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Russia Agrees to Lift Ban

On March 31 U.S. Ambassador Alexander Vershbow and Russia's chief veterinary inspector, Mikhail Kravchuk, signed a protocol on the poultry ban. If the U.S. fulfills the protocol requirements, the temporary ban will be lifted before April 10.

Two central issues were the discovery of salmonella in some imported poultry lots, and discrepancies, including forgery, in veterinary documents. The United States agreed to temporarily exclude 14 American poultry producers from the list of approved exporters, pending inspection of sanitary conditions. The U.S. will also use veterinary certificate forms with security features against forgery.

Various news sources

European Commission Proposals

The European Commission has presented proposals to prohibit the use of antibiotics as growth-promoting feed additives. The four remaining authorized antibiotics currently used as growth-promoters in feed would have to be phased out as of January 2006. Antibiotic feed additives which are used in human and veterinary medicine have already been phased out under previous Commission decisions. All new authorizations of feed additives would be granted for a ten-year period only. The new rules would cover additives like flavors or vitamins intended for use in feedstuffs and in drinking water for animals.

The proposed new procedure for authorizing a new feed additive would see the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) evaluating the dossier submitted by a company. The Authority would, on the basis of residue studies, propose maximum residues levels (MRLs) to be set in the legislation authorizing the feed additive to allow proper monitoring of the effects of the additives on human health.

The Regulation as proposed today is subject to co-decision by the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament.

Source: European Commission Press Release, Brussels, 25 March 2002

Japan Frozen Broiler Imports, in tons

	United States	China	Brazil	Thailand	Total
2000					
November	7,664	20,255	6,908	10,750	45,577
December	7,097	20,907	8,786	10,863	47,653
Total	14,761	41,162	15,694	21,613	93,230
2001					
November	6,116	26,874	15,700	16,467	65,157
December	5,667	17,217	7,960	17,664	48,508
Total	11,783	44,091	23,660	34,131	113,665

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

Japan Eases Ban

The Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) retreated from the ban on U.S. poultry and egg products. The ban will apply only to Pennsylvania, Maine and Virginia. The Pennsylvania and Maine bans expire on April 12 and May 12, respectively. In Virginia the ban will continue until 90 days after MAFF receives information that the affected farms have been cleaned and disinfected.

Various sources

Sweden Expecting Shortage of Fresh Eggs

The slow introduction of new, more animal-friendly layer hen cages is expected to lead to a shortage of fresh eggs in Sweden in the second half of this year for the first time in many years. Analysts forecast that another half a million hens are needed in addition to the existing five million currently in production in order to balance the market. Imports are expected to have to make up the difference. The shortage will be felt most keenly in the egg processing sector. The general lack of eggs (which is likely to push up prices) has developed as producers cease or reduce production in reaction to the steep costs involved in converting their operations to the more animal friendly system.

Hong Kong Imports More Shell Eggs

Hong Kong's shell egg imports in 2001 at 1,667 million showed a 2% gain over the previous year (1,663m). Supplies from China increased from 944m to 977m. German shipments rose from 115m to 176m. Purchases fell from the U.S. to 417m (429m in 2000), Thailand 45m (77m) and the Netherlands 27m (30m).

Layer Hens Kept in Alternative (non-intensive) Systems UK, Netherlands, Denmark, Austria and EU total ('000 hens)

Country	Year	Free	SeMI-	Deep	% of	
		Range	Intensive	Litter	Perchery	Total
UK	1997	4,589			1,222	14
	1998	5,154			1,338	16
	1999	6,019		51	1,954	21
	2000	6,282		44	2,039	21
Netherlands	1997	1,853	118	3,835	109	15
	1998	2,175	141	4,027	114	16
	1999	2,650	175	4,200	135	17
	2000	3,500	230	4,710	160	20
Denmark	1997	353		719	30	28
	1998	370		696	23	29
	1999	394		640	20	29
	2000	311		537	9	23
Austria	1997	345	1	558	43	16
	1998	456	0	631	18	18
	1999	543	4	692	20	23
	2000	589	5	753	14	26
EU*	1997	9,981	2,289	7,855	1,447	6
	1998	11,197	1,666	8,748	2,091	7
	1999	13,579	2,315	9,751	3,226	8
	2000	14,129	531	10,187	2,756	8

Sources: International Egg Commission, ZMP, EU Commission

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

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

	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	406	225	3,748	2,236
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	1	22
Total	406	225	3,749	2,258

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

	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	70	54	1,221	1,151
Frozen	137	48	871	348
Dried	58	0	749	143
Total	265	102	2,841	1,642

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	0	0	250	87
Extra Large	768	180	2,118	2,906
Large	3,120	988	11,817	21,197
Medium	1,500	2,140	12,378	9,778
Ungraded	0	3,000	0	28,766
Misc	60	750	4,714	6,287
Total	5,448	7,058	31,277	69,021

/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.

29-MAR-2002

CHICKEN	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	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			
FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	10.00-11.00	11.00-12.00	163,200	81,600
WTD AVERAGE	10.50	11.50		
15-20%				
RANGE	9.00-10.00	9.00-12.00	1,407,600	489,600
WTD AVERAGE	9.50	9.89		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	9.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		9.00		

* 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-Mar-02
 (PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,812	1,360	3,172
LAST WEEK	1,636	1,363	2,999
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,953	1,396	3,349
TO-DATE/2002	21,342	15,508	36,850
TO-DATE/2001	22,281	15,366	37,647

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	357	0	357
LAST WEEK	258	0	258
SAME WEEK YR AGO	501	7	508
TO-DATE/2002	4,293	20	4,313
TO-DATE/2001	6,607	73	6,680

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	2,169	1,360	3,529
LAST WEEK	1,894	1,363	3,257
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,454	1,403	3,857
TO-DATE/2002	25,635	15,528	41,163
TO-DATE/2001	28,888	15,439	44,327

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.

29-MAR-2002

CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			
FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00	-	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			
FAT				
CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	11.50-15.50	12.75-15.75	1,223,100	520,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.84	14.21		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-14.00	10.50-13.00	1,457,688	368,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.42	11.98		
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 29 MARCH 2002.

The undertone was unsettled on fresh tom breast meat due in part to most processors working holiday processing schedules. The undertone on destrapped tenderloins was steady at best and the balance of white meat items were barely steady to weak. White meat offerings readily available for the mostly light demand. Increased domestic activity was noted on bulk parts, thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey. Domestic trading of all items consisted mostly of light volumes. Export demand and trading continued to improve and ranged from slow to moderate, mostly moderate. Inquiry centered mostly from Asia and the Caribbean, and improved interest was noted from Mexico. Part loads of Grade A non-basted 12-14 lb. breasts traded at 99-100 cents delivered domestic. Tom necks traded at 20, defatted gizzards 41, Grade A non-basted 8-10 lb. breasts 97, and frozen tom breast meat 123 cents delivered export.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.50-28.50		24.52	496	24.82	1,098
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	21.00-23.00		21.59	380	21.49	514
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	28.50-29.25		28.88	416	28.95	520
TAILS	21.00		21.00	160	21.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	10.00-12.00		11.83	472	11.70	724
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	55.00-59.00		56.57	524	55.61	984

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00-26.00		25.14	280
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	21.22	134
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	29.25	104
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	11.47	252
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	56.50-58.00		57.40	200

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00		25.00	218
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	21.00-22.00		21.22	134
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.25		29.25	104
TAILS		W	27.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	7.50-12.50		11.47	252
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	51.00		51.00	208

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	25.00		25.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	27.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	57.50		57.50	52

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	26.25	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	27.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	58.50	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.

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