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Mexico Announces TRQ's

Mexico announced the 2002 duty-free poultry tariff rate quotas (TRQ) for U.S. mechanically deboned poultry meat (MDM) and turkey cuts under NAFTA. The TRQ is 34,202.7 metric tons for MDM and 35,469.5 metric tons for turkey cuts. Of the turkey cuts, the border zone companies were allotted 9,000.0 metric tons with 26,469.5 metric tons for the rest of the country.

According to USAPEEC's Mexico Director, the official TRQ for MDM will only meet the needs of meat processors for the next three months and the TRQ for turkey cuts will meet the needs for the next two months. For additional duty free quotas to be issued, the Mexican companies have to present to the Mexican Secretariat of Economy their budget on cold meat production, sales, and purchases of domestic pork meat. This is to comply with the domestic pork industry demands, as they perceive U.S. MDM imports lower the demand for processing quality pork.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

U.S. Smoked and Fully Cooked Turkey Imports

The National Poultry Association in Mexico (UNA) is complaining that about 300,000 to 400,000 U.S. smoked turkeys do not comply with labeling requirements on nutritional information in Spanish and do not have an expiration date imprint. According to the Association, of the 3 million turkeys consumed in Mexico about 700,000 to 800,000 are U.S. smoked turkeys, and about 300,000 are frozen Chilean turkeys. The balance is from domestic production, of which 60 percent are smoked and 40 percent are frozen. UNA is also concerned that for the year 2003, turkeys will be imported free of duties and could displace about 50 percent of domestic production.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

U.S. Supply and Demand Estimates

Exports of poultry in 2001 are lowered due to lower-than-expected third-quarter shipments; however, projected 2002 exports are unchanged. Broiler exports are projected at 6,127 million pounds in 2001 and 6,350 million pounds in 2002. Turkey exports are projected at 504 million pounds in 2001 and 495 million pounds in 2002. Projected egg exports are 179 million dozen for 2001 and 165 million dozen for 2002.

Source: USDA/World Agricultural Outlook Board

U.S. Poultry Ineligible to Export to Ukraine and Fiji

The Ukraine will accept fresh/frozen poultry shipments that leave the United States prior to January 1, 2002. Poultry shipped after that date will not be permitted entry to the Ukraine. Previously, November 10, 2001 had been the cutoff date.

Fresh/frozen poultry is not eligible for export to Fiji.

Source: USDA/FSIS/Library of Export Requirements

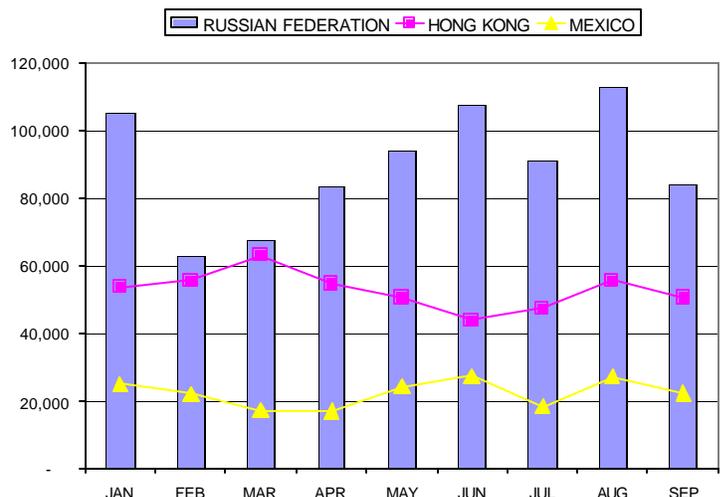
Broiler Meat: Specified Countries, in thousand metric tons

	1998	1999	2000	2001(p)	2002(f)
Imports					
Russia	1,020	925	991	1,080	1,100
China	716	910	991	900	900
Japan	590	567	721	666	691
Saudi Arabia	275	371	345	400	420
Exports					
United States	2,120	2,232	2,517	2,809	2,880
Brazil	616	776	915	1,150	1,360
EU	803	776	764	750	775
China	323	375	464	471	500
Thailand	282	276	333	315	410
Production					
United States	12,525	13,367	13,703	13,913	14,273
Brazil	4,498	5,526	5,980	6,280	6,610
EU	6,789	6,614	6,654	6,799	7,000
China	3,450	4,400	5,000	5,200	5,350
Thailand	930	980	1,070	1,205	1,290
Consumption					
United States	10,361	11,099	11,188	11,163	11,364
Brazil	3,882	4,600	5,045	5,154	5,260
EU	6,141	6,002	6,079	6,244	6,475
China	3,843	4,935	5,527	5,629	5,750

(p) preliminary (f) forecast

Source: USDA/FAS post reports, official statistics, and inter-agency analysis.

U.S. Poultry Meat Exports in Metric Tons 2001 by Month



Source: Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics

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

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

	Week Ending Dec 08, 2001		Year-To-Date	
	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Liquid	227	99	12,635	7,207
Frozen	0	0	78	239
Dried	64	76	426	653
Total	291	175	13,139	8,099

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

	Week Ending Dec 08, 2001		Year-To-Date	
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Liquid	137	150	5,664	4,833
Frozen	108	28	1,663	880
Dried	4	76	618	916
Total	249	254	7,945	6,629

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

	Week Ending Dec 08, 2001		Year-To-Date	
	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Jumbo	0	0	87	2,271
Extra Large	2,076	1,900	68,478	50,646
Large	2,719	7,525	134,933	145,112
Medium	646	1,780	43,897	38,893
Ungraded	12,510	6,960	433,120	388,544
Misc	0	900	70,364	12,737
Total	17,951	19,065	750,879	638,203

/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 14-DEC-2001

FAT CONTENT	PRICES		VOLUME	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT

(Cents per Pound)

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

14-DEC-2001

FAT CONTENT	PRICES		VOLUME	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT

(Cents per Pound)

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	11.00-14.00	183,600	-
WTD AVERAGE	12.56			
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	1,387,200	897,600
WTD AVERAGE	11.50	10.53		
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 08-Dec-01
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,901	1,684	3,585
LAST WEEK	1,932	1,419	3,351
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,927	1,353	3,280
TO-DATE/2001	87,091	67,838	154,929
TO-DATE/2000	92,378	70,585	162,963

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	392	11	403
LAST WEEK	335	0	335
SAME WEEK YR AGO	498	11	509
TO-DATE/2001	19,999	305	20,304
TO-DATE/2000	22,268	612	22,880

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	2,293	1,695	3,988
LAST WEEK	2,267	1,419	3,686
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,425	1,364	3,789
TO-DATE/2001	107,090	68,143	175,233
TO-DATE/2000	114,646	71,197	185,843

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 14-DEC-2001

FAT CONTENT	PRICES		VOLUME	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT

(Cents per Pound)

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.00	17.00	434,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	17.00	17.00		

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

14-DEC-2001

FAT CONTENT	PRICES		VOLUME	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT

(Cents per Pound)

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.50-16.00	14.00	1,050,000	580,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.56	14.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.50-15.00	10.00-13.75	1,080,800	-
WTD AVERAGE	13.72	11.99		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.75	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.75		

* 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 14 DECEMBER 2001.

Trade sentiment on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins was steady to instances weak. Demand light to instances fair with mixed opinions noted about market activity over the upcoming holiday weekend. Fresh offerings were available and frozen was held with varying degrees of confidence. The trade sentiment on breast trim, wing meat and scapula was barely steady at best. Demand was light for the adequate to ample offerings. The undertone on thigh meat was firm for prompt shipments, however, lower trending offering prices were noted on fresh for early 2002 shipments. Mechanically separated turkey (MST) undertone was steady for the slow to moderate demand. Domestic trading centered on a fair volume of frozen destrapped tenderloins, balance light. Fresh tom wings traded at 35, plant grade non-basted 12-14 lb. breasts 103 and breeder hen breast meat 125 cents delivered. Export demand was active on thigh meat for Mexico and increased interest was noted on drums for Russia. Trading centered on fair to heavy volumes of drums and thigh meat. A fairly heavy volume of frozen 15-20% MST traded at 14 cents delivered January.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.50-30.00		28.38	746	28.24	1,350
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	32.00-36.50		32.63	186	33.23	226
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.50		28.50	52	27.83	156
TAILS	28.00		28.00	120	28.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	14.00-15.00		14.85	260	14.62	420
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	80.50-84.00		82.08	500	81.89	900

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00		28.00	196
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	36.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	27.50	104
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	14.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	81.00		81.00	40

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00-29.00		28.20	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	36.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	27.50	104
TAILS		W	28.17	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	14.00		14.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	81.00-83.00		82.14	280

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2001**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	28.00	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	36.00		36.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	27.50	104
TAILS		W	28.17	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		M	15.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	80.00-80.50		80.25	80

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 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	27.50		27.50	104
TAILS		W	28.17	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	15.00		15.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	80.00	160

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.