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Russia Bans U.S. Poultry

Russia stopped issuing import licenses for U.S. poultry effective March 1, 2002. Russia's Agriculture Ministry said it would introduce a temporary ban on the import of poultry meat as of March 10. Russia banned poultry meat imports from the U.S. following concerns over the use of antibiotics in chicken and turkey production and chlorine-based disinfectants used by some U.S. producers.

In response, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick issued a press release on March 1 stating they would register strong complaints to Russia over the poultry ban. USTR Zoellick called in Russia's Ambassador to the U.S. to urge a quick resumption of U.S. exports. Secretary Veneman is also meeting with the Russian Ambassador. In addition, the U.S. Ambassador to Russia met with senior Russian authorities to express strong U.S. concern over Russia's actions.

The ban on U.S. poultry was announced two days after Russian steelmakers asked the government to block U.S. chicken imports if the U.S. imposed sanctions on Russian steel. In March the U.S. is expected to announce additional protection duties on various categories of steel imports. The restrictions on steel exports to the U.S. could cost the Russian steel makers over \$1billion over a two year period.

One half of all U.S. poultry and poultry product export sales worldwide are to the Russian market. Poultry exports comprise 20 percent of total U.S. exports to Russia. Poultry exports to Russia last year were worth about \$660 million.

Compiled from various news sources and press releases

U.S. Poultry Exports in '000 tons

	Jan-Dec		December	
	2000	2001	2000	2001
Russian Federation	601	1,119	40	83
Hong Kong	659	621	52	46
Mexico	273	280	25	26
Canada	115	117	7	10
Japan	110	114	8	12
Korea	83	112	8	9
Caribbean	103	103	9	11
China	80	81	7	8
World Total	2,770	3,148	202	247

Source: Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau

USDA Library of Export Requirements Updates

03/01/2002 - **Eligible Product** Current information indicates that poultry and poultry products shipped from the United States before March 10, 2002 will be allowed entry. Export certification of eligible poultry and poultry products intended for export to Russian may be issued through March 9, 2002.

Ineligible Product Poultry and poultry product may not be certified for export to Russia after March 9, 2002 until further notice.

02/26/2002 – Documentation/Labeling Requirements

Meat and poultry exported to Canada, China, Indonesia and Mexico for further processing and subsequent export to Japan must include statements:

"The live poultry used for the production of the exported poultry meat did not originate from Pennsylvania or Maine and did not pass through Pennsylvania or Maine before being carried into poultry processing plants. FSIS has instructed the shipper that the poultry meat must not transit Pennsylvania or Maine before leaving the United States."

Previously certified poultry and poultry products from eligible states will be accepted by Japan if an "In Lieu of" certificate is issued with the following statements or the following statements are provided on a separate FSIS Letterhead Certificate:

"The live poultry used for the production of the exported poultry meat did not originate from Pennsylvania or Maine and did not pass through Pennsylvania or Maine before being carried into poultry processing plants. To the best of FSIS' knowledge, the poultry meat did not transit Pennsylvania or Maine before leaving the United States."

Canada also requires either the date of slaughter and inspection or the date of manufacture (i.e. pack date).

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

Growth of Japan Poultry Imports

Japanese imports of prepared poultry products increased 23 percent by volume and 34 percent by value in 2001 compared to 2000. The increase was due mainly to shipments from China, which grew 21 percent by volume during the period. China accounts for 60 percent of Japan's prepared poultry product imports.

Source: USDA/FAS

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade
U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

	Week Ending Feb 23, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	402	290	2,329	1,112
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	22	0	22
Total	402	312	2,329	1,134

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

	Week Ending Feb 23, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	69	148	719	969
Frozen	39	47	439	195
Dried	40	15	356	82
Total	148	210	1,514	1,246

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

	Week Ending Feb 23, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	0	24	0	24
Extra Large	30	410	390	1,340
Large	800	1,844	5,859	13,105
Medium	1,451	990	5,311	3,150
Ungraded	0	2,250	0	12,060
Misc	1,538	750	2,504	2,437
Total	3,819	6,268	14,064	32,116

/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	01-MAR-2002	
	PRICES	VOLUME

(Cents per Pound)

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

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED	01-MAR-2002	
	PRICES	VOLUME

(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00	13.00	102,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.00	13.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	10.00-13.00	10.00-12.50	1,422,600	285,600
WTD AVERAGE	10.82	11.29		
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 23-Feb-02
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY		TOTAL HENS
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,867	1,286	3,153
LAST WEEK	1,719	1,186	2,905
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,933	1,237	3,170
TO-DATE/2002	14,555	10,125	24,680
TO-DATE/2001	14,567	10,121	24,688

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA		TOTAL HENS
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	450	0	450
LAST WEEK	345	12	357
SAME WEEK YR AGO	483	0	483
TO-DATE/2002	2,898	20	2,918
TO-DATE/2001	4,259	48	4,307

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA		TOTAL HENS
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,317	1,286	3,603
LAST WEEK	2,064	1,198	3,262
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,416	1,237	3,653
TO-DATE/2002	17,453	10,145	27,598
TO-DATE/2001	18,826	10,169	28,995

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.

CHICKEN	01-MAR-2002	
	PRICES	VOLUME

(Cents per Pound)

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

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED	01-MAR-2002	
	PRICES	VOLUME

(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.50-15.00	12.75-14.00	1,259,000	374,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.53	13.20		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00	10.00-13.50	1,091,000	156,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.00	12.25		
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 MARCH 2002.

The white meat undertone was steady to barely steady at best. Demand light with trading noted on breast trim, wing meat and scapula at lower trending price levels. The undertone on tom drums was steady to fully steady, full-cut wings and hen drums steady, hen 2-joint wings fully steady, tom 2-joint wings steady at best, and necks steady to weak. Demand light to fair with the best interest noted on tom drums. However, increased activity was noted on tom necks for export at lower trending price levels. Bulk parts offerings ranged from short on hen 2-joint wings to burdensome on tom necks. Export demand mixed. The recent announcement of the temporary Russian import ban on all poultry items has caused increased industry concern on future market conditions. Trading was heavy on frozen mechanically separated turkey for pet foods, balance light.

FRIDAY, MARCH 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		R	30.00	120	30.47	720
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	26.00	104		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.00	156		
TAILS		F	28.00	24		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	13.00-62.50		13.00-62.50	40	12.83-62.97	360-1,120

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00		30.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	26.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.00	156
TAILS		F	28.00	24
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	12.00-13.50-63.00		12.75-63.00	240-120

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.50-32.00		31.17	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	26.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.00	156
TAILS		F	28.00	24
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.00-65.00	M	13.00-63.27	80-840

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00-31.50		30.75	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	26.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.00	156
TAILS		F	28.00	24
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	61.00	M	13.00-61.00	80-40

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00		30.00	280
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	26.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	28.00	156
TAILS		F	28.00	24
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	13.00-61.00		13.00-61.00	80-80

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.