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## Non-GM Eggs In Japan

FamilyMart, a leading Japanese convenience chain store, has started to sell eggs from chickens fed with non-genetically modified maize, under its own brand name. Initially the eggs will be sold in 500 stores in central and northern Japan, extending to all 5400 stores nationwide by the end of February 2000. The eggs will command a premium of around 5%.

## Fewer Austrian Producers

During 1999, roughly 10% of Austria's 803 egg farms with more than 1000 layers have either halted production or will soon do so, according to Stephan Weber of the Austrian chamber of agriculture. Increasing concentration of production within the European Union, along with rising production, have brought about a slump in egg prices. Layer farms and birds have shown a continuous decline in recent years. Since 1997, the laying flock has contracted from 6.1 million to the current level of around 5.3-5.4million.

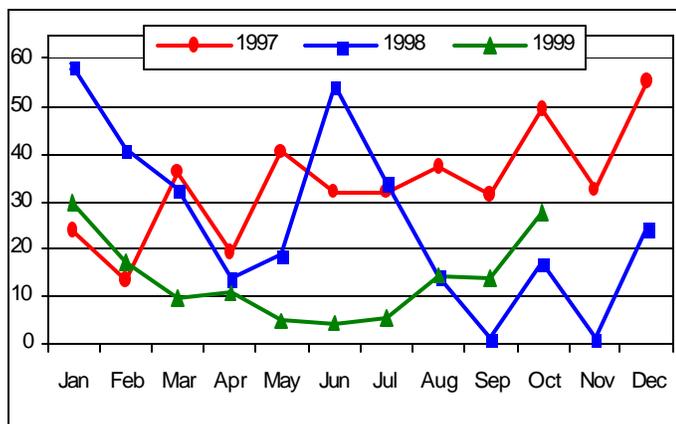
Source: The International Egg Commission

## Mexican Shell Egg Regulations

The Secretariat of Health published the final regulation regarding shell eggs and egg products on December 2, 1999. This regulation does not modify the basic tenets of the proposed rule. Of primary concern to U.S. exporters is the requirement that once fresh table eggs have been refrigerated, they must be kept refrigerated until they reach the final consumer. This situation poses a non-trade tariff barrier for U.S. shell eggs because Mexico lacks a continuous cold chain through the retail level. The effective date of this regulation will be February 2, 2000. FAS/Mexico expects to submit its "quick Analysis" shortly.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

## Frozen Leg Quarters Exported from the U.S. to Russia



In Thousand Metric tons

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

## Newcastle Disease Vaccination Program in Australia

In December a vaccination program was undertaken by commercial poultry producers in the Mangrove Mountain area, on the central coast of New South Wales (NSW), in a bid to avoid further outbreaks of Newcastle disease. An outbreak of Newcastle disease earlier this year resulted in the humane slaughter of around two million birds.

"Surveillance of restocked poultry farms initially indicated that Newcastle disease had been eradicated from the area. However in recent days, unstable strains of virus were detected on some farms. Poultry farmers and poultry companies are to be congratulated for their rapid and efficient implementation of the vaccination program," said NSW Chief Veterinary Officer Dr. Dick Jane. "The massive logistical task was successfully completed in only two working days."

On January 4, NSW Agriculture reported Newcastle disease virus had been identified in a commercial poultry flock in western Sydney. The virus was thought to be similar to the virus found at Mangrove Mountain before Christmas. "The poultry industry has taken the same responsible approach, with vaccination of birds on the western Sydney farm and at a neighboring farm" Dr. Richard Sheldrake, the Acting Director-General of Agriculture, said.

Source: NSW Agriculture Media releases

## JAPANESE POWDERED EGG IMPORTS (IN TONS)

Month	Powdered Whole Eggs	Powdered Yolks	Powdered Albumen	Total
1998				
January	133.7	192.2	598.4	924.3
February	234.6	220.2	698.0	1152.8
March	296.2	235.4	553.9	1085.5
April	118.9	250.9	786.0	1155.8
May	101.7	169.0	500.1	770.8
June	152.9	187.1	655.6	995.6
July	204.0	211.1	807.2	1222.3
August	183.8	133.8	519.2	836.8
September	222.3	299.9	779.3	1301.5
1998 To-Date	1,648.1	1,899.6	5,897.7	9,445.4
1999				
January	200.2	269.1	912.5	1381.8
February	201.6	251.3	566.2	1019.1
March	233.3	121.9	740.6	1095.8
April	249.6	175.8	881.1	1306.5
May	130.9	136.0	874.5	1141.4
June	164.4	53.3	809.7	1027.4
July	209.9	145.1	707.8	1062.8
August	177.3	230.5	881.2	1289.0
September	217.3	164.3	838.6	1220.2
1999 To-Date	1,784.5	1,547.3	7,212.2	10,544.0

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**  
**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending December 25, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	(000)		(000)	
	1999	1998/1	1999	1998
Liquid	237	138	13,289	14,771
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	40	43	684	783
Total	277	181	13,979	15,604

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

Type	Week Ending December 25, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	(000)		(000)	
	1999	1998/1	1999	1998
Liquid	45	49	4,532	3,981
Frozen	0	9	609	224
Dried	0	0	310	235
Total	45	58	5,451	4,440

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

Type	Week Ending December 25, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	(000)		(000)	
	1999	1998/1	1999	1998
Jumbo	62	0	2,430	1,399
Extra Large	2,290	480	46,702	39,499
Large	4,222	3,827	157,645	140,009
Medium	1,760	850	54,956	68,505
Ungraded	11,670	2,310	636,053	371,303
Misc	0	0	11,622	9,117
Total	20,004	7,467	909,408	629,832

/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. 07-JAN-00

**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	17.00-20.00	20.00	14.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	18.50	20.00	14.00	
183,600 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-16.00	17.00-19.00	10.00-13.00	12.00-14.75
WTD AVERAGE	15.00	18.00	11.43	13.03

1,674,800 pounds, this includes 326,400 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE	-	25.00	-	-
WTD AVERAGE		25.00		

20,400 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 25-DEC-99 (PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,694	1,052	2,746
LAST WEEK	2,594	1,652(R)	4,246
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,428	926	2,354
TO-DATE/1999	105,174	71,875	177,049
TO-DATE/1998	102,796	63,998	166,794

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

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	348	0	348
LAST WEEK	19	0	19
SAME WEEK YR AGO	273	0	273
TO-DATE/1999	22,683	264	22,947
TO-DATE/1998	24,626	352	24,978

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

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,042	1,052	3,094
LAST WEEK	2,613	1,652	4,265
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,701	926	2,627
TO-DATE/1999	127,857	72,139	199,996
TO-DATE/1998	127,422	64,350	191,772

**EASTERN REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 07-JAN-00

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	20.00	17.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.00	20.00	17.00	

368,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.81	18.00-19.00	-	16.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.81	18.11		16.00
627,000 pounds, this includes 372,000 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	14.25-14.50	-	11.00-12.00	14.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.27		11.57	14.18

601,000 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: 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

JANUARY 07, 2000

Trade sentiment mixed on destrapped tenderloins with some buyers reporting sellers calling to offer product while others report sales at higher trending price levels, steady to firm on breast trim. Trade sentiment steady to instances weak on 4-8 lb. breasts. Most sellers have noted increased inquiry on 4-8 lb. breasts, however, some buyers have turned their attention to the more attractively priced broiler items. Export demand and trading improved on tom 2-joint wings at the 21 cent price level, drums slow due in part to competition from broiler leg quarters which are freely trading in the low 20's delivered port.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 07, 2000**

**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00		27.00	40	27.50	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.00-21.50		21.10	520	21.42	624
TAILS		W	14.00	312	14.00	312
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00-18.00		17.88	424	17.89	464
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	70.00	80	70.00	80

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 06, 2000**

**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00		28.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	23.00	104
TAILS		W	14.00	312
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	70.00	80

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 05, 2000**

**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00		27.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	29.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00		23.00	104
TAILS	14.00		14.00	312
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	20.50	320
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	70.00		70.00	80

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 04, 2000**

**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	30.00	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	29.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	14.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	20.50	320
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN				

**MONDAY, JANUARY 03, 2000**

**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	30.00	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	29.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	14.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	20.50	320
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN				

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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