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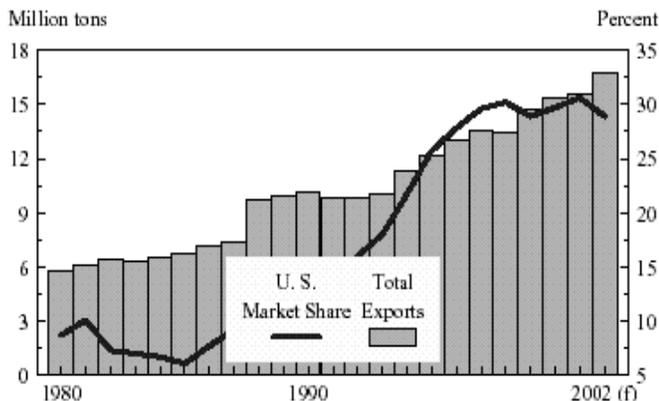
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United States And Brazil

Total poultry exports for selected countries of the world are projected to reach 7.2 million tons in 2002, up 7 percent from the previous year. Poultry exports are forecast higher for the U.S., Thailand, China, the EU, and Brazil. U.S. poultry exports are projected to grow at a slower rate in 2002 than in previous years because of increased competition from Brazil which is one of the lowest cost poultry producers in the world, and a strong U.S. dollar. U.S. poultry meat exports for October, 2000 – August, 2001 are currently 8% higher than the same time frame last year.

U.S. poultry exports in 2002 are forecast at 3.1 million tons, up 2 percent from 2001. In 2001, Brazil increased its poultry exports to the EU as EU consumption of beef fell in response to BSE and FMD. These EU import levels are projected to remain steady into 2002. Although the United States does not ship large amounts of poultry into the EU because of import barriers, this increase in Brazilian exports to the EU represents a loss in global U.S. market share. U.S. poultry exports also face increasing competition from Brazil in the Russian market, although this is not seen as a threat to the strong U.S. position. Through June of 2001, Brazil shipped more than 28,000 tons of chicken to Russia compared to 21,000 in calendar year 2000. Brazil's poultry exports are projected to continue increasing in 2002 as a large Brazilian meat processor has already established itself in Russia.

Global Meat Exports Show Steady Rise, but U.S. Market Share Projected to Dip



For 2002, Brazil's poultry exports are forecast at about 1.6 million tons, up nearly 30 percent from the previous year. Brazil has significantly increased its exports in the first half of 2001 to the EU, Russia, Africa, and the Middle East. Among these regions, the EU, Africa, and the Middle East are markets to which the U.S. traditionally does not export large volumes of poultry; Brazil is projected to increase its market activities in these regions in 2002.

Sources: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service, Economic Research Service

Romania

The Romanian Veterinary Organization (RVO) will allow the United States until January 1, 2002 to comply with new veterinary health certificates for the import of fresh and frozen poultry, pork, and casings to Romania. This extension was granted officially on September 18, 2001, when the U.S. Agricultural Affairs Office in Romania received official written approval for the extension. During this period, the United States will be allowed to export poultry, pork, and casings to Romania using the current Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) approved certificate for Romania.

The new certificates were to become effective on October 15, 2001 for the United States. FSIS requested an extension, however, primarily because of the reference to European Union (EU) directives in the certificates raised an issue of concern. Reference to EU directives may require that veterinary practices in Romanian plants also comply with EU veterinary standards and practices. This is not likely to be the case. Although Romania is rapidly improving its veterinary practices and procedures, it is unlikely that Romania is currently in full compliance with EU directives referenced in the certificates.

Romania imports significant quantities of poultry meat to supplement local production. According to Romania trade data, in 2000 Romania imported about 36,000 metric tons of poultry meat. Product range included leg quarters, chicken livers, whole broilers, turkey wings and drumsticks, etc. For the current year, AGBucharest estimates that Romania will further increase to 40,000 metric tons, as a result of rising demand. The United States is the second largest exporter of poultry meat to Romania. The largest exporter of poultry meat to Romania is Hungary.

According to Romanian data, the United States exported 6,000 metric tons and Hungary 10,000 metric tons of poultry meat in 2000 to Romania. Preliminary information for 2001 indicates that U.S. poultry exports to Romania will double to 12,000 metric tons in 2001. Romania imports from the U.S. primarily chicken leg quarters, but also chicken livers and turkey wings and drumsticks.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

CORRECTION ON OCTOBER 23

United States

Omit sentence in second paragraph: **At this point in time, a decision on whether or not to lift the ban had not been made yet.**

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

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

	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	405	292	10,471	6,137
Frozen	0	39	78	198
Dried	160	37	240	496
Total	565	368	10,789	6,831

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

	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	90	97	4,514	4,322
Frozen	77	0	1,301	711
Dried	0	0	486	738
Total	167	97	6,301	5,771

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Jumbo	0	0	87	2,161
Extra Large	1,050	993	56,522	42,898
Large	4,432	3,114	112,628	123,467
Medium	330	1,050	37,228	29,246
Ungraded	5,910	15,000	332,570	333,484
Misc	0	0	68,144	9,387
Total	11,722	20,157	607,179	540,643

/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.

CHICKEN 26-OCT-2001
 PRICES VOLUME
 (Cents per Pound)

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

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED 26-OCT-2001
 PRICES VOLUME
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	15.00	122,400	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.00	15.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-16.00	9.00-14.00	1,524,400	237,600
WTD AVERAGE	13.90	11.32		
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 20-Oct-01

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,697	1,519	3,216
LAST WEEK	1,989	1,446	3,435
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,463	1,813	3,276
TO-DATE/2001	74,913	58,165	133,078
TO-DATE/2000	79,795	61,203	140,998

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	319	22	341
LAST WEEK	354	0	354
SAME WEEK YR AGO	347	6	353
TO-DATE/2001	17,794	273	18,067
TO-DATE/2000	19,492	563	20,055

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	2,016	1,541	3,557
LAST WEEK	2,343	1,446	3,789
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,810	1,819	3,629
TO-DATE/2001	92,707	58,438	151,145
TO-DATE/2000	99,287	61,766	161,053

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 26-OCT-2001
 PRICES VOLUME
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.00	-	240,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	17.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED 26-OCT-2001
 PRICES VOLUME
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.75-16.00	15.00-16.00	802,000	260,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.77	15.54		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.75-16.50	12.00-14.00	1,435,520	818,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.88	12.35		
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 26 OCTOBER 2001.

The undertone on fresh tom breast meat was steady to weak, frozen steady to barely steady with lower buyer bids noted. Demand slow on fresh tom breast meat, light on destrapped tenderloins with the best interest noted on fresh, light to instances fair on frozen tom breast meat. Decreased interest was noted on scapula for the light offerings. Thigh meat undertone was steady to fully steady with trading noted for mid-November shipments at higher price levels. The undertone on 15-20% mechanically separated turkey (MST) was barely steady at best for the light demand. Some fresh 15-20% MST traded at 8 cents delivered pet foods. Bulk parts trading centered on frozen tom drums at the 35-36 cent price level for domestic and export shipments. Fresh tom drums traded at 39 cents delivered domestic and 35 cents delivered export. Trading centered on fair volumes of frozen tom breast meat for domestic and frozen thigh meat for export, balance light.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	35.00-38.00		35.67	240	35.64	280
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		R	28.00	104	27.32	248
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	16.00		16.00	80	15.11	512
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	69.00-72.00		69.70	540	69.12	1,224

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	35.50		35.50	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	32.00	52
TAILS	28.00		28.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	14.50-17.00		14.93	352
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	70.00		70.00	104

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	36.30	648
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	32.00	52
TAILS		M	26.83	144
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	15.00		15.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00-70.00		68.43	580

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	36.30	648
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	32.00	52
TAILS		M	26.83	144
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	17.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	67.00	80

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	36.30	648
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	32.00	52
TAILS	26.00-29.00		26.83	144
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	17.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	67.00	80

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.