Trains fatally plow into 13 calves

KUSHIRO, Hokkaido Pref. (Kyodo) Thirteen calves were killed in eastern Hokkaido after they wandered onto railroad tracks and were hit by trains in two separate accidents, police officials said Friday.

Officials said about 130 calves at a ranch in the town of Shimizu panicked and escaped confinement following a minor earthquake.

About 20 of the calves wandered onto train tracks some 400 to 500 meters from the ranch. IAIAV 8/5/44