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European Food Authority

According to a press release on November 8, the European Commission adopted a proposal to a Regulation of the Parliament and Council, to be adopted by co-decision, laying down fundamental principles and requirements of food law and establishing a European Food authority (EFA).

"Safety is the most important ingredient in our food. Europe must have the capacity to ensure that we can deliver this to our consumers. This legislative package is designed to overcome the weaknesses of the past and put food safety firmly on top of our agenda. The substantive food law and the creation of the European Food Authority are the building blocks, the very foundations upon which our new food safety policy will rest," Health and Consumer Commissioner David Byrne said when presenting the proposal.

The new food law would provide basic principles and requirements for the marketing of food and the assurance of a safe food supply. It also addresses the safety of animal feeds, the traceability of food and feeds, and responsibilities for food and feed business operators and public authorities.

The main focus of the EFA will be to provide scientific advice and establish a network of close co-operation with similar bodies in Member States. The various panels to be established include a panel on additives and products or substances used in animal feed; and a panel on animal health and welfare.

Source: The European Commission

JAPANESE FROZEN EGG IMPORTS (IN TONS)

Month	Frozen			Total
	Whole Eggs	Frozen Yolks	Frozen Albumen	
1999				
March	151.4	644.1	357.3	1,152.8
April	198.1	715.6	181.4	1,095.1
May	175.3	422.1	434.0	1,031.4
June	169.3	568.8	402.9	1,141.0
July	146.2	694.3	450.0	1,290.5
August	139.2	592.7	307.9	1,039.8
1999 To-Date	1,314.1	5,870.1	2,718.2	9,902.4
2000				
March	211.3	530.4	373.3	1,115.0
April	171.3	1,552.8	166.2	1,890.3
May	232.8	1,432.3	211.3	1,876.4
June	199.1	1,218.4	381.3	1,798.8
July	173.5	886.4	335.9	1,395.8
August	198.3	1,015.0	444.0	1,657.3
2000 To-Date	1,556.0	8,575.6	2,864.0	12,995.6

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

Broilers in Japan

The number of broiler farms declined from 3,768 in 1998 to 3,655 in 1999, down from 5,940 in 1990. Liveweight processed was 1.56 million tons, slightly more than in 1998, however well short of the 1.8 million tons in 1990. In 1999 the amount of broiler meat distributed was about 949,000 tons and imports exceeded 551,000 tons, a record of nearly 37 percent of total market supplies. In terms of the volume processed, 10% was for Kentucky Fried Chicken outlets, 10% was used for bone-in parts, the remaining 80% was deboned and further-processed.

The estimated average liveweight was 6.02 pounds, based on some 70 million Kentucky Fried broilers at 3.75lb while the average of the other 500 or so million was assessed at nearly 6.35lb. Based on an average liveweight after 51-52 days of 6.17lb, the on-farm cost of production was assessed at \$.5545 per pound liveweight. After adding processing and transport costs, the products obtained from one pound liveweight of broiler were valued at \$.7682.

The quantity of bone-in leg imported has declined to just 82,000t compared to a high of 104,000t in 1988 while receipts of deboned meat increased to 469,000t.

Metric Tons of Poultry Meat Imported in 1999

China	213,000	USA	105,000
Thailand	131,000	Brazil	99,000

Source: WATTNET

Canada Pet Food Industry Sector Report

The Canadian pet food market is an estimated US\$ 505 million annually. Categories that have shown major recent gains include sales of dry pet foods with particular interest in chicken, rice, vegetable based products and in larger sizes. Pet food industry volume in Canada is expected to grow between 1 percent and 2 percent a year over the next few years.

Total Canadian imports of dog and cat food in 1999 from the U.S. amounted to US\$199 million. Pet owners are increasingly concerned with their pets health and nutrition. Chicken is already proving popular in the dry dog food category. Similarly products utilizing healthy ingredients, eggs, milk, flour, possibly even organic products, should prove popular with pet owners.

The greatest long-term opportunities for export growth are expected to be in Japan, other Pacific Rim countries, and the European Union. Asian markets are underdeveloped in terms of pet populations, and the diffusion of prepared pet food. Pacific Rim countries also lack the raw materials for pet food production, so the increasing market demand is being satisfied by imports. Canada has the raw materials from the grain and meat processing industries to produce pet food and could prove to be a formidable competitor to U.S. firms in this sector.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

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

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

	Week Ending Nov 11, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Liquid	150	297	6,703	11,898
Frozen	0	0	198	6
Dried	0	40	503	609
Total	150	337	7,404	12,513

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

	Week Ending Nov 11, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
Liquid	47	125	4,501	4,055
Frozen	16	7	801	530
Dried	23	41	780	210
Total	86	173	6,082	4,795

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

	Week Ending Nov 11, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999/1	2000	1999
JJumbo	0	0	2,161	1,204
Extra Large	950	2,190	45,588	40,461
Large	2,012	3,994	127,587	135,758
Medium	1,088	1,770	31,845	45,727
Ungraded	2,250	11,730	360,334	572,273
Misc	750	0	10,887	10,722
Total	7,050	19,684	578,402	806,145

/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. 17-NOV-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	-	-	14.00-15.00	-
WTD AVERAGE			14.50	
40,800 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	18.00-19.00	19.00-21.00	10.00-14.00	13.50-16.00
WTD AVERAGE	18.14	20.00	11.90	14.16
1,758,000 pounds, this includes 1,264,800 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 11-Nov-00 (PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,016	1,530	3,546
LAST WEEK	1,943	1,306	3,249
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,848	1,550	3,398
TO-DATE/2000	85,583	65,531	151,114
TO-DATE/1999	93,185	63,949	157,134

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	273	12	285
LAST WEEK	394	35	429
SAME WEEK YR AGO	284	0	284
TO-DATE/2000	20,427	365	20,792
TO-DATE/1999	20,681	267	20,948

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	2,289	1,542	3,831
LAST WEEK	2,337	1,341	3,678
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,132	1,550	3,682
TO-DATE/2000	106,010	65,896	171,906
TO-DATE/1999	113,866	64,216	178,082

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 17-NOV-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.00	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE	18.00			
240,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.00-21.00	-	17.00	16.50
WTD AVERAGE	16.18		17.00	16.50
941,000 pounds, this includes 396,000 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	14.75-22.00	20.75	12.00-13.00	13.00
WTD AVERAGE	19.09	20.75	12.65	13.00
3,069,000 pounds, this includes 1,950,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	13.00
WTD AVERAGE				13.00
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
NOVEMBER 17, 2000

Trade sentiment steady to fully steady on fresh tom breast meat for current shipments with the strength partially due in response to the mixed availability from the up coming holiday processing schedules. Demand was fair to instances good. Fresh 15-20% mechanically separated turkey (MST) demand light to good, mostly fair. Domestic demand on the balance of items was slow to instances fair. Domestic trading was heavy on fresh tom breast meat, moderately heavy on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts for November-December shipments and light on the balance of items. Export demand centered on frozen MST, tom drums, tails and MST. Trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of open priced frozen thigh meat for December shipments, balance light.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.25-28.00		25.83	312	26.84	1,240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	25.33	120	25.33	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	26.00	104	26.00	416
TAILS		R	21.33	600	21.33	600
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	22.00-23.00		22.67	312	22.07	736
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	71.50-72.00		71.86	280	71.42	760

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00		26.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	25.33	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	104
TAILS	21.00-22.00		21.33	600
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	22.00		22.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	71.00		71.00	160

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00-30.00		27.27	328
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.00-26.00		25.33	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	26.00	312
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		T	21.00	156
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	70.00-71.00		70.80	200

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	27.31	520
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	26.00	312
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	21.00		21.00	156
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	72.00		72.00	80

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00-30.00		27.31	520
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	312
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	22.00		22.00	228
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	72.00		72.00	40

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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