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US total red meat and poultry exports for the second quarter 2000 increased 8 percent due to continued strong demand in foreign markets, especially Korea. Beef exports increased 11 percent to 204,500 tons (product weight equivalent), pork exports were 4 percent higher at 104,400 tons, while poultry exports totaled 675,100 tons, 8 percent above the second quarter 1999.

US total poultry meat exports for the second quarter of 2000 were 675,100 tons. Broiler meat exports were 601,600 tons, a 13 percent increase from the same time a year ago, while turkey exports were 41,400 tons, a 4 percent increase. Exports for other poultry meats decreased 42 percent. Continuing strong demand in major markets, particularly Canada, China, Korea, and Mexico, resulted in higher poultry meat exports. Poultry exports to Canada and Mexico increased 18 percent to 28,900 tons and 10 percent to 61,000 tons, respectively, over the second quarter of 1999, while exports to Korea and China increased 23 percent to 21,900 tons and 31 percent to 27,500 tons respectively. US poultry exports to Russia for the second quarter of 2000 were 125,300 tons, compared with 28,400 tons for the same time period last year.

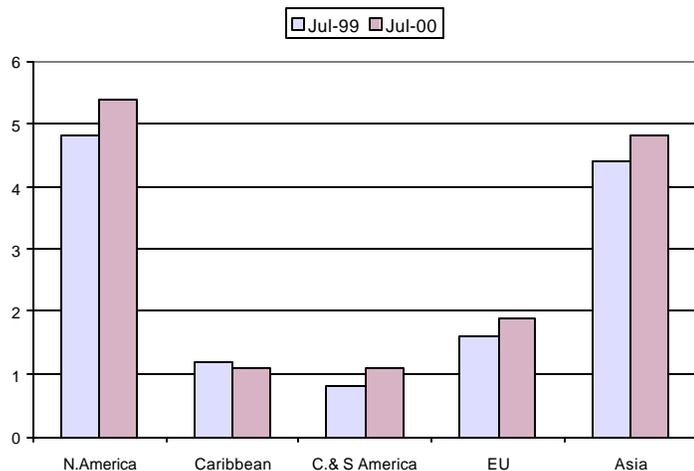
US Poultry Meat Exports January-June

	Quantity			Value		
	1999	2000	%Chg	1999	2000	%Chg
Canada	44	58	32	100	121	21
Mexico	106	125	18	81	108	33
Korea	27	45	67	18	26	44
China	34	47	38	24	27	13
Russia	93	320	244	43	149	247

Quantity in thousand tons, value in million dollars.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

Value of U.S. Exports of Eggs and Egg Products



Value in million dollars.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

Poultry Outlook

Broiler exports are forecast to increase 7 percent for 2000. After two years of slow or little growth in exports due to economic upheavals in a number of importing countries, most major broiler markets will import considerably more in 2000. The major markets are Russia, Mexico, and China/Hong Kong, which together accounted for 69 percent of US broiler exports over the first 7 months of 2000. Russia and Mexico have benefited from the rise in world oil prices. Broiler shipments to Russia have also benefited from changes in import tariffs. Total shipments to Russia totaled 994 million pounds from January through July 2000, an 18 percent increase. This figure includes those broiler exports going through Latvia and Estonia, as almost all of these products eventually end up in Russia. US broiler exports to China/Hong Kong expected to be near 1.5 billion pounds for 2000.

Turkey exports for January-July 2000 totaled 239 million pounds, up 22 percent from the previous year. Shipments to Mexico, Russia and China/Hong Kong have accounted for 76 percent of total turkey exports. Export growth to Russia is expected to slow as the tariffs on turkey products were recently raised.

Total egg exports in July on a shell-egg equivalent basis were 13.3 million dozen, 7 percent higher than the previous year. So far in 2000, egg exports have totaled 92.2 million dozen, 3 percent higher than in 1999. Most of the strength in exports has come from increased shipments to Mexico and Japan.

Source: USDA/Economic Research Service

Export Enhancement Program

The Commodity Credit Corporation accepted two bids under the Export Enhancement Program (EEP) for frozen poultry to Middle East Countries. The awards totaled 23 MT of frozen poultry for delivery September 22-December 15, 2000 and 410 MT for delivery September 26, 2000-March 25, 2001. The bonus was \$650 per MT. The Middle East Countries' remaining EEP balance is 19,776 MT.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

Export Subsidies

The EU indicated it would consider making further reductions in its export subsidies provided other WTO Members reciprocated with cuts in agricultural support measures. The move is the clearest signal yet that the EU is prepared to start negotiations on reducing export refunds to its farming sector. EC Agriculture Commissioner Franz Fischler said that export credits, food aid and state trading enterprises were "totally uncontrolled" under current WTO rules. Fischler said any reductions in EU export refunds could only be done if all forms of export subsidization were made "transparent and subject to agreed disciplines."

Brazil and EU

In an effort to expand its pork, chicken and tropical fruit exports to the EU, Brazil and the EU will begin harmonizing their phytosanitary rules. Talks begin in October.

Source: BRIDGES Weekly Trade News Digest

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

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

	Week Ending Sep 23, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Liquid	153	204	5,271	10,319
Frozen	0	0	126	6
Dried	0	0	419	464
Total	153	204	5,816	10,789

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

	Week Ending Sep 23, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Liquid	10	91	4,047	3,528
Frozen	1	0	658	360
Dried	0	0	701	166
Total	11	91	5,406	4,054

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

	Week Ending Sep 23, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Jumbo	120	34	1,863	1,125
Extra Large	1,111	420	37,699	30,735
Large	3,831	7,437	109,062	106,442
Medium	690	916	26,169	37,476
Ungraded	12,270	18,000	290,164	466,623
Misc	0	120	9,387	7,098
Total	18,022	26,927	474,344	649,499

/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. 29-SEP-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	-	20.00	15.00	-
WTD AVERAGE		20.00	15.00	

142,800 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	15.00	22.00	11.00-13.00	13.00-14.50
WTD AVERAGE	15.00	22.00	11.35	14.20

1,509,600 pounds, this includes 367,200 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 23-Sep-00 (PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,718	1,658	3,376
LAST WEEK	1,813	1,570	3,383
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,994	1,657	3,651
TO-DATE/2000	73,070	54,852	127,922
TO-DATE/1999	80,116	52,776	132,892

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	492	0	492
LAST WEEK	401	0	401
SAME WEEK YR AGO	416	5	421
TO-DATE/2000	17,733	291	18,024
TO-DATE/1999	17,862	204	18,066

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	2,210	1,658	3,868
LAST WEEK	2,214	1,570	3,784
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,410	1,662	4,072
TO-DATE/2000	90,803	55,143	145,946
TO-DATE/1999	97,978	52,980	150,958

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 29-SEP-00

CHICKEN PRICES

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

160,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-17.00	17.00	-	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.16	17.00		17.00

868,000 pounds, this includes 248,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-17.00	17.00	11.00-13.50	14.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	13.79	17.00	12.17	14.20

1,342,000 pounds, this includes 702,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	13.00
WTD AVERAGE				13.00

80,000 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
SEPTEMBER 29, 2000

The market tone was mostly steady on fresh breast meat. Supplies of scapula and fresh wing meat were tight. Fresh mechanically separated turkey (MST) was more available as hot dog sales eased. Fresh whole tenders moved at 145. A large volume of frozen thigh meat was booked for export November through December, 2000. Frozen whole tenders sold at 132 delivered port, and breeder breast meat moved at 158 to the border.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	31.00-32.00		31.25	160	30.90	580
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.00		25.00	64	24.63	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	23.50		23.50	280	23.30	470
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.50		19.50	40	18.62	516
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00-69.00		67.88	170	66.31	614

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00-31.00		30.50	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	27.00		27.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	23.20	150
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	17.90	196
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	66.11	380

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.50-31.00		30.75	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	23.50	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	22.00-23.50		23.20	150
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.50-18.00		17.90	196
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00-67.00		66.11	380

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	31.00		31.00	20
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	23.50	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	22.25		22.25	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	64.00		64.00	20

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	31.00		31.00	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	23.50		23.50	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	63.00		63.00	44

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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