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The Fourth Ministerial Conference is scheduled for November 9 - 13, 2001 in Doha, Qatar. For many Members, particularly the EC, agriculture remains a "make-or-break" concern for the Ministerial.

The draft Ministerial Declaration, essentially a 7-page document outlining the scope and areas for Ministerial agreement on multilateral trade issues, had been without a text on agriculture until October 8, when General Council Chair Stuart Harbinson circulated a brief 2-paragraph text containing language he hopes will lead to an acceptable text for all Members. The text would commit Members to "reductions of, with a view to phasing out, all forms of export subsidies; and substantial reductions in domestic support." It also says that "special and differential treatment for developing countries shall be an integral part of all elements of the negotiations..." In addition, "non-trade concerns will be taken into account in the negotiations as provided for in the Agreement on Agriculture."

Described by one trade official as a "balance of unhappiness," no one Member is completely happy with the initial formulation, but most have said it could serve as a "basis" for discussions.

The EC said there was insufficient weight given to non-trade concerns such as environment, animal welfare, and food safety. The text also makes no reference to export credits, which the EC argues have a distorting effect on trade similar to export subsidies. The EC thinks that if the text targets export subsidies it should also target export credits. The EC is a well-known user of agriculture export subsidies while the US is a prolific user of export credits.

The Cairns Group Members said the draft text does not go far enough in committing Members to eliminating all trade-distorting domestic subsidies, including particular export subsidies. Developing countries also expressed disappointment with regard to special and differential treatment in the document.

On October 22, the Group of 77 and China, representing 133 developing nations, released its demand for the upcoming Fourth Ministerial Conference. In the area of Agriculture, the Declaration included improved market access opportunities, more fair and equitable rules for developing countries; effective modalities for eliminating trade and production-distorting measures as well trade impeding impact on developing countries' exports in agriculture. Also addressed was the developed countries' undertaking to eliminate tariff peaks and tariff escalations as well as to substantially reduce domestic support and to eliminate all forms of export subsidies.

Source: BRIDGES Weekly Trade News Digest
<http://www.icstd.org>

Russia

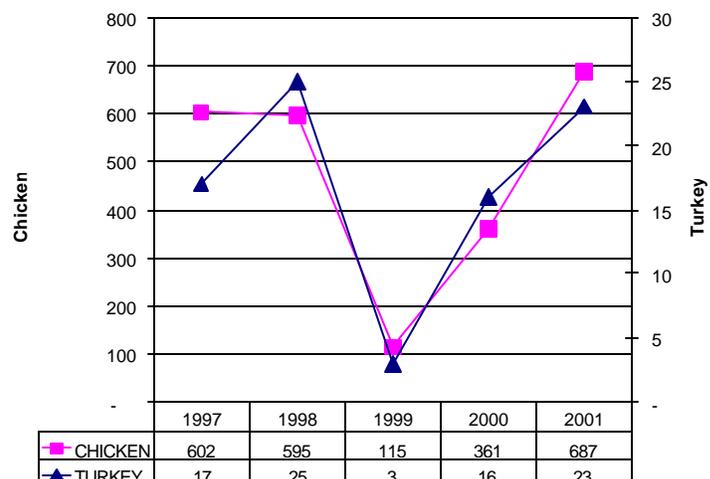
The Russian economy has rebounded since the financial crisis of 1998. The economy grew 5.4 percent in 1999 and 8.3 percent in 2000, buoyed by the competitive boost from the weak ruble and a surging trade surplus fueled by rising world oil prices. Estimates for the current year range from three to 5.5 percent growth and forecasts for 2002 range from four to five percent. Russia remains heavily dependent on exports of commodities, particularly oil, natural gas, metals, and timber, which account for over 80 percent of exports.

A rise in GDP (Gross Domestic Product) increases consumers' demand and consumption of food. Russia imports mainly high-value products, such as meat. The dominant U.S. agricultural export to Russia is poultry. For the first eight months of the year, exports of chicken meat to Russia fell from 602,326MT in 1997 to a low of 115,237MT in 1999, rebounding to 687,301 in 2001.

According to Goskomstat (the State Committee of the Russian Federation on Statistics) real disposable income grew 5.7 percent from January through August 2001, compared with the same period a year ago.

Various Sources

**U.S. Exports of Fresh and Frozen Chicken and Turkey to Russia
January - August Comparisons, in '000 Metric Tons**



Source: USDA/Economic Research Service/FATUS Export Aggregations

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	239	151	10,710	6,288
Frozen	0	0	78	198
Dried	0	7	240	503
Total	239	158	11,028	6,989

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

	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	80	61	4,594	4,383
Frozen	42	33	1,343	744
Dried	0	14	486	752
Total	122	108	6,423	5,879

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	1,890	750	58,412	43,648
Large	2,590	0	115,218	123,467
Medium	1,050	750	38,278	29,996
Ungraded	9,690	8,850	342,260	342,334
Misc	0	750	68,144	10,137
Total	15,220	11,100	622,399	551,743

/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 02-NOV-2001

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

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

FAT CONTENT	PRICES		VOLUME	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	13.00-16.50	285,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-16.00	10.00-12.00	1,050,400	448,800
WTD AVERAGE	12.41	11.15		
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 27-Oct-01
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,855	1,313	3,168
LAST WEEK	1,697	1,519	3,216
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,829	1,492	3,321
TO-DATE/2001	76,768	59,478	136,246
TO-DATE/2000	81,624	62,695	144,319

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	355	10	365
LAST WEEK	319	22	341
SAME WEEK YR AGO	391	8	399
TO-DATE/2001	18,149	283	18,432
TO-DATE/2000	19,883	571	20,454

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	2,210	1,323	3,533
LAST WEEK	2,016	1,541	3,557
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,220	1,500	3,720
TO-DATE/2001	94,917	59,761	154,678
TO-DATE/2000	101,507	63,266	164,773

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 02-NOV-2001

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

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

FAT CONTENT	PRICES		VOLUME	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.75-16.00	15.00-15.75	867,000	266,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.77	15.09		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.75-16.00	11.00-14.00	1,721,500	723,500
WTD AVERAGE	13.88	11.90		
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 2 NOVEMBER 2001.

Trade sentiment on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins steady to weak with fresh tom breast meat the weakest. Demand light to instances fair with lower buyer bids noted. The trade sentiment was at least steady on wing meat with skin, steady with some cautiousness noted on breast trim and scapula. Demand light to fair for the light to adequate offerings. Bulk parts demand continued slow for domestic shipments. However, export interest was improved on tom drums with increased interest being noted from South Korea. Increased activity was also noted on tom 2-joint wings for China. Domestic trading centered on light volumes of frozen destrapped tenderloins and plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts. Export trading was light to fair and centered on frozen thigh meat and tom 2-joint wings. Tom hand defatted gizzards traded at 38, frozen breeder thigh meat 66, and plant grade basted 18-20 lb. breasts 105 cents delivered domestic. For export: livers 21, fresh tom drums (10 loads) 33-35 mostly 33 cents delivered.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 02, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	34.00-36.00		34.74	248	35.22	1,112
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	38.00	40	38.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00-29.50		29.33	312	29.25	416
TAILS	27.00		27.00	120	27.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	15.00-16.50 70.00-72.00		16.07 70.98	280 408	15.46 70.92	752 1,752

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 01, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	33.00-35.00		34.00	320
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	38.00		38.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	29.00	104
TAILS		R	28.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	72.00	W	14.00 72.00	52 160

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	34.50-37.00		36.02	264
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00		29.00	104
TAILS		R	28.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	14.00 70.00-72.00		14.00 71.35	52 680

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	36.00-37.00		36.25	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	28.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	15.50-16.00 68.50-73.00		15.56 70.28	180 360

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	35.00-39.00		36.33	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	28.00	104
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	15.00 69.00-69.50		15.00 69.14	240 144

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.