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Japan, Mexico To Set Up Joint Trade Study Panel

The governments of Japan and Mexico are expected to reach agreements to set up a joint study panel during the visit of the Mexican President Vicente Fox to Japan in June. The panel — which is likely to include government officials, business leaders and academics from both nations — would be charged with formulating a framework for a bilateral trade agreement aimed at eliminating tariffs between the two countries. Agricultural products are expected to feature strongly in the panel's discussions, as many in Japan have expressed concern that a trade pact would lead to a flood of cheap agricultural products from Mexico onto the Japanese market.

Source: BRIDGES Weekly Trade News Digest

Japanese Powdered Egg Imports (in metric tons)

Month	Powdered			Total
	Whole Eggs	Powdered Yolks	Powdered Albumen	
2000				
January	230.1	139.3	861.1	1230.5
February	132.3	64.2	811.5	1008.0
2000 To-Date	362.4	203.5	1,672.6	2,238.5
2001				
January	233.2	199.3	910.1	1342.6
February	177.9	172.4	758.2	1108.5
2001 To-Date	411.1	371.7	1,668.3	2,451.1

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

Frozen Poultry to Middle East Countries Under the Export Enhancement Program

Exporter	Award	Bonus	For Delivery	Announced
AJC International	600MT	\$600	07/01-11/04	May 07
Tyson	200MT	\$600	05/10-07/01	May 10
US Gulf Coast Trading Co.	410MT	\$615	05/15-11/14	May 15

Status of the Export Enhancement Program Summarized Data for Frozen Poultry in Metric Tons

Countries	Quantity Announced	Quantity Awarded	Balance	Date Expires
Middle East Countries	20,210	9,774	10,436	06/30/01

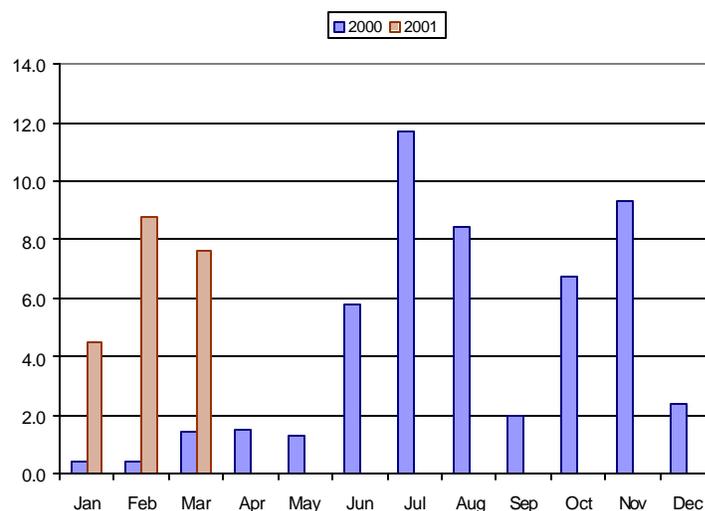
Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Services

Effects of Eastern European Countries Joining the EU

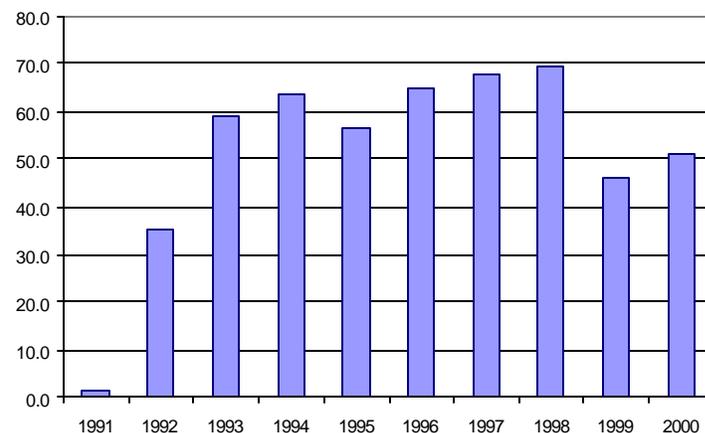
The US has not been able to export poultry to the EU since April 1, 1997. US poultry exports to the EU were valued at \$50 million in 1996 and the US had 20 percent of the import market. Negotiations between the EU and five of the Central and East European countries began in March 1998. In October 1999 the EU agreed to open negotiations with Bulgaria, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania and Slovakia.

The prospective enlargement of the EU into Central and Eastern Europe is likely to occur in stages. EU officials were hopeful that negotiations with the first group would be completed by the end of 2002, however accession in 2004 or 2005 is more likely. Poultry exporters in the US would be shut out of the \$250 million East European market as those countries gained membership in the EU.

Monthly U.S. Poultry Exports to Poland in '000 Metric Tons



Yearly Exports of Poultry to Poland in '000 Metric Tons



Source: Dept of Commerce, USDA/FAS and USDA/ ERS

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending May 19, 2001		Year-To-Date	
	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Liquid	263	91	4,591	2,150
Frozen	0	0	40	40
Dried	0	101	22	213
Total	263	192	4,653	2,403

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

	Week Ending May 19, 2001		Year-To-Date	
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	159	95	1,849	2,348
Frozen	1	55	580	255
Dried	0	0	226	563
Total	160	150	2,655	3,166

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending May 19, 2001		Year-To-Date	
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Jumbo	0	48	87	405
Extra Large	1,660	1,310	14,881	12,762
Large	3,772	4,095	42,666	57,817
Medium	1,140	1,043	16,818	13,003
Ungraded	14,160	8,400	106,004	72,000
Misc	6,900	0	29,778	5,310
Total	27,632	14,896	210,234	161,297

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

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.

CHICKEN 25-MAY-2001
 — 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	16.00-16.50		122,400	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.17			
15-20%				
RANGE	17.00-18.00	11.00-16.00	2,244,000	816,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.67	13.28		

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

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 19-May-01
 (PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,602	1,460	3,062
LAST WEEK	1,575	1,465	3,040
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,873	1,584	3,457
TO-DATE/2001	36,436	26,736	63,172
TO-DATE/2000	40,647	27,531	68,178

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	509	0	509
LAST WEEK	574	0	574
SAME WEEK YR AGO	470	0	470
TO-DATE/2001	10,119	143	10,262
TO-DATE/2000	10,299	50	10,349

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	2,111	1,460	3,571
LAST WEEK	2,149	1,465	3,614
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,343	1,584	3,927
TO-DATE/2001	46,555	26,879	73,434
TO-DATE/2000	50,946	27,581	78,527

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

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

CHICKEN 25-MAY-2001
 — PRICES ——— VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

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 ——— VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.00-20.00	16.50-20.00	1,004,000	344,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.46	17.45		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.25-20.00	12.00-15.00	2,795,400	1,284,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.47	12.82		

20% OR MORE
 RANGE - 12.00 160,000 -
 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 25 MAY 2001.

Trade sentiment continued steady to fully steady on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins for next week's shipments as a partial result of next week's shortened holiday production schedules. Some spot weakness was noted on fresh tom breast meat out of this week's production. Inquiry was noted on frozen tom breast meat and frozen destrapped tenderloins for June shipments. Inquiry on tom 3-joint wings showed signs of improvement for domestic shipments. Tom drum inquiry ranged light to fair with some sellers noting buyers attempting to buy at lower trending price levels and being met with resistance. Ground turkey demand in a full range with most sellers noting increased activity. Trading light and centered on fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments and frozen thigh meat for export. Frozen 40 lb. fine grind 90% lean ground turkey traded at 39 cents shipping point.

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	28.33	892	28.29	1,204
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	29.50	240	29.50	240
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.50		26.50	104	26.25	208
TAILS		R	28.00	340	28.00	340
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	19.00 67.00		19.00 67.00	80 208	19.21 66.74	768 1,092

THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00-29.00		28.33	892
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	29.50	240
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	26.00	104
TAILS	28.00		28.00	340
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	19.00-21.00 65.50-68.00		19.65 66.68	368 884

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00		27.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	27.00-32.00		29.50	240
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	104
TAILS		F	28.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	20.00	F	20.00 67.86	120 280

TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.50		27.50	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	33.00	104
TAILS		F	28.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M F	18.00 67.86	200 280

MONDAY, MAY 21, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00		30.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	33.00	104
TAILS		F	28.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	18.00	F	18.00 67.86	200 280

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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