



National Association of Animal Breeders

2026 NDHIA
Annual Meeting
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President NAAB/CSS

➤ Key Updates

1. Industry reference guide:
 1. usacattlegenetics.com
 2. Link to key sources of information
2. Continue working with breeders, collection centers, breed associations, CDCB and others to emphasize the need to report ALL NAAB codes assigned to dairy and beef bulls and to enroll them in the NAAB Cross Reference Database. Ongoing WIP.

NAAB Updates

➤ Key Updates

- ▶ China closed the market for imported semen in February 2025. China was the number 1 market for volume and dollar value.
- ▶ NAAB Board modified Bylaws to include a provision to suspend members.
- ▶ In September, based on the conditions necessary to suspend members, NAAB suspended 7 Associate members located in China. Suspended members do not have access to the NAAB Cross Reference database. No updates to active A.I. status.
- ▶ Suspensions will remain until the conditions for suspension are met and the market reopens.

NAAB Updates

➤ Key Updates on Research

- NAAB supported a research project at Texas A & M university in a BSL3 lab to evaluate if bulls can become infected with BIAV (Avian Influenza) and if it is possible, determine if the virus can be shed in semen. Results showed that bulls can not be naturally infected with the H5N1 virus. This supports not requiring testing on donor bulls. Manuscript is being finalized and will be submitted for peer review.
- Completed a research project estimating the prevalence of both *Mycoplasma Bovis* and *Histophilus Somni* in fresh bovine semen. This manuscript has been submitted for publication in Journal of Dairy Science.

NAAB Updates

➤ NAAB Doak Graduate Fellowship

In 2025, selected 7th annual recipient, Megan Ratka from Minnesota. She completed her BS degree in Animal Science with an emphasis in dairy production and a minor in cell biology from the University of Minnesota in May 2025 and is currently pursuing her Master's degree at Iowa State University under the guidance of Dr. Karl Kerns.

In 2026, selected 8th annual recipient, Kallie Hill, from Minnesota, but graduated from The University of Wisconsin, River Falls. She is currently in discussions with several universities where she can pursue her Masters in male reproductive physiology.

Applications for 2027 will open in October, 2026 and remain open until Dec. 1, 2026.

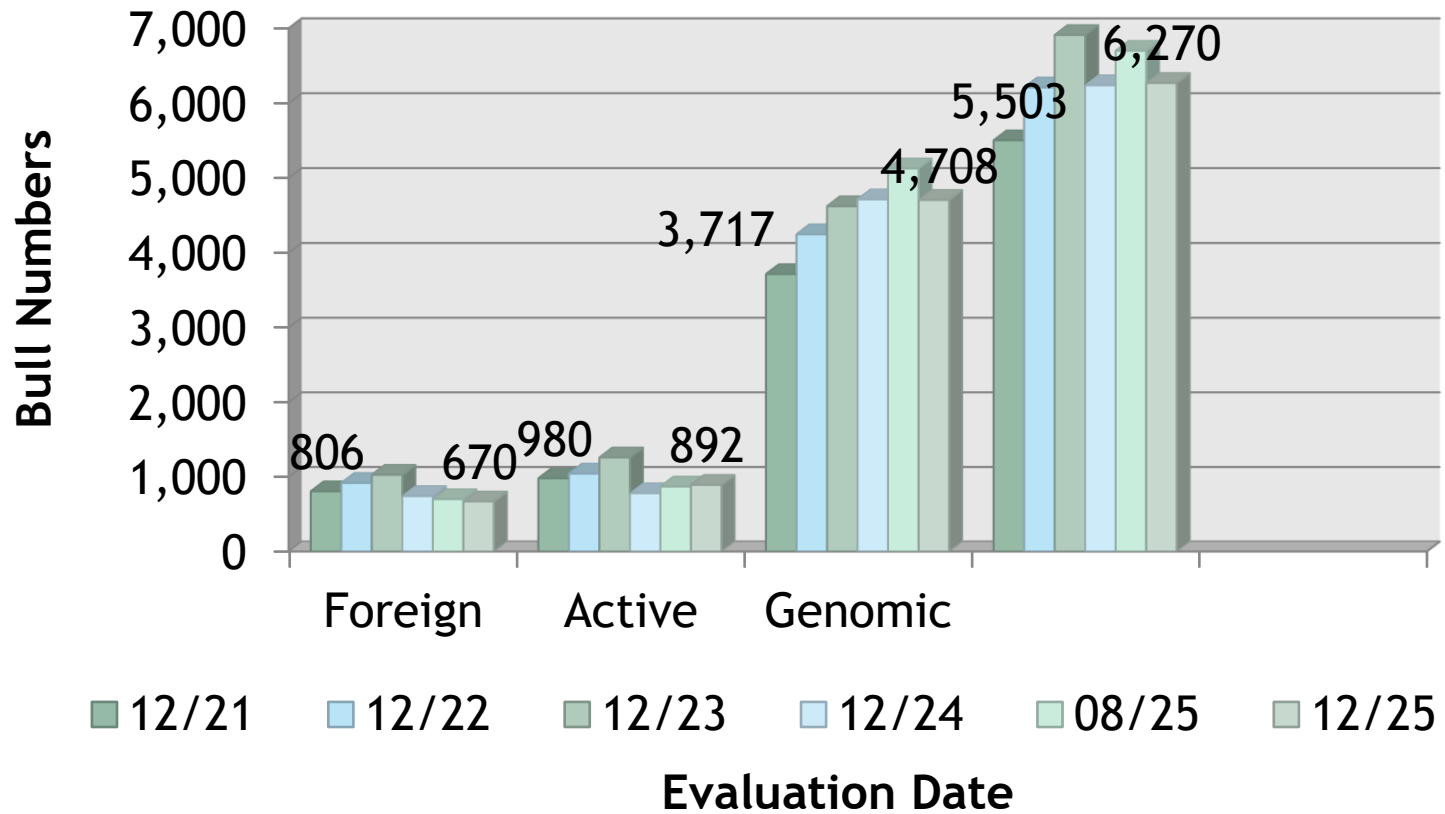
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NAAB Updates

- **Key Updates**
- ▶ CSS renewed MOU with USDA/APHIS recognizing CSS as an audit authority.
- ▶ Revised and expanded MOU in Feb. 2026 with broader audit responsibilities.
- ▶ Complete CSS, USDA and WOAHS audit checklists and conduct traceback on bulls from 3 different export shipments.

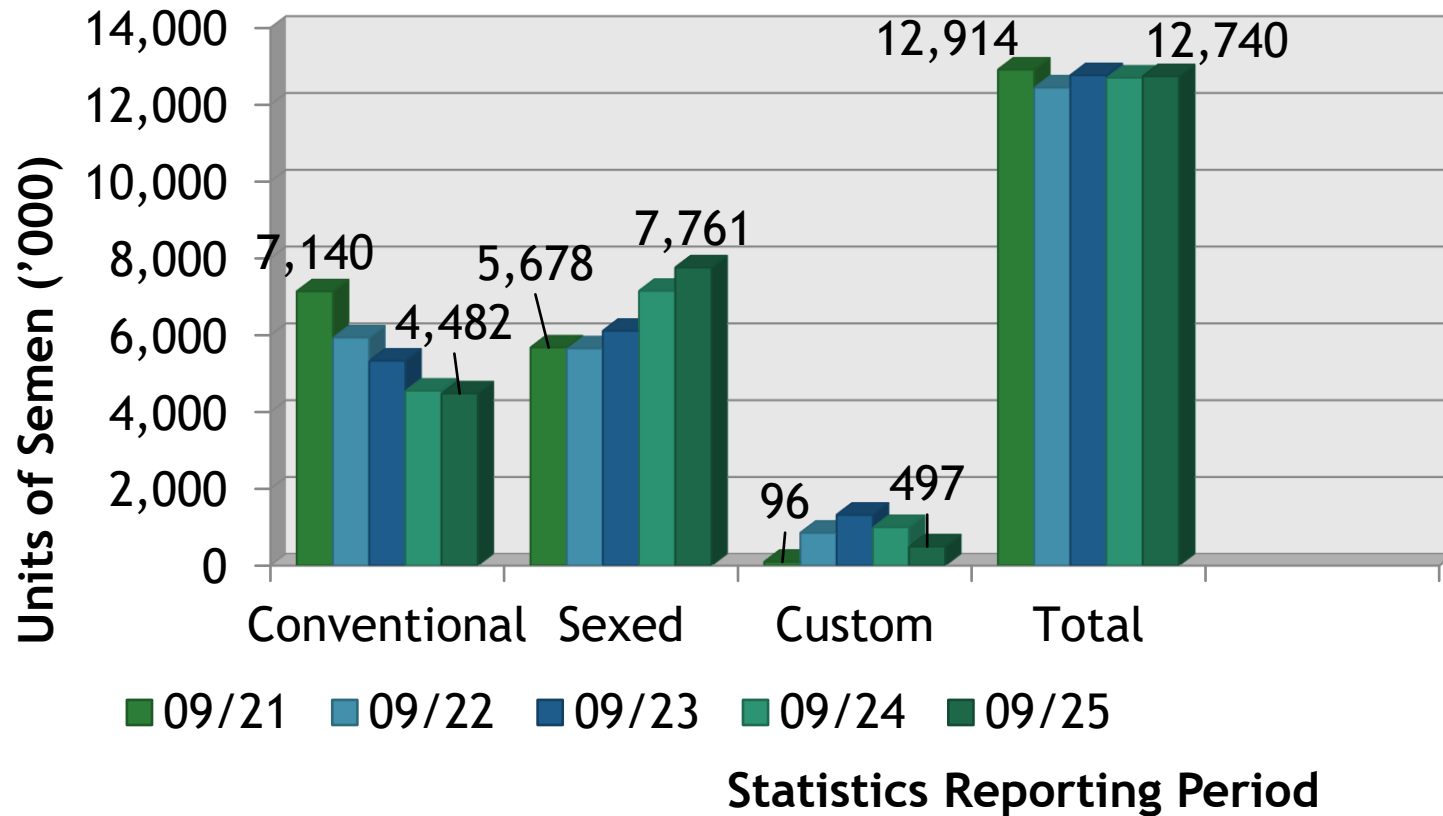


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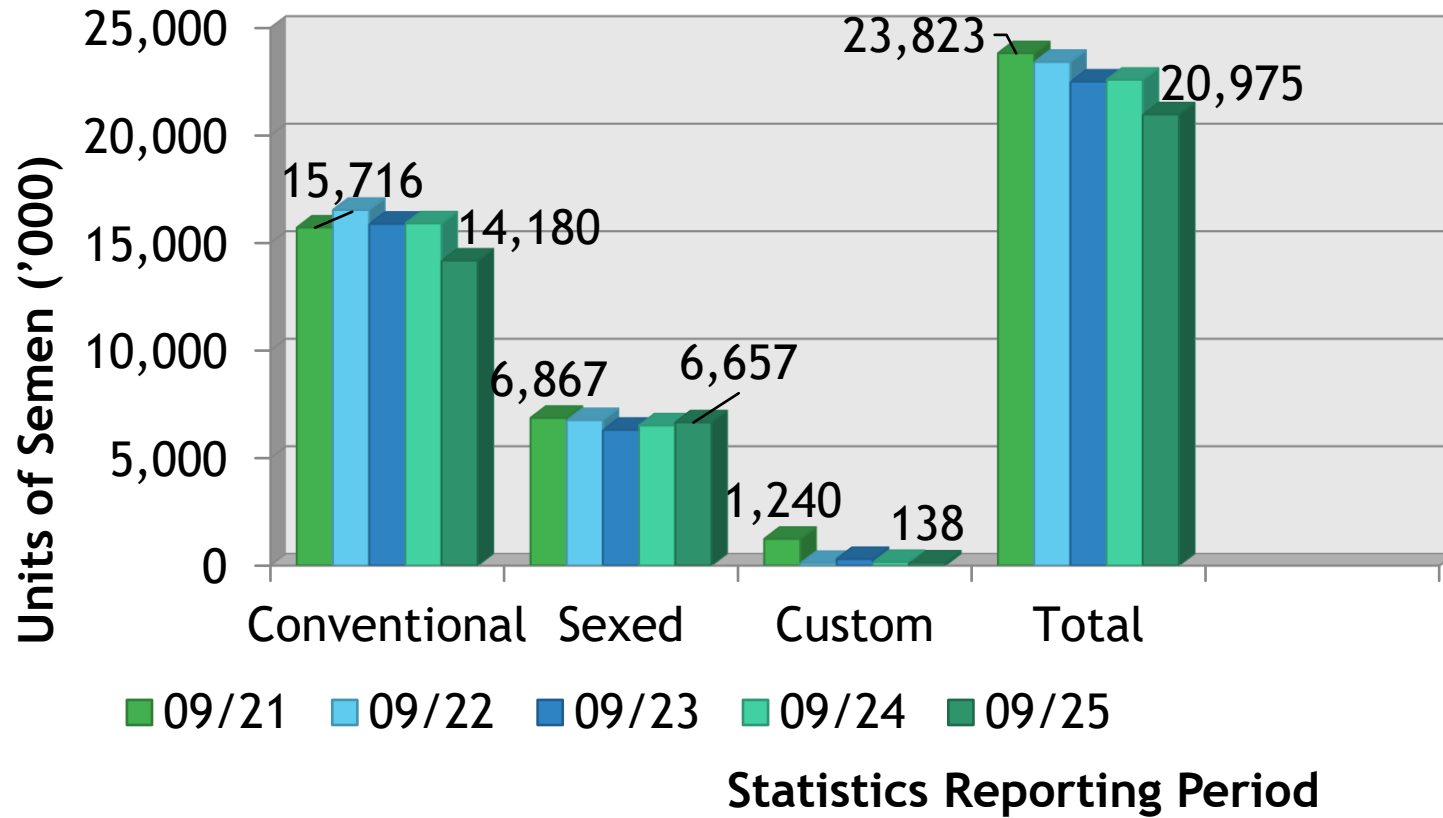


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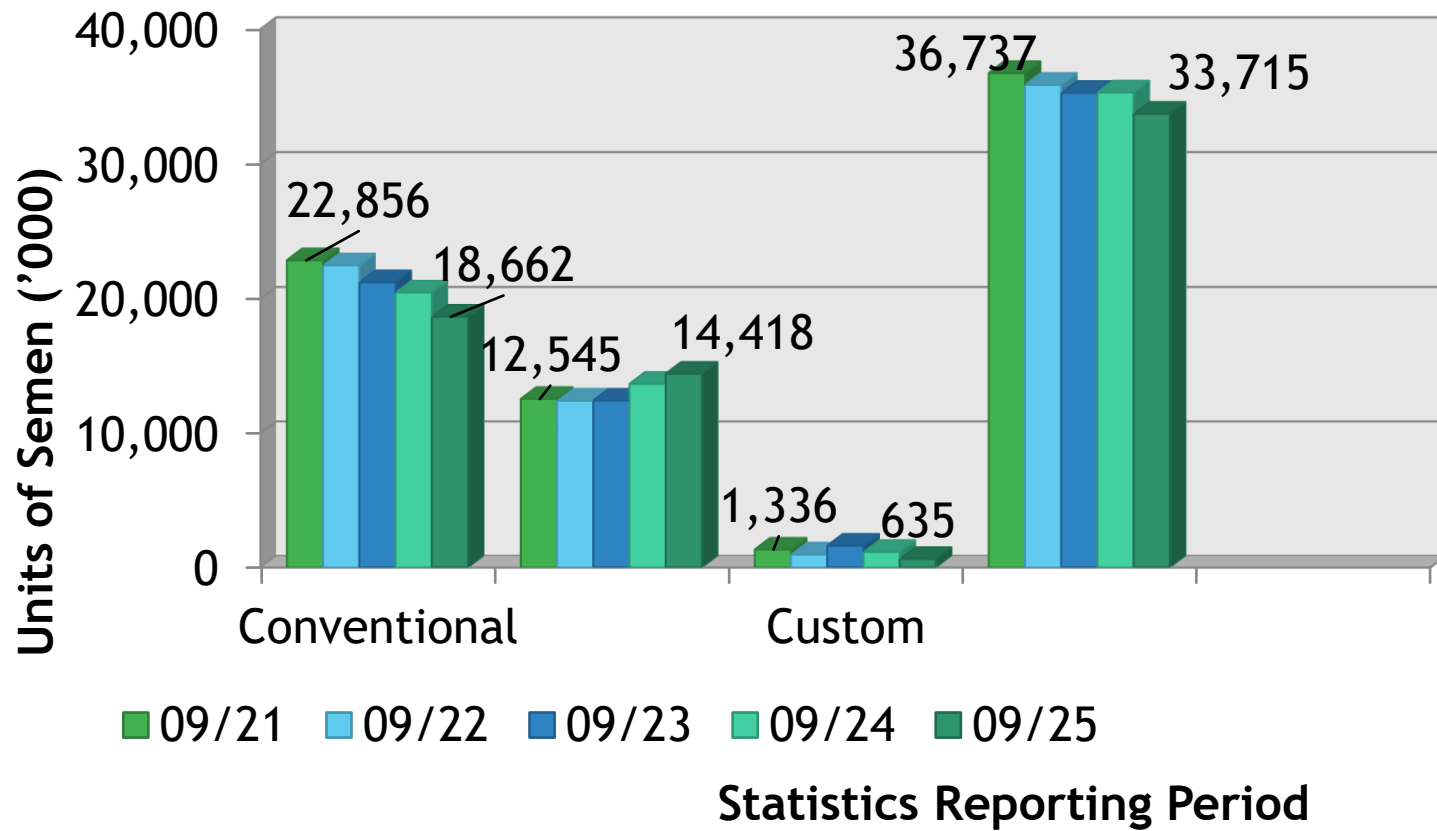


Dairy Export (9 Mo)



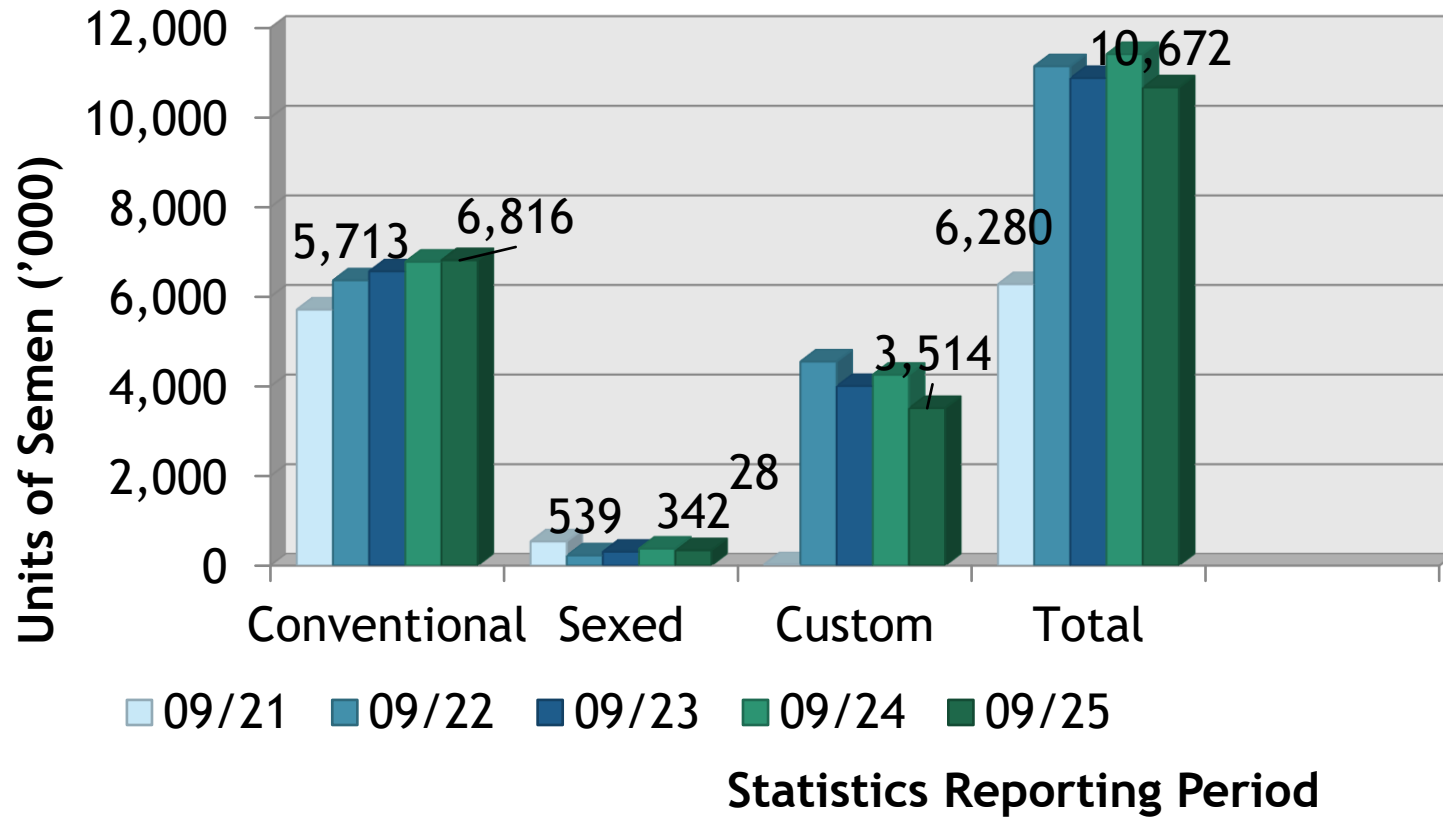


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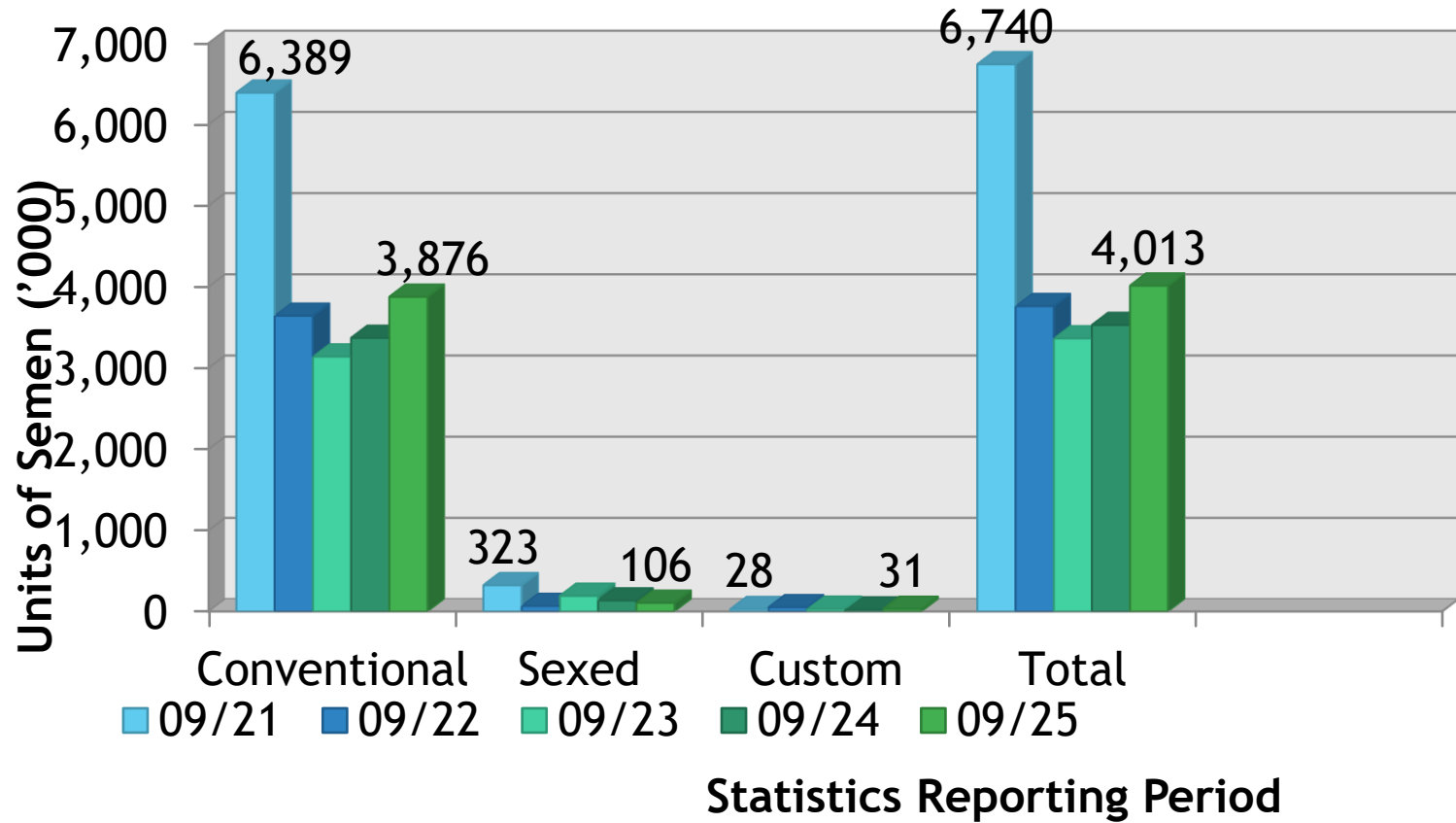


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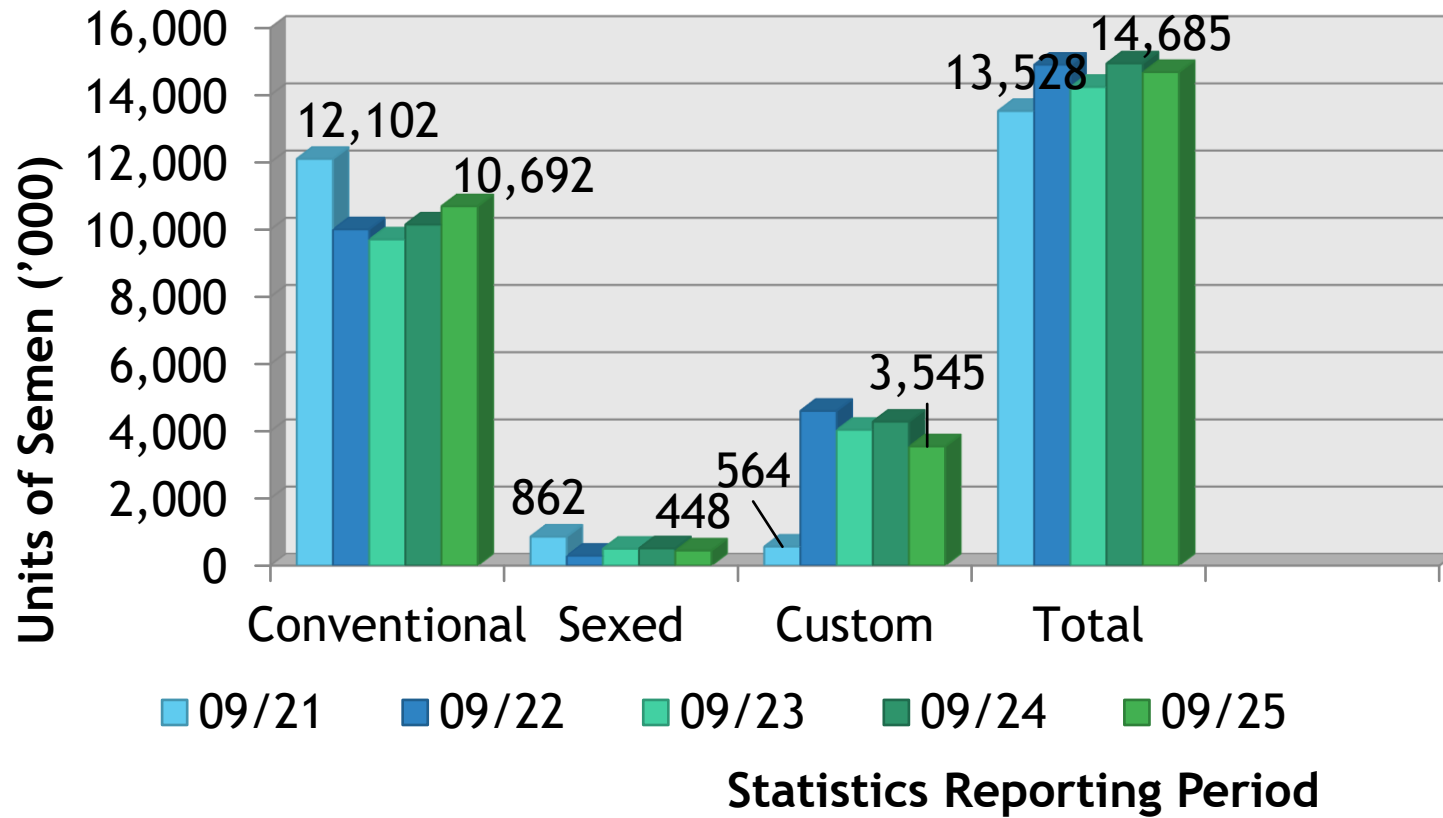


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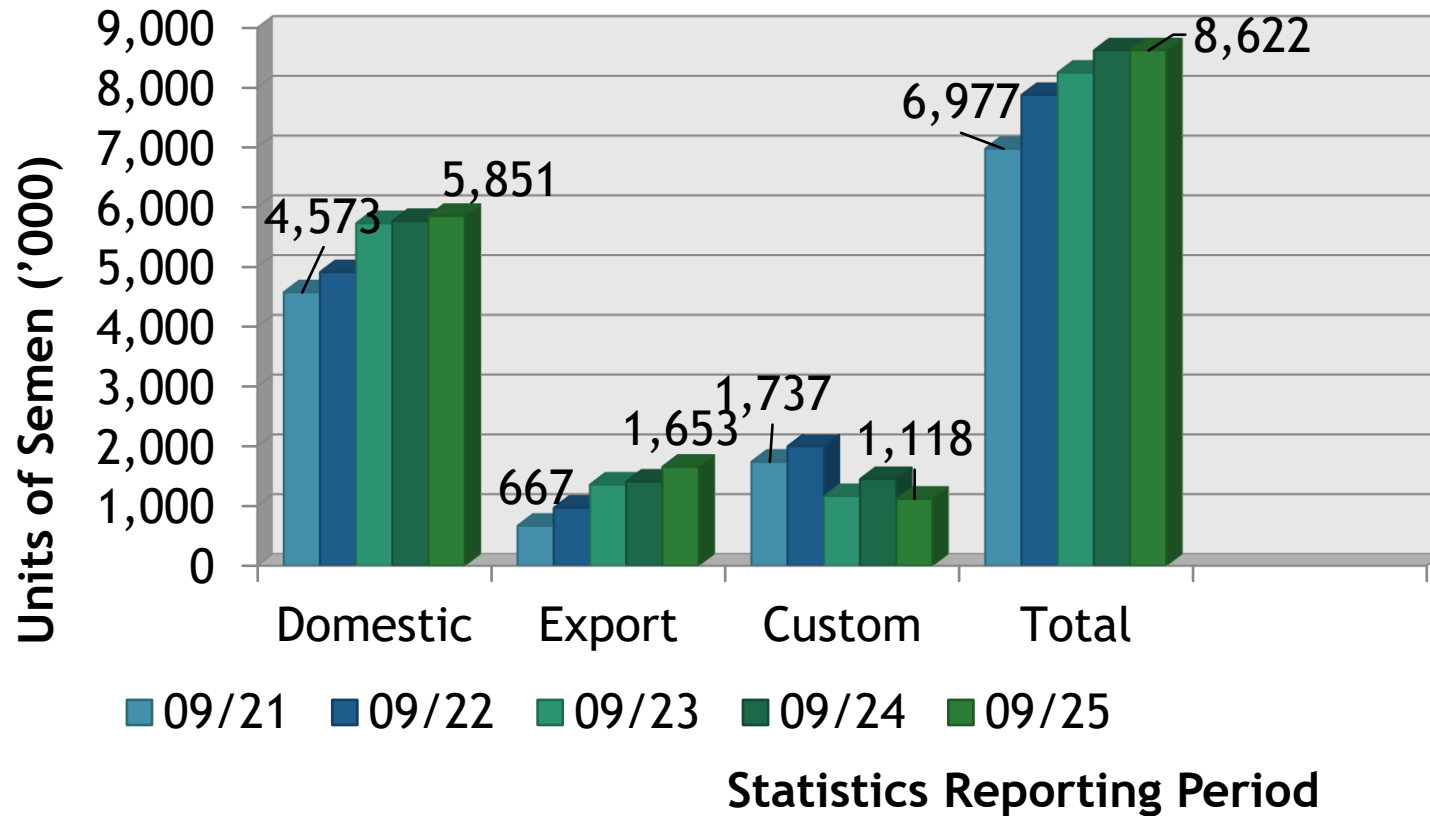


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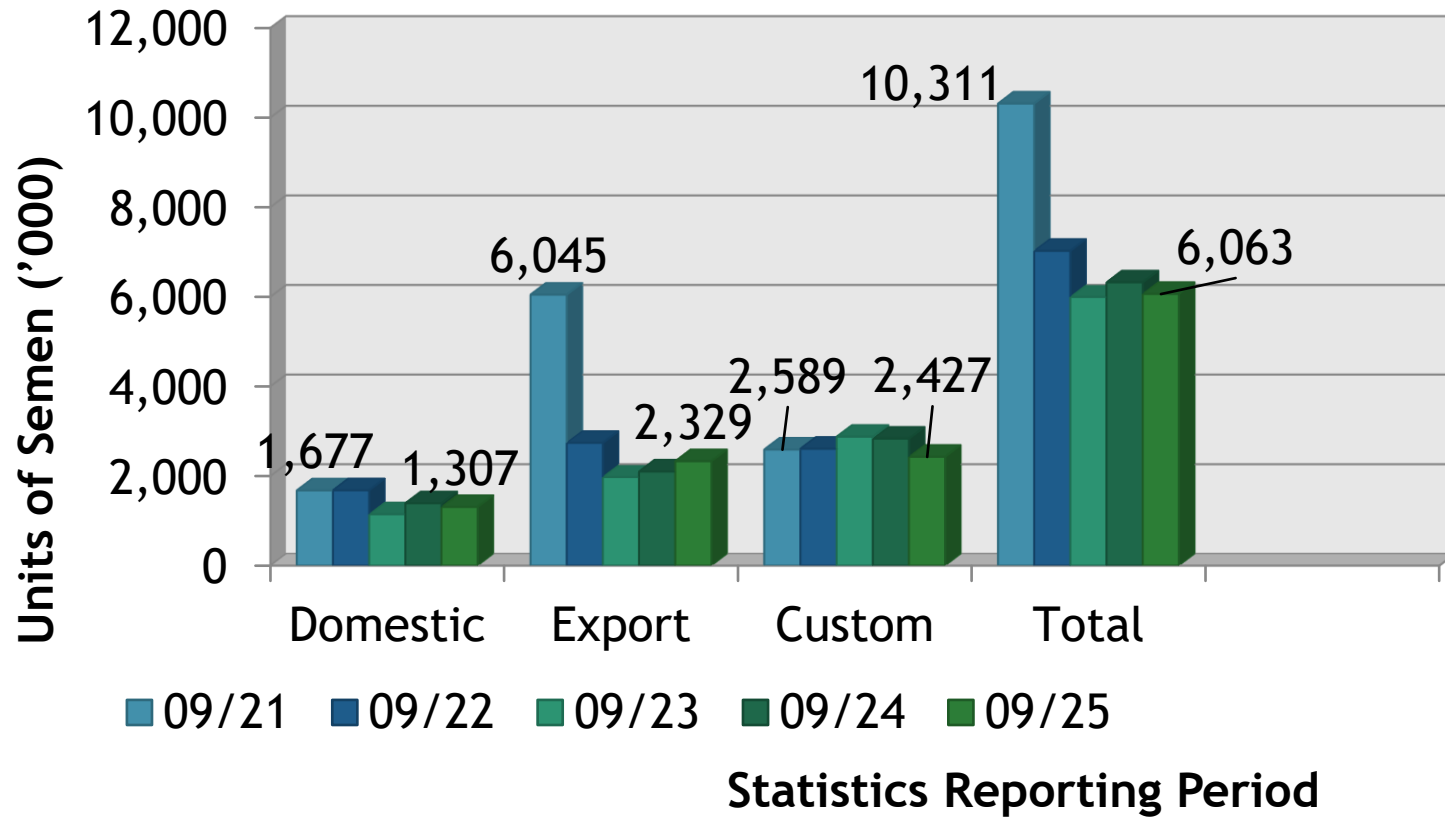


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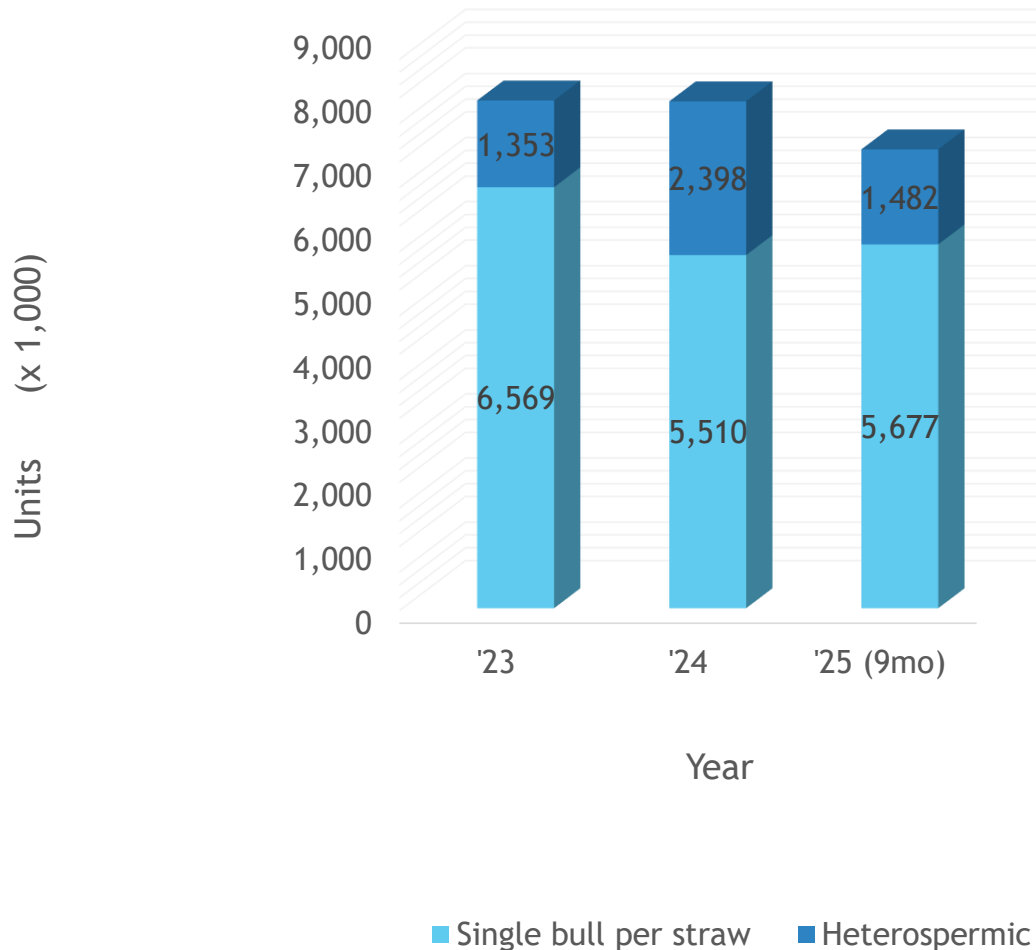


Beef on Beef (9 Mo)



Beef x Dairy

Single Bull per straw vs Heterospermic



➤ Key Projects for 2026

- Website redesign.
 - Ease of finding information.
 - Enable the use of API's.
 - Future member portal for data submission and retrieval.

Automate and streamline processes where possible.

Prepare for process changes needed to accommodate 12 official evaluations per year.

Complete structure for expanded SNP exchange with Japan.

NAAB Updates

➤ 2026 NAAB Technical Conference

The 30th NAAB Technical Conference on Artificial Insemination and Reproduction will be held at the Marriott Madison South from September 16 to 18, 2026.

➤ International Program Director

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