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## Japan

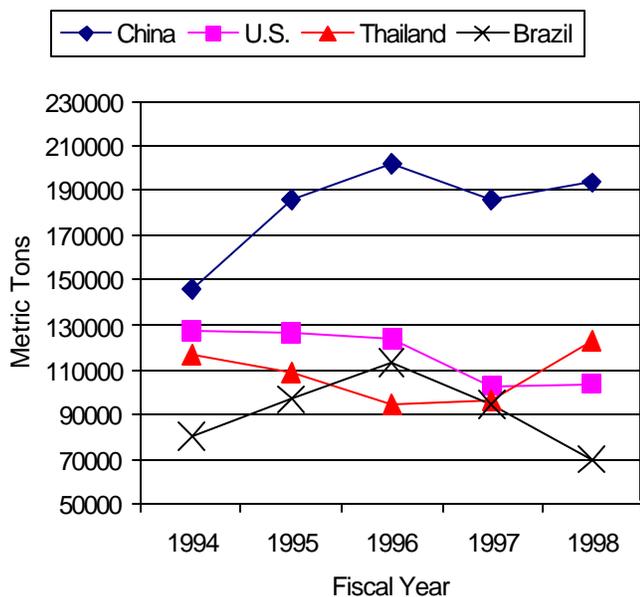
**Broilers** Imports of broiler meat are forecast to increase 11 percent in 1999, due to higher domestic prices and with reduced domestic supplies. Japan's domestic production is estimated to decline 2 percent in 1999 compared to 1998, and production in 2000 is forecast slightly lower than 1999 levels. Due to these conditions, the Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional (HRI) and Home Meal Replacement (HMR) sectors both increased use of imported bone-in legs during 1999.

The U.S. share of broiler meat imports is expected to be 19 percent in 1999 and 20 percent in 2000, assuming Japan's HMR demand for bone-in legs remains firm. The strong Japanese yen and strong demand from the HMR sector for U.S. bone-in leg meat are the main reasons. Broiler meat imports from the United States totaled 97,882 MT from January through November 1999 and are forecast to reach around 106,000 MT for the year, up 5 percent from 1998.

The devaluation of the Brazilian currency (real) boosted broiler imports from Brazil. Imports from Brazil reached 87,810MT from January through November 1999, an increase of 34 percent. This compares to 65,258 and 89,660 for the same period in 1998 and 1997, respectively. Imports from China and Thailand totaled 193,160 and 119,667 from January through November 1999. China's figures include fresh or chilled broiler imports.

**Eggs** During 2000 a slight increase in imports will be offset by a slight decrease in domestic egg output. Based on January through November 1999, Japan's annual imports of processed egg products is forecast to be moderately above the previous year.

### Japanese Frozen Broiler Imports



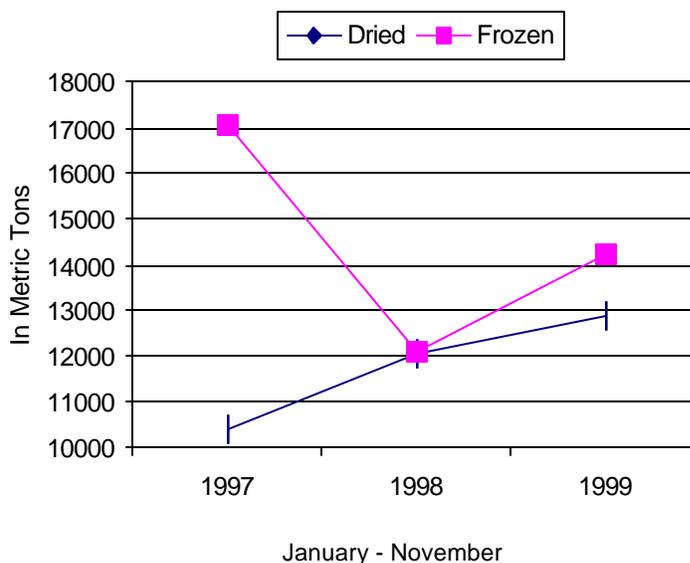
Fiscal Year is April - March  
Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

During the first 11 months of 1999, imports of both dry and frozen albumen increased substantially. Stock replenishment and better than anticipated sales of final products spurred imports. Albumen is said to be used as a binding agent to make ham and sausage products. In 1999 sales of processed meat products for summer gifts increased and ham and sausage manufacturers have reportedly increased production for the winter gift season.

The EU and Brazil boosted albumen product exports for January through November in 1999 due to the weak Euro and the devalued real. U.S. sales of albumen products were up 9 percent at 767MT. Stagnant sales of confection, bakery and ice cream products in 1999 hurts sales of U.S. dry yolk products, which dropped 34 percent.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

### Japanese Egg Products Imports



Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

### USDA Accepts Bid Under Export Enhancement Program

Richard Fritz, general sales manager for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service, announced the Commodity Credit Corporation had accepted a bid from Tyson Foods, Inc., under the Export Enhancement Program (EEP) for frozen poultry to Middle East Countries.

The award totaled 200 metric tons of frozen poultry to be delivered February 2 - March 15, 2000. The bonus was \$650 per MT. The remaining EEP balance to Middle East Countries is 18,958 MT.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

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

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

Type	Week Ending February 19,2000		Year-To-Date	
	(000)	(000)	(000)	(000)
Liquid	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Frozen	103	145	863	1,995
Dried	0	0	0	6
Total	0	0	18	18
Total	103	145	881	2,019

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

Type	Week Ending February 19,2000		Year-To-Date	
	(000)	(000)	(000)	(000)
Liquid	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Frozen	183	0	902	436
Dried	6	0	24	57
Total	40	0	241	0
Total	229	0	1,167	493

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

	Week Ending February 19,2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Jumbo	0	0	13	0
Extra Large	0	900	2,133	2,100
Large	1,590	300	14,290	8,284
Medium	750	1,050	2,678	2,676
Ungraded	0	4,650	6,180	42,899
Misc	0	0	750	0
Total	2,340	6,900	26,044	55,959

/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. 25-FEB-00

**CHICKEN PRICES**

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

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	13.00	14.00
WTD AVERAGE			13.00	14.00

81,600 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-15.00	13.00-17.00	10.00-12.00	13.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.00	14.80	10.70	13.25

1,578,800 pounds, this includes 244,800 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 19-FEB-00 (PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,986	1,335	3,321
LAST WEEK	1,976	1,362	3,338
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,055	1,299	3,354
TO-DATE/2000	14,229	9,301	23,530
TO-DATE/1999	15,555	9,229	24,784

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	599	0	599
LAST WEEK	633	22	655
SAME WEEK YR AGO	434	0	434
TO-DATE/2000	4,038	27	4,065
TO-DATE/1999	3,481	51	3,532

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,585	1,335	3,920
LAST WEEK	2,609	1,384	3,993
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,489	1,299	3,788
TO-DATE/2000	18,267	9,328	27,595
TO-DATE/1999	19,036	9,280	28,316

**EASTERN REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 25-FEB -00

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	
RANGE	18.00-20.00	-	16.00	18.00
WTD AVERAGE	19.11		16.00	18.00

490,000 pounds, this includes 50,000 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00-16.00	16.00	-	15.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.38	16.00		15.00

840,000 pounds, this includes 400,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-14.25	-	11.00-13.00	12.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.87		11.22	13.28

1,646,000 pounds, this includes 400,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
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 25, 2000

Trade sentiment continued fully steady to firm on tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins and breast trim with demand and trading mostly for prompt shipments. The undertone showed signs of improvement on mechanically separated turkey with increased demand and trading noted. The thigh meat undertone was mixed with some reporting higher trending prices while others attempt to move excess inventories. Export trading moderately heavy on tom full-cut wings, fair on frozen thigh meat and light on the balance. For export: tom necks (8 loads) 15-16, hen 2-joint wings (2 rail-cars) 33, defatted gizzards (1 container) 64.50 cents delivered.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2000**

**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.50-22.00		21.72	328	21.72	328
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	20.50		20.50	800	20.55	840
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	17.00		17.00	20	16.42	48
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	12.50-15.00		13.38	144	14.34	352
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.00-63.50		62.83	120	61.96	528

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2000**

**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	21.00	52
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	21.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	16.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	15.00	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00-62.00		61.00	120

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2000**

**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	21.00	52
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	21.50		21.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	16.00		16.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.00		62.00	288

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2000**

**EXPORT TRADING**

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2000  
 PRESIDENTS DAY HOLIDAY**

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.