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Dutch Minister Reverses Cage Ban

New Dutch agriculture minister Cees Veerman has withdrawn his predecessor's proposal to ban battery cages within 10 years. He maintains that the Netherlands has no obligation to be ahead of other member states on the issue of animal welfare.

Source: International Egg Commission, November Newsletter

Liquid Egg Plant in Malaysia

A new liquid egg plant in Malaysia expects to begin commercial operations early next year. The plant's infrastructure is already 70 percent completed. At full production the plant is expected to process about 56,218 pounds of liquid eggs per shift daily with a maximum of two shifts a day when required.

The Consolidated Farms Bhd (Confarm) project is the first of its kind in Malaysia. "Initially, we plan targeting 70% of the liquid eggs for the domestic market and the other 30% for export to markets like Singapore," said the company's chairman Heng Yeah Yong.

Its target customers for the pasteurized liquid eggs would be on-premise and industrial users like hoteliers, caterers, confectioneries, hospitals and other food producers. Heng felt liquid eggs, which are pasteurized, would be competitive for hygienic reasons. Liquid eggs are also more economical and convenient compared with shelled eggs.

Confirms research and development director K. C. Quek said statistics showed that currently Malaysian companies were importing liquid, powdered or even frozen egg products from the United States, Australia and Denmark at an average price of US\$1.97 per kg. Heng, however, is optimistic that the company would be able to compete as the price per kilo it charges would be lower for domestic consumption and also for the region as added costs such as for transport would be lower.

Source: International Egg Commission, November Newsletter

Free Trade Agreements

The United States and Singapore reached an agreement on core elements of a Free Trade Agreement (FTA). Singapore is the 11th largest trading partner of the United States.

Also in November, United States Trade Representative Robert Zoellick notified Congress of intent to initiate free trade agreements with Australia, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland.

Source: Office of the United States Trade Representative

U.S. Broiler Exports

Broiler exports are expected to register an 8 percent year-over-year reduction. The reduction is due to exporting problems to Russia and export bans related to localized disease outbreaks. In 2003 broiler exports are expected to register a 7 percent gain.

Broiler exports in August were 535 million pounds, the second highest monthly exports ever and 15 percent higher than the previous year. Exports to the four largest markets – Russia, Hong Kong, Mexico, and Japan – all were down from a year earlier. Exports to Mexico were down 42 percent and Japan was down 37 percent compared to the previous August. The declines were more than offset by large shipments to such countries as China, Poland, Georgia, Angola, Colombia and Romania.

Source: USDA/ERS

U.S. Poultry Exports in metric tons

	January-September			
	2001	2002	Sep-01	Sep-02
Broilers-Cut-Up	1,817,743	1,577,684	182,574	134,427
Broilers-Whole	8,018	2,519	718	211
Other Poultry	4,062	2,920	537	292
Prepared Poultry	66,064	58,228	6,416	6,817
Spent Hens	52,404	50,053	11,243	3,253
Turkey Cuts	149,504	138,117	17,094	14,531
Whole Turkey	4,175	2,461	864	690
Sausages	28,602	22,391	2,823	1,786
Poultry Total	2,130,572	1,854,374	222,269	162,007

Source: USDA/FAS, US Department of Commerce

U.S. Table Egg Exports to Selected Countries (in dozens)

	January-September			
	2001	2002	Sep-01	Sep-02
Hong Kong	18,307,057	18,794,853	1,849,443	1,529,060
Canada	13,145,831	10,838,677	1,805,123	2,029,088
Japan	1,264,808	1,026,928	491,616	274,116
Cuba	0	967,350	0	107,970
Mexico	1,206,925	877,070	211,800	123,150
China	298,236	395,976	145,542	80,774
Israel	325,731	290,800	3,690	3,640
UAE	175,969	203,176	12,751	0
Korea	66,554	185,985	11,692	25,837
Bahamas	44,105	166,005	20,705	0
World Total	35,664,273	34,485,071	4,699,120	4,305,246

Source: USDA/FAS, US Department of Commerce

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

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

Week Ending November 16, 2002	Year-To-Date			
Type	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	456	433	18,208	11,853
Frozen	0	0	21	78
Dried	0	42	760	322
Total	456	475	18,989	12,253

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

Week Ending November 16, 2002	Year-To-Date			
Type	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	138	153	5,465	4,840
Frozen	66	68	3,062	1,482
Dried	58	106	4,703	598
Total	203	447	13,463	7,193

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

Week Ending November 16, 2002	Year-To-Date			
Type	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	50	0	1,439	87
Extra Large	1,740	1,960	43,374	62,562
Large	2,560	5,100	124,554	125,718
Medium	1,228	825	44,738	41,233
Ungraded	4,500	15,620	317,705	389,660
Misc	0	0	14,737	69,614
Total	10,078	23,505	546,547	688,874

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.
 /2 Year-To-Date 2002 revisions encompass all adjustments made to the data for the year.

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.

22-NOV-2002

<u>CHICKEN</u>	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	13.00-14.00	142,800	-
WTD AVERAGE	13.00	13.83		

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15-20%				
RANGE	10.00-13.00	10.00-13.00	1,260,800	222,400
WTD AVERAGE	10.96	11.30		

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	10.00-11.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		10.50		

* 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 16-Nov-02

(PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,441	1,523	2,964
LAST WEEK	1,438	1,548	2,986
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,568	1,545	3,113
TO-DATE/2002	80,237	65,362	145,599
TO-DATE/2001	82,084	63,804	145,888

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	266	11	277
LAST WEEK	220	0	220
SAME WEEK YR AGO	277	0	277
TO-DATE/2002	13,904	286	14,190
TO-DATE/2001	18,912	279	19,191

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	1,707	1,534	3,241
LAST WEEK	1,658	1,548	3,206
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,845	1,545	3,390
TO-DATE/2002	94,141	65,648	159,789
TO-DATE/2001	100,996	64,083	165,079

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.

22-NOV-2002

<u>CHICKEN</u>	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	15.00-16.00	13.50-15.00	802,000	470,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.45	14.07		

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-15.00	11.00-13.20	1,955,580	304,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.06	12.04		

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
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 22 NOVEMBER 2002.

The trade sentiment on tom breast meat and frozen destrapped tenderloins was steady to instances weak, breast trim steady, barely steady on the balance of white meat items. Demand seasonally slow as the industry concentrates on Thanksgiving Holiday needs. Offerings available. Domestic bulk parts demand was light with trading centered tom full-cut wings. Offerings of bulk parts ranged from ample on tom 2-joint wings to mostly adequate on the balance of items with hen 2-joint wings held with the most confidence. Some spot weakness was noted on tom necks and tom full-cut wings. Domestic trading was light on all items. Export trading centered on a fair volume of frozen mechanically separated turkey for December shipments, balance light. Non basted rib breasts for domestic: Grade A 8-10 lb. 99 and 10-12 lb. 110, plant grade 12-14 lb. 100, and Grade A fresh 13-16 lb. WOGS traded at 75 cents delivered. Livers traded at 23.25 cents delivered export.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 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	19.41	1,136
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	23.00	104	23.00	104
TAILS		T	17.00	80	17.50	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	19.00		19.00	400	19.00	460
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	52.00-58.00		54.00	240	51.73	864

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-24.00		21.86	172
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00		23.00	104
TAILS		T	17.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		T	19.00	60
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00-57.00		52.49	324

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	440
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	22.25	208
TAILS		T	17.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		T	19.00	60
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	49.10	300

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	17.77	444
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	22.25	208
TAILS	17.00		17.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	19.00		19.00	60
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	48.50-53.00		49.10	300

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.00-20.00		17.77	444
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	22.25	208
TAILS	18.50		18.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	18.50	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	47.50	52

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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