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India Restricts Entry Points for Sensitive Imports

Continuing its efforts to curb imports (mostly agricultural) following the April 1 removal of quantitative restrictions, the Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has issued a notification restricting the import of 300 sensitive products (including chicken) through just 11 of India's 215 custom notified points.

Census Codes for Export Items

Of Chickens: 020711 00 through 0207714 00
Not cut in pieces or cuts and offal, fresh, chilled or frozen

Of Turkeys 020724 00 and 020727 00
Not cut in pieces or cuts and offal, fresh, chilled or frozen

Of Ducks, Geese or Guinea Fowl: 020732 00 and 020733 00
Not cut in pieces, fresh, chilled or frozen

Fatty livers, fresh or chilled 020734 00
Other, fresh, chilled or frozen 020735 00 and 020736 00

A complete list is available at:
<http://dqft.delhi.nic.in/exim/2000/not/not01/not1100.htm>

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

Hong Kong Avian Influenza

On May 18 Hong Kong announced all 1.2 million poultry in the territory will be slaughtered to prevent an outbreak of Avian Influenza. The cull is expected to cost \$ 10.3 million. Hong Kong also asked mainland China to halt exports of live birds to the territory. Hong Kong consumes about 100,000 fresh chickens daily, more than 70 percent of which comes from the mainland.

Chicken consumption has dropped as consumers reacted to the news. The number of poultry handled by Hong Kong's largest wholesale market dropped by more than 60 percent on May 18 compared to the previous day.

Source: various news sources

Tariff-Rate Quotas

The Uruguay round Agreement on Agriculture (1996) initiated several major steps toward freer trade for agricultural products, including the lifting of bans and the removal of quotas on agricultural imports. The Agreement did not require immediate conversion of bans and quotas into tariffs; rather, it permitted them to be converted into tariff-rate quotas (TRQs). A TRQ is a two-tiered tariff, charging one tariff on a limited volume of imports and a second, higher tariff on all additional imports. The higher tariff is often set so high that imports are not profitable beyond the limited volume. In such cases, the TRQ functions exactly like a quota.

The Uruguay Round stimulated the creation of over 1,300 tariff-rate quotas. TRQs remain a significant barrier to trade and will likely be a source of contentious debate in the next round of agricultural trade negotiations.

Source: USDA/Economic Research Service

****CORRECTION****

U.S. Poultry Outlook

USDA's World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, released May 10, projected higher total U.S. meat production in 2002 due to increased pork and poultry production. Broiler production is forecast to increase in 2002 after holding steady in 2001. First-quarter broiler production was below a year ago due to poor returns. ****Production forecasts are reduced for the second half of 2001.****

In 2002 meat exports are projected to increase, mainly due to continued growth in broiler meat exports. Turkey and beef exports are expected to rise and pork to remain steady.

Forecast broiler meat exports in 2001 are raised sharply this month due to increased shipments to Russian and Hong Kong. Poultry prices in 2001 have begun to increase in response to moderate production growth and are expected to continue above a year earlier through 2002.

Production Imports Exports in Million pounds

	<u>Production</u>	<u>Imports</u>	<u>Exports</u>
Broilers			
1999	29,468	4	4,920
2000	30,209	6	5,448
Projections			
2001 April	30,483	4	5,700
2001 May	30,286	4	5,925
2002 May	31,163	4	6,200
Turkeys			
1999	5,230	1	379
2000	5,333	1	458
Projections			
2001 April	5,528	1	460
2001 May	5,528	1	480
2002 May	5,625	1	495

Source: USDA/Economic Research Service

Eggs to Fight Cancer

The same scientists at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh, Scotland, who produced "Dolly" the sheep, have created designer chickens whose eggs may help produce cancer fighting drugs. The scientists have altered the genetic make-up of the protein rich whites of chicken eggs, with the aim of breeding a chicken that lays eggs containing pharmacologically useful proteins that will help produce drugs to treat various illnesses, including ovarian and breast cancer, according to a report in Laboratory Focus.

Source: International Egg Commission

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

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

	Week Ending May 12, 2001		Year-To-Date	
	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Liquid	204	104	4,328	2,059
Frozen	0	0	40	40
Dried	0	0	22	112
Total	204	104	4,390	2,211

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

	Week Ending May 12, 2001		Year-To-Date	
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	63	97	1,690	2,253
Frozen	12	14	579	200
Dried	0	40	226	563
Total	75	151	2,495	3,016

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

	Week Ending May 12, 2001		Year-To-Date	
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Jumbo	0	39	87	357
Extra Large	1,680	1,019	13,221	11,452
Large	4,033	4,992	38,894	53,722
Medium	1,670	180	15,678	11,960
Ungraded	9,300	7,680	91,844	63,600
Misc	3,750	0	22,878	5,310
Total	20,433	13,910	182,602	146,401

/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

(PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY W/E 12-May-01

	U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY		TOTAL HENS
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	
HEAD	1,575	1,465	3,040
LAST WEEK	1,754	1,400	3,154
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,024	1,238	3,262
TO-DATE/2001	34,834	25,276	60,110
TO-DATE/2000	38,774	25,947	64,721

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA		TOTAL HENS
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	
HEAD	574	0	574
LAST WEEK	505	0	505
SAME WEEK YR AGO	364	0	364
TO-DATE/2001	9,610	143	9,753
TO-DATE/2000	9,829	50	9,879

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

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

	TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA		TOTAL HENS
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	
HEAD	2,149	1,465	3,614
LAST WEEK	2,259	1,400	3,659
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,388	1,238	3,626
TO-DATE/2001	44,444	25,419	69,863
TO-DATE/2000	48,603	25,997	74,600

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 18-MAY-2001
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

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

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

18-MAY-2001
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	16.00	50,800	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.00	16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.50-19.00	11.00-14.00	3,304,800	1,876,800
WTD AVERAGE	18.04	12.95		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	13.50	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.50		

* 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 18-MAY-2001
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	21.00	-	200,000	200,000
WTD AVERAGE	21.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

18-MAY-2001
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.00-21.00	16.00-19.00	976,000	416,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.39	17.64		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.25-20.00	10.50-16.00	1,976,720	558,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.75	13.24		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.00		

* 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 18 MAY 2001.

Trade sentiment was mostly steady on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins, steady to barely steady on thigh meat. Demand on fresh tom breast meat fair to instances good and light to fair on fresh destrapped tenderloins. Frozen tom breast meat and frozen destrapped tenderloin demand was slow. Frozen thigh meat demand for export was fair to good for May - June shipments at the 65-68, mostly 65-67 cent price level. Offerings were in a full range, mostly adequate to ample. Domestic and export trading consisted mostly of light volumes.

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00-30.50		28.98	224	29.01	840
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	33.00	104	33.00	104
TAILS	28.00		28.00	104	28.14	144
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	18.00-20.00		19.00	208	18.75	1,320
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	67.00-69.00		67.86	280	66.27	2,410

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00		28.00	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	33.00		33.00	104
TAILS	28.50		28.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	20.00		20.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00		66.00	624

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00-31.00		29.86	196
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	30.00	160
TAILS		R	29.50	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		T	17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	63.00-69.00		65.59	1,086

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00		30.00	52
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	30.00	160
TAILS		R	29.50	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	17.00		17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00		66.00	40

MONDAY, MAY 14, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00		29.00	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	30.00	160
TAILS		R	29.50	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	18.00-20.00		18.72	888
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00-70.00		67.54	380

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.