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Japan Lifts Import Suspension of Poultry and Poultry Products from Texas

On 2 August 2002, MAFF confirmed that 90 days had passed since the last outbreak of avian influenza in the state of Texas. Therefore, MAFF decided to lift the import suspension on poultry and poultry products from the state of Texas on the same day and informed official authorities of this decision. Additionally, the import suspension on poultry and poultry products from North Carolina was lifted on 12 August 2002, and that on poultry and poultry products from West Virginia on 14 August 2002.

Source: MAFF Update No. 466, August 16, 2002. The Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
<http://www.maff.go.jp/eindex.html>

Poultry Outlook

Over the first 5 months of 2002, broiler exports were 1.9 billion pounds, down 18 percent from the same period in 2001. The chief reason for the lower shipments was the ban on shipments to Russia. Exports to Russia were 597 million pounds, 31 percent lower than the previous year. A lower demand for imported broiler products in China and the off-again, on-again ban on poultry shipments to Japan were also major factors. Partially offsetting these declines in exports has been strong growth in shipments to Mexico and Korea encouraged by lower parts prices starting in March. Shipments to Mexico were 20 percent higher than the previous year and shipments to Korea were 50 percent higher.

The current outlook for U.S. broiler exports over the second half of 2002 remains uncertain. Negotiations with the Russian Government over the new regulations and procedures governing poultry trade there have not been finalized. While U.S. processors are anxious to resume shipping to Russia, they are also wary of committing products to that market before all the negotiations have been finalized and all new shipping regulations are known. In 2001, direct shipments to Russia accounted for approximately 40 percent of all U.S. broiler exports. The protracted negotiations with Russia are the chief factor behind a 100-million pound decrease in the broiler export forecast for the third quarter of 2002.

U.S. turkey exports totaled 206 million pounds over the first 5 months of 2002, up nearly 4 percent compared to the previous year. The ban on poultry shipments to Russia has pushed exports to that market down by 56 percent compared with the previous year. However, higher demand in Mexico and Hong Kong more than offset the decline in shipments to Russia. Shipments to Mexico have totaled 100 million pounds, a 20-percent increase, and exports to Hong Kong have risen by 131 percent. Exports to Hong Kong through May totaled 33 million pounds, only 3 million pounds less than was shipped in all of 2001.

Source: USDA/ERS

China: More Production But Fewer Exports

Total meat output in China during 2001 is estimated at 63.09 million tons (+3%) of which, poultry meat (which included, duck and goose meat), accounted for 12.7million tons, a gain of 6%. Egg production totaled 22.88 million tons, up by 2%. There was a noticeable increase in the proportion of native chickens and native hen eggs, healthy eggs and green eggs.

However, exports of animal products declined. Sales of live birds fell by more than 14% to just under 42 million, while the tonnage of frozen chicken meat shipped slipped to 351,000 metric tons and of fresh eggs to 614 million, representing cutbacks of 1.6% and almost 19% respectively.

Looking to the future, in the next ten years it is forecast that the Chinese will further reduce their grain consumption from the present level of 206kg/person to 155kg. Correspondingly, the annual average uptake of vegetables, meat, eggs, milk and fruit will increase.

During the 10th five year plan all farm production in Beijing will have to move from the near suburbs to the outer suburbs as the Beijing government has asked district and county level governments to focus on developing a "green" animal farming industry related to food safety and environment protection.

Source: International Egg Commission

Japanese Powdered Egg Imports (in tons)

	Powdered				Total
	Whole Eggs	Powdered Yolks	Powdered Albumen		
2001					
April	303.6	166.5	561.0		1,031.1
May	179.5	147.3	977.6		1,304.4
Jan-May	1,105.3	880.4	4,112.0		6,097.7
2002					
April	170.2	207.2	883.5		1,260.9
May	274.1	116.4	910.8		1,301.3
Jan-May	1,210.4	947.4	3,782.7		5,940.5

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

Brazil to Export Beef and Poultry to China

Brazil has signed a limited bilateral trade agreement with China that should take effect in September. China will allow the importation of Brazilian beef and poultry and, in return, China hopes to export garlic, fruit, tripe, wheat and seafood to Brazil.

Brazilian exports of chicken to China for September through December 2002 are estimated at \$150 million.

various sources

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	364	250	11,378	6,871
Frozen	0	0	21	78
Dried	0	0	327	40
Total	364	250	11,726	6,989

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

	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	168	121	4,069	3,313
Frozen	38	3	2,213	814
Dried	6	50	3,298	375
Total	212	174	9,580	4,502

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	0	0	1,160	87
Extra Large	300	1,900	18,263	34,117
Large	2,050	2,428	75,353	75,994
Medium	0	1,830	30,420	30,478
Ungraded	2,190	11,700	185,495	228,470
Misc	420	1,500	13,482	58,029
Total	4,960	19,358	324,173	427,175

/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	16-AUG-2002			
	PRICES	VOLUME		
	(Cents per Pound)			

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

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED	16-AUG-2002			
	PRICES	VOLUME		
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.50	13.00-14.00	204,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.50	13.67		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-15.00	11.00-14.00	1,758,410	844,800
WTD AVERAGE	11.47	11.59		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN,

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 10-Aug-02
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	THOUSANDS		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,738	1,605	3,343
LAST WEEK	1,633	1,560	3,193
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,571	1,513	3,084
TO-DATE/2002	56,499	43,665	100,164
TO-DATE/2001	56,441	43,899	100,340

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	THOUSANDS		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	326	7	333
LAST WEEK	258	27	285
SAME WEEK YR AGO	239	0	239
TO-DATE/2002	9,991	215	10,206
TO-DATE/2001	14,518	216	14,734

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

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

	THOUSANDS		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,064	1,612	3,676
LAST WEEK	1,891	1,587	3,478
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,810	1,513	3,323
TO-DATE/2002	66,490	43,880	110,370
TO-DATE/2001	70,959	44,115	115,074

SOURCE: USDA/AMS PLTRY PROGRAMS, MRKT NEWS BR.

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	16-AUG-2002			
	PRICES	VOLUME		
	(Cents per Pound)			

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

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED	16-AUG-2002			
	PRICES	VOLUME		
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.50-17.00	13.50-14.00	828,000	262,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.80	13.75		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-15.00	9.00-15.00	1,556,000	104,000
WTD AVERAGE	12.73	12.26		
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 16 AUGUST 2002.

Trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat was steady to firm for immediate shipments. Increased interest was noted on fresh tom breast meat from the Midwest for current shipments as availability becoming limited. Offerings in a full range and vary regionally. Frozen thigh meat export market slowing down as permits starting to fill up to meet cut off date for product arrival to Russia. Offerings adequate to fully adequate. Trading and demand light to moderate. Grade A non-basted 8-10 lb. breasts 125, 10-12 lb breasts 100, 12-14 lb. breasts 110, and 14-16 lb. breasts 120 delivered. Ground drums 46-48 cents. Hen drums for export 15 cents delivered. Hearts 29 cents delivered. Mature hen drums 15 cents FOB.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.00-23.00		19.27	860	19.54	1,720
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	18.00		18.00	108	18.65	324
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.00		24.00	216	24.33	320
TAILS	15.75		15.75	216	15.75	216
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	18.50		18.50	120	18.88	260
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	48.00-54.00		52.15	520	48.91	1,312

THURSDAY AUGUST 15, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.50-19.50		18.48	264
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	21.50		21.50	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	25.00	104
TAILS		F	15.63	320
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	18.00		18.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	41.00-54.00		44.34	592

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-21.00		20.66	356
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	18.00		18.00	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	104
TAILS		F	15.63	320
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		M	19.70	100
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	54.00	200

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	20.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	24.00	208
TAILS		F	15.63	320
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		M	19.70	100
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	54.00	200

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	20.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	24.00	208
TAILS		F	15.63	320
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	18.00-21.00		19.70	100
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00-57.00		54.00	200

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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