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Thailand

Driven by strong exports in 2001, chicken meat production is forecast to increase to 1,330,000 metric tons in 2002. For the period January – November 2001, Thailand's processed and frozen chicken exports were valued at \$720 million, an increase of 28.2 percent from the previous year. Beef demand in 2001 was constrained by European and Asian consumer fears over Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) and foot and mouth disease. Chicken was perceived as a healthier choice and led to increased demand.

Thai Exports of Chicken: Frozen Cuts and Offal

	1999	2000	2001(Jan-Nov)
Value	344.892	357.427	487.161
Quantity	216,105	240,871	279,134

Value in million dollars, Quantity in metric tons

Japan and the EU are the major markets for chicken meat exports. In 2000, over 55 percent of Thailand's exports of fresh frozen chicken and about 50 percent of further processed chicken went to Japan. Germany, the Netherlands and England combined accounted for 28 percent and 35 percent, respectively. Thailand's leading chicken exporter has taken the added step of applying the Farm Animal Welfare Council (FAWC) standards, to be more competitive in Europe. FAWC is an independent advisory body that provides advice to the British government.

Chicken Meat in thousand metric tons

	Market Year		
	2000	2001(p)	2002(f)
Production	1,070	1,230	1,330
Exports	333	400	450
Consumption	710	810	860

p - preliminary, f - forecast

Source: USDA/FAS, Department of Business Economics (Thailand), Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (United Kingdom)

Japan: Frozen Broiler Imports (in metric tons)

Month	United States	China	Brazil	Thailand	Total
2000					
August	8,708	18,343	14,610	10,365	52,026
September	6,306	14,973	9,969	9,758	41,006
October	7,313	18,602	8,936	12,270	47,121
Total to date	72,561	179,083	97,239	106,352	455,235
2001					
August	7,690	1	11,145	13,030	31,866
September	5,927	5,281	8,382	14,097	33,687
October	6,678	21,314	12,314	17,233	57,539
Total to date	64,208	124,958	85,557	112,437	387,160

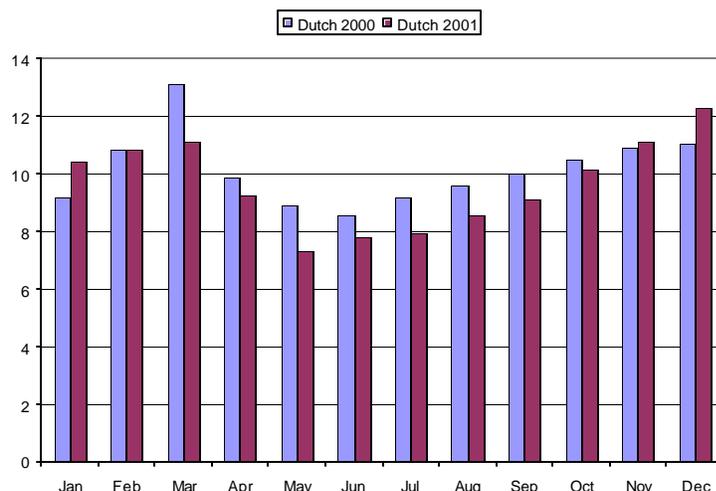
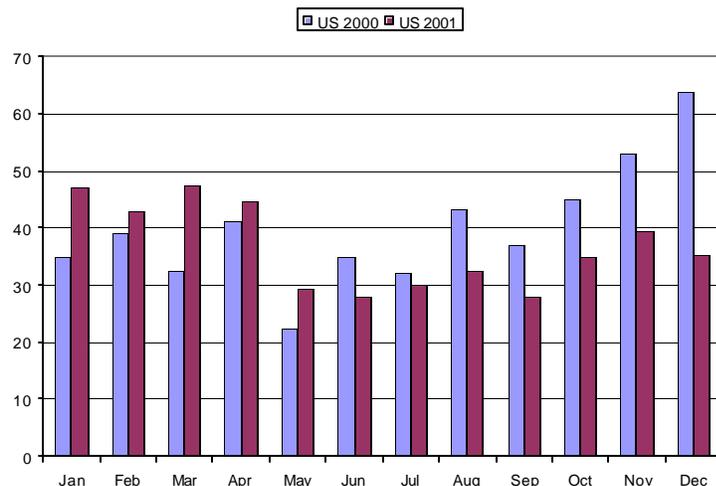
Source: ALIC Monthly statistics

Mexico Border Crossing

On Friday, December 28, 2001 the Government of Mexico published the extension for implementing the Animal Health Law. Congress had passed the extension two weeks earlier. The extension postpones the implementation of moving all import verification points to the Mexican side of the border to June 12, 2002. Several border crossing points have been reopened. The Senate wants to discuss possible modifications that will change the current construction requirements to make it easier for investors to build verification points. Congress will return from break in March or April 2002.

Source: USDA/FAS/OAA, Mexico City

Ungraded Large Eggs at Farm 2000 and 2001 Comparisons



US egg prices are cents per dozen for IA-MN-WI
Dutch egg prices are Dutch Guilders per 100 eggs
Source: USDA/AMS/Poultry Market News, AGROLI b.v.

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
Week Ending Dec 29, 2001				
Liquid	252	51	13,372	7,736
Frozen	0	41	78	317
Dried	0	0	464	653
Total	252	92	13,914	8,706

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

	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000/1	2001	2000
Week Ending Dec 29, 2001				
Liquid	2	13	5,943	4,872
Frozen	38	13	1,844	969
Dried	0	0	628	935
Total	40	26	8,415	6,776

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

	Year-To-Date			
	2001	2000 /1	2001	2000
Week Ending Dec 29, 2001				
Jumbo	0	38	87	2,517
Extra Large	150	190	74,904	56,128
Large	2,100	6,986	157,031	174,067
Medium	1,400	1,375	47,244	43,389
Ungraded	750	3,780	452,890	399,914
Misc	900	0	71,984	13,997
Total	5,300	12,369	804,140	690,012

/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.

11-JAN-2002

CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

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

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

11-JAN-2002

CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	14.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	10.50-11.00	9.00-13.00	1,366,800	448,800
WTD AVERAGE	10.77	11.01		
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 (PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

W/E 29-Dec-01

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,176	818	1,994
LAST WEEK	1,942	1,419	3,361
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,359	719	2,078
TO-DATE/2001	92,154	71,478	163,632
TO-DATE/2000	97,001	73,682	170,683

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	136	0	136
LAST WEEK	407	0	407
SAME WEEK YR AGO	314	0	314
TO-DATE/2001	20,886	305	21,191
TO-DATE/2000	23,440	612	24,052

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	1,312	818	2,130
LAST WEEK	2,349	1,419	3,768
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,673	719	2,392
TO-DATE/2001	113,040	71,783	184,823
TO-DATE/2000	120,441	74,294	194,735

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.

11-JAN-2002

CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.00	-	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	17.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

11-JAN-2002

CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.50-17.00	13.50-15.00	990,000	416,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.96	14.37		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.50-15.50	10.00-13.75	1,447,760	316,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.69	12.20		
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 11 JANUARY 2002.

Trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat was steady to weak, frozen tom breast meat steady, destrapped tenderloins fully steady, wing meat steady at best, and scapula barely steady. Demand slow on tom breast meat, fair on destrapped tenderloins, light to fair on the balance of white meat items. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat were adequate to ample, destrapped tenderloins light and held with confidence, wing meat with skin adequate to fully adequate and scapula was fully adequate. The market continued active on 4-8 lb. breasts due in part to upcoming planned features. Offerings available. The export market continued active on drums at steady prices and was improved on thigh meat at the lower trending price levels. Some tom necks traded at 26.50-27, fresh tom drums 27, hen 2-joint wings 36, mixed defatted gizzards 34 and tom mechanically defatted gizzards 40 cents delivered export.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00-28.00		27.50	864	27.47	2,476
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	28.56	72	28.28	142
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	29.00	104	29.00	104
TAILS	25.00		25.00	80	26.31	320
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	10.00		10.00	104	11.74	184
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	64.00-69.00		66.77	384	67.67	584

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00		28.00	416
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	28.56	72
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	29.00	104
TAILS		W	26.63	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		M	14.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	67.50		67.50	80

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 09, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00-28.00		27.27	412
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	28.00-30.00		28.56	72
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00		29.00	104
TAILS	26.50-27.00		26.63	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		M	14.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	69.00		69.00	40

TUESDAY, JANUARY 08, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	26.00-28.00		27.20	524
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	28.00		28.00	70
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.00	52
TAILS	27.00		27.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		M	14.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	71.00-72.00		71.50	80

MONDAY, JANUARY 07, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	27.00-28.00		27.40	260
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.00	52
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	14.00		14.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	72.72	172

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.