



INTERNATIONAL EGG AND POULTRY REVIEW



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Japan Broiler Meat Production

Japanese domestic broiler meat production fell an estimated 8% in the first half of 2011, compared to the same period in 2010. Production is expected to recover in 2012 and increase by 3%, reaching 1.27 million metric tons. After the March earthquake Japanese consumers temporarily refrained from eating out; consumers avoided perishable food items, including fresh meat and chicken, and instead chose ready-to-eat meals and convenience foods to take back home and eat.

Japan: Broiler Meat, '000 metric tons

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Production	1,255	1,282	1,290	1,235	1,270
Imports	737	645	789	840	805
Exports	7	9	11	5	10
Consumption	1,926	1,978	2,075	2,060	2,065

Source: Foreign Agricultural Service, Official USDA Estimates

Massive outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in early 2011 severely affected the nation's second largest broiler producing state of Miyazaki, causing a large number of birds to be culled, and reducing broiler meat shipments from the prefecture. The broiler industry in Tohoku and Kanto regions was also temporarily incapacitated by the March earthquake and Tsunami, contributing to reduced shipments. This was especially true for the Iwate prefecture in the Tohoku region, the nation's third largest broiler producing state. Some of the production and processing facilities in Iwate, including parental stock operations and hatcheries owned by relatively large scale integrators, were reportedly demolished and washed away by the Tsunami. Miyazaki and Iwate combined for roughly 32% of the total broilers raised in Japan. By summer most infrastructures, including hatcheries and feed manufacturing, had reportedly been restored.

Japan: Egg Product Imports in metric tons

	Dried yolk	Dried whole	Other yolks	Liquid eggs	Dried albumen	Other albumen
2010						
Jan	233.9	295.4	646.6	264.6	727	-
Feb	176.4	213.9	556.0	175.0	700.2	-
Mar	213.2	213.8	630.3	185.2	653.9	-
Apr	166.4	149.8	574.6	248.2	921.9	-
May	192.4	205.5	749.9	204.7	844.8	0.2
Jun	180.8	278.9	490.1	290.2	905.4	-
Jul	195.4	268.1	568.5	175.9	968.0	-
Aug	183.7	215.0	593.8	301.1	983.2	-
Sep	146.3	247.1	548.7	226.8	898.7	-
Oct	144.0	208.9	742.2	175.7	679.9	-
Nov	213.7	225.5	489.7	202.7	764.7	-
Dec	176.9	260.4	424.8	215.0	827.8	-
YTD	2,223.1	2,782.3	7,015.2	2,665.1	9,875.5	0.2

2011

Jan	142.7	241.8	427.4	223.5	912.5	0.1
Feb	212.3	309.4	566.0	178.5	755.5	-
Mar	200.5	144.7	691.5	218.7	596.1	-
Apr	214.5	323.6	947.9	210.1	1004.5	-
May	192.3	427.8	732.3	260.8	1013.2	39.5
Jun	146.6	320.2	845.0	201.3	1067.4	77.1
Jul	176.6	176.5	964.2	567.3	861.0	-
Aug	283.0	336.2	915.2	370.6	1,137.7	59.9
Sep	289.2	349.2	1432.7	219.1	800.7	79.6
Oct	165.9	425.7	431.9	225.3	980.7	-
Nov	99.1	414.1	544.2	273.8	1,051.4	-
YTD*	2,122.7	3,469.2	8,498.3	2,949.0	10,180.7	256.2

Source: Agriculture and Livestock Industry Cooperation; Ministry of Finance, "Japan Exports and Imports."

Japan: Frozen Broiler Imports by Origin in metric tons

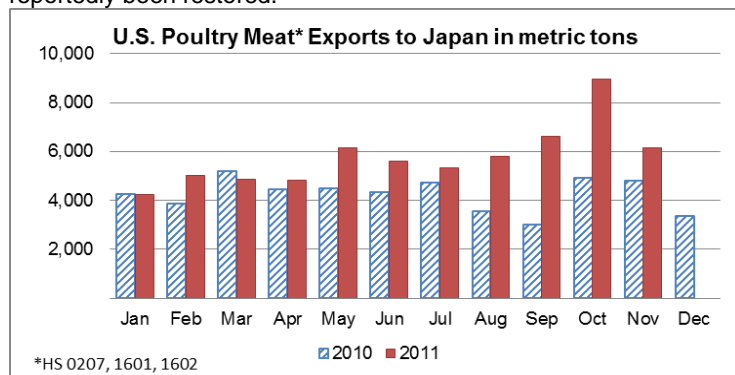
	China	U.S.	Brazil	Others	Total imports
2010					
Jan	19	2,313	26,791	287	29,410
Feb	0	2,806	28,563	450	31,819
Mar	19	2,771	27,530	413	30,733
Apr	34	3,295	36,093	457	39,879
May	7	2,749	29,830	385	32,971
Jun	34	2,424	31,758	455	34,671
Jul	14	1,947	34,352	446	36,759
Aug	10	3,104	33,002	476	36,592
Sep	19	3,459	32,390	575	36,443
Oct	19	2,323	35,337	802	38,481
Nov	21	3,975	34,507	565	39,068
Dec	-	3,016	29,828	583	33,426
YTD	195	34,182	379,981	5,894	420,252

2011

Jan	22	2,807	33,967	510	37,306
Feb	1	3,196	29,231	429	32,856
Mar	13	3,155	28,811	764	32,742
Apr	6	3,498	35,887	806	40,198
May	13	4,121	37,523	1,041	42,698
Jun	8	4,241	39,136	1,232	44,617
Jul	33	3,824	36,504	1,570	41,931
Aug	5	4,412	41,546	1,537	47,501
Sep	-	2,779	27,779	1,086	31,644
Oct	29	5,121	27,809	1,039	33,998
Nov	12	5,209	34,051	1,113	40,385
YTD*	141	42,364	372,243	11,127	425,875

*Year to date

Source: Agriculture and Livestock Industry Cooperation; Ministry of Finance, "Japan Exports and Imports."



Data Source: Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics

Increased availability of fresh domestic broiler meat in 2012 (priced lower than the previous year) and higher stocks will likely reduce total imports in 2012. This should encourage Japanese households to look for domestic fresh branded chicken, especially in retail, at the expense of imports. On an annual basis, Japan's 2011 total broiler imports are projected to reach a 10-year record high of 840,000 MT (broiler meat up 7% to 450,000 MT and prepared products up 6% to 395,000 MT).

In 2012 Japan will continue to remain the major market for Chinese and Thailand prepared (cooked) broiler products in high performing sectors such as fast foods, convenience foods, and ready-to-eat meals. In the retail sector demand for cooked products may slow in 2012 as consumers resume purchases of fresh domestic chicken which was in short supply and highly-priced in 2011.

Source: USDA/FAS GAIN Report Number JA1040

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	49	0	149	191
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	49	0	149	191

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	264	335	893	1,292
Frozen	4	3	66	22
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	268	338	959	1,314

INSPECTED SHELL EGGS

U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	0	0	3,000	699
Large	0	275	1,146	575
Medium	0	145	0	145
Ungraded	840	462	4,284	5,987
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	840	882	8,430	7,406

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s)

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION

Week Ending Jan 28, 2012 (Preliminary)

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Thousands		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,640	1,630	3,270
Last Week	1,797	1,615	3,412
Same week yr ago	1,485	1,515	3,000
To-date/2012*	6,630	6,168	12,798
To-date/2011*	5,819	5,677	11,496

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Thousands		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	361	0	361
Last Week	486	0	486
Same week yr ago	422	10	432
To-date/2012*	1,585	12	1,597
To-date/2011*	1,544	22	1,566

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada

	Thousands		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	2,001	1,630	3,631
Last Week	2,283	1,615	3,898
Same week yr ago	1,907	1,525	3,432
To-date/2012*	8,215	6,180	14,395
To-date/2011*	7,363	5,699	13,062

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

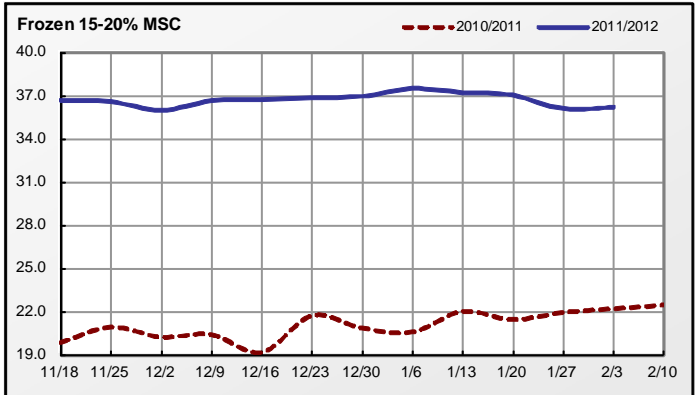
NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

(FOB Shipper Dock or equiv., negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand lb. quantities, cents/lb.; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices for all fat contents trended steady to weak. Supplies were moderate to heavy. Schedules were normal. Domestic demand was light to moderate at best. Export demand was moderate to instances good, best on frozen 15-20% into the Caribbean, Central America, and South America. The spot marketplace has slowed due to retail resistance and pushback to the new higher priced finished goods. In turn, this has resulted in fewer orders for finished products, larger inventories of finished goods, reduced contractual supply needs, and more spot MSC and frame availability. Mexico has also slowed. Industry will continue to closely monitor the situation as the market tries to find direction and stability. Market activity was slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials were moderate. Spot frames traded between 13-16 cents FOB.

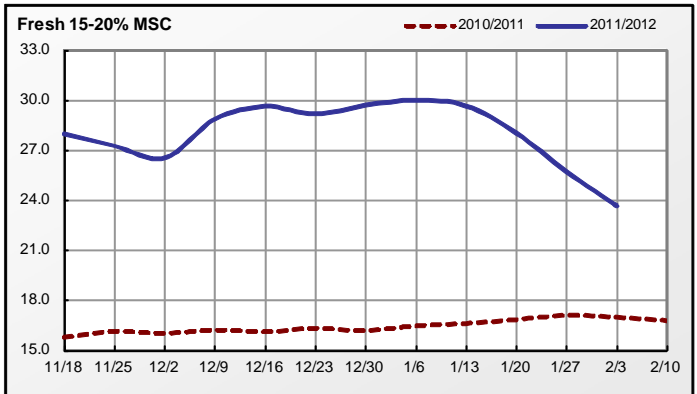
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	3-Feb-12	Last Week	Last Year	3-Feb-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	-	-	27.00 - 28.00	29.00	18.00-20.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	27.67	29.00	19.14
Volume Traded	-	-	-	122	143	286
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	34.00 - 38.00	34.00 - 38.00	20.00-24.00	21.00 - 29.00	20.00 - 33.00	15.00-20.50
Wtd Avg Price	36.22	36.11	22.22	23.67	25.72	16.98
Volume Traded	1,762	1,504	1,326	3,019	2,864	3,764
Volume Exported	1,602	1,264	1,166	367	41	204
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	18.00-20.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	19.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	82	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Monthly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2011	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2011
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	31.81	31.89	18.48
Volume Traded	-	-	-	734	714	632
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	37.00	36.64	21.37	28.51	28.89	16.77
Volume Traded	6,795	6,422	4,805	14,390	19,182	14,210
Volume Exported	6,195	5,542	4,105	1,306	5,183	1,061
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.36	22.59	19.07
Volume Traded	-	-	-	286	449	612
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS

INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 03 FEB 2012.

The market on white meat is steady with steady to weak undertones. Demand light to moderate with increased interest on frozen tom breast meat noted at lower trending offering prices. Offerings moderate to heavy. The market on tom bulk parts steady to weak, mostly steady with increased export interest reported on tom drums and full-cut wings found at the lower trending price levels. Demand light to moderate, instances good. Offerings mostly moderate. Trading light to moderate.

EXPORT TRADING

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2012						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	68.00-70.00		68.67	324	68.67	324
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	69.00		69.00	54	70.50	108
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	89.00		89.00	162	89.00	162
TAILS	50.00		50.00	54	50.00	54

MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 02, 2012				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS				
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	72.00	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	51.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN				

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 01, 2012				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS				
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	72.00	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	51.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN				

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2012				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS				
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	72.00		72.00	54
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	51.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN				

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2012				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	66.00	360
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	51.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN				

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ 15-20% fat with skin added.