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Traders unanimously complained that it is difficult to obtain permits this year for chicken paws and chicken wing tips and the Chinese government has tightened the issuance of registration license since August. It seemed that the Chinese government wanted to use administrative measures to limit meat importation since the market is flooded with domestic products now that Japan and Europe have banned China's exports. Given the uncertainty of product entry to China, there is very little likelihood that Hong Kong's chicken re-exports to China will increase for 2002.

The Chinese government announced a new import regulation effective Sept. 1. The most important change is that the consignee's name on the permit has to match the name on the health certificate issued by FSIS, and the contracting party of the business contract. Traders are not happy with the new regulation, as it would fail to provide flexibility in switching buyers. With the implementation of the new regulation, traders no longer can switch buyers even when unexpected changes in market situation occur.

Hong Kong Imports by Major Suppliers, January - June Poultry Meat Imports

	Metric Tons			Market Share		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
World	573,450	498,096	450,996	100%	100%	100%
US	374,253	313,247	255,342	65%	63%	57%
Brazil	69,789	70,823	75,218	12%	14%	17%
China	27,640	31,111	34,412	5%	6%	8%

Chicken Imports

	Metric Tons			Market Share		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
World	532,349	458,462	406,659	100%	100%	100%
US	361,004	302,190	239,950	68%	66%	59%
Brazil	69,394	69,840	74,634	13%	15%	18%
China	10,459	14,537	18,063	2%	3%	4%

Turkey Imports

	Metric Tons			Market Share		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
World	14,509	12,310	17,247	100%	100%	100%
US	11,826	9,567	13,787	82%	78%	80%
UK	207	261	816	1%	2%	5%
Canada	725	517	616	5%	4%	4%
Brazil	376	959	584	3%	8%	3%

Shell Egg Imports

	Number of Eggs (in '000)			Market Share		
	2000	2001	2002	2000	2001	2002
World	674,108	637,348	674,843	100%	100%	100%
China	367,072	375,242	392,641	54%	59%	58%
US	196,169	168,719	177,758	29%	26%	26%
Germany	45,121	50,450	77,527	7%	8%	11%

Statistics are from the Hong Kong Census and Statistics Department.

Source: USDA/FAS

Hen Egg Production (million metric tons)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
World	45,245	46,529	48,121	49,990	51,354	52,435
Africa	1,710	1,704	1,898	2,015	2,043	2,070
Asia	24,940	25,806	26,825	28,056	29,235	29,884
EU-15	5,291	5,336	5,421	5,421	5,182	5,284
*NC Amer	6,517	6,720	6,992	7,381	7,642	7,812

Layers, in millions

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
World	4,536	4,672	4,772	4,950	5,083	5,162
Africa	435	433	481	508	514	516
Asia	2,584	2,704	2,753	2,879	2,991	3,040
EU-15	339	333	325	324	315	320
*NC Amer	494	503	509	532	539	553

*North and Central America

Source: FAOSTAT and Watt Poultry

China

Poultry production is expected to increase 2 to 3 percent in 2002 and should remain stable in 2003. Domestic-breed chicken, ducks, and geese are contributing greatly to poultry production growth. It is estimated that the number of domestic-breed chickens is higher than broiler (i.e. western-breed) chickens. Domestic chickens are smaller than broilers, but it is expected that domestic chicken poultry meat production will exceed broiler meat production in the next two or three years.

Total import volume for 2002 should be lower than last year. Compared to the same period of 2001, imports of broiler products decreased sharply in the first half of the year. Traders are frustrated by problems with Import Inspection Permits. This permit is needed so importers can import goods and apply for quarantine inspection and customs clearance. The restrictions appear most serious for chicken offal like chicken paws and wingtips, which are the most competitive, imported chicken cuts. China's import data in 2002 is significantly higher for poultry products than the corresponding U.S. export data. This probably indicates that China Customs is counting misrepresented product from other countries as U.S. product. Brazilian products are thought to be coming in as U.S. product in order to avoid quarantine restrictions.

Since the middle of 2001, prohibitions on Chinese poultry exports and stricter inspection of Chinese chicken products have been a continual problem for exporters. In 2002, the Eu, Japan, Malaysia, Switzerland and Russia have all had temporary bans on Chinese poultry. Malaysia has been the fifth largest export destination for China's poultry exports.

Source: USDA/FAS

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

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

Week Ending September 21, 2002	Year-To-Date			
Type	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	553	520	19,095	5,769
Frozen	0	0	21	78
Dried	40	0	695	40
Total	593	520	19,811	5,887

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

Week Ending September 21, 2002	Year-To-Date			
Type	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	173	180	4,874	4,048
Frozen	186	2	2,673	1,075
Dried	98	0	3,926	485
Total	457	182	11,473	5,608

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

Week Ending September 21, 2002	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	17	0	1,563	87
Extra Large	1,870	2,140	27,053	50,952
Large	4,063	6,555	96,346	97,107
Medium	1,200	300	37,133	34,168
Ungraded	15,298	13,920	238,673	294,170
Misc	1,105	0	14,797	67,220
Total	23,553	22,915	415,565	543,704

/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.

27-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	- 13.00-14.00		163,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	13.13			
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-16.50	9.00-14.00	3,342,000	1,224,000
WTD AVERAGE	12.38	10.67		
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 21-Sep-02

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,851	1,672	3,523
LAST WEEK	1,622	1,672	3,294
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,004	1,438	3,442
TO-DATE/2002	66,519	52,906	119,425
TO-DATE/2001	67,340	52,477	119,817

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	267	13	280
LAST WEEK	410	13	423
SAME WEEK YR AGO	468	7	475
TO-DATE/2002	11,701	257	11,958
*TO-DATE/2001	16,552	247	16,799

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.
 *TO DATE 2001 TOTAL ADJUSTED.

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,118	1,685	3,803
LAST WEEK	2,032	1,685	3,717
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,472	1,445	3,917
TO-DATE/2002	78,220	53,163	131,383
TO-DATE/2001	83,892	52,724	136,616

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.

27-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	12.00-17.50	13.50-16.00	1,043,000	266,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.46	14.50		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-16.00	9.00-15.00	1,749,688	104,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.36	12.16		
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 27 SEPTEMBER 2002.

The undertone on hen 2-joint wings was mostly fully steady, tom drums steady to instances fully steady, tom 2-joint wings barely steady at best, balance of parts generally steady. Bulk parts demand ranged light to fair. Offerings of hen 2-joint wings were light and held with confidence, tom drums mixed with some inventories better balanced than others, balance at least adequate for buyers' needs. Some isolated increased activity was noted on frozen destrapped tenderloins and breast trim with trading noted at steady to sometimes lower trending price levels. Domestic and export trading was light on all items with activity centered on fresh tom breast meat. Some trading was noted on scapula -6 months age. Grade A non basted rib breasts: 4-8 lb. 125, 10-12 lb. 110, 12-14 lb. 110-120, 14-16 lb. 110, plant grade non-basted 12-16 lb. breasts 100 and defatted gizzards traded at 50 cents delivered domestic. Hen drums traded at 18 cents delivered export.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	80	21.50	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	26.20	520	26.20	520
TAILS		R	22.00	80	17.93	430
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	21.00		21.00	40	20.11	252
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	56.00		56.00	40	55.49	396

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.00		23.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.00	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.00-28.25		26.20	520
TAILS	22.00		22.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	20.00		20.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.00		54.00	40

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	19.72	516
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.00	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	26.00	104
TAILS		T	17.00	350
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	19.00-21.00		19.87	92
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.00-56.00		55.62	316

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	19.72	516
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.00	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	26.00	104
TAILS	17.00		17.00	350
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	19.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	53.00	640

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	19.72	516
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	22.00	208
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	26.00	104
TAILS		F	15.00	240
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	19.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	53.00	640

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.