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## Sri Lanka Poultry Industry

Recent imports of eggs and poultry meat have had a disastrous effect on the local industry according to the Sri Lankan Veterinary Association. Sri Lanka has 80,000 poultry producers, primarily small to medium sized operations. The imported items are much cheaper than the local products.

The price for domestic eggs rose at a time when relatively cheap Indian eggs were available, forcing prices lower on Sri Lankan eggs. Only 126,000 eggs were imported from India, compared with a domestic output of 2.5 million eggs per day. Yet buyers used the lower import prices to lever down local prices. The imported eggs cost about Rs2 per egg (\$.34 cents per dozen) compared with local eggs at over Rs3.5 (\$.59 cents).

Source: International Egg Commission

## French Egg Plans

French egg producers have drawn up a two-point plan to try and reduce the egg surplus. However, there are doubts about the legality of the plan because it involves the use of funds set aside for a generic advertising campaign. The first plan is to break-out a million first quality eggs a day over a three month period, while the second is to depopulate laying flocks three weeks earlier than normal.

Source: The International Egg Commission

## CHINA: EGG PRODUCTION, 1985-1997

Volume: 1,000 MT

Year	Total Eggs	Year	Total Eggs
1985	5,347	1991	9,220
1986	5,550	1992	10,199
1987	5,902	1993	11,798
1988	6,955	1994	14,790
1989	7,198	1995	16,767
1990	7,946	1996	19,652
		1997	21,254

The data on production volumes in 1998 are from the 1999 volume of the Statistical Survey of China, released in May by the State Statistical Bureau (SSB). Typically the data in this volume are the same as those presented in the annual statistical yearbook which is published by SSB in the fall, with data from the preceding year.

Source: State Statistical Bureau 1999 Yearbook  
USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service, Attache Report

## Free Trade Agreements

On June 26-29 EU and Latin American officials will meet in Rio de Janeiro for the first ever summit between the EU and Mercosur countries (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay). The EU is currently planning to negotiate free trade agreements with Mercosur. In preparation for the meeting, the 14-member Rio group met last month in Mexico City where Latin American and Caribbean leaders agreed to push toward free trade with the region. The Rio Group is comprised of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela, along with rotating representatives for Central American (Guatemala at this year's summit) and the Caribbean (Guyana).

Regional leaders said talks should incorporate all sectors, emphasizing the need to include agriculture, where the EU maintains a high level of protectionism. The European Council met in May and EU leaders failed to win approval for a mandate for negotiating a free-trade agreement with Mercosur. EU member states are divided over including the agriculture sector in the talks, a Mercosur prerequisite for negotiations. France prefers to delay negotiations concerning agriculture until 2003. Spain favors early talks but supports a German compromise fixing the start of negotiations with Mercosur in 2000.

Mr. Peter Scher, US Special Trade Ambassador, visited the Brazilian Trade Minister Luiz Felipe Lampreia to ensure that Mercosur will support US efforts for reducing EU subsidies and trade barriers for agricultural goods. Scher even agreed to open discussions about market access for Brazilian agricultural goods to the US.

## JAPANESE FROZEN EGG IMPORTS (IN TONS)

Month	Frozen			Total
	Whole Eggs	Frozen Yolks	Frozen Albumen	
1998				
January	210.7	1,624.6	272.2	2,107.5
February	128.6	1,280.3	386.9	1,795.8
March	94.2	1,183.7	278.0	1,555.9
1998 To-Date	433.5	4,088.6	937.1	5,459.2
1999				
January	170.6	1585.1	912.5	2668.2
February	164.0	647.4	161.2	972.6
March	151.4	644.1	357.3	1152.8
1999 To-Date	486.0	2876.6	1431.0	4,793.6

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

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**INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS**

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

Type	Week Ending June 12, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	152	296	6,491	6,236
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	80	0	276	310
Total	232	296	6,773	6,596

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

Type	Week Ending June 12, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Liquid	46	224	2,045	1,942
Frozen	0	3	103	126
Dried	0	0	60	225
Total	46	227	2,208	2,293

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

	Week Ending June 12, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998 /1	1999	1998
Jumbo	72	39	482	607
Extra Large	978	1,108	13,843	17,770
Large	2,391	2,897	49,741	47,808
Medium	460	1,217	22,799	26,793
Ungraded	4,410	12,603	190,079	103,935
Misc	0	0	3,348	1,810
Total	8,311	17,864	280,292	198,723

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

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**CENTRAL REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. June 18,1999

**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	16.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.00		15.00	16.00
242,400 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				

15-20%				
RANGE	12.00	-	10.00-15.00	13.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	12.00		11.63	13.47
2,506,800 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: 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 12-Jun-99 PRELIMINARY

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	HEAD	2,142	1,423
LAST WEEK	1,790	1,196	2,986
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,176	1,370	3,546
TO-DATE/1999	50,358	30,877	81,235
TO-DATE/1998	48,734	29,021	77,755

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	HEAD	657	0
LAST WEEK	508	0	508
SAME WEEK YR AGO	650	0	650
TO-DATE/1999	11,454	150	11,604
TO-DATE/1998	13,196	204	13,400

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	HEAD	2,799	1,423
LAST WEEK	2,298	1,196	3,494
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,826	1,370	4,196
TO-DATE/1999	61,812	31,027	92,839
TO-DATE/1998	61,930	29,225	91,155

**EASTERN REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. June 18,1999

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.75-17.20	18.00-19.00	15.00-17.00	21.00
WTD AVERAGE	17.05	18.50	16.43	21.00
839,200 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.00-14.70	16.50	14.50-15.00	18.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.28	16.50	14.60	18.00
970,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				

15-20%				
RANGE	11.25	-	12.00-15.00	12.00-16.25
WTD AVERAGE	11.25		13.26	14.27
1,869,200 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

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**

FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS

JUNE 18, 1999

Trading was irregular on fresh breast meat and the market tone was about steady. Increased inquiry noted on scapula, trim meat and tenders with trading of fresh and frozen destrapped tenders at 165. A grade 8-10 lb breasts moved at 105. Tom drumsticks were available with some offerings at higher trending prices. Export sales on thigh trim were at 37 cents and ground drum trim at 24.5 cents.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 1999****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	15.70	600	15.92	720
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	17.13	248		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	19.50	104	20.00	208
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	25.00		25.00	40	25.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00		65.00	190	63.66	494

**THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1999****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	15.50-17.00		15.70	600
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	17.13	248
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	19.50		19.50	104
TAILS		R	18.50	108
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	20.29	1,333
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	62.59	224

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 1999****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.00		17.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	17.13	248
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	20.50	104
TAILS		R	18.50	108
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	20.29	1,333
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	61.00-65.00		62.59	224

**TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 1999****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	17.03	504
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	17.13	248
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.50		20.50	104
TAILS		R	18.50	108
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	20.29	1,333
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	63.00		63.00	40

**MONDAY, JUNE 14, 1999****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	17.03	504
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	17.13	248
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	20.25	520
TAILS		R	18.50	108
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	20.29	1,333
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	64.00		64.00	40

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.

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