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U.S. broiler exports in September 2002 were lower than expected, 305 million pounds, leaving exports for the third quarter of 2002 at 1.257 billion pounds, down almost 150 million from earlier expectations. Exports of leg quarters fell to 154 million pounds, after totaling 378 million pounds in August.

The bulk of the decline in leg quarters exports came from lower shipments to Russia. Over the first 9 months of 2002, broiler exports, and more specifically boiler leg quarter shipments to Russia, have shown wide swings in quantities. Leg quarters exports to Russia have ranged from a high of 214 million pounds in August to a low of 14 million pounds in April. While shipments of broilers products to smaller markets was again strong in September, they were not able to offset the drop in shipments to Russia and lower exports to other major markets.

Over the first 10 months of 2002, U.S. turkey production has totaled 4.8 billion pounds, 3 percent higher than during the same period in 2001. The increase in production has come with basically no gain in the number of birds slaughtered, but with a 3 percent gain in their average weight. Along with the increase in production, turkey exports over the first 9 months are 8 percent lower than during the same period in 2001. The increase in production with lower exports has raised turkey stocks. At the beginning of November, stocks of turkey products were 26 percent higher than the previous year.

U.S. Poultry Forecasts, million lb

	2001	2002	2003
Broiler Production	31,266	32,262	32,725
Turkey Production	5,562	5,696	5,700
Broiler Exports	5,555	4,865	5,250
Turkey Exports	487	456	490

Source: USDA/ERS

Japanese Frozen Egg Imports, in metric tons

	Frozen			
	Whole Eggs	Frozen Yolks	Frozen Albumen	Total
2001				
July	186.6	954.9	187.3	1,328.8
August	149.0	989.3	189.1	1,327.4
September	143.8	787.1	42.3	973.2
2001 To-Date	1,616.8	8,846.8	1,855.1	12,318.7
2002				
July	260.7	1,303.6	0.0	1,564.3
August	247.7	1,119.1	0.0	1,366.8
September	226.8	1,430.4	18.1	1,675.3
2002 To-Date	2,166.3	9,184.5	338.2	11,689.0

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

Opportunity For U.S. Meat and Poultry Exports

With access to the Cuban market and renewed hotel and restaurant sector growth throughout the Caribbean, U.S. meat and poultry exporters see new opportunities. In 2001, Caribbean meat imports of poultry, pork and beef totaled slightly more than 200,000 tons, valued at \$219 million, up 10 and 7 percent, respectively, from the previous year. Preliminary midyear data for 2002 Caribbean meat imports suggests that the volumes of both beef and broilers have surpassed 2001 midyear levels. Broiler meat alone accounted for close to half of the value and three-quarters of the volume of total Caribbean meat imports in 2001. The opening of the Cuban market to the United States in late 2001 accounted for \$2 million of U.S. exports. U.S. broiler meat exporters are beginning to establish a presence in Cuba. The U.S. Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000, which restored the possibility of direct commercial exports of U.S. food and agricultural products to Cuba, requires that transactions be made on a cash basis.

Source: USDA/FAS

U.S.-Mexico Broiler Trade

At present, Mexico is petitioning USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) for certification to export fresh, chilled, and frozen poultry to the United States. In addition, Mexico requested that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) consider additional Mexican states to be declared relatively low risk of transmitting exotic Newcastle disease (END). Changes in the eligibility of Mexico poultry exports might result in potentially different trade patterns between the United States and Mexico.

In 1997, APHIS amended its regulations to recognize disease-free regions or zones within a country or to apply restrictions to those zones to mitigate risk from disease transmission. The risk from END transmission from the Mexican states of Sonora and Sinaloa are considered to be relatively low. If Sonora and Sinaloa comply with APHIS restrictions and Mexico becomes eligible to export fresh poultry to the United States, Mexican processors in these two states can export fresh, chilled and frozen poultry meat to the U.S.

Mexico imports much more MDM than it produces. The production of MDM in the United States is largely the byproduct of boneless-cut production and is used in both countries in luncheon meats and sausages, as well as in "ham" in Mexico. The MDM that Mexico imports competes, at best, indirectly with Mexican poultry production. It is expected that allowing Mexican plants to ship fresh, chilled and frozen poultry to the United States will have negligible effects on the MDM component of U.S.-Mexico poultry trade. The low price of whole chickens in Mexican wholesale markets gives evidence that Mexican poultry producers and processors can compete with the United States in the production of whole birds. It is also apparent that U.S. dark meat and MDM are attractively priced relative to Mexican products.

Source: USDA/ERS

<http://www.ers.usda.gov/Publications/ldp/dec02/ldpm10201/>

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

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

Week Ending December 14, 2002	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	258	245	19,948	12,880
Frozen	0	0	21	78
Dried	32	0	832	426
Total	290	245	20,801	13,384

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

Week Ending December 14, 2002	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	80	180	5,998	5,844
Frozen	78	94	3,332	1,757
Dried	80	10	5,049	628
Total	238	284	14,379	8,229

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

Week Ending December 14, 2002	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	17	0	1,622	87
Extra Large	2,505	3,045	53,259	71,523
Large	6,088	5,070	145,512	140,003
Medium	1,438	197	49,185	44,094
Ungraded	11,160	13,770	368,005	446,890
Misc	0	720	14,737	71,084
Total	21,208	22,802	632,320	773,681

/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.

20-DEC-2002

CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

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

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

20-DEC-2002

	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00	13.00	122,400	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.00	13.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	10.00-13.75	10.50-12.00	1,244,400	489,600
WTD AVERAGE	11.58	11.31		
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 14-Dec-02
(PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,829	1,342	3,171
LAST WEEK	1,739	1,425	3,164
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,945	1,403	3,348
TO-DATE/2002	86,691	70,695	157,386
TO-DATE/2001	89,036	69,241	158,277

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	168	0	168
LAST WEEK	300	0	300
SAME WEEK YR AGO	344	0	344
TO-DATE/2002	14,840	297	15,137
TO-DATE/2001	20,376	301	20,677

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	1,997	1,342	3,339
LAST WEEK	2,039	1,425	3,464
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,289	1,403	3,692
TO-DATE/2002	101,531	70,992	172,523
TO-DATE/2001	109,412	69,542	178,954

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.

20-DEC-2002

CHICKEN	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

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

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

20-DEC-2002

	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00	13.00-15.00	718,000	238,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.00	14.06		
15-20%				
RANGE	-	10.50-14.50	1,720,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.01		
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 20 DECEMBER 2002.

The market tone on bulk parts was a strong steady on hen wings, barely steady on the balance of items. Domestic demand was seasonally slow on most items. Offerings ranged from light on hen 2-joint wings to available on the balance of items. Domestic trading centered on light volumes of tom drums. Most processors are working shortened holiday processing schedules next week. Export demand ranged from slow to moderate. Inquiry was noted from Mexico for prompt shipments and also from Asia, Eastern Europe and Russia. Trading into export channels light.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	19.00	120	19.22	360
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	21.25	208	18.19	832
TAILS		W	17.00	120	17.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	16.00		16.00	40	15.75	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	44.00		44.00	208	46.80	1,468

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00		19.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.25		21.25	208
TAILS		W	17.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	15.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00		50.00	200

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00-20.00		19.33	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	17.00		17.00	520
TAILS	17.00		17.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	15.50		15.50	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	44.50		44.50	780

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	19.36	440
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	18.00	104
TAILS		W	18.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	15.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	53.00	280

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	19.36	440
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	18.00		18.00	104
TAILS		W	18.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	15.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	53.00		53.00	280

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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