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Records for NT cattle exports

New figures for the pastoral industry show record shipments of cattle from the Territory last month.

Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries, Chris Natt, said over 47,000 cattle were exported from Port Darwin in June.

“Two large shipments to Indonesia for feedlots preparing cattle for the Muslim Festival of Ramadan have contributed to the export boom.

“One shipment carried over 18,000 cattle, the largest number ever to be sent as a single load out of the Port of Darwin.

“This required a great level of skill and organisation from all sectors of the export industry including export depots, trucking companies, government, veterinarians, stock feed companies and stevedores.

“The total number of cattle exported from Darwin this year stands at 123,853 – that’s an increase of 18,822 since the same time last year.

“This is great news - the pastoral industry is a major contributor the Territory’s economy, injecting $300 million each year.

“The severe drought conditions experienced by pastoralists in the Alice Springs district have impacted on the industry but the recent granting of Exceptional Circumstances will certainly help.

“The Territory Government continues to support Central Australian pastoralists,” said Mr Natt.

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