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Russian Ban on U.S. Poultry

Although Russia has officially lifted the ban on U.S. poultry imports, product from Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina and Maine are ineligible. At the same time, Russia canceled all existing permits to import U.S. poultry, in effect blocking the resumption of exports. Russian trading companies will have to apply for new permits. In Russia, the State Veterinary Service will conduct a comprehensive inspection of all domestic meat importers to verify that they have adequate facilities for processing and storing imported meat. The inspection is likely to reduce the number of authorized importers, according to an Agriculture Ministry spokesman.

Importers were informed that prior arrangements for possible industrial processing of the shipped products must be made in case they test positive for salmonella. U.S. poultry must be tested for salmonella before shipment to Russia. Where salmonella initially is detected in 25 grams of muscle tissue in poultry carcasses or their parts (quarters, leg quarters, drumsticks, backs, etc.) they shall not be shipped to the Russian Federation. With consignments of mechanically de-boned poultry, poultry carcasses representative of the carcasses used to produce the mechanically separated poultry (not less than 10) will be shipped to the Russian Federation to be tested for Salmonella.

On Friday, April 19 Russia said 18,500 tons of chicken from Pennsylvania, Virginia and North Carolina had been sent to Russia earlier this year after the States registered cases of avian influenza. Russia said it would destroy poultry meat that may contain the avian flu virus.

Various sources

Global Animal Welfare

A World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) working group of animal welfare experts met for the first time in Paris on April 2-4 to discuss the new OIE responsibility for animal welfare. The group comprised invited veterinary and animal welfare science experts representing a broad range of countries and cultures. The group prepared a set of detailed recommendations, which will be considered at the OIE's annual General Session of Member Countries in May.

"This meeting represents a significant milestone in the strategic plan of the OIE" said Dr. B. Vallat, the OIE Director-General. "With the authority, experience and expertise of 158 Member Countries, the OIE has the capacity to be the leader in advancing animal welfare globally."

The group made specific recommendations regarding the possible scope of OIE activities, priorities, work areas, roles and functions, the use of international experts, and the importance of communications with all OIE stakeholders (including industry, NGOs and professional groups).

Press Release http://www.oie.eng/press/a_020415.htm

Projected Poultry Exports Below Earlier Expectations

U.S. broiler exports in 2002 are expected to total 6.1 billion pounds, down 1.4 percent from a year ago and 250 million pounds below earlier expectations. The expected reduction in exports is due primarily to the ban that had been on U.S. poultry shipments to Russia and shipments to Japan from specific States within the United States. Earlier, Russia had placed a number of conditions on the resumption of trade. Under those conditions, not all the processing plants that had been exporting products to Russia can automatically resume shipping. These plants will not be allowed to resume exporting to Russia until inspections are completed. Broiler exports to Russia in 2001 totaled 2.3 million pounds or approximately 192 million pounds per month. The partial ban on broiler exports to Japan also contributes to the forecast decline in broiler exports. The ban is linked to the outbreaks of lowpathogenic strains of avian influenza in Maine, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and North Carolina. The ban on shipments of products produced in Maine will remain in place until May 12, but the ban on Pennsylvania products has been lifted. The ban on products produced in Virginia will last 90 days, but this period will not start until Virginia has completed dealing with the outbreak. The ban on products from North Carolina is set to last until June 30.

Turkey exports for 2002 are forecast at 470 million pounds, down 25 million pounds from earlier expectations. The primary reasons were the ban on poultry exports to Russia and increased competition from broiler products in the Mexican market. Over the last 2 years, Russia has become the second-largest market for turkey exports, behind only Mexico. Although the focus of the ban has been on the broiler trade, the ban also includes U.S. turkey products. In 2001, turkey product shipments to Russia totaled 81 million pounds. Turkey exports to Mexico will be pressured by falling prices for U.S. broiler parts, especially leg quarters. Since the Russian ban started, wholesale prices for broiler leg quarters in the Southeast region have fallen below 14 cents per pound, down about 6 cents or 30 percent from prices at the beginning of March. At these low prices, Mexican importers are expected to substitute some broiler product imports for turkey imports.

Source: USDA/Economic Research Service

Egg Product Exports to Japan

| | Whole Eggs | Yolks | Albumen | Total |
|-----------------|------------|-------|---------|---------|
| Frozen | | | | |
| Jan 2001 | 296.4 | 842.8 | 304.8 | 1,444.0 |
| Jan 2002 | 242.5 | 765.3 | 96.6 | 1,104.4 |
| Powdered | | | | |
| Jan 2001 | 233.2 | 199.3 | 910.1 | 1,342.6 |
| Jan 2002 | 253.1 | 187.4 | 841.7 | 1,282.2 |

Source: Agriculture & Livestock Industries Corporation

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

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

| Week Ending Apr 13, 2002 | Year-To-Date | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------|-------|-------|
| | 2002 | 2001 /1 | 2002 | 2001 |
| Liquid | 455 | 363 | 5,058 | 2,998 |
| Frozen | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dried | 0 | 0 | 8 | 22 |
| Total | 455 | 363 | 5,066 | 3,020 |

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

| Week Ending Apr 13, 2002 | Year-To-Date | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------|-------|-------|
| | 2002 | 2001/1 | 2002 | 2001 |
| Liquid | 87 | 108 | 1,500 | 1,459 |
| Frozen | 75 | 50 | 1,111 | 500 |
| Dried | 75 | 40 | 1,050 | 203 |
| Total | 237 | 198 | 3,661 | 2,162 |

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

| Week Ending Apr 13, 2002 | Year-To-Date | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------|--------|---------|
| | 2002 | 2001 /1 | 2002 | 2001 |
| Jumbo | 0 | 0 | 300 | 87 |
| Extra Large | 60 | 1,620 | 2,238 | 8,706 |
| Large | 1,020 | 570 | 16,797 | 28,185 |
| Medium | 1,137 | 60 | 15,045 | 11,608 |
| Ungraded | 17,580 | 7,500 | 33,270 | 50,588 |
| Misc | 5,460 | 1,500 | 10,204 | 7,787 |
| Total | 25,257 | 11,250 | 77,854 | 106,961 |

/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.

19-APR-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 | 11.00-14.00 | 12.00 | 183,600 | - |
| WTD AVERAGE | 12.50 | 12.00 | | |
| 15-20% | | | | |
| RANGE | 11.00 | 9.00-12.00 | 1,264,800 | 448,800 |
| WTD AVERAGE | 11.00 | 10.31 | | |
| 20% OR MORE | | | | |
| RANGE | - | 9.00 | 40,800 | - |
| WTD AVERAGE | | 9.00 | | |

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

| | PRICES | | VOLUME | |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | (Cents per Pound) | | | |
| FAT | | | | |
| CONTENT | FROZEN | FRESH | TOTAL | EXPORT |
| 15% OR LESS | | | | |
| RANGE | 11.50-14.00 | 12.75-13.00 | 976,000 | 416,000 |
| WTD AVERAGE | 13.38 | 12.90 | | |
| 15-20% | | | | |
| RANGE | 12.00 | 9.00-13.00 | 912,000 | 312,000 |
| WTD AVERAGE | 12.00 | 11.43 | | |
| 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 13-Apr-02

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

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | THOUSANDS | | |
| HEAD | 1,927 | 1,327 | 3,254 |
| LAST WEEK | 1,982 | 1,263 | 3,245 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 1,651 | 1,473 | 3,124 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 27,229 | 19,348 | 46,577 |
| TO-DATE/2001 | 28,008 | 19,605 | 47,613 |

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | THOUSANDS | | |
| HEAD | 253 | 0 | 253 |
| LAST WEEK | 247 | 0 | 247 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 316 | 7 | 323 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 4,947 | 20 | 4,967 |
| TO-DATE/2001 | 7,737 | 112 | 7,849 |

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 | 2,180 | 1,327 | 3,507 |
| LAST WEEK | 2,229 | 1,263 | 3,492 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 1,967 | 1,480 | 3,447 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 32,176 | 19,368 | 51,544 |
| TO-DATE/2001 | 35,745 | 19,717 | 55,462 |

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.

19-APR-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 | 11.50-14.00 | 12.75-13.00 | 976,000 | 416,000 |
| WTD AVERAGE | 13.38 | 12.90 | | |
| 15-20% | | | | |
| RANGE | 12.00 | 9.00-13.00 | 912,000 | 312,000 |
| WTD AVERAGE | 12.00 | 11.43 | | |
| 20% OR MORE | | | | |
| RANGE | - | - | - | - |
| WTD AVERAGE | | | | |

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

| | PRICES | | VOLUME | |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | (Cents per Pound) | | | |
| FAT | | | | |
| CONTENT | FROZEN | FRESH | TOTAL | EXPORT |
| 15% OR LESS | | | | |
| RANGE | 11.50-14.00 | 12.75-13.00 | 976,000 | 416,000 |
| WTD AVERAGE | 13.38 | 12.90 | | |
| 15-20% | | | | |
| RANGE | 12.00 | 9.00-13.00 | 912,000 | 312,000 |
| WTD AVERAGE | 12.00 | 11.43 | | |
| 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 19 APRIL 2002.

Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on hen 2-joint wings , mostly steady on drums and full-cut wings, necks steady to barely steady. Demand was light to instances fair. Offerings of hen 2-joint wings were short of buyers' needs, necks and tom 2-joint wings adequate to sometimes ample, balance generally adequate for buyers' needs. Firm priced domestic and export trading light on all items. Fresh scapula traded at 89, Grade A non-basted 14-18 lb. breasts 98-99, plant grade basted 18-20 lb. breasts 102 cents delivered domestic. Scapula traded at 88 cents delivered export.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

| | PRICE RANGE | L.S.T. CODE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE | VOLUME (000) | WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE | WEEKLY VOLUME (000) |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | 23.00-23.50 | | 23.38 | 160 | 23.42 | 480 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | | W | 21.00 | 52 | 21.00 | 52 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | 28.50 | | 28.50 | 52 | 28.58 | 624 |
| TAILS | | R | 19.00 | 416 | 19.40 | 520 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ | 13.00 | | 13.00 | 80 | 12.00 | 240 |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | 57.00 | | 57.00 | 40 | 52.81 | 248 |

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

| | PRICE RANGE | L.S.T. CODE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE | VOLUME (000) |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | 24.00 | | 24.00 | 80 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | | W | 21.00 | 52 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | 27.00-30.50 | | 28.83 | 312 |
| TAILS | 19.00 | | 19.00 | 416 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | 11.50 | | 11.50 | 160 |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | 52.00 | | 52.00 | 208 |

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

| | PRICE RANGE | L.S.T. CODE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE | VOLUME (000) |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | | T | 23.25 | 240 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | 21.00 | | 21.00 | 52 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | 28.00-29.00 | | 28.25 | 208 |
| TAILS | 21.00 | | 21.00 | 104 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | F | 10.71 | 224 |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | | F | 54.79 | 224 |

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

| | PRICE RANGE | L.S.T. CODE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE | VOLUME (000) |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | 22.50-24.00 | | 23.25 | 240 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | | F | 22.00 | 80 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | 28.50 | | 28.50 | 52 |
| TAILS | | | | |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | F | 10.71 | 224 |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | | F | 54.79 | 224 |

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

| | PRICE RANGE | L.S.T. CODE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE | VOLUME (000) |
|---------------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | | F | 22.93 | 752 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | | F | 22.00 | 80 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | | | |
| TAILS | | M | 25.00 | 80 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | F | 10.71 | 224 |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | | F | 54.79 | 224 |

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.