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## The Netherlands New AgMinister Takes a New Course

Former AgMinister Brinkhorst's proposals for stricter rules on husbandry for laying hens and broilers and the prohibition of mink farming have been retracted by the new AgMinister Veerman. In addition, Minister Veerman informed the Parliament of plans to delay changes to the manure policy.

In a letter to the Parliament, dated October 9, new Agriculture Minister Veerman argued that Minister Brinkhorst's proposal for stricter rules regarding the husbandry of broilers are unnecessary because the sector has already reached an agreement with the Dutch Animal Welfare Organization. Furthermore, for husbandry of laying hens, the Minister will allow the use of an alternative to the traditional batteries, the so called enhanced cages. Traditional batteries will be prohibited in the EU by January 1, 2012

Source: USDA/FAS

## Broiler Parts Imported into Ukraine, MT

Imports from	1999	2000	2001	January - June	
				2001	2002
United States	77,456	21,991	52,461	6,136	15,053
Belgium	180	435	3,387	700	8,861
Netherlands	5,655	840	1,391	100	3,956
Poland	85	277	232	120	582
Germany	513	440	1,025	499	567
Hungary	109	236	730	214	280
France	21	43	183	85	40
Canada	48	50	491	0	20
Spain	0	0	7	0	19
Great Britain	0	97	1,160	260	0
Others	1,121	140	466	115	0
Grand Total	85,188	24,549	61,532	8,229	29,379

Source: State Statistics Committee of Ukraine (Ukrainian HS Codes 202741000 prior to June 2001 and 020714000 after July 2001) USDA/FAS

## Japanese Powdered Egg Imports (in tons)

2001	Powdered			Total
	Whole Eggs	Powdered Yolks	Powdered Albumen	
May	179.5	147.3	977.6	1,304.4
June	278.0	158.5	728.1	1,164.6
July	197.3	229.9	786.3	1,213.5
2001 To-Date	1,580.6	1,268.8	5,626.4	8,475.8
2002				
May	274.1	116.4	910.8	1,301.3
June	192.8	238.8	644.4	1,076.0
July	201.5	183.7	770.6	1,155.8
2002 To-Date	1,604.7	1,369.9	5,197.7	8,172.3

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

## European Union Poultry

EU chicken and turkey production diminished in 2002 as the effect of the BSE crisis on poultry consumption faded. Production of chicken and turkey is expected to stabilize in 2003.

Imports of salted poultry meat from Brazil and Thailand soared in 2001 and continued to grow in 2002. The surge is due to the lower import duty for salted product (15 pct) relative to non-salted (30 pct). In order to fight booming imports of poultry meat, the European Commission decided to reclassify the product into a different CN (Combined Nomenclature) category, arguing that the specific product was primarily a frozen product before being a salted product. The reclassification was notified in July 2002 through Commission Regulation 1223/2002. Binding tariff information issued by member states remained valid for 3 months so a decrease in imports following this reclassification is unlikely to take place before 2003. Furthermore, imports from CEECs (Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Romania, Bulgaria, Slovenia, Slovakia, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania) will be boosted by double zero agreements in 2003.

## Poultry Meat Production and Supply Data

	Chicken Meat			Turkey Meat		
	2001	2002	2003	2001	2002	2003
Production	6,822	6,750	6,760	1,777	1,750	1,755
Imports	350	783	800	65	121	120
Exports	699	670	700	326	350	355

Data for 2002 is preliminary, 2003 is projected.

Exports of EU chicken decreased slightly in 2002 in spite of sky-high export refunds on whole chickens. Saudi Arabia is still blocking imports of mainly French poultry because of suspicions of MPA residues. Brazil quickly filled the void. In the European Commission's long-term forecasts published in July 2002, the EU sees itself becoming a net importer of poultry meat over the next few years. Overall EU turkey production decreased in 2002, following overproduction in France and Italy. EU turkey production is expected to increase slightly in 2003, due to good consumption levels forecast in Germany

Source: USDA/FAS

## Egg Production in Finland

Egg production in Finland is mainly concentrated in the Southwest part of the country. About 1,000 laying hen rearing farms were registered in 2001; 95 percent of farms had less than 10,000 birds; the total laying hens was estimated at 3.1 million. Production was 59 million kg of eggs with 7.2 million kg exported. Imports were 342,216 kg with a 50 percent increase compared to 2000.

Three egg-product establishments are approved, two of which belong to the same company; there are 157 egg-packing centers and most of them are small packing stations combined with egg production farms.

Source: European Commission

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

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

Week Ending October 12, 2002	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	450	379	20,699	10,066
Frozen	0	0	21	78
Dried	40	0	735	80
Total	490	379	21,455	10,224

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

Week Ending October 12, 2002	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	71	178	5,052	4,424
Frozen	34	20	2,884	1,224
Dried	230	0	4,291	486
Total	335	198	12,227	6,134

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

Week Ending October 12, 2002	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	0	0	1,596	87
Extra Large	2,490	1,270	31,880	55,472
Large	1,600	3,360	104,115	108,196
Medium	1,260	1,230	39,611	36,898
Ungraded	10,620	8,910	280,955	326,660
Misc	0	0	14,797	68,144
Total	15,970	14,770	472,954	595,457

/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.

<b>CHICKEN</b>	18-OCT-2002	
	PRICES	VOLUME

(Cents per Pound)

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

<b>CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED</b>	18-OCT-2002	
	PRICES	VOLUME

(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00	14.00	181,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.00	14.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-13.00	9.00-13.00	2,086,800	693,600
WTD AVERAGE	11.86	10.27		
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 12-Oct-02  
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,754	1,536	3,290
LAST WEEK	1,892	1,622	3,514
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,989	1,446	3,435
TO-DATE/2002	71,997	57,620	129,617
TO-DATE/2001	73,216	56,646	129,862

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	266	4	270
LAST WEEK	318	4	322
SAME WEEK YR AGO	354	0	354
TO-DATE/2002	12,599	265	12,864
TO-DATE/2001	17,508	247	17,755

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	2,020	1,540	3,560
LAST WEEK	2,210	1,626	3,836
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,343	1,446	3,789
TO-DATE/2002	84,596	57,885	142,481
TO-DATE/2001	90,724	56,893	147,617

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.

<b>CHICKEN</b>	18-OCT-2002	
	PRICES	VOLUME

(Cents per Pound)

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

<b>CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED</b>	18-OCT-2002	
	PRICES	VOLUME

(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-17.00	13.50-14.00	947,000	264,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.45	13.69		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.50-16.00	10.00-13.00	1,509,600	240,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.41	11.91		
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 18 OCTOBER 2002.**

The undertone was steady to instances barely steady on fresh tom breast meat, frozen about steady, fresh wing meat steady with some unsettledness noted, balance steady. White meat demand was slow to moderate. Some processors were taking advantage of the spike in further processed demand and thawing more frozen tom breast meat for internal usage. Offerings of white meat were mixed, mostly light to adequate. The thigh meat undertone was mostly steady. Demand light to fair for the generally adequate offerings. The undertone on mechanically separated turkey was steady to barely steady. Demand was light to fair with some increased activity noted into export channels. Trading centered on a moderate volume of tom drums for export, balance light. For domestic: livers 12 shipping point for October-December, 19 delivered; fresh wing meat 54-59, fresh: scapula 81, breast trim 90 Grade A non-basted 12-14 lb. breasts: packer label 107, private label 123; plant grade non-basted: 10-12 lb. 103, 12-14 lb. 98-108, 14-16 lb. 105, 16-18 lb. 102-108, For export: tom necks 13, fresh tom drums 18 cents delivered.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 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	600	20.22	1,476
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	22.00	80	22.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS	23.50-24.00		23.83	156	25.07	364
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	17.00-19.00 49.00		17.68 49.00	236 52	18.83 50.83	676 144

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 17, 2002****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00-20.00		19.56	356
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	22.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS		W	26.00	208
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	19.00 53.00		19.00 53.00	40 40

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2002****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-21.00		20.92	520
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00		22.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS	26.00	W	26.00	208
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	15.00 19.50 51.00	160 400 52

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2002****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	17.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS		W	23.78 15.00	468 160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	19.50	T	19.50 54.00	400 80

**\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\***

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2002**

**NO EXPORT TRADING TRADING REPORTED DUE TO COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY**

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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