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## Japan Imports More Egg Products

In 1999, Japan imported 30,378 metric tons of egg products, which was 16 percent more than the 26,184mt received in 1998. The United States supplied more than 40 percent, though significant quantities were purchased from Brazil, the Netherlands, Canada, China, Thailand, Italy and France. The quantity of liquid/frozen egg yolk purchased amounted to 10,234mt (8,214mt in 1998) of which 9,780mt came from the U.S. Dried egg whites totaled 9,850mt (8,359mt) with 2,312mt from the Netherlands, 1,379mt from Canada, 1,229mt from Italy and 1,174mt from France. Receipts of dried yolk actually declined a little, from 2,469mt to 1,981mt. Here, the U.S. and Canada were the main suppliers. Dried whole egg imports went up from 2,206mt to 2,353mt, the bulk of which came from the U.S. Brazil was the leading supplier (2,939mt) of liquid/frozen egg whites, total receipts rising from 3,354mt to 3,835mt, while China with 1,065mt and Thailand with 1,050mt supplied virtually all the 2,124mt (1,582mt in 1998) of liquid/frozen whole egg imports.

Source: International Egg Commission

## JAPANESE FROZEN EGG IMPORTS (IN TONS)

Month	Frozen			Total
	Whole Eggs	Frozen Yolks	Frozen Albumen	
1999				
January	170.6	1,585.1	423.5	2,179.2
February	164.0	647.4	161.2	972.6
March	151.4	644.1	357.3	1,152.8
April	198.1	715.6	181.4	1,095.1
1999 To-Date	684.1	3,592.2	1,123.4	5,399.7
2000				
January	184.8	1,552.3	526.0	2,263.1
February	184.9	388.0	426.0	998.9
March	211.3	530.4	373.3	1115.0
April	171.3	1,552.8	166.2	1,890.3
2000 To-Date	752.3	4,023.5	1,491.5	7,267.3

Source: ALIC

## U.S. Exports of Egg Products

Egg products exports for the first five months were worth \$28.27 million, 7 percent higher than a year ago. For May 2000, exports totaled \$5.39 million, an increase of 18 percent from May 1999.

Country	Egg Product Exports in Metric Tons			
	Jan-May 99	Jan-May 00	May 99	May 00
Japan	5,421	6,522	825	1,451
Canada	3,247	1,612	891	335
Korea	366	591	23	154
Hong Kong	363	208	73	18
World Total	11,078	11,124	2,117	2,259

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

## Poland

Poultry production is expected to peak in 2000 and then decrease in 2001. Production grew during the last five years to meet domestic demand and export markets, primarily in the former Soviet Union (FSU). However higher feed costs, due to drought conditions, are expected to reduce profitability.

In 1999, 86 percent of Poland's poultry was produced in large commercial facilities. Lower demand from poultry meat processors resulted in large supplies of chicken meat on the market which kept prices low. Despite very low profit margins, many farmers must continue production of broilers in order to maintain preferential credits. Preferential interest rates provided on loans to farmers by the governmental Agency for Restructuring and Modernization of Agriculture revert to commercial interest rates if farmers do not continue production.

Despite a larger import quota, total 1999 imports of poultry meat decreased by 73 percent because of higher domestic production and reduced demand for MDM for processing into sausages for export to Russia. Imports of poultry meat from the United States decreased by 76 percent in 1999. Lower demand for U.S. MDM and frozen turkey occurred because exports of poultry sausages and canned products to FSU decreased. U.S. poultry leg quarters were not competitive on the domestic market due to plentiful supplies of cheap Polish chicken. Poland remains an important transshipment point for U.S. poultry meat to Ukraine and other parts of the FSU.

To qualify for the within quota tariff rate, importers of poultry meat must obtain a permit from the Ministry of Economy for each contract. Multiple permits are often required. The Ministry of Economy issues permits for a maximum of 100 MT. After proving that the product has been sold the importer may apply for another permit. Traders complain that this procedure is a major obstacle in importing.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

## Poland and the European Union

Poland announced in July it would create a so-called parliamentary super-committee charged with picking up the pace of Poland's efforts to join the EU. Poland, a WTO Member, has targeted 1 January 2003 for EU accession. Poland must pass numerous accession-related laws and conclude talks on an agricultural regime with the EU. This has thus far proved difficult as Polish farmers have expressed skepticism toward EU membership. Poland has 2 million farms employing 25 percent of the workforce, compared to 7 million farms EU-wide. The Polish Peasants' party estimates that only 600,000 Polish farms would survive after Poland joins the EU. Farm talks could stall until after Polish presidential elections in late 2001. The EU has already concluded farm talks with other candidates for EU membership - Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Latvia, Slovenia and Bulgaria.

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

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

Type	Week Ending Jul 29, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Liquid	249	150	3,797	8,245
Frozen	0	0	126	6
Dried	0	0	340	355
Total	249	150	4,263	8,606

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

Type	Week Ending Jul 29, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Liquid	205	162	3,487	2,646
Frozen	56	1	462	174
Dried	0	0	643	141
Total	261	163	4,592	2,961

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

Type	Week Ending Jul 29, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Jumbo	0	0	981	584
Extra Large	2,259	240	26,754	19,289
Large	3,655	3,570	84,517	71,770
Medium	1,283	840	20,634	30,116
Ungraded	14,850	8,580	171,814	318,291
Misc	0	0	7,887	3,588
Total	22,047	13,230	312,587	443,638

/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. 04-AUG-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	-	-	12.75-15.00	-
WTD AVERAGE			13.94	

163,200 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-16.00	16.00-18.00	11.00-13.25	14.00-14.75
WTD AVERAGE	15.33	17.00	12.10	14.16

1,943,200 pounds, this includes 0 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 29-Jul-00 (PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,799	1,723	3,522
LAST WEEK	1,959	1,609	3,568
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,097	1,270	3,367
TO-DATE/2000	58,783	42,358	101,141
TO-DATE/1999	64,943	40,666	105,609

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	665	19	684
LAST WEEK	332	29	361
SAME WEEK YR AGO	378	0	378
TO-DATE/2000	14,669	143	14,812
TO-DATE/1999	14,736	192	14,928

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	2,464	1,742	4,206
LAST WEEK	2,291	1,638	3,929
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,475	1,270	3,745
TO-DATE/2000	73,452	42,501	115,953
TO-DATE/1999	79,679	40,858	120,537

**EASTERN REGION** PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 04-AUG-00

**CHICKEN PRICES**

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00	-	17.00	17.00-18.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.00		17.00	17.29

680,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

**CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN**

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.00-16.00	16.50	-	16.00
WTD AVERAGE	15.50	16.50		16.00

600,000 pounds, this includes 240,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-15.00	-	12.00-12.50	12.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.75		12.32	13.88

1,732,000 pounds, this includes 552,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	12.75
WTD AVERAGE				12.75

160,000 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  
AUGUST 04, 2000

Undertone on tom drums and tom 2-joint wings steady, tom full-cut wings steady at best with some cautiousness noted and tom necks barely steady at best. Thigh meat trade sentiment cautiously steady and mechanically separated turkey (MST) steady to barely steady. Demand was light to fair, mostly fair on tom 2-joint wings for export; tom full-cut wings and tom necks slow with necks the most active; tom drum demand light to fair; thigh meat light to instances good, mostly fair; MST light. Domestic trading light and centered on frozen destrapped tenderloins from current production at lower trending price levels. Export trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of tom 2-joint wings and a fair volume of frozen thigh meat. Offerings of MST available, thigh meat and tom full-cut wings adequate to fully adequate, tom necks fully adequate, tom drums adequate.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 04, 2000****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00-27.00		26.25	160	25.37	848
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.00	40	22.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.00-22.50		22.08	624	22.25	1,040
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	14.00		14.00	208	14.42	288
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	55.00-57.00		55.92	472	55.66	3,360

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 03, 2000****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00		26.00	320
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00		22.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	22.50	416
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	15.50	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	54.88	1,916

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 02, 2000****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00		25.00	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	22.50	416
TAILS		W	19.50	400
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	15.50		15.50	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.00-57.00		54.88	1,916

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 01, 2000****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	24.00	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	22.50	416
TAILS		W	19.50	400
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	14.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	58.00		58.00	320

**MONDAY, JULY 31, 2000****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	24.00		24.00	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00-23.00		22.50	416
TAILS		W	19.50	400
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	14.00	52
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.50-57.00		56.62	652

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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