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## Russia Requires Importers to Renew Licenses

Russia's Agriculture Minister revoked import licenses for meat and poultry on January 31, 2003. The announcement came days after Agriculture Minister Gordeyev stated the government would impose quotas on meat imports. The action basically halts all shipments of meat and poultry from abroad starting in February. Importers will have to reapply for the permits (veterinary licenses). Russia is also having cold storage problems, basically too much frozen meat in storage. "This may be one way they are trying to solve them" according to USDA spokeswoman Alisa Harrison.

The new quotas for poultry go into effect on May 1, 2003. The quota for the remainder of 2003 is 704,000 metric tons. Quotas for 2004 and 2005 are 1.05 million metric tons. In 2001 Russia imported 1.4 million tons of poultry. The quota is expected to be divided with 553,500mt for the U.S., 139,000 for the EU and 33,000 for Brazil.

Source: various news stories

## EU Limits Restrictions of U.S. Poultry Imports

On January 28, 2002 the Council adopted a Decision to limit EU import restrictions of live poultry, hatching eggs, fresh poultry meat and poultry products to the States of California, Nevada and Arizona. Exports of those products had been suspended from the entire territory of the U.S. since October 2002 due to several outbreaks of Newcastle disease in California and in Nevada in January 2003.

The main export of the USA to the EU affected by these restrictions is the trade in hatching eggs and day old chicks. The veterinary authorities of the U.S. have taken measures to ensure that the disease does not spread. It is therefore possible, in accordance with the veterinary agreement, to apply the regionalization policy and to limit the export restrictions to the three mentioned States. The Decision will apply until 1 June 2003 and will be reviewed in the light of the evolution of the disease situation in the USA.

Source: EU Midday Express Press Release 29/01/2003  
[http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/health\\_consumer/](http://europa.eu.int/comm/dgs/health_consumer/)

## Japanese Powdered Egg Imports (in tons)

	Whole			
	Eggs	Yolks	Albumen	Total
<b>2001</b>				
August	360.4	213.3	757.4	1,331.1
September	243.6	156.1	606.2	1,005.9
October	300.0	166.3	1,039.8	1,506.1
To-Date	2,484.6	1,804.5	8,029.8	12,318.9
<b>2002</b>				
August	218.6	195.7	751.1	1,165.4
September	381.2	233.7	708.8	1,323.7
October	312.5	176.4	815.5	1,304.4
To-Date	2,517.0	1,975.7	7,473.1	11,965.8

Source: ALIC Monthly Statistics

## Disease Hits Italy

The outbreak of Avian influenza is seriously affecting Italy's poultry industry in the Lombardy and Veneto regions with almost a million birds being slaughtered in the past few weeks. Two years ago some 14 million birds had to be killed following a chicken flu outbreak in the area. Nevertheless, the current situation is regarded as "critical" as the virus is considered to be stronger and more resistant to cold, according to an Agra Europe report.

Source: January 2003 International Egg Commission Newsletter

## Biomass Plant

Hungary's first biomass processing plant Batortrade Kft in Nyirbator has commenced operations. The plant will convert some 100,000 tons of poultry and cattle manure along with other biosolids a year into electricity and fertilizer.

Source: January 2003 International Egg Commission Newsletter

## Mexico Poultry Outlook

The forecast for chicken meat production for 2003 is unchanged at 2.3 million metric tons (mmt), five percent over the 2.2mmt produced in 2002. Despite expectations that imports of poultry would maintain or exceed previous growth rates with the full implementation of the NAFTA and the subsequent lifting of all tariffs and tariff rate quotas, the government of Mexico recently established a provisional safeguard measure that will implement a tariff-rate quota on chicken leg quarters. This action coupled with recent sanitary measures relating to low path Avian Influenza, Exotic Newcastle Disease and Listeria are all expected to slow import growth. The forecast for chicken meat imports for 2003 had been 290,000 mt, however that figure was lowered to 238,000 mt.

Forecasts for 2003 turkey meat production remains unchanged, up four percent from 2002. The estimate of turkey meat imports for 2003 was lowered from 180 thousand metric tons to 153,000 metric tons, based on the expectation that ongoing sanitary measures will slow trade to some degree.

## Mexican Imports for Selected Frozen Poultry Products

	Jan-Sep 2002 in metric tons			
	U.S.	Chile	Other	Total
Whole Chicken	239	996	7	1,242
Whole Turkey	105	153	1	257
Chicken Parts	51,788		1,747	53,535
*MDC	33,463	2,120		35,583
*MDT	10,997		1,123	12,120
*Mechanically Deboned Chicken and Turkey				

Source: USDA/FAS

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

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

	Week Ending January 25, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	268	99	1,047	947
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	44	0
Total	268	99	1,091	947

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

	Week Ending January 25, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	182	107	403	239
Frozen	43	85	132	288
Dried	0	40	0	208
Total	225	232	535	735

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

	Week Ending January 25, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	0	0	0	580
Large	0	1,200	905	8,010
Medium	0	0	20	3,189
Ungraded	0	0	1,470	0
Misc	0	0	0	66
Total	0	1,200	2,395	11,845

/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.

**\*\*See page 4 for Week Ending January 18,2003\*\***

**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>	PRICES		VOLUME	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
<b>FAT CONTENT</b>				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				
<b>CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED</b>				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.00-14.00	13.00-14.00	183,600	-
WTD AVERAGE	13.67	13.33		
15-20%				
RANGE	10.00-17.00	10.00-12.00	2,260,000	734,400
WTD AVERAGE	11.71	10.67		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	10.00-11.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		10.67		

<b>CHICKEN</b>	PRICES		VOLUME	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
<b>FAT CONTENT</b>				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-17.00	13.50-14.00	1,017,900	740,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.55	13.72		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-15.00	10.50-14.50	1,404,000	156,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.24	11.80		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

\* 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 25 Jan-03  
 (PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TTL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,746	1,292	3,038
LAST WEEK	1,841	1,505	3,346
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,784	1,232	3,016
TO-DATE/2003	6,502	5,337	11,839
TO-DATE/2002	7,075	5,079	12,154

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TTL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	416	0	416
LAST WEEK	350	8	358
SAME WEEK YR AGO	437	0	437
TO-DATE/2003	1,360	19	1,379
TO-DATE/2002	1,331	8	1,339

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TTL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,162	1,292	3,454
LAST WEEK	2,191	1,513	3,704
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,221	1,232	3,453
TO-DATE/2003	7,862	5,356	13,218
TO-DATE/2002	8,406	5,087	13,493

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>	PRICES		VOLUME	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
<b>FAT CONTENT</b>				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				
<b>CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED</b>				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-17.00	13.50-14.00	1,017,900	740,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.55	13.72		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-15.00	10.50-14.50	1,404,000	156,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.24	11.80		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

<b>CHICKEN</b>	PRICES		VOLUME	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
<b>FAT CONTENT</b>				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-17.00	13.50-14.00	1,017,900	740,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.55	13.72		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-15.00	10.50-14.50	1,404,000	156,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.24	11.80		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

\* 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 31 JANUARY 2003.**

The undertone on hen 2-joint wings was steady, balance barely steady at best. Domestic bulk parts demand was slow with instances of improved interest noted, especially on drums to smokers. Export demand was fair to good, especially on drums and wings resulting in somewhat of a floor being put into the market place. Some industry members are anticipating less buyer inquiry from Asia due to their upcoming new year celebrations. Bulk parts offerings ranged adequate to ample with not as much discounting being noted by suppliers. The export market on thigh meat showed signs of bottoming with continued movement being noted at current price levels. Domestic trading was light on all items. Body chopping skin 17 and fresh wing meat traded at 42-44 cents delivered domestic. Export trading was heavy on thigh meat and full-cut wings. Tom necks 12, hen drums 13-16 cents delivered export.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2003****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.50-17.50		16.78	144	17.68	602
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	14.50-16.00		14.81	704	15.12	1,722
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	20.00	208	20.00	208
TAILS	19.00		19.00	40	18.07	58
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	15.00		15.00	120	13.82	660
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	42.00-50.00		43.36	940	42.66	3,329

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2003****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	17.00-19.00		17.71	62
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	14.50-16.00		15.21	858
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.00		20.00	208
TAILS	16.00		16.00	18
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	12.00		12.00	260
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	40.00-51.00		41.96	1,373

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2003****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	18.50-19.00		18.73	292
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	16.00	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	19.50	156
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	14.50-16.00		15.00	280
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	42.00-57.00		42.94	1,016

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2003****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00		16.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	16.00		16.00	160
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	19.50	156
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	16.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	45.10	744

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2003****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	17.03	444
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	17.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	19.50	156
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	16.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	45.10	744

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.

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

	Week Ending January 18, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	363	249	779	848
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	44	0	44	0
Total	407	249	823	848

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

	Week Ending JANUARY 18, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
Liquid	143	64	221	132
Frozen	41	79	89	203
Dried	0	120	0	168
Total	184	263	310	503

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

	Week Ending JANUARY 18, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	0	0	0	580
Large	0	0	905	6,810
Medium	0	1,050	20	3,189
Ungraded	0	0	1,470	0
Misc	0	0	0	66
Total	0	1,050	2,395	10,645

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

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