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## Croatia Poultry Production

The total number of poultry in 1998 was 9,959,000 birds (92-94% chicken). Of these 420,000 were parent stock, and 1.2 million were layers.

Poultry, like other sectors, has significantly decreased in comparison to the prewar period. In the 1990-1997 period the number of poultry declined 42%, or about 7 million birds. At the same time poultry meat production declined around 26%, or about 30,000mt.

Modern poultry production was initiated in the 1960's on ex-State owned farms (agrokombinats). As a result, around 40% of the poultry production is carried out within these enterprises. However, since 1990 the number of family owned, modern poultry farms has been steadily growing and increasing its poultry production share from 50.5% in 1990 to 60% in 1997.

Modern farms have a housed hen laying average of 192-278 eggs/year per farm, while free-range farmyard production amounts to only 100-150 eggs/year per farm. The broilers are fattened to 1.4-2.0 kg birds (3-4.4lbs) in 42-49 days, with a conversion ratio of 1.9 kg feed to 1.0 kg grain.

One of the most important tasks in modern Croatian poultry production is to improve accommodation facilities, feeding, and health conditions. According to the latest information, little progress has been made in these fields during the last 10 years. The main reason for this has been a lack of investment and favorable credit programs, uncontrolled imports of poultry, and a lack of GOC policy support, all of which result in frequent disruptions of the domestic poultry market.

The consumption of poultry has increased during the last eight years due to a decrease in the consumption of other meat. In 1997, consumption was almost 15 kg per capita, which implies a total consumption of about 67,000 mt. In 1998 the consumption of poultry has remained unchanged.

### 1998 Imports and Exports of Poultry Meat in Metric Tons

| Imports      |              | Exports          |              |
|--------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| EU           | 721          | Bosnia & Herzeg. | 1,972        |
| Slovenia     | 290          | Slovenia         | 245          |
| China        | 117          | Macedonia        | 68           |
| Israel       | 21           | EU               | 1            |
| Thailand     | 20           |                  |              |
| US           | 18           |                  |              |
| Hungary      | 11           |                  |              |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1,198</b> | <b>Total</b>     | <b>2,286</b> |

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service, Attache Report

## Restrictions Lifted for California Poultry Exports

Poultry exports to certain countries were formerly restricted from flocks originating in California due to an outbreak of exotic newcastle disease which occurred in California on June 7, 1998. Since then there have been no further outbreaks.

The period of restriction to Estonia has expired, and Taiwan has lifted its July 1998 restriction on poultry exports from California and the related requirement to seal containers moving poultry exports through California effective June 14, 1999. Slaughter and packing dates related to California poultry entered on FSIS Form 9290-1 must be after June 14, 1999 or product may be detained. If it is determined that product trans-shipped through California in unsealed containers on or prior to that date, it may also be detained by Taiwan. There are no further export restrictions on poultry due to this outbreak.

Export Notice 99-13 cancels ECD Notice 98-15.

Questions regarding this notice should be directed to the FSIS Technical Service Center at 402-221-7400.

Source: USDA/Food Safety and Inspection Service, Library of Export Requirements

## JAPANESE FROZEN BROILER IMPORTS (IN TONS)

| Month        | United States | China         | Brazil        | Thailand      | Total          |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>1998</b>  |               |               |               |               |                |
| January      | 8,398         | 14,330        | 6,066         | 8,744         | 37,538         |
| February     | 9,086         | 9,286         | 6,911         | 9,491         | 34,774         |
| March        | 5,811         | 13,846        | 5,615         | 10,243        | 35,515         |
| April        | 9,531         | 15,652        | 6,090         | 10,369        | 41,642         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>32,826</b> | <b>53,114</b> | <b>24,682</b> | <b>38,847</b> | <b>149,469</b> |
| <b>1999</b>  |               |               |               |               |                |
| January      | 6,554         | 15,060        | 8,078         | 11,662        | 41,354         |
| February     | 10,128        | 16,275        | 6,595         | 10,159        | 43,157         |
| March        | 8,333         | 13,517        | 3,741         | 9,434         | 35,025         |
| April        | 9,185         | 16,201        | 5,691         | 11,728        | 42,805         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>34,200</b> | <b>61,053</b> | <b>24,105</b> | <b>42,983</b> | <b>162,341</b> |

Source: ALIC Monthly statistics

**INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS**

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

| Type   | Week Ending July 3, 1999 |         | Year-To-Date |       |
|--------|--------------------------|---------|--------------|-------|
|        | 1999                     | 1998 /1 | 1999         | 1998  |
| Liquid | 283                      | 292     | 7,599        | 7,115 |
| Frozen | 0                        | 0       | 6            | 50    |
| Dried  | 57                       | 18      | 333          | 332   |
| Total  | 340                      | 310     | 7,938        | 7,497 |

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

| Type   | Week Ending July 3, 1999 |         | Year-To-Date |       |
|--------|--------------------------|---------|--------------|-------|
|        | 1999                     | 1998 /1 | 1999         | 1998  |
| Liquid | 7                        | 91      | 2,259        | 2,214 |
| Frozen | 4                        | 0       | 133          | 129   |
| Dried  | 0                        | 0       | 128          | 225   |
| Total  | 11                       | 91      | 2,520        | 2,568 |

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

|             | Week Ending July 3, 1999 |         | Year-To-Date |         |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------|--------------|---------|
|             | 1999                     | 1998 /1 | 1999         | 1998    |
| Jumbo       | 13                       | 38      | 567          | 699     |
| Extra Large | 1,450                    | 128     | 16,853       | 19,726  |
| Large       | 3,482                    | 1,302   | 61,906       | 53,969  |
| Medium      | 1,420                    | 397     | 26,527       | 29,613  |
| Ungraded    | 8,906                    | 7,850   | 273,041      | 121,675 |
| Misc        | 0                        | 1,363   | 3,468        | 3,923   |
| Total       | 15,271                   | 11,078  | 382,362      | 229,605 |

/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. July 09,1999

**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  | 19.00       | - | 12.00-15.00 | 16.00       |
| WTD AVERAGE  | 19.00       |   | 14.14       | 16.00       |
| 326,400 pounds, this includes 40,800 pounds for export shipment.   |             |   |             |             |
| 15-20%   |             |   |             |             |
| RANGE  | 14.00-15.00 | - | 11.00-13.00 | 13.00-16.50 |
| WTD AVERAGE  | 14.60       |   | 11.92       | 13.59       |
| 2,040,000 pounds, this includes 40,800 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 3-Jul-99

PRELIMINARY

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

|                  | LIGHT  | HEAVY  | TOTAL  |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|
|                  | HENS   | HENS   | HENS   |
| HEAD             | 2,244  | 1,513  | 3,757  |
| LAST WEEK        | 2,157  | 1,461  | 3,618  |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 1,851  | 1,066  | 2,917  |
| TO-DATE/1999     | 56,854 | 35,415 | 92,269 |
| TO-DATE/1998     | 54,703 | 32,922 | 87,625 |

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

|                  | LIGHT  | HEAVY | TOTAL  |
|------------------|--------|-------|--------|
|                  | HENS   | HENS  | HENS   |
| HEAD             | 423    | 0     | 423    |
| LAST WEEK        | 537    | 0     | 537    |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 350    | 9     | 359    |
| TO-DATE/1999     | 12,963 | 150   | 13,113 |
| TO-DATE/1998     | 14,736 | 213   | 14,949 |

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

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

|                  | LIGHT  | HEAVY  | TOTAL   |
|------------------|--------|--------|---------|
|                  | HENS   | HENS   | HENS    |
| HEAD             | 2,667  | 1,513  | 4,180   |
| LAST WEEK        | 2,694  | 1,461  | 4,155   |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 2,201  | 1,075  | 3,276   |
| TO-DATE/1999     | 69,817 | 35,565 | 105,382 |
| TO-DATE/1998     | 69,439 | 33,135 | 102,574 |

**EASTERN REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. July 09,1999

**CHICKEN PRICES**

| FAT CONTENT   | -----FROZEN----- |           | -----FRESH----- |           |
|---|------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
|   | FOB DOCK         | DELIVERED | FOB DOCK        | DELIVERED |
| 15% OR LESS   |                  |           |                 |           |
| RANGE   | 15.00-17.50      | 17.50     | 16.00-18.00     | 18.00     |
| WTD AVERAGE   | 16.34            | 17.50     | 17.45           | 18.00     |
| 1,035,000 pounds, this includes 320,000 pounds for export shipment. |                  |           |                 |           |

**CHICKEN PRICES. WITH ADDED SKIN**

|   |             |       |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------|-------------|-------------|
| 15% OR LESS   |             |       |             |             |
| RANGE   | 15.00       | 17.00 | -           | 17.00       |
| WTD AVERAGE   | 15.00       | 17.00 |             | 17.00       |
| 860,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.         |             |       |             |             |
| 15-20%  |             |       |             |             |
| RANGE   | 12.50-17.00 | 14.00 | 12.00-16.00 | 14.00-15.00 |
| WTD AVERAGE   | 15.28       | 14.00 | 12.88       | 14.71       |
| 1,497,680 pounds, this includes 160,000 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  
JULY 09, 1999

Trade sentiment barely steady to weak on tom drums and frozen thigh meat, however, increased export activity is being noted at the lower price levels. Export demand light to fair on tom 2-joint wings with buyers reluctant to pay the higher trending seller offering prices, slow on full-cut wings and mechanically separated turkey, necks light. For export: frozen thigh trim (1 load) 38, drum meat (1 container, 1 truck) 38, hen 2-joint wings (1 rail-car, 1 container) 42-42.50, defatted gizzards (12 containers) 76 cents delivered port for July, 1999-June, 2000 shipments.

**FRIDAY, JULY 09, 1999****EXPORT TRADING**

|   | PRICE RANGE          | L.S.T. CODE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE  | VOLUME (000) | WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE | WEEKLY VOLUME (000) |
|---|----------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS                              | 17.00-18.00          |                | 17.63          | 456          | 17.30                | 640                 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS                         | 19.50-20.00          |                | 19.75          | 80           | 19.75                | 80                  |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS                      |                      | R              | 21.00          | 104          | 21.00                | 104                 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | 21.00<br>54.00-59.00 |                | 21.00<br>56.14 | 40<br>1,012  | 21.33<br>55.95       | 122<br>1,416        |

**THURSDAY, JULY 08, 1999****EXPORT TRADING**

|   | PRICE RANGE | L.S.T. CODE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE  | VOLUME (000) |
|---|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS                              | 16.50       |                | 16.50          | 80           |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS                         |             | R              | 18.50          | 104          |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS                      | 21.00       |                | 21.00          | 104          |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | 21.00       | W              | 21.00<br>60.00 | 42<br>40     |

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 07, 1999****EXPORT TRADING**

|   | PRICE RANGE    | L.S.T. CODE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE  | VOLUME (000) |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS                              | 16.50          |                | 16.50          | 104          |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS                         |                | R              | 18.50          | 104          |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS                      |                | F              | 21.50          | 92           |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | 22.00<br>60.00 |                | 22.00<br>60.00 | 40<br>40     |

**TUESDAY, JULY 06, 1999****EXPORT TRADING**

|   | PRICE RANGE | L.S.T. CODE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE | VOLUME (000) |
|---|-------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS                              |             | F              | 18.31         | 558          |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS                         |             | R              | 18.50         | 104          |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS                      |             | F              | 21.50         | 92           |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | 55.00       |                | 55.00         | 364          |

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| <b>MONDAY, JULY 05, 1999<br/>HOLIDAY</b> |
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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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