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## The Netherlands, Eggs and Egg Products

The dioxin scandal in Belgium in 1999 apparently did not have a negative effect on egg production in the Netherlands. Total egg production increased by 0.4 percent in 1999. In 2000 production will reach similar or lower levels compared to those in 1999 because Dutch legislation will have a stabilizing effect on production.

Prices fell in 1999 due primarily to high supplies in the Netherlands and other EU countries. It was also more difficult to export eggs to the world market, which lowered prices as well. In comparison to 1998, prices fell by an average of 17 percent in 1999. Exports of eggs and egg products decreased by 0.5 percent in 1999. Exports decreased to Germany and Italy, while they increased to Belgium and Luxembourg (due to the shortage in Belgium because of the dioxin crisis.) Exports to the Middle and Far East fell while exports to Japan increased by 40 percent. Dutch exports are expected to reach similar levels in 2000.

The Dutch Government announced in 1999 that it will restrict growth in the poultry sector. The reasons include consumer concerns about the impact of intensive agricultural production methods on animal welfare and the impact of poultry production on the environment. There are ongoing debates in the Dutch Parliament regarding the need for animal friendly production measures that may also temper production in the long term. The Dutch government has agreed to a proposal from the Product Board for Livestock, Meat & Eggs that will enable the industry to take the lead in reforming the sector.

In July, 1999, the EU commission decided that laying batteries will be prohibited as of 2012. In 2003, the space available per chicken will increase 22 percent. This means that fewer chickens can be held in the same space. The Dutch industry fears that these measures will affect future trade and weaken the Dutch position on the world market.

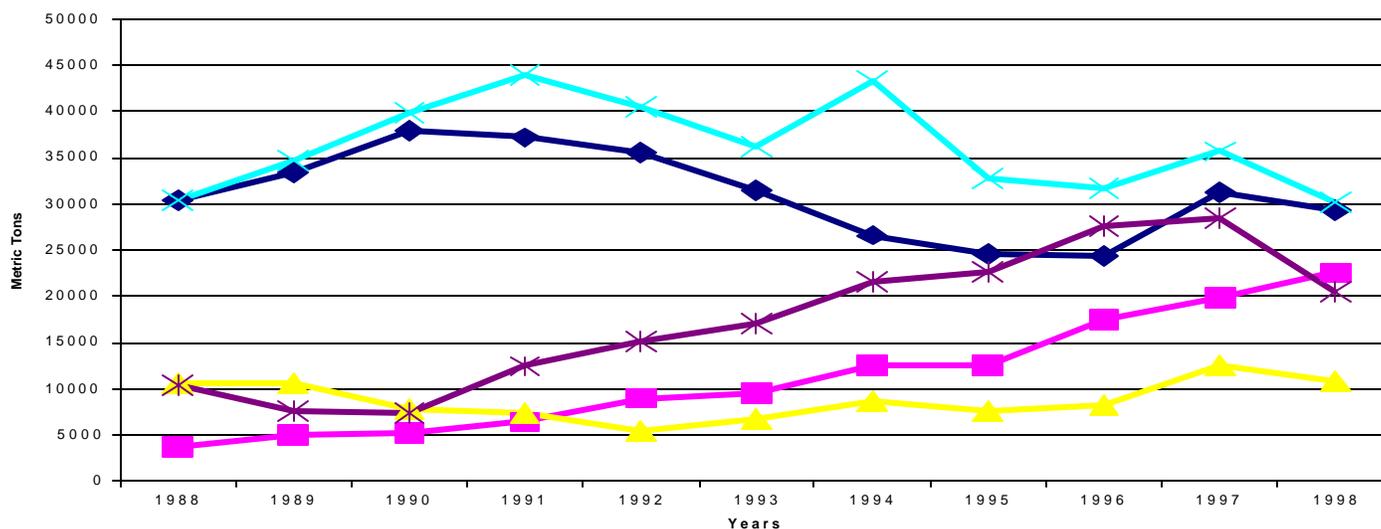
Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

## JAPANESE FROZEN EGG IMPORTS (IN TONS)

Month	Frozen			Total
	Whole Eggs	Frozen Yolks	Frozen Albumen	
1998				
July	121.3	313.5	335.3	770.1
August	101.6	300.6	244.4	646.6
September	92.0	163.0	278.0	533.0
October	116.9	256.3	76.0	449.2
November	183.7	683.5	259.9	1,127.1
1998 To-Date	1,411.5	7,581.0	3,076.4	12,068.9
1999				
July	146.2	694.3	450.0	1,290.5
August	139.2	592.7	307.9	1,039.8
September	129.6	774.3	349.8	1,253.7
October	231.6	1,328.2	232.3	1,792.1
November	237.9	809.9	256.9	1,304.7
1999 To-Date	1,913.2	8,782.5	3,557.2	14,252.9

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

## Egg Product Exports



Source: FAOSTAT

Legend: Belgium-Luxembourg (dark blue diamond), France (magenta square), Germany (yellow triangle), Netherlands (cyan cross), US (purple asterisk)

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**

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

Type	Week Ending February 12, 2000 (000)		Year-To-Date (000)	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Liquid	142	703	760	1,850
Frozen	0	0	0	6
Dried	0	18	18	18
Total	142	721	778	1,874

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

Type	Week Ending February 12, 2000 (000)		Year-To-Date (000)	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Liquid	271	31	719	436
Frozen	2	1	18	57
Dried	40	0	201	0
Total	313	32	938	493

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

Type	Week Ending February 12, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Jumbo	0	0	13	0
Extra Large	280	150	2,133	1,200
Large	1,920	1,900	12,700	7,984
Medium	1,193	1,326	1,928	1,626
Ungraded	0	4,770	6,180	38,249
Misc	0	0	750	0
Total	3,393	8,146	23,704	49,059

/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. 18-FEB-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**

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	12.00-15.00	14.00-17.00
WTD AVERAGE			13.66	15.50

174,800 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
RANGE	10.00-14.00	14.50	10.00-12.50	13.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	11.44	14.50	10.85	13.34

1,944,800 pounds, this includes 408,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
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-FEB-00 (PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,976	1,362	3,338
LAST WEEK	1,998	1,244	3,242
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,258	1,236	3,494
TO-DATE/2000	12,243	7,966	20,209
TO-DATE/1999	13,500	7,930	21,430

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

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS THOUSANDS		
HEAD	633	22	655
LAST WEEK	639	5	644
SAME WEEK YR AGO	502	17	519
TO-DATE/2000	3,439	27	3,466
TO-DATE/1999	3,047	51	3,098

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,609	1,384	3,993
LAST WEEK	2,637	1,249	3,886
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,760	1,253	4,013
TO-DATE/2000	15,682	7,993	23,675
TO-DATE/1999	16,547	7,981	24,528

**EASTERN REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 18-FEB-00

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
RANGE	16.00-18.00	-	17.00	18.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.33		17.00	18.00

480,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
RANGE	15.00	15.50	13.00	15.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.00	15.50	13.00	15.00

712,000 pounds, this includes 372,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
RANGE	12.50-17.00	-	11.00-13.00	12.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.44		11.86	13.31

1,863,000 pounds, this includes 508,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
RANGE	-	-	-	12.75
WTD AVERAGE				12.75

520,000 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  
FEBRUARY 18, 2000

Undertone steady to firm on white meat with demand and trading continuing to center on tom breast meat. In a partial response to the white meat strength, there is active inquiry noted for live whole turkeys. Frozen tom breast meat for deferred shipments light at 170 cents delivered May-July and at 175 cents delivered September-October, 2000. Fresh destrapped tenderloin trading heavy at 150 cents delivered March, 2000 - February, 2001. Export demand and trading continued to center on tom drums and frozen thigh meat. Open priced tom drum trading moderately heavy for March export shipments.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2000****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	21.00	52	19.63	1,058
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.50	80	22.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	16.00		16.00	28	16.00	108
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	59.00-62.00		60.00	224	60.24	864

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2000****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.00		21.00	52
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.50		22.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	16.00		16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00-62.00		61.00	208

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2000****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00-20.50		19.38	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.50	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		T	16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00	W	13.45	176
			60.00	208

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2000****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00-23.00		21.02	206
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.50	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	16.00		16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00	W	13.45	176
			60.00	120

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2000****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.00-21.00		19.14	640
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.50	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	21.50	208
TAILS		F	16.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00	W	13.45	176
			60.00	104

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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