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## Taiwan's Broiler Industry

Until July 1998, chicken imports into Taiwan were prohibited. Accession to the World Trade Organization meant Taiwan had to accept imports of chickenmeat. In 1998 only U.S. production was allowed into the country, amounting to 10,000mt per year under an annual quota arrangement. In 1999 Taiwan established a second annual quota of 9,163mt for non-U.S. suppliers and just over 19,000mt entered the country in 1999. When Taiwan enters the WTO the quotas will be replaced by a global tariff rate quota (TRQ).

To increase the competitiveness of the broiler industry the Council of Agriculture established a project that encouraged less efficient producers to leave the business by helping them find alternative employment. While imports are likely to slow the growth in production of conventional broilers, production of colored-feathered chickens may expand. Taiwan's chickenmeat industry is unique in that the production of the slower growing, color-feathered local breeds continued to play an important role. Color-feathered birds are sold live and are preferred for traditional dishes due to their distinctive meat texture and flavor. In 1988 production was around 119 million per year compared to conventional broilers at only 58 million. By 1998 total slaughter was 365 million of which 190m were conventional broilers and 175m were native birds.

During the past decade Taiwan has developed increased integration in the broiler industry and it is estimated that about 90 percent of the industry is now integrated.

Source: Poultry International, USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

### Korea

Poultry Imports In Metric Tons

Country	Nov 99	Oct 99	Nov 98
U.S.A	5,284	4,272	1,345
Thailand	649	777	396
Canada	86	118	24
France	18	-	154
Total	6,037	5,167	1,919

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

### Inedible Eggs to Europe

The Foreign Agriculture Service in Brussels has informed UEP that the European Commission will not enforce the duties on inedible egg denatured only with caramel coloring imported into Denmark. The decision also states that other importers should not have to pay the duty either. It is hoped that the EC regulations will soon reflect this ruling with a change in the lists of approved denaturants. This will pave the way for U.S. corporate-based pet food companies with manufacturing facilities in the EU to import inedible egg from the U.S. already denatured with caramel color. This would relieve some of the pressure from the surplus stocks of inedible egg.

Source: International Egg Commission via United Voices

## European Union, China and the WTO

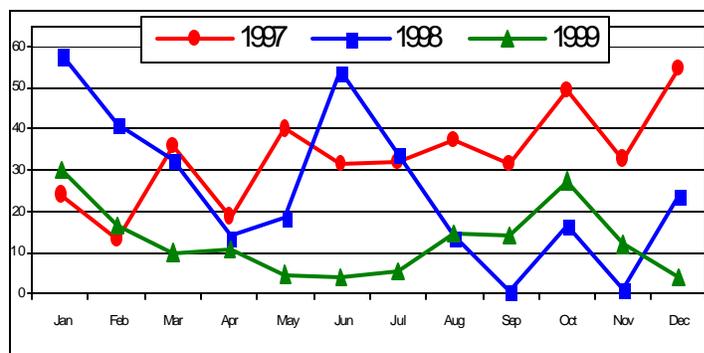
In late February the EU and Chinese trade negotiators ended four days of talks on China's accession to the WTO without reaching agreement. EU officials noted that the two sides made limited progress in the Beijing talks, which addressed agricultural and industrial tariffs, and services. The EU is reportedly seeking an improved package on telecommunications, insurance and financial services. Among its demands, the EU wants China to allow 51 percent foreign ownership of Chinese telecomm firms. China has thus far put forward 49 percent ownership - the terms agreed to with the US-China WTO accession deal reached last year. Neither China nor EU officials commented as to when talks might resume.

In 1998 China was the world's ninth largest exporter and 11th largest importer. China first sought entry into the WTO's predecessor agency, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, 13 years ago. China had been one of the 23 original signatories of the GATT in 1948. In 1949 the government of Taiwan announced that China would leave the GATT system. The government in Beijing never recognized this withdrawal decision, however in 1986 China notified the GATT of its wish to resume its status as a GATT Contracting Party.

According to USDA estimates, China's WTO accession would result in \$2 billion annually in additional U.S. agricultural exports by 2005. The U.S. concluded negotiations with China in November, 1999. Congress has not yet approved permanent Normal Trade Relations with China, which is a key step in the WTO accession process.

Source: BRIDGES Weekly Trade News Digest, White House Press, USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service, World Trade Organization

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



In Thousand Metric Tons

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

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

Type	Week Ending February 26, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	(000)		(000)	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Liquid	155	235	1,018	2,230
Frozen	40	0	40	6
Dried	0	40	18	58
Total	195	275	1,076	2,294

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

Type	Week Ending February 26, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	(000)		(000)	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Liquid	81	130	983	566
Frozen	14	9	38	66
Dried	40	10	281	10
Total	135	149	1,302	642

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

	Week Ending February 26, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Jumbo	0	0	13	0
Extra Large	370	150	2,503	2,250
Large	3,185	1,900	17,475	10,184
Medium	1,123	1,800	3,801	4,476
Ungraded	0	3,870	6,180	46,769
Misc	0	0	750	0
Total	4,678	7,720	30,722	63,679

/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. 03-MAR-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	-	15.50	12.00-13.00	13.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE		15.50	12.50	14.25
204,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00	16.00-22.00	8.50-12.00	12.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.00	18.96	10.66	13.22
2,783,200 pounds, this includes 448,800 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 26-FEB-00 (PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	1,915	1,349	3,264
LAST WEEK	1,986	1,335	3,321
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,040	1,356	3,396
TO-DATE/2000	16,144	10,650	26,794
TO-DATE/1999	17,595	10,585	28,180

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	533	0	533
LAST WEEK	599	0	599
SAME WEEK YR AGO	476	7	483
TO-DATE/2000	4,571	27	4,598
TO-DATE/1999	3,957	58	4,015

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	2,448	1,349	3,797
LAST WEEK	2,585	1,335	3,920
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,516	1,363	3,879
TO-DATE/2000	20,715	10,677	31,392
TO-DATE/1999	21,552	10,643	32,195

**EASTERN REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 03-MAR-00

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
RANGE	16.00-18.00	-	16.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.29		16.00	

560,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00	-	-	15.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.00			15.00
692,000 pounds, this includes 372,000 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-17.00	-	12.00-15.00	12.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.84		12.78	13.29
2,162,000 pounds, this includes 1,154,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	12.75
WTD AVERAGE				12.75

240,000 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  
MARCH 03, 2000

White meat trade sentiment steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Thigh meat trade sentiment steady to fully steady, mostly fully steady. Bulk parts trade sentiment steady to fully steady on drums and 2-joint wings, necks and tom full-cut wings steady at best. Demand good on white meat with tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins the most active due to better than anticipated further processed demand. Thigh meat demand continued active for exports with some domestic activity also noted. Bulk parts trading continued to center on tom drums for export, however, trading is improved on tom necks.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 03, 2000****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00		24.00	104	22.35	664
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	19.00		19.00	104	19.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		F	17.00	20		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F			13.38	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	64.14	560	63.54	1,024

**THURSDAY, MARCH 02, 2000****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.00-23.50		23.25	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	20.50	800
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	17.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	13.38	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	63.00-65.00		64.14	560

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 01, 2000****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	22.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	20.50	800
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	17.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	13.38	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	64.00		64.00	80

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2000****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	22.00		22.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	20.50	800
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	17.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	13.38	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.00-63.00		62.50	184

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2000****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-23.00		21.06	248
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	20.50	800
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	17.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	13.38	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.00-63.00		62.60	200

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.