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United Nations Report on the World Economy

Growth in the global economy is expected to continue to improve and possibly return to the levels attained in the mid-1990s. Gross world product (GWP) is expected to accelerate from 2.7 percent in 1999 to 3.5 percent in 2000. Global trade began to recover in the second half of 1999 and growth of world exports is forecast to be about 8 percent per year in 2000-2001, compared to 4.8 percent in 1999 and even less in 1998. Inflation worldwide remained under control in 1999 and is expected to remain below 3 percent in 2000-2001.

International trade was severely depressed during 1997-1998 as a result of the fallout of the international financial crises, however many developing countries and economies have had a rapid economic recovery, as their economic recession bottomed out or stagnation was halted in the course of 1999. Also, monetary tightening in many developed economies has been stronger and faster than anticipated. Growth in the United States, European Union and other European developed economies is robust. The Japanese economy remains sluggish due in part to ongoing corporate restructuring and the increasing public debt.

Growth for South and East Asian developing economies is strong. A rebound in Latin America and the Caribbean is anticipated in 2000-2001. Prospects for economies in Africa and Western Asia have improved in general, but economic performances were highly divergent. Recent developments in the Baltic region, Central and Eastern Europe, and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) have been positive. A firm recovery is underway in the Baltic and the Central European economies, however conditions in the Southeastern European countries remain subdued. Performance of the Russian Federation in 1999 turned out better than anticipated due to increasing oil revenues and the competitive advantage domestic producers enjoyed from the steep rouble devaluation in August 1998.

Source: United Nations "The World Economy in 2000"

Poultry Allocation for EEP

On June 30, 2000 USDA announced new poultry allocations for the Export Enhancement Program (EEP) through June 30, 2001. Under EEP USDA pays cash bonuses to exporters so they can develop export markets where U.S. products are not competitive because of subsidized products from other countries. The EEP allocation is for 20,210 metric tons of frozen poultry to the Middle East. Eligible countries are Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Oman, United Arab Emirates and Yemen. Export sales of these products will be facilitated through the payment of bonuses by USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation.

The previous year's allocation was also 20,210mt however only 2,495mt were awarded with a bonus value of \$1,622,000.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

ACP, EU Sign Agreement

Officials from the European Union (EU) and 77 African, Pacific and Caribbean (ACP) countries met on 23 June in Cotonou, Benin to sign a 20-year trade and aid accord replacing the Lomé IV convention that expired on 29 February.

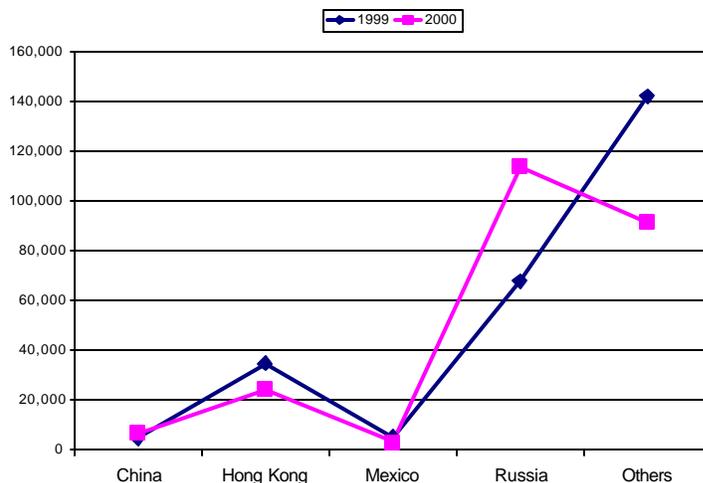
The agreement is to be known as the Cotonou Agreement. The new accord emphasizes a joint approach to combat poverty, promote sustainable development and work towards gradual integration of ACP countries into the world economy and the WTO system. The agreement provides an extension of existing non-reciprocal preferential access for certain ACP agricultural and other goods to the EU market at least through 2002, when a preparatory period will begin during which ACP countries will build their capacities to withstand freer trade. Commencing 2002-2008, the EU and ACP will negotiate WTO compatible and reciprocal trade agreements to be implemented from 2008-2020. As part of the accord, the EU has pledged to provide ACP countries with about US\$12.5 billion (EUR \$13.5 billion) in official development assistance (ODA).

The EU has assured the WTO Council that the new agreement would not create any impediments to the reduction or elimination of other restrictions to trade on a most-favored nation basis or affect benefits to other developing countries under the EU's Generalized System of Preferences (GSP). Members are expected to vote on the matter at the next Council for Trade in Goods on 7 July.

The new EU-ACP agreement is available at: http://europa.eu.int/comm/development/cotonou/index_en.htm.

Source: BRIDGES Weekly Trade News Digest

Exports of U.S. Leg Quarters in Metric Tons



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 Jul 01, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	(000)	(000)	(000)	(000)
Liquid	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Frozen	155	283	3,077	7,599
Dried	0	0	126	6
Total	0	57	286	333
	155	340	3,489	7,938

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

Type	Week Ending Jul 01, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	(000)	(000)	(000)	(000)
Liquid	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Frozen	55	7	3,055	2,259
Dried	10	5	339	133
Total	0	0	610	128
	65	12	4,004	2,520

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

	Week Ending Jul 01, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Jumbo	0	13	711	567
Extra Large	1,050	1,450	20,541	16,889
Large	2,250	3,482	74,692	61,906
Medium	550	1,420	17,523	26,527
Ungraded	12,534	8,906	120,244	273,041
Misc	0	0	6,237	3,468
Total	16,384	15,271	239,948	382,398

/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-JUL-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DELIVERED DOCK	FOB DELIVERED DOCK	FOB DELIVERED DOCK	FOB DELIVERED 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	-	-	12.50-15.00	15.00
WTD AVERAGE			13.50	15.00
244,800 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-13.25	15.00-17.00	10.50-12.25	13.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	12.31	16.25	11.48	13.44
2,002,800 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 01-Jul-00
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	1,956	1,301	3,257
LAST WEEK	1,954	1,664	3,618
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,244	1,513	3,757
TO-DATE/2000	51,881	36,512	88,393
TO-DATE/1999	56,854	35,415	92,269

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
HEAD	251	0	251
LAST WEEK	547	9	556
SAME WEEK YR AGO	423	0	423
TO-DATE/2000	12,674	68	12,742
TO-DATE/1999	12,971	168	13,139

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	2,207	1,301	3,508
LAST WEEK	2,501	1,673	4,174
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,667	1,513	4,180
TO-DATE/2000	64,555	36,580	101,135
TO-DATE/1999	69,825	35,583	105,408

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

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DELIVERED DOCK	FOB DELIVERED DOCK	FOB DELIVERED DOCK	FOB DELIVERED DOCK
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00-16.00	-	-	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.45			17.00
920,000 pounds, this includes 200,000 pounds for export shipment.				

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.50-14.00	13.50	12.00	16.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.83	13.50	12.00	16.00
851,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-13.00	14.00	11.50-12.00	12.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	12.88	14.00	11.61	13.94
1,608,000 pounds, this includes 288,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	12.50
WTD AVERAGE				12.50
120,000 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
JULY 07, 2000

Undertone fully steady on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins coming off the long holiday weekend. Undertone mixed on tom drums with some sellers calling the market tone fully steady even though trading is reported at steady to barely steady price levels. The neck undertone showed signs of improvement with not as much weakness noted when compared to previous weeks. The tom wing undertone was steady to fully steady, mostly steady and tails fully steady. Demand was fair to good on fresh destrapped tenderloins and fresh tom breast meat, bulk parts were light to fair. Bulk meat trading centered on light to fair volumes of fresh white meat items. Fresh whole tenderloins trade at 132 cents delivered. Bulk parts trading centered on moderately heavy volume of tom drums for export, balance light. Livers traded at 15 cents delivered port.

FRIDAY, JULY 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	24.00-26.00		24.84	632	24.85	712
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00-23.00		22.50	80	21.90	100
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	52	25.00	72
TAILS	22.00-23.00		22.22	204	23.59	404
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00-17.50		16.75	80	16.75	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	63.00		63.00	40	63.00	40

THURSDAY, JULY 06, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00		25.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	19.50		19.50	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	20
TAILS	25.00		25.00	200
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	61.00	52

WEDNESDAY, JULY 05, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	25.00	44
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.00	8
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	24.30	520
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	14.00	360
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	61.00	52

TUESDAY, JULY 04, 2000

DUE TO HOLIDAY NO EXPORT TRADING REPORTED

MONDAY, JULY 03, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	25.00	44
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	22.00	8
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	24.30	520
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	14.00	360
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	61.00	52

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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