Topic:

Trend Analysis on Meat Animals Import and Export Quantities and Values

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Introduction

The meat animals import and export business play a vital role in global trade, influencing agricultural sectors and economies worldwide. Analyzing trends in import and export quantities and values of meat animals like cattle, chicken, sheep, and pigs provides valuable insights for policymakers, stakeholders, and investors. This project aims to conduct a comprehensive trend analysis using four datasets obtained from the FAOSTAT historical dataset on Kaggle.

Research Questions:

The research questions focus on understanding trends in import and export quantities and values of meat animals across different countries and animal types. These questions are formulated based on four datasets (A, B, C, D):

What is the trend in the import quantities of cattle from the top 10 countries over the past 10 years?

What is the trend in the export quantities of cattle from the top 10 countries over the past 10 years?

How has the export quantity of sheep from Australia evolved over the years?

Is there a correlation between the export quantity and export value of sheep in Australia?

How has the import quantity of chicken from Europe evolved over the years?

How does the import quantity of chicken in Europe correlate with the corresponding import values?

What is the overall trend in the import and export values of pigs from the top 10 countries over the past 10 years?

Are there notable changes in the import and export values of pigs in Europe over the past 10 years?

Approach:

The approach involves a comprehensive data science pipeline, including data cleaning, exploratory data analysis (EDA), trend analysis, correlation analysis, regression analysis, and visualization. This structured approach aims to uncover meaningful insights and inform decision-making in the meat animals trade.

Data Description:

The FAOSTAT historical dataset accessed from Kaggle covers over 200 countries and includes more than 25 primary products and inputs collected between 1961 to 2013. Four datasets (A, B, C, D) were extracted from this dataset, providing insights into different facets of meat animals trade.

Datasets:

Dataset A ('export_&_import_quantities'): Contains export and import quantities of meat animals.

Dataset B ('export_quantities_&_values'): Includes export quantities and values of meat animals.

Dataset C ('import_quantities_&_values'): Covers import quantities and values of meat animals.

Dataset D ('export_&_import_values'): Encompasses export and import values of meat animals.

The first few rows of the dataset (A):

Area	Item	Element	Year	Unit	Value
Australia	Cattle	Export Quantity	1996	Head	1161930
Australia	Cattle	Export Quantity	1997	Head	1530584
Australia	Sheep	Export Quantity	1974	Head	1060464
Australia	Sheep	Export Quantity	1975	Head	1448935
Australia	Sheep	Export Quantity	1976	Head	1844856

Belgium	Pigs	Import Quantity	2008	Head	1235613
Belgium	Pigs	Import Quantity	2009	Head	1451219

The first few rows of the dataset (B):

Area	Item	Element	Year	Unit	Value
Argentina	Cattle	Export Quantity	1961	Head	171106
Argentina	Cattle	Export Quantity	1962	Head	250274
Argentina	Cattle	Export Quantity	1963	Head	291819
Australia	Cattle	Export Value	1995	1000 US$	160133
Australia	Cattle	Export Value	1996	1000 US$	306484
Australia	Cattle	Export Value	1997	1000 US$	353008
Australia	Cattle	Export Value	1998	1000 US$	184339

The first few rows of the dataset (C):

area	item	element	year	unit	value
Algeria	Cattle	Import Value	2011	1000 US$	116029
Algeria	Cattle	Import Value	2012	1000 US$	100332
Algeria	Cattle	Import Value	2013	1000 US$	155253
Algeria	Sheep	Import Quantity	1962	Head	160000
Algeria	Sheep	Import Quantity	1963	Head	312000
Algeria	Sheep	Import Quantity	1987	Head	529120

The first few rows of the dataset (D):

Area	Item	Element	Year	Unit	Value
Afghanistan	Cattle	Import Value	2012	1000 US$	3090
Afghanistan	Cattle	Import Value	2013	1000 US$	20412
Afghanistan	Chickens	Import Value	2005	1000 US$	2211
Afghanistan	Chickens	Import Value	2006	1000 US$	1855
Albania	Sheep	Export Value	1988	1000 US$	1800

The variables in the dataset are:

'Area' represents country,

'Item' represents type of animals

'Element' represents, either Import Quantity, Export Quantity, Import Value, or Export Value

'Year' represent year of the business

'Unit' represent either heads of animals (for quantities), or (1000 US$) for values

'Value' represent either value in terms of US$ or heads of animals

Data Cleaning and Wrangling:

The datasets underwent cleaning processes to handle missing values, remove duplicates, and ensure data integrity. Columns were renamed for better interpretability, making the datasets more user-friendly.

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):

EDA was conducted to understand the distributions, relationships, and summary statistics of variables in the datasets. This helped in identifying patterns and potential outliers.

Trend Analysis:

Time series analysis was performed on export and import quantities as well as values for different animal types. Visualization techniques such as line plots were used to identify trends over the years.

Correlation Analysis:

Correlation analysis was conducted to understand relationships between export/import quantities and values, identifying factors influencing the meat animals trade.

Statistical Analysis:

Statistical methods were applied to validate observed trends, identify significant changes, and assess overall significance of findings.

Visualization:

Results were visualized using plots and charts to effectively communicate trends and insights.

Future Steps:

Future steps may include exploration of advanced time series analysis techniques, application of statistical models for deeper insights, consideration of interactive visualizations, and efficient handling of big data.

Conclusion:

This project provides a comprehensive understanding of trends in meat animals import and export, utilizing data science techniques and leveraging R programming and visualization tools. The combination of exploratory data analysis, statistical modeling, and visualization contributes to uncovering valuable insights in this dynamic global market.

Responses to the Step 2 Questions (Week 10)

How to import and clean my data:

To import and clean the data, I used R programming language along with relevant packages such as tidyverse. I did start by importing the datasets using functions like read_csv, ensuring that all columns are appropriately named. Next, I addressed missing values and outliers, employing techniques such as imputation or removal based on the nature of the data. Additionally, I did check for duplicates and ensure data integrity throughout the cleaning process.

What does the final data set look like:

The final dataset contains five columns: 'country' (formerly 'Area'), 'animal_type' (formerly 'Item'), 'element', 'year', and 'value'. Here's a condensed view of the first 20 rows of the cleaned dataset:

Country	Animal_Type	Element	Year	Value
Australia	Cattle	Export Quantity	1996	1161930
Australia	Cattle	Export Quantity	1997	1530584
Australia	Sheep	Export Quantity	1974	1060464

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Questions for future steps:

How can I leverage advanced time series analysis techniques to uncover deeper insights into trends?

Are there any statistical models that can be applied to predict future import/export quantities and values?

How can interactive visualizations be incorporated to enhance user engagement and exploration of the data?

What information is not self-evident:

Some aspects that may not be immediately evident include predictive analysis using advanced analytics techniques.

Different ways you could look at this data:

Analyzing trends over different time periods (e.g., yearly, quarterly).

Comparing import/export quantities and values across countries or regions.

Investigating the impact of economic factors on meat animals trade.

How do you plan to slice and dice the data:

I planned to slice the data based on various dimensions such as country, animal type, and year. Additionally, I created subsets of the data to focus on specific research questions, ensuring relevance and clarity in the analysis.

How could you summarize your data to answer key questions:

I could summarize the data by calculating descriptive statistics such as mean, median, and standard deviation for import/export quantities and values. Additionally, I'll generate summary tables and visualizations to highlight key trends and patterns.

What types of plots and tables will help you to illustrate the findings to your questions:

I utilized a variety of plots and tables including:

Time series plots to visualize trends over time.

Bar plots to compare quantities/values across categories.

Heatmaps to explore correlations between variables.

Box plots to identify outliers and distributions.

Do you plan on incorporating any machine learning techniques to answer your research questions:

Yes, I intend to explore machine learning techniques such as regression or classification to predict future trends in meat animals import/export quantities and values. These techniques can provide valuable insights for decision-making in the meat animals trade.

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Appendices: R Codes

```
# Load required libraries
library(tidyverse)
library(lubridate)
library(ggplot2)
library(knitr)

# Import datasets
df_a <- read.csv("path_to_dataset_A.csv")
df_b <- read.csv("path_to_dataset_B.csv")
df_c <- read.csv("path_to_dataset_C.csv")
df_d <- read.csv("path_to_dataset_D.csv")

# Data wrangling for each dataset
# Assuming potential issues such as missing values, duplicates, and inconsistencies

# Data wrangling for df_a
df_a <- df_a %>%
  filter(!is.na(Value)) %>%
  distinct() %>%
  mutate(Year = as.integer(Year)) %>%
  filter(Year >= 1961 & Year <= 2013)

# Data wrangling for df_b
df_b <- df_b %>%
  filter(!is.na(Value)) %>%
  distinct() %>%
  mutate(Year = as.integer(Year)) %>%
  filter(Year >= 1961 & Year <= 2013)

# Data wrangling for df_c
df_c <- df_c %>%
  filter(!is.na(value)) %>%
  distinct() %>%
  mutate(year = as.integer(year)) %>%
  filter(year >= 1961 & year <= 2013)
```

```r
# Data wrangling for df_d
df_d <- df_d %>%
  filter(!is.na(Value)) %>%
  distinct() %>%
  mutate(Year = as.integer(Year)) %>%
  filter(Year >= 1961 & Year <= 2013)

# Show the final dataset (first 20 rows) in condensed form

# Display df_a
cat("Dataset A (df_a):")
kable(head(df_a, 20))

# Display df_b
cat("Dataset B (df_b):")
kable(head(df_b, 20))

# Display df_c
cat("Dataset C (df_c):")
kable(head(df_c, 20))

# Display df_d
cat("Dataset D (df_d):")
kable(head(df_d, 20))

# Structure of each dataset
str(df_a)
str(df_b)
str(df_c)
str(df_d)

# Rename 'Area' as 'country', and 'Item' as 'animal_type'
rename_cols <- function(df) {
  colnames(df)[colnames(df) == "Area"] <- "country"
  colnames(df)[colnames(df) == "Item"] <- "animal_type"
  return(df)
}

df_a <- rename_cols(df_a)
df_b <- rename_cols(df_b)
```

```r
df_c <- rename_cols(df_c)
df_d <- rename_cols(df_d)

# Assuming data wrangling involves handling missing values, removing duplicates, and
    converting data types.

# Example data wrangling for df_a

# Handling missing values
df_a <- na.omit(df_a)

# Removing duplicates
df_a <- unique(df_a)

# Converting data types if needed
df_a$Year <- as.factor(df_a$Year)
df_a$Value <- as.numeric(df_a$Value)

# Summary statistics for each dataset
summary(df_a)
summary(df_b)
summary(df_c)
summary(df_d)



# 1. Trend in the import quantities of cattle from the top 10 countries over the past 10 years
import_cattle <- df_c %>%
  filter(animal_type == "Cattle" & element == "Import Quantity") %>%
  group_by(country, year) %>%
  summarise(total_quantity = sum(value)) %>%
  top_n(10, total_quantity)

ggplot(import_cattle, aes(x = year, y = total_quantity, color = country)) +
  geom_line() +
  labs(title = "Trend in Import Quantities of Cattle from Top 10 Countries",
       x = "Year",
       y = "Total Quantity") +
  theme_minimal()
```

```
# 2. Trend in the export quantities of cattle from the top 10 countries over the past 10 years
export_cattle <- df_a %>%
  filter(animal_type == "Cattle" & element == "Export Quantity") %>%
  group_by(country, Year) %>%
  summarise(total_quantity = sum(Value)) %>%
  top_n(10, total_quantity)

ggplot(export_cattle, aes(x = Year, y = total_quantity, color = country)) +
  geom_line() +
  labs(title = "Trend in Export Quantities of Cattle from Top 10 Countries",
       x = "Year",
       y = "Total Quantity") +
  theme_minimal()

# 3. Evolution of export quantity of sheep from Australia over the years
export_sheep_australia <- df_a %>%
  filter(country == "Australia", animal_type == "Sheep", element == "Export Quantity") %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = Year, y = Value)) +
  geom_line() +
  labs(title = "Evolution of Export Quantity of Sheep from Australia",
       x = "Year",
       y = "Export Quantity") +
  theme_minimal()

print(export_sheep_australia)

# 4. Correlation between export quantity and export value of sheep in Australia
correlation_sheep_australia <- df_a %>%
  filter(country == "Australia", animal_type == "Sheep") %>%
  select(Value, element) %>%
  pivot_wider(names_from = element, values_from = Value) %>%
  summarise(correlation = cor(`Export Quantity`, `Export Value`, use = "complete.obs"))

print(correlation_sheep_australia)

# 5. Evolution of import quantity of chicken from Europe over the years
import_chicken_europe <- df_c %>%
  filter(country == "Europe", animal_type == "Chickens", element == "Import Quantity") %>%
  ggplot(aes(x = year, y = value)) +
```

```
  geom_line() +
  labs(title = "Evolution of Import Quantity of Chicken from Europe",
       x = "Year",
       y = "Import Quantity") +
  theme_minimal()

print(import_chicken_europe)

# 6. Correlation between import quantity and import values of chicken in Europe
correlation_chicken_europe <- df_c %>%
  filter(country == "Europe", animal_type == "Chickens") %>%
  select(value, element) %>%
  pivot_wider(names_from = element, values_from = value) %>%
  summarise(correlation = cor(`Import Quantity`, `Import Value`, use = "complete.obs"))

print(correlation_chicken_europe)

# 7. Overall trend in the import and export values of pigs from the top 10 countries over the past
      10 years
import_export_pigs <- bind_rows(
  df_b %>% filter(animal_type == "Pigs", element == "Export Value"),
  df_c %>% filter(animal_type == "Pigs", element == "Import Value")
) %>%
  group_by(country, element, Year) %>%
  summarise(total_value = sum(Value)) %>%
  top_n(10, total_value)

ggplot(import_export_pigs, aes(x = Year, y = total_value, color = country)) +
  geom_line() +
  facet_wrap(~element) +
  labs(title = "Overall Trend in Import and Export Values of Pigs from Top 10 Countries",
       x = "Year",
       y = "Total Value") +
  theme_minimal()

# 8. Notable changes in the import and export values of pigs in Europe over the past 10 years
import_export_pigs_europe <- bind_rows(
  df_b %>% filter(country == "Europe", animal_type == "Pigs", element == "Export Value"),
  df_c %>% filter(country == "Europe", animal_type == "Pigs", element == "Import Value")
) %>%
```

```
  group_by(element, Year) %>%
  summarise(total_value = sum(Value))

ggplot(import_export_pigs_europe, aes(x = Year, y = total_value, color = element)) +
  geom_line() +
  labs(title = "Import and Export Values of Pigs in Europe",
       x = "Year",
       y = "Total Value") +
  theme_minimal()
```

9. Regression Analysis

Simple linear Regression analysis

```
# Load required libraries
library(tidyverse)
library(lubridate)
library(caret)

# Step 1: Data Preparation
# For regression analysis, we need numeric variables, so 'year' converted to numeric
df_a$year <- as.numeric(df_a$year)
df_b$year <- as.numeric(df_b$year)
df_c$year <- as.numeric(df_c$year)
df_d$year <- as.numeric(df_d$year)

# Step 2: Fit Regression Model
# Let's fit a linear regression model to predict export value based on export quantity
model <- lm(Value ~ Value, data = df_a)

# Step 3: Evaluate Model Accuracy
# To evaluate the model accuracy, we can use cross-validation
cv_results <- train(model,
                    data = df_a,
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                 method = "lm",
                 trControl = trainControl(method = "cv", number = 10))

# Print model accuracy
print(cv_results)
```

This code performs a simple linear regression analysis to predict export value based on export quantity. Then, it evaluates the model accuracy using 10-fold cross-validation.

Multiple regression

```
# Load required libraries
library(tidyverse)
library(lubridate)
library(caret)


# Step 1: Data Preparation
# For regression analysis, we need numeric variables, so 'year' converted to numeric
df_a$year <- as.numeric(df_a$year)
df_b$year <- as.numeric(df_b$year)
df_c$year <- as.numeric(df_c$year)
df_d$year <- as.numeric(df_d$year)

# Step 2: Fit Multiple Regression Model
# Let's fit a multiple regression model to predict export value based on export quantity and year
model <- lm(Value ~ Quantity + year, data = df_a)

# Step 3: Evaluate Model Accuracy
# To evaluate the model accuracy, we can use cross-validation
cv_results <- train(model,
                 data = df_a,
                 method = "lm",
```

```
        trControl = trainControl(method = "cv", number = 10))

# Print model accuracy
print(cv_results)
```

In this code, we're fitting a multiple regression model with export quantity and year as predictor variables to predict export value. Then, we're evaluating the model accuracy using 10-fold cross-validation.