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U.S. Poultry Situation and Outlook

During January and February 2001, broiler exports totaled 1.076 billion pounds, up 11 percent from the previous year. The majority of the growth has come from larger shipments to Asian and Russian markets. The Eastern European markets have been marked by a number of changes. Fewer broiler products are now moving through the Baltic nations, as shipments to those nations fell by 89 percent. However, this decline has been made up by greater exports to Poland, Ukraine, Georgia, and Russia. Mexico also continues to be a growing market for U.S. broiler products. After increasing by 21 percent in 2000, shipments to Mexico have expanded 12 percent in the first two months of 2001.

Over the first two months of 2001, turkey exports have totaled 79 million pounds, 26 percent higher than the same period in 2000. Mexico continues to be by far the largest market, but the increase in shipments so far in 2001 has been concentrated in larger exports to Poland, Russia, and Korea. Shipments to Russia are more than triple those of the same period in 2000 and exports to Poland are up almost 900 percent. Russia and Poland have been rather erratic markets in the past, very strong at times and then falling to almost nothing. Exports to Poland and Russia are expected to remain strong until the FMD problem in the EU is controlled. Exports of turkey products to Korea strengthened during the second half of 2000 and have continued to be strong in the first two months of 2001, up about 150 percent from the same period in 2000.

	1999	2000	Jan-Feb 2000	Jan-Feb 2001
Broiler RTC Export in thousand lbs				
Japan	218,380	230,679	30,014	28,960
Mexico	298,635	364,006	54,421	61,041
Hong Kong	1,227,094	1,396,842	204,380	234,717
Singapore	23,180	55,888	4,029	9,729
Canada	145,806	168,852	26,812	26,305
Russia	693,859	1,352,606	238,657	358,055
Latvia	690,853	308,271	163,301	22,977
Other	1,600,289	1,670,577	246,767	334,587
Total	4,898,096	5,547,721	968,380	1,076,372
Turkey Exports in thousand lbs				
Mexico	216,370	245,905	39,490	39,595
S. Korea	11,360	9,435	955	2,398
Russia	14,532	52,670	3,756	11,721
Hong Kong	33,883	43,338	5,636	5,281
Canada	11,662	9,838	1,505	1,340
Other	91,461	96,973	11,508	18,585
Total	379,268	458,158	62,850	78,920
Shell Egg Exports in thousand dozens				
Canada	31,373	30,127	2,837	3,216
Japan	3,118	4,292	636	188
Other	50,323	59,833	9,272	7,640
Total	84,814	94,252	12,745	11,044

Source: USDA /Economic Research Service

U.S. Poultry Export Opportunities Get Slammed in Venezuela and Andean Community

Imports of all prepared, seasoned and/or frozen poultry parts will be charged 125 percent duty as compared with a 20 percent tariff previously paid. This tariff change became effective April 16, 2001, as result of the Andean Community's Decision No 497, announced 03/30/01. This action severely diminishes market opportunity for U.S. poultry exports to Venezuela and other Andean Community markets.

The tariff change is triggered because the mentioned products are now included in the Andean Price Band System (APBS), a system that applies a variable duty for an extensive list of products entering Andean Community countries. Heretofore, only raw poultry was included in the price band. The APBS changes the current tariff every two weeks, and fluctuation can be expected throughout the year. For the most current tariff rates, importers should check the following web-site: www.comunidadandina.org

All prepared, seasoned and/or frozen poultry parts coming from the United States into Venezuela will pay 125 percent tariff for the period between April 16-30, 2001. After April 30, 2001, the tariff will change every two weeks as established by the APBS.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

REPORT WARNS ON GLOBAL ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN

In its new Trade and Development Report the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) raises awareness of the implications of a global economic slowdown and calls for systemic reform of the Bretton Woods institutions (The International Monetary Fund and the World Bank).

The 2001 global economy is less stable than that of 2000. Using the US economy as an indicator of what the future may hold, prospects are slim for continued global economic growth. UNCTAD states that the prospects for the US economy should be a worldwide concern, as the country had a "pivotal role in bolstering global demand in recent years." Because of this, and due also the increasing integration of the global economy, "real and financial shocks are transmitted much more rapidly across regions, countries and sectors. At the same time, because of the intertwining of finance and production, such shocks can have unexpected consequences, as has been demonstrated by the financial crises which began in Asia in 1997."

The UNCTAD report calls on developing countries to lead the way in promoting the reform process. Reform will depend on developing countries' willingness to organize their efforts around common objectives, it says, and on "acceptance by developed countries that accommodating these objectives will be an essential part of building a more inclusive system of global economic governance."

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 Apr 21, 2001		Year-To-Date	
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	335	49	3,333	1,711
Frozen	0	0	0	40
Dried	0	0	22	112
Total	335	49	3,355	1,863

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

	Week Ending Apr 21, 2001		Year-To-Date	
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	57	16	1,516	1,997
Frozen	6	44	506	184
Dried	0	40	203	483
Total	63	100	2,225	2,664

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

	Week Ending Apr 21, 2001		Year-To-Date	
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Jumbo	0	60	87	306
Extra Large	690	890	9,396	9,253
Large	1,700	3,800	29,885	42,037
Medium	660	0	12,268	11,058
Ungraded	15,276	8,400	65,864	42,360
Misc	4,500	0	12,287	4,530
Total	22,826	13,150	129,787	109,544

/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 21-Apr-01
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,706	1,410	3,116
LAST WEEK	1,651	1,473	3,124
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,030	1,433	3,463
TO-DATE/2001	29,714	21,015	50,729
TO-DATE/2000	32,590	21,882	54,472

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	417	13	430
LAST WEEK	316	7	323
SAME WEEK YR AGO	299	0	299
TO-DATE/2001	8,121	120	8,241
TO-DATE/2000	8,519	50	8,569

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

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

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,123	1,423	3,546
LAST WEEK	1,967	1,480	3,447
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,329	1,433	3,762
TO-DATE/2001	37,835	21,135	58,970
TO-DATE/2000	41,109	21,932	63,041

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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CHICKEN 27-APR-2001
PRICES (Cents per Pound) VOLUME

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

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

PRICES (Cents per Pound) VOLUME

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				
15-20%				
RANGE	17.00-18.50	11.00-13.50	1,509,600	979,200
WTD AVERAGE	17.57	12.27		
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

CHICKEN 27-APR-2001
PRICES (Cents per Pound) VOLUME

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	21.00	-	240,000	240,000
WTD AVERAGE	21.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

PRICES (Cents per Pound) VOLUME

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50-19.00	16.50-19.00	1,032,000	352,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.29	18.03		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.25-20.00	11.50-15.00	2,238,000	1,082,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.27	12.85		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.50	120,000	-
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 27 APRIL 2001.

The undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts ranged steady to fully steady on Grade A's and steady on plant grades. Demand ranged light to fair. Offerings of Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts were light to adequate and held with increased confidence, plant grades adequate. The undertone was generally steady on thigh meat with offerings held with varying degrees of confidence. The undertone on bulk parts was fully steady on necks and hen parts, steady at best on tom wings, and barely steady on tom drums. Export demand continued active on tom drums at steady to lower trending prices, fair on tails for the limited offerings, and light to fair on wings. Most sellers were resisting the lower buyer bids on tom 2-joint wings. The undertone on skin added mechanically separated turkey (MST) was steady on fresh, frozen steady to fully steady. Domestic trading was heavy on plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts, balance light. Export trading was moderately heavy on tom drums, MST fair, balance light.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00-31.00		29.76	656	29.91	2,416
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	40.00		40.00	52	40.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	29.00		29.00	40	29.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	19.00-20.00		19.19	492	19.07	984
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	69.50-74.00		70.93	144	70.29	1,340

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.50-31.00		29.91	1,008
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	35.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	27.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	18.00		18.00	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	70.00		70.00	356

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00-31.00		30.04	752
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	35.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	27.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	18.00-21.50		19.63	284
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	70.00-71.00		70.62	780

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	29.51	304
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	35.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	27.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	18.00	380
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	67.00		67.00	20

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	29.51	304
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	35.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	27.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	18.00	380
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00		66.00	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.