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WTO Working Party Approves Chinese Membership

The People's Republic of China

On 17 September the WTO successfully concluded negotiations on China's terms of membership after 15 years of talks. During the previous week, the much-awaited session of the Working Party settled the last major blocks and cleared the way for Beijing to join the trade body by the end of the year. Formal acceptance is expected to take place at the forthcoming Ministerial in Doha from 9 to 13 November. Thirty days after China notifies its acceptance of the agreement, it will legally become a Member of the WTO.

Once in the WTO, China will represent the world's fifth largest trading power after the Quad group (composed of the US, the EC, Japan and Canada). China agreed to limit its subsidies for agricultural production to 8.5 percent of the value of farm output.

Several analysts conjecture that China's entry will change the balance of forces in the body, adding weight on the side of developing countries. Conversely, easier access to a market of one billion people is widely believed to offset Quad concerns over the stance China might take in the trade organization.

Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu (Chinese Taipei)

On 18 September negotiations concluded on Chinese Taipei's terms of membership. Some of the commitments undertaken by Chinese Taipei for trade in goods include reducing nominal duty rates on agricultural products from 20.02 percent to 14.01 percent on the day of Chinese Taipei's accession to the WTO. Rates will be further reduced to 12.86 percent after 2002.

Source: BRIDGES Weekly Trade News Digest, WTO Press Release

Ukraine

Legal imports of U.S. chicken leg quarters account for approximately 92 percent of all Ukrainian poultry meat imports. In 2002 levels will likely remain unchanged from 2001, although overall imports (including smuggling of poultry meat) will decrease slightly due to an expected growth in domestic broiler meat production. The production of broiler meat in 2002 will grow mostly through the utilization of existing excess capacity on poultry facilities. Ukrainian poultry meat exports will remain below one thousand tons due to the existing strong domestic demand.

Eggs and egg product output should also increase in 2002. Despite high feed grain prices in 2000 and the first half of 2001, egg production increased in response to favorable consumer demand. Official statistics reported that egg production increased to 4,465 million eggs during January-June 2001 or an increase of 5.7 percent from the same period last year. Small private plots produced 66 percent of all eggs in 2000. Eggs and egg products exports are expected to increase primarily to the Former Soviet Union.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

Egg Products Export Notice

Currently, U.S. egg products processors operating in accordance with USDA regulations are eligible to be included on an official establishment list for certification of egg products for export to the European Union (EU). Effective within 60 days of this notification, all U.S. establishments that desire to continue to be eligible to export egg products to the EU must be able to demonstrate compliance with the European Union (EU) requirements and must submit a completed FSIS Form 9080-3, Establishment Application for Export. The completed and fully endorsed FSIS Form 9080-3 must be received at the Technical Service Center (TSC) no later than 60 days from the date of this Notice. The form is available in the FSIS Export Library (www.fsis.usda.gov/OFO/export/explib.htm) or from the Export Staff at the FSIS TSC at Area Code (402) 221-7400.

Source: FSIS/USDA, Export Library, dated August 27, 2001

World Chick Placements January - May 2001

European Union Chick placements during the period January - May 2001 showed a provisional decrease of 1.8% compared with the corresponding period in 2000 (115,694,000 compared with 117,805,000). Of the EU's largest producers, increased egg production during 2000 was recorded in; Germany (+0.8%), Netherlands (+3.2%) and the UK (+1.3%), while egg production decreased in; France (-1.2%), Italy (-14.0%) and Spain (-5.9%).

North America During the first half of 2001 both chick placements and egg production in the U.S. increased by 8.1% and 1.6% respectively. Chick placements and egg production in Canada increased by 2.6 and 2.0 percent while Mexico increased 12.7 percent on chick placements and 2 percent on egg production.

Asia Chick placements and egg production in India increased by 28.7% compared with the same period in 2000. Chick placements in Japan increased by 9.8%. During 2000, egg production in China is estimated to have increased by 2.0% on the 1999 level (18,866,000 tons compared with 18,504,000 tons).

Source: The International Egg Commission

Japanese Egg Product Imports

	Whole Egg	Yolk	Albumen
Dried			
June 2000	175.2	149.7	776.4
YTD	1,220.8	893.2	4,843.7
June 2001	278.0	158.5	728.1
YTD	1,383.3	1,033.8	4,840.1
Frozen			
June 2000	199.1	1,218.4	381.3
YTD	1,184.2	6,674.2	2,084.1
June 2001	166.7	1,053.5	117.6
YTD	1,137.4	6,120.6	1,436.4

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

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

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

Week Ending Sep 15, 2001	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Liquid	231	101	8,249	5,113
Frozen	0	0	78	126
Dried	0	43	40	419
Total	231	144	8,367	5,658

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

Week Ending Sep 15, 2001	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	131	41	3,868	4,037
Frozen	70	48	1,073	657
Dried	12	47	485	701
Total	213	136	5,426	5,395

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

Week Ending Sep 15, 2001	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Jumbo	0	138	87	1,743
Extra Large	3,123	850	48,812	36,588
Large	2,318	5,157	90,552	105,231
Medium	0	660	33,868	25,479
Ungraded	14,880	8,250	280,250	277,894
Misc	900	0	67,220	9,387
Total	21,221	15,055	520,789	456,322

/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 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.

21-SEP-2001				
CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

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

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

21-SEP-2001				
CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.75-18.00	18.00	183,600	40,800
WTD AVERAGE	17.88	18.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-19.00	11.00-19.00	1,735,600	612,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.12	15.02		
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 15-Sep-01
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,847	1,523	3,370
LAST WEEK	1,633	1,320	2,953
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,813	1,570	3,383
TO-DATE/2001	65,336	51,039	116,375
TO-DATE/2000	71,352	53,194	124,546

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	186	0	186
LAST WEEK	234	0	234
SAME WEEK YR AGO	397	46	443
TO-DATE/2001	16,051	243	16,294
TO-DATE/2000	17,364	544	17,908

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	2,033	1,523	3,556
LAST WEEK	1,867	1,320	3,187
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,210	1,616	3,826
TO-DATE/2001	81,387	51,282	132,669
TO-DATE/2000	88,716	53,738	142,454

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.

21-SEP-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

21-SEP-2001				
CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.50-20.00	16.00-20.00	896,000	208,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.81	18.33		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.75-18.50	12.00-17.00	1,621,120	768,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.91	14.96		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* 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 21 SEPTEMBER 2001.

Trade sentiment was steady to instances weak on fresh tom breast meat. Demand slow to fair. Offerings in a full range, mostly adequate to fully adequate with some sellers starting to indicate a willingness to negotiate and some buyers noting offers at 182 cents delivered. Frozen tom breast meat undertone steady with no trading and only limited interest reported. Fresh destrapped tenderloin trade sentiment steady to firm, frozen steady to barely steady. Demand was fair to good on fresh and light on frozen destrapped tenderloins. Fresh destrapped tenderloins were mostly short of buyers' needs, frozen readily available. Offerings on the balance of white meat items were light at best and held in firm hands. Trading centered on heavy volume of frozen thigh meat for export, balance light. Some inquiry on tom frozen thigh meat for prompt export shipments to Mexico was going unfilled and interest for Russia was noted for October deliveries.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2001

<u>EXPORT TRADING</u>	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	37.00	80	36.40	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	37.00	20	37.00	20
TAILS	29.00		29.00	28	28.41	68
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	19.00	40	19.00	380
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00-70.00		67.55	804	68.12	1,096

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2001

<u>EXPORT TRADING</u>	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	37.00		37.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	37.00		37.00	20
TAILS		T	28.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	19.00		19.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	69.00-70.00		69.61	132

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2001

<u>EXPORT TRADING</u>	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	36.00		36.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		T	28.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	19.00		19.00	260
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	70.00		70.00	80

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2001

<u>EXPORT TRADING</u>	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	36.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	28.00		28.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	19.00		19.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	69.00		69.00	40

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2001

<u>EXPORT TRADING</u>	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	36.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	18.33	60
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	70.00		70.00	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.