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WORLD RECORD CATTLE SHIPMENT

The world's largest shipment of live cattle has successfully unloaded in South-East Asia.

The MV Deneb, the world's biggest livestock carrier, loaded 22,184 steers and heifers in Darwin last week, eclipsing the previous record of 20,600 cattle aboard the MV Rodolfo Mata (the MV Deneb's former name).

The vessel finished discharge in Panjang today, after unloading part of its shipment in Jakarta over the weekend.

It took just 36 hours to load the vessel in Darwin.

Wellard Rural Exports was the largest supplier of the three exporters who consigned cattle to the vessel, and Wellard Rural Exports managing director Steve Meerwald said it was a great effort to complete the loading in such a short timeframe.

"It took 136 triple road train loads to transport the cattle shipside – which equates to a load rate of one animal every six seconds, for 36 hours. It was a great achievement for everyone involved," Mr Meerwald said.

The cattle on board weighed a total of 8000 tonnes and they consumed 200 tonnes of feed/day on their voyage.

Mr Meerwald said the live cattle trade continued to provide an important income source for top-end pastoralists and a protein source for South-East Asian customers.

It has been a big week for Wellard Rural Exports. The company also shipped possibly the largest ever consignment of dairy cattle from Australian shores, from Portland, Victoria, to Mexico.

The 9461 breeding cattle were loaded aboard the MV Becrux on Sunday for a 16-day voyage to Mexico – marking the start of a regular series of shipments to Latin America.

A large number of the cattle on board were bought on forward contract in June.

Mr Meerwald said the Wellard forward contracts had been well received by dairy farmers, as it offered them, for the first time, a guaranteed market and a guaranteed price for their stock.

Wellard is now back in the market sourcing more dairy heifers for future shipments.

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Background – Wellard Rural Exports

Wellard Rural Exports has supplied quality Australian dairy and beef cattle and sheep and goats to the world for more than 25 years. 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 18,000 cattle from Australia to major markets around the globe. She was commissioned in 2002.

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