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Outreach Program to Belize

Belize is the second smallest country in Central American and the least populated with 243,000 inhabitants. Traditionally, Belize has been a consumer nation, relying heavily on imports. The U.S. is Belize's main trading partner. In 2000, the U.S. exported \$32 million of agricultural products to Belize and imported \$67 million in agricultural products from there.

Belize has a number of unique advantages as a potential trading partner. English is the official language and the Belize dollar has been pegged to the U.S. dollar since 1976 at two to one. Per capita income is among the highest in Central America and Belize has direct air and sea transport and a close proximity to the U.S.

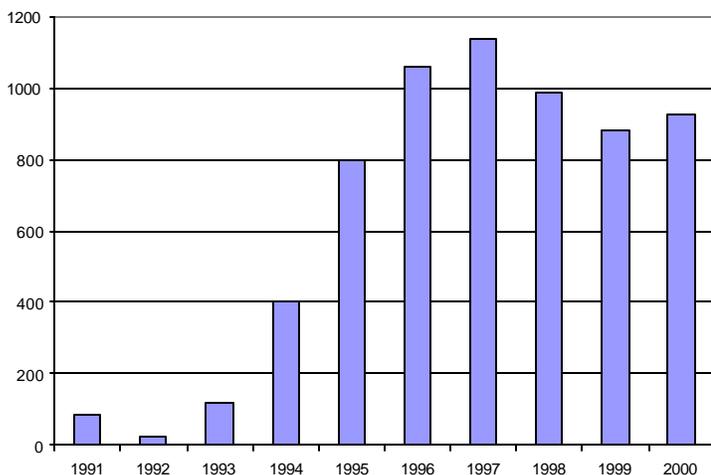
In 2000, tourism accounted for about \$105 million in revenues for Belize. Last year 326,642 tourists, including 136,569 Americans, visited Belize. The government acknowledges the importance of hotels and restaurants and allows them to import raw materials needed in the preparation of dishes for the tourist. There is a company out of Miami that consolidates and ships to Belize once a week and will deliver as little as a single box.

Most supermarkets along the coast carry institutional sized processed products to supply the yachting community, hotel and restaurants from the islands, as well as people living on the islands. The processed food industry in Belize is almost nonexistent. This creates an opportunity for U.S. firms in the processed food sector.

Products with a high potential to enter the market include poultry deli products, gourmet foods for HRI, quality raw materials for HRI and canned processed meat/canned soups.

Source: USDA Foreign Agricultural Service

Poultry Meat Exports to the Former Soviet Union 1991-2000



In million metric tons

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

Export Requirements For Saudi Arabia

In March FSIS was notified that effective immediately, U.S. meat and poultry products are ineligible for export to Saudi Arabia because FSIS cannot certify animal production requirement implemented by Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia regulations prohibit the use of animal proteins in animal and poultry feed and the use of growth hormones. For further information contact the FSIS Technical service Center at 402.221.7400

Source: USDA/Food Safety Inspection Service

Japan Bans EU Pork

On March 24, Japan, the world's largest pork importer, temporarily banned imports of pork produced after March 1 from all EU countries due to concerns over foot-and-mouth disease (FMD). Japan stated that the ban will remain in effect until it ensures that each EU country is taking proper control measures against the disease. In 2000, Japan imported 651,000 tons of pork valued at \$3.2 billion. Of this volume, 42 percent came from the EU, while 29 percent came from the United States.

Source: USDA Foreign Agricultural Service

China is the key to world egg growth

Between 1990 and 2000, world egg production expanded by 17.2 million tons, of which, China accounted for 15.1 million tons (mt) according to FAO economist, Ted Gillin. Other countries recording substantial growth were Mexico (+700,000t), India (+500,000t), and Brazil (+200,000t). During his review period total egg output had expanded from 37.8mt to 55mt with all the increase being attributed to developing countries. China recorded an annual growth rate of 8% a year during the period 1991-2000 as total production climbed to 22.3mt. Between the years 2000 and 2015 he foresaw world egg output expanding by a further 17.2mt mainly reflecting growth of some 31% in developing countries. For China he forecast an expansion of some 5mt followed by an increase of 2.31 mt in Mexico, 0.81 mt in India and 0.47mt in Brazil.

World poultrymeat output has risen from 35 million tons to in excess of 66 million tons last year of which, chickenmeat accounted for 56.6mt, turkeymeat 4.75mt, duckmeat 2.77mt and goosemeat 1.91 mt. By the year 2015, he forecast that poultrymeat output would escalate to 93.6mt of which, developing countries would produce 53.4mt while developed countries would account for 40.3mt.

Egg Production				Poultrymeat Production			
Million Metric Tons				Million Metric Tons			
Year	Vol	Year	Vol	Year	Vol	Year	Vol
1990	37.5	1996	50.0	1990	40.8	1996	56.0
1991	39.2	1997	50.2	1991	43.0	1997	59.5
1992	39.8	1998	51.9	1992	45.3	1998	61.8
1993	41.5	1999	53.6	1993	47.9	1999	64.8
1994	45.0	2000	54.3	1994	50.6	2000	66.5
1995	47.0			1995	54.5		

Source: www.wattnet.com

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

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

Week Ending Mar 31, 2001	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	209	0	2,445	1,584
Frozen	0	0	0	40
Dried	0	0	22	58
Total	209	0	2,467	1,682

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

Week Ending Mar 31, 2001	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	148	155	1,299	1,693
Frozen	45	13	393	128
Dried	0	40	143	385
Total	193	208	1,835	2,206

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

Week Ending Mar 31, 2001	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Jumbo	0	84	87	246
Extra Large	1,490	1,310	4,396	7,253
Large	3,858	3,020	25,055	32,227
Medium	1,620	1,010	11,398	9,367
Ungraded	5,322	5,280	34,088	22,680
Misc	0	750	6,287	3,000
Total	12,290	11,454	81,311	74,773

/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, Pltry Development Div.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 31-Mar-01
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,043	1,323	3,366
LAST WEEK	1,953	1,396	3,349
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,911	1,314	3,225
TO-DATE/2001	24,324	16,689	41,013
TO-DATE/2000	26,292	17,769	44,061

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	434	27	461
LAST WEEK	522	7	529
SAME WEEK YR AGO	594	0	594
TO-DATE/2001	6,989	100	7,089
TO-DATE/2000	7,150	39	7,189

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,477	1,350	3,827
LAST WEEK	2,475	1,403	3,878
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,505	1,314	3,819
TO-DATE/2001	31,313	16,789	48,102
TO-DATE/2000	33,442	17,808	51,250

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

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06-APR-2001

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	- 12.00-14.00		122,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.33		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-18.50	11.00-13.00	2,040,000	1,468,800
WTD AVERAGE	17.04	11.52		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

06-APR-2001

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	-	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.00-19.00	15.50-19.00	740,000	120,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.29	17.83		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.25-18.00	11.00-16.50	1,230,000	290,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.01	13.07		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.50	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of 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
AS OF 6 APRIL 2001.

Undertone mixed on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins as next week's holiday processing schedules continued to play a factor in markets. Frozen tom breast meat and frozen destrapped tenderloins steady to fully steady, however, some unsettledness was noted on frozen destrapped tenderloins. Wing meat with skin, scapula and breast trim trade sentiment steady to firm. White meat demand ranged from slow to fair on tom breast meat to instances good on the trims. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat were in a full range for pre-Easter holiday needs, frozen tom breast meat light and held with confidence, destrapped tenderloins uneven, trims light with scapula the least available. Domestic and export trading light. Frozen yearling hen breast meat traded at 152 cents delivered domestic and tom defatted gizzards 53 cents delivered export.

FRIDAY, APRIL 06, 2001

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00-32.00		31.50	260	31.09	1,604
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	38.50	80	38.78	184
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	35.50	104	35.50	104
TAILS	27.00		27.00	80	25.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	17.25	138	17.57	242
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.50-70.00		68.83	312	67.58	1,194

THURSDAY, APRIL 05, 2001

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00-33.00		31.77	352
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	38.00-39.00		38.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	35.50	104
TAILS		M	23.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	17.00-18.00		17.25	138
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00-70.00		68.56	502

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 04, 2001

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	31.00-32.00		31.50	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	39.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	35.50	104
TAILS		M	23.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		M	18.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.50		65.50	104

TUESDAY, APRIL 03, 2001

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00-31.00		30.36	288
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	39.00		39.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	35.50		35.50	104
TAILS		M	23.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		M	18.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	64.00		64.00	156

MONDAY, APRIL 02, 2001

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00-31.00		30.63	496
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	37.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	29.00	208
TAILS	23.00		23.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	18.00		18.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00-67.00		66.67	120

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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