

year. Through this proposed project, Mardi hopes to fulfil the Agriculture Ministry's target of one million sheep reared throughout the country by the year 2000. There are about 128,000 sheep in the country at present. In conjunction with the Institute's studies, the Department of Veterinary Services has already begun to import "exotic genetic material" to increase the sheep's base population. The sheep will also be introduced into an integrated farming scheme which will involve a tier system with plantation crops. (Business Times, 21st November, 1989)

TABLE 3: IMPORTS OF LIVE ANIMALS, CHIEFLY FOR FOOD
(M\$'000 CIF)

Country	1987	1988
Australia	21015	27658
Canada	-	241
New Zealand	-	4286
Singapore	7199	6875
Thailand	4561	4312
UK	1801	2273
US	3511	8918
Other	4775	7246
TOTAL	42862	61809

Source: External Trade Statistics, op. cit.