality Australian sheep and cattle to the world for more than 25 years. It is Australia's largest cattle exporter.

Based in Fremantle, the company's operations cover every aspect of the export chain, including feed and high fibre milling, road transport, feedlot facilities and modern shipping.

Wellard has priority access to the most modern fleet of livestock carriers on the ocean through its association with Siba Ships.

The company's flagship carrier, the MV Becrux, is a purpose-built livestock carrier capable of carrying 75,000 sheep or 14,000 cattle from Australia to major markets around the globe. She was commissioned in 2002.

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