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Chicken and turkey meat imports, mainly mechanically deboned meat (MDM) and turkey parts for use in the sausage and cold meat industry, are by far the main poultry products imported by Mexico. These imports are forecast to grow for MY 2003 because of the full NAFTA implementation and opening of the market, as there will be no import tariff quotas. The Mexican poultry industry, however, is very concerned that with the implementation of NAFTA, larger imports of U.S. chicken leg quarters could adversely affect the price structure for domestically produced chicken meat.

Tariff Reductions For NAFTA Poultry Products

Year	Shell Eggs*	Poultry Meat*	Turkey Meat*
0	50%	260%	133%
1/ JAN 1994	48%	249.6%	127.68%
2/ JAN 1995	46%	239.2%	122.36%
3/ JAN 1996	44%	228.8%	117.04%
4/ JAN 1997	42%	218.4%	111.72%
5/ JAN 1998	40%	208.0%	106.40%
6/ JAN 1999	38%	197.6%	101.08%
7/ JAN 2000	28.5%	148.2%	75.81%
8/ JAN 2001	19%	98.80%	50.54%
9/ JAN 2002	9.5%	49.40%	25.27%
10/ JAN 2003	0%	0%	0%

*Including fertilized or hatching eggs, other whole poultry, other poultry parts, turkey cuts, mechanically deboned chicken or turkey, and whole turkey

Source: USDA/FAS

Japanese Powdered Egg Imports, in metric tons

	Powdered Whole Eggs	Powdered Yolks	Powdered Albumen	Total
2001				
January	233.2	199.3	910.1	1,342.6
February	177.9	172.4	758.2	1,108.5
March	211.1	194.9	905.1	1,311.1
April	303.6	166.5	561.0	1,031.1
May	179.5	147.3	977.6	1,304.4
June	278.0	158.5	728.1	1,164.6
2001 To-Date	1,383.3	1,038.9	4,840.1	7,262.3
2002				
January	253.1	187.4	841.7	1,282.2
February	261.9	191.7	481.0	934.6
March	251.1	244.7	665.7	1,161.5
April	170.2	207.2	883.5	1,260.9
May	274.1	116.4	910.8	1,301.3
June	192.8	238.8	644.4	1,076.0
2002 To-Date	1,403.2	1,186.2	4,427.1	7,016.5

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

Poultry Export Requirements for Russia

RUrrev56, Interim poultry requirements, was posted on the FSIS Library of Export Requirements on September 11, 2002.

For any product produced and stored in approved establishments that will depart the U.S. on or before September 25, 2002, plant management certification is required stating that the poultry complies with specific required conditions. This includes statements that the poultry did not receive tetracycline, along with various testing and labeling requirements. Carbon sets of FSIS Form 9450-4, Veterinary Certificate for Export of Poultry Meat to the Russian Federation must be made at the establishment to create an original and 3 copies.

For any poultry departing the U.S. after September 25, but produced before October 15, preprinted carbon sets of the certificates will be required. The carbon set certificates are not yet available.

Specific documentation requirements for poultry produced on or after October 15 will be posted in the export library as soon as they become available.

RUrrev56 9/11/2002 is available at
<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OFO/export/explib.htm>

Source: USDA/FSIS

Updated Egg Production Code in Canada

The Canadian Egg Marketing Agency's code of practice for cage layers has been updated to give more space/bird, the phasing-out of moulting and the introduction of more humane methods of beak trimming. It is expected that most farmers should adopt the new code, which is voluntary, by the end of summer.

The amount of cage space/hen has been raised to 67 square inches (432 sq cm). Currently forced-moulting is achieved by restricting both water and feed. The new code encourages producers wishing to moult birds to do so by only restricting the feed and it is hoped that the practice will be phased out over time. In addition to improvements in handling and transportation and access to waterers, the code also looks at more humane methods of beak trimming with the use of lasers cited as an alternative to current methods of beak trimming.

Czech Egg Consumption Higher

Czech egg consumption rose to 306 eggs/person in 2001 from 297 in the previous year, an increase of 3%. Total uptake expanded by 101 million eggs to 3.174 billion eggs. Egg production amounted to 3.189 billion (up 4%). Exports of 60.6 million eggs exceeded imports of 45.8m according to an Agra Europe report.

Source: International Egg Commission

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

	Week Ending September 07, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	560	240	12,630	8,018
Frozen	0	0	21	78
Dried	0	0	387	40
Total	560	240	13,038	8,136

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

	Week Ending September 07, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	66	40	4,538	3,737
Frozen	154	0	3,037	1,003
Dried	127	0	3,555	473
Total	347	40	11,130	5,213

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

	Week Ending September 07, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	290	0	1,483	87
Extra Large	1,440	3,778	23,053	45,689
Large	2,486	3,343	98,176	88,234
Medium	510	1,650	40,794	33,868
Ungraded	8,210	8,160	201,895	265,370
Misc	0	1,546	13,692	66,320
Total	12,936	18,477	379,093	499,568

Revision for Extra Large, August 17, 2002 2,125. To-date total reflects this adjustment.

/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.

13-SEP-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	-	14.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-15.00	11.00-14.00	1,583,600	734,400
WTD AVERAGE	11.41	11.70		
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 07-Sep-02
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,156	1,084	2,240
LAST WEEK	1,848	1,640	3,488
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,633	1,320	2,953
TO-DATE/2002	63,046	49,562	112,608
TO-DATE/2001	63,489	49,516	113,005

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	257	8	265
LAST WEEK	271	4	275
SAME WEEK YR AGO	371	16	387
TO-DATE/2002	11,024	231	11,255
TO-DATE/2001	16,064	240	16,304

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	1,413	1,092	2,505
LAST WEEK	2,119	1,644	3,763
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,004	1,336	3,340
TO-DATE/2002	74,070	49,793	123,863
TO-DATE/2001	79,553	49,756	129,309

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.

13-SEP-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	14.50-17.00	13.50	954,000	474,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.10	13.50		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.50-15.00	10.00-15.00	1,420,000	260,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.40	12.43		
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 13 SEPTEMBER 2002.

The undertone on fresh tom breast meat was mostly steady and fresh destrapped tenderloins steady. Demand ranged light to mostly fair. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat ranged light to instances fully adequate, mostly adequate and fresh destrapped tenderloins light to adequate. The undertone on frozen destrapped tenderloins was steady and frozen tom breast meat steady to barely steady. Demand slow to instances fair. Offerings of frozen destrapped tenderloins were adequate, frozen tom breast meat adequate to fully adequate with increased availability noted on -6 months age production. The undertone on tom bulk parts was mostly steady with some isolated unsettledness noted. The hen bulk parts undertone ranged from at least steady on 2-joints to barely steady on drums. Demand slow to moderate for the light to mostly adequate offerings. The thigh meat undertone was steady to instances fully steady, fresh mechanically separated turkey (MST) about steady, frozen steady to fully steady. Trading centered on fair volumes of tom drums and MST for export. For domestic: breeder breast meat 120, plant grade basted 20-24 lb. breasts 102 cents delivered. For export: -90 days age frozen -20% MST 13-16, hen drums 20, fresh thigh meat 55 cents delivered.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2002

<u>EXPORT TRADING</u>	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
					WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00-20.00		19.49	408	19.91	564
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	18.00	104		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	24.83	156	24.83	156
TAILS		T	16.00	80	16.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	19.00-21.00		19.49	450	19.49	450
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	48.00-52.00		50.11	180	52.88	856

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2002

<u>EXPORT TRADING</u>	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.00		21.00	52
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	18.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	24.83	156
TAILS		T	16.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00		50.00	40

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2002

<u>EXPORT TRADING</u>	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	21.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	18.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	24.83	156
TAILS		T	16.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	53.84	636

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2002

<u>EXPORT TRADING</u>	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.00		21.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	18.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.50-25.00		24.83	156
TAILS	16.00		16.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00-59.50		53.84	636

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2002

<u>EXPORT TRADING</u>	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	22.00	52
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	18.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	26.00	104
TAILS		T	14.25	156
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	50.50	320

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.