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Mexico Closes Selected Inspection Sites

As of December 13, 2001, the Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA) implemented the Animal Health Law upon failure of Congress to approve a last minute extension. The Animal Health Law stipulates that all sanitary inspections for meat products and by-products must be conducted on the Mexican side of the border. As a result of this law, SAGARPA closed several verification points on the U.S. side of the border, prohibiting the crossing of meat and poultry products at Nogales, AR, McAllen, TX, and Brownsville, TX. SAGARPA will, however, continue to conduct inspections at seven verification points on the U.S. side of the border that are operating under a Mexican court injunction (amparo).

There is one import verification point in San Diego, CA, one in Calexico, CA, one in El Paso, TX, and four in Laredo, TX. In addition, there is one approved import verification point on the Mexican side of the border at Colombia, Nuevo Leon/Laredo, TX. The Lower Chamber of the Mexican Congress passed an initiative to extend implementation of the Animal Health Law for another 6 months. The initiative is currently in the Senate and should be voted on in the next couple of days. Reopening of the border, however, is dependent upon the publication of the extension in the Mexican "Diario Oficial." Given that most major border crossing points will have inspection service, albeit reduced, SAGARPA is not expecting any immediate crossing problems. If implementation of the law is not reversed soon, however, there will be major congestion problems that will threaten U.S. exports of meat and poultry products valued at \$1.2 billion per year.

Source: USDA/FAS, OAA/Mexico City

Japanese Frozen Egg Imports (in tons)

	Frozen			
	Whole Eggs	Frozen Yolks	Frozen Albumen	Total
2000				
July	173.5	886.4	335.9	1,395.8
August	198.3	1,015.0	444.0	1,657.3
September	185.1	951.5	506.5	1,643.1
To-Date	1,741.1	9,527.1	3,370.5	14,638.7
2001				
July	186.6	954.9	187.3	1,328.8
August	149.0	989.3	189.1	1,327.4
September	143.8	878.1	42.3	1,064.2
To-Date	1,616.8	8,942.9	1,855.1	12,414.8

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

USDA Library of Export Requirements

Country Requirements

12/20/2001 Taiwan - Ineligible Product.

Poultry heads, feet, tails (tails on whole birds accepted but whole tails on parts are not accepted), and necks.

12/27/2001 Export Requirements for Cuba

Fresh/frozen poultry and poultry products are eligible for export to Cuba. Cuba is a restricted country requiring exporter licensing. For further details consult the U.S. Treasury Department Web site www.treas.gov/oofac.

FSIS Form 9060-5 (5/6/1999) Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of Wholesomeness is required. In addition, a number of statements must be on an FSIS Letterhead certificate. Required statements mention that growth-promoting hormones are not approved for poultry in the U.S.; the U.S. is free of Newcastle disease, highly pathogenic avian influenza and egg drop syndrome; and poultry comes from farms in good standing with respect to salmonellosis according to the National Poultry Improvement Program.

Other statements cover slaughter and processing establishments, inspection, transportation and temperature requirements. All Federally inspected plants are eligible for export to Cuba.

<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OFO/export/explib.htm>

Export Notice # 2001-11

Poultry feet export to the People's Republic of China.

Effective December 24, 2001, FSIS Forms 9060-5 FSIS Export Certificate of Wholesomeness and 9295-1 the bilingual Export Certificate of Wholesomeness should not be issued for export of poultry feet to People's Republic of China (PRC) that are produced according to the Hong Kong standard and that do not bear the USDA inspection legend. This includes certification to People's Republic of China or other designations such as PRC or PRC via Hong Kong. PRC has indicated that feet produced in this manner are no longer eligible for importation from the U.S.

Poultry feet that bear the USDA inspection legend can continue to be certified for export to PRC with FSIS 9060-5, Export Certificate of Wholesomeness and FSIS Form 9295-1. In addition, inedible poultry feet can continue to be certified for export to PRC with FSIS 9060-9, the inedible product certificate. Export certification for feet produced according to the Hong Kong standard can continue to be issued for Hong Kong, Singapore, Philippines, and Suriname. However, for export to Hong Kong, the consignee must be a person or company in Hong Kong and FSIS Form 9295-1 cannot be issued. Consult the FSIS Export Library for current information

Source: USDA/Food Safety Inspection Service

*******NOTICE*******

DUE TO HOLIDAY

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-U.S. & CANADA EXPORT/IMPORT TRADE

AND

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION

FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Dec-01

IS UNAVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLICATION

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.

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

28-DEC-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	-	14.00-18.00	180,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		16.67		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-12.50	11.00-14.25	4,720,000	920,000
WTD AVERAGE	11.59	12.14		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.75	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.75		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

CHICKEN

28-DEC-2001

— PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.00		160,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	17.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES ——— VOLUME ———
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00-16.00	13.50-14.00	701,000	420,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.91	13.59		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-15.50	11.00-13.75	1,116,000	316,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.11	12.62		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.50	160,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.50		

* 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 28 DECEMBER 2001.

Trade sentiment on tom breast meat was steady to weak, steady at best on the balance of white meat items and 15-20% mechanically separated turkey (MST). Seller sentiment on thigh meat was steady to barely steady, buyer sentiment was weak. Domestic demand was seasonally light on bulk meats. Interest was noted on destrapped tenderloins for prompt shipments. White meat offerings ranged from light on destrapped tenderloins to instances burdensome on fresh tom breast meat. Trading centered on a fair volume of fresh MST, light on the balance of bulk parts and meats for domestic and export shipments. Fresh wing meat with skin traded at 67 cents delivered January - December, 2002 and tom necks traded at 27 cents delivered export for current shipments. Export demand was seasonally light.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2001

EXPORT TRADING

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00		27.00	52	27.43	92
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00		27.00	52	27.00	52
TAILS		F	27.65	400		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.50-16.00		15.00	120	15.00	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	81.00		81.00	40	81.50	80

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2001

EXPORT TRADING

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	28.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.00	52
TAILS		F	27.65	400
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	15.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	82.00	40

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2001

EXPORT TRADING

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00		28.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.00	52
TAILS		F	27.65	400
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	82.00		82.00	40

*****NOTICE***
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2001
AND
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2001
NO EXPORT TRADING REPORTED**

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.