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Indian Exports of Eggs and Egg Products

While India does not provide subsidies for egg exports, its proximity to Middle Eastern markets has prompted a surge in shipments. Between 1996 and 1997 Indian exports of eggs and egg products increased more than tenfold. The increase in egg products was due in large part to a number of egg powder plants which were developed for exports. During the period April - September 1998 exports of shell eggs increased by 20.0% (75,000 boxes compared to 62,500 boxes) yet are estimated to decrease 4.0% for the period April 1998 - March 1999.

Exports of dried products decreased by 10.0% (4,500 tons compared with 5,000 tons) from April to September 1998, however through March 1999 exports are estimated to halve for a total of 5,000 tons compared to 10,000 tons. Shipments of egg powder underpinned the strong export gains since 1997, however strict quality standards demanded by buyers in Japan and the EU, combined with the economic crisis in Asia, damped demand for Indian egg powder from these markets in 1997.

Source: USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service, International Egg Commission

Disruptions in the U.S. - Mexico Trade at the Mexican Border

Several consignments of U.S. poultry have been delayed at border crossings into Mexico. Problems included Mexican customs officials detaining mechanically separated turkey meat and chicken meat because containers had not been sealed at the point of origin. Officials also required documentation of lot numbers for some product. Product has been diverted to cold storage until the situation can be resolved. Product entering under import permits issued before the new requirements took effect Feb. 15 have been unaffected.

Mexico's new import requirements under NOM-044 are apparently causing some confusion among customs officials at the borders. Some changes were made in NOM-044 after its publication in the Mexican Federal Register, and it appears that inspectors may be using the regulation as originally published. For example, the requirement that containers be sealed at plant of origin was dropped after negotiations between the U.S. and Mexico.

Mexico has issued a list of domestic processing plants that are approved to receive product for further processing. Product shipped from the U.S. to plants other than those on this list will be denied entry into Mexico. The Atlanta and Mexico City USAPEEC offices were working closely with FSIS and the U.S. Embassy in Mexico in an attempt to arrive at a speedy solution.

Source: USA Poultry & Egg Export Council

Sharp Rise in UK Egg Exports

In the last few years the United Kingdom has imported far more eggs than it has exported. This situation changed dramatically last year. From January to November 1998, imports came to only 139.4 million eggs, 52% down on the same period in 1997. At the same time, exports totaled 302.9 million eggs, 61% more than in the first eleven months of 1997, according to a report in Agra Europe.

Indian Egg Powder Plant

Chief Minister M Karunanidhi of Tamil Nadu, India, has informed the Assembly that the Tamil Nadu Government will consider setting up an egg powder manufacturing unit in the Namakkal district, in view of the large number of eggs being produced in the region.

Source: International Egg Commission

HONG KONG POULTRY TRADE

Volume & Value of Imported Poultry Meat by Major Suppliers

	1997 MT	1998 MT	%chg	1997 US\$M	1998 US\$M	%chg
China	36,668	44,445	21%	63	73	16%
Thailand	4,265	14,234	234%	5	14	180%
Canada	27,858	37,719	35%	26	30	15%
USA	559,388	569,038	2%	546	468	-14%
France	11,000	12,131	10%	15	15	0%
Netherlands	35,046	43,619	24%	42	46	10%
Brazil	80,566	74,928	-7%	90	75	-17%
Argentina	11,945	12,589	5%	10	8	-20%
Australia	8,432	8,242	-2%	7	6	-14%
UK	48,472	49,448	2%	50	45	-10%
Others	47,778	48,751	2%	51	49	-4%
Total	871,418	915,144	5%	905	829	-8%

Volume & Value of Imported Eggs to Hong Kong by Major Suppliers

unit: mil. pieces	1997	1998	%chg	1997 US\$M	1998 US\$M	%chg
China	599	444	-26%	31	22	-29%
US	521	405	-22%	30	20	-33%
Netherlands	173	346	100%	10	16	60%
Germany	103	183	78%	6	9	50%
Others	61	93	52%	4	3	-25%
Total	1457	1471	1%	81	70	-14%

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service, Hong Kong Census & Statistics Department

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INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS

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

Type	Week Ending		Year-To-Date	
	March 20, 1999		1999	1998
Liquid	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Frozen	300	285	2,815	2,727
Dried	0	0	6	50
Total	0	0	99	83
	300	285	2,920	2,860

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

Type	Week Ending		Year-To-Date	
	March 20, 1999		1999	1998
Liquid	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Frozen	164	43	895	944
Dried	2	0	76	99
Total	0	0	10	11
	166	43	981	1,054

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

	Week Ending		Year-To-Date	
	March 20, 1999		1999	1998
Jumbo	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Extra Large	0	0	45	0
Large	1,510	180	5,207	3,695
Medium	290	1,070	18,069	12,578
Ungraded	1,569	1,800	9,190	9,440
Misc	2,460	2,290	49,919	20,728
Total	900	0	900	0
	6,729	5,340	83,330	46,441

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

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. March 26,1999

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN		FRESH	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES. WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	14.00	15.00
WTD AVERAGE			14.00	15.00

81,600 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.
15-20%
RANGE 10.00-11.00 16.00-16.50 8.00-12.00 10.00-13.00
WTD AVERAGE 10.30 16.17 9.32 11.78
1,963,600 pounds, this includes 400,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.
* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 20-Mar-99 (PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY (000'S)

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
HEAD	2,125	1,381	3,506
LAST WEEK	2,060	1,241	3,301
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,823	1,161	2,984
TO-DATE/1999	23,708	14,555	38,263
TO-DATE/1998	21,729	13,859	35,588

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
HEAD	613	28	641
LAST WEEK	456	7	463
SAME WEEK YR AGO	687	9	696
TO-DATE/1999	5,394	110	5,504
TO-DATE/1998	6,112	94	6,206

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
HEAD	2,738	1,409	4,147
LAST WEEK	2,516	1,248	3,764
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,510	1,170	3,680
TO-DATE/1999	29,102	14,665	43,767
TO-DATE/1998	27,841	13,953	41,794

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. March 26,1999

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN		FRESH	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00-16.00	15.25	17.00	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.51	15.25	17.00	17.00

1,063,500 pounds, this includes 250,000 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES. WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00	-	14.00	16.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.00		14.00	16.00

200,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.
15-20%
RANGE 10.50-12.00 14.00 9.50-13.20 14.00
WTD AVERAGE 11.35 14.00 10.72 14.00
1,562,265 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.
* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS

MARCH 26, 1999

Undertone mostly steady on fresh tom breast meat, improved on frozen thigh meat and instances of increased confidence noted on tom drums. Domestic demand fair to good on fresh tom breast meat for next week's holiday needs. Export demand on tom drums and thigh meat fair to good in the West with best interest for Asia, light to fair at best for other destinations. Frozen thigh meat (3 loads) transferred-in-storage 40, Grade A 8-10 lb. breast (4.50 loads) 97-100 mostly 99, fresh destrapped tenderloins (2.50 loads) 159-162 cents delivered. For export: hen 2-joint wings (3 loads) 37 cents delivered.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.00		18.00	120	19.50	484
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	24.57	70	24.57	70
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	43.00-44.00	W	21.25 43.71	160 364	21.25 44.49	160 828

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	60
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	24.00-25.00		24.57	70
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS		R	20.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	40.00-46.00	W	21.25 45.06	160 332

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS		R	20.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	21.00-22.00 44.00-46.00		21.25 45.21	160 132

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	20.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS		R	20.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	22.00 49.33	20 60

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		20.00	20.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS		M	28.50	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	20.50 22.00 49.33	80 20 60

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.