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Dutch Flock Might Halve

Following the German example, the Dutch are proposing to ban battery egg production from 2012. In the view of the Agricultural Economics Institute (LEI) only half of the current hen population will be able to be retained. The LEI predicts that when battery cages are banned Dutch exports will disappear, but as the demand for battery eggs will remain. This demand will be met by imports.

A summary of the LEI report, presented in Agra Europe, states that half of the consumers in the Netherlands still want to purchase battery eggs. Apparently the demand for free range eggs has increased only slightly since the mid-1990's despite the social protests against battery egg production.

Source: International Egg Commission

EU Establishes New Food Safety Body

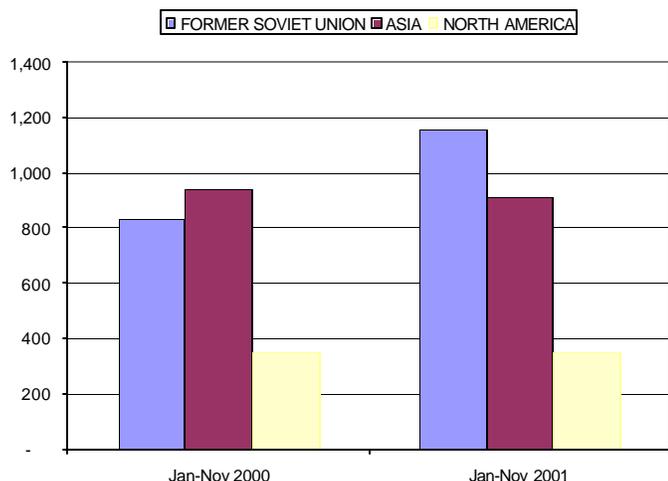
European Union farm ministers officially passed laws on 23 January to set up a new European Food Safety Authority. Designed to bolster declining public confidence in food safety in the wake of alerts such as mad cow disease and dioxin poisoning, the body will employ up to 250 people with a budget of 40 million euros and will provide scientific advice to policy makers and give the public information on potential risks in the food chain.

Source: BRIDGES Weekly Trade News Digest www.ictsd.org.

Japan Contemplates Food Safety Agency

Japan's Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and the Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare are discussing the creation of a food safety agency. This comes in the wake of public criticism of the government's perceived failure to prevent BSE from spreading. The new agency would ensure the safety of foodstuffs by overseeing the entire process from production to distribution to retail sales. Various newswires

U.S. Poultry Meat Exports January through November



Source: US Department of Census

U.S. Exports Broiler, Turkey and Egg Products in '000 MT Table Eggs in '000 dozen

	1999	2000	Jan- Nov	
			2000	2001
Broiler	4,919	5,392	5,000	5,712
Turkey	378	445	403	446
Egg Products	28	28	25	29
Table eggs	40,579	50,784	44,782	46,828

Major Markets

Broilers				
Hong Kong	1,230	1,353	1,244	1,230
Russia	709	1,262	1,177	2,139
Turkeys				
Mexico	216	234	211	198
Russia	15	53	49	78
Egg Products				
Canada	7	5	4	7
Japan	15	15	14	10
Table Eggs				
Canada	18,692	18,485	16,090	17,121
Hong Kong	14,563	16,231	14,342	22,561

Source: U.S. Dept of Commerce

Russia May Increase Poultry Duties

Russia's Ministry of Agriculture may increase the duty on imported poultry to protect domestic poultry farming. Duties would increase 5 percent, bringing the total 30 percent. In 2001 Russia's poultry imported reached 1.36 million metric tons, up from 687,000 tons from 2000. Russia is also concerned that Ukraine's recent ban on U.S. poultry will result in additional poultry meat diverted to Russia.

Ukraine placed a temporary ban in December 2001. At that time Ukraine announced only poultry shipments that leave the U.S. prior to January 1, 2002 would be permitted entry to the Ukraine. In January Ukraine announced plans to ban imports of U.S. meat products effective February 15, 2002. In 2001 Ukraine imported about 69,000 metric tons of poultry meat, 90 percent was from the U.S.

Various sources

Hong Kong

On February 1, 2002 Hong Kong quarantined a farm after ten thousand birds died in two days. Health workers completed a slaughter of 100,000 birds at the farm to contain a suspected outbreak of bird flu. Another local farmer reported that 1,000 of his chickens had died in recent days and 64,000 birds were slaughtered at that location. Blood and offal samples were collected for testing, however the results are pending.

This is Hong Kong's third cull in five years. Last May Hong Kong destroyed 1.37 million birds, including pigeons, quails, ducks and geese.

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

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)
 Week Ending Jan 26, 2002 Year-To-Date

	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	99	108	834	398
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	99	108	834	398

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)
 Week Ending Jan 26, 2002 Year-To-Date

	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	107	286	239	412
Frozen	85	13	245	60
Dried	0	0	168	40
Total	192	299	652	512

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)
 Week Ending Jan 26, 2002 Year-To-Date

	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	0	0	240	605
Large	1,200	2,300	2,699	6,680
Medium	0	0	1,160	750
Ungraded	0	0	0	3,750
Misc	0	0	66	787
Total	1,200	2,300	4,165	12,572

/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.

01-FEB-2002

CHICKEN — 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	-	13.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	9.50-12.50	9.50-12.00	1,713,600	856,800
WTD AVERAGE	12.13	11.08		
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 26-Jan-02

(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	————— THOUSANDS —————		
HEAD	1,784	1,232	3,016
LAST WEEK	1,881	1,298	3,179
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,032	1,353	3,385
TO-DATE/2002	7,075	5,079	12,154
TO-DATE/2001	7,151	4,746	11,897

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	————— THOUSANDS —————		
HEAD	437	0	437
LAST WEEK	423	0	423
SAME WEEK YR AGO	607	0	607
TO-DATE/2002	1,274	8	1,282
TO-DATE/2001	2,160	20	2,180

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	2,221	1,232	3,453
LAST WEEK	2,304	1,298	3,602
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,639	1,353	3,992
TO-DATE/2002	8,349	5,087	13,436
TO-DATE/2001	9,311	4,766	14,077

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH

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.

01-FEB-2002

CHICKEN — 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	15.00-17.00	12.75-17.00	1,165,400	266,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.99	14.67		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.50-15.00	10.00-13.50	1,985,784	160,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.36	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 1 FEBRUARY 2002.

Fresh breast meat was more than adequate and attracted little buyer interest. A fair volume of frozen breast meat moved at lower trending prices. Further processing items were mostly steady. A moderate volume of frozen breast pieces moved at 117 to 119 delivered. Domestic trading on parts was spotty. Tom drums were offered at higher trending levels. Export demand was mostly light trading to the border.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 01, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	31.00	46	31.00	46
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	25.59	384		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	29.00	40		
TAILS		R	25.00	120	25.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	14.00		14.00	80	14.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00-60.50		60.33	120	60.82	1,566

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	31.00	46
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	25.59	384
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	29.00	40
TAILS	25.00		25.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	12.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	58.50-59.00		58.75	400

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	31.00		31.00	46
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	25.59	384
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	29.00	40
TAILS		F	28.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	12.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00-62.00		61.32	458

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	27.49	276
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	25.59	384
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	29.00	40
TAILS		F	28.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	12.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00-63.00		61.67	468

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	27.49	276
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	25.59	384
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	29.00	40
TAILS		F	28.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	12.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	63.00		63.00	120

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.