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The Caribbean Market

In 2001, the Caribbean region imported nearly \$1.7 billion worth of U.S. food and agricultural products (USDA-FAS, BICO Report, October 2002). As a region, this puts the Caribbean in the top half of U.S. agricultural export markets.

Purchases by Cuba in the first year of exemptions to the embargo resulted in only \$4.5 million in U.S. food shipments—an understandable amount considering the time needed to develop a capable trading regime, time to license shipping lines for moving freight into Cuban ports, and time for companies to market products to Cuban purchasing agents. Through September of 2002, U.S. food sales to Cuba reached \$105.5 million, and estimates by the Washington, D.C.-based Cuba Policy Foundation portend a strong year, with sales as high as \$165 million by the end of the year. Estimates for 2003 suggest continued export growth of up to \$260 million worth of food and agricultural products from the United States.

As a market, the Caribbean is diverse, buying bulk commodities, meat and poultry, snack foods, and other high-value, consumer-oriented food products. In 2001, Caribbean meat imports were dominated by broiler meat; it accounted for half of the value of the region's meat imports, reaching \$219 million and more than 200,000 metric tons. The U.S. market share of Caribbean meat imports hit \$113 million that same year, according to the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service.

Source: Iowa Ag Review, Center for Agricultural and Rural Development.

U.S. Poultry Exports for 2001 and 2002

	Quantity in metric tons		Value in '000 dollars	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
Russia	1,114,092.7	718,257.6	663,009	371,576
Hong Kong	356,732.6	307,643.0	220,428	190,243
Mexico	277,121.7	235,177.4	252,506	169,416
Canada	108,638.4	124,926.2	235,785	245,598
Korea	110,393.5	119,321.8	81,792	78,807
China	62,340.3	85,967.4	29,532	42,231
Poland	62,948.4	65,437.2	53,464	32,499
Japan	111,817.5	58,146.9	144,189	69,488
Turkey	14,427.8	57,165.0	9,415	17,147
Guatemala	37,887.8	52,284.2	27,751	32,904
Cuba	2,997.0	49,003.1	1,959	21,482
Angola	30,056.6	48,252.7	17,764	23,651
Georgia	38,808.2	45,371.9	18,152	20,614
Latvia	44,580.7	44,173.1	29,107	18,439
Romania	16,815.2	32,486.9	11,727	19,148
Taiwan	18,017.1	32,356.7	14,076	23,527
Total	2,835,699.8	2,450,778.7	2,140,578	1,639,242

Source: Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau

Outbreak of Avian Influenza in The Netherlands

On Friday February 28, avian influenza was reportedly found on six poultry farms located around Barneveld, 35 kilometers East of Utrecht and in the "Gelderse Valley", the region where the Dutch egg and poultry sector is concentrated. By Saturday the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture had declared a controlled area with a diameter of 10 km around the suspected farms. The same day, the Ministry imposed a moratorium on transport of live poultry, hatching eggs, debris and manure throughout The Netherlands. In controlled areas, the transport of consumption eggs is also prohibited, it is compulsory to hold poultry indoors, and visiting farms is not allowed.

On Sunday March 2, laboratory results confirmed the diagnosis of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza. As of Wednesday March 5, a total of eighteen farms were suspected. Poultry at all suspect farms and all poultry farms within one kilometer of the suspect farms were being culled. Since the national mass-destruction capacity is limited, the Minister of Agriculture requested assistance from abroad.

Belgian and German authorities reportedly started testing live poultry and hatching eggs transported from The Netherlands.

Dutch exports of live poultry and hatching eggs have immediately been stopped. Dutch poultry meat exports are also affected because the transport of live poultry is prohibited and about thirty slaughterhouses will have to stop their operations. According to some estimates, about one-third of the Dutch poultry livestock was located in the Gerlderland province, which spans from the center to the east of the country.

The Dutch Organization of Poultry Farmers (NOP) fears that the avian influenza virus could endure for a long time, as in Italy where the virus has been present for about four years. In 2002, Dutch exports of egg and egg products valued EURO 420 million. Dutch exports of poultry valued EURO 1.12 billion in 2002. Germany and the UK are the main importers of Dutch poultry meat. Dutch retailers reportedly expect to have sufficient supply for about a week after which they will have to switch to imports. In 2002, Dutch poultry meat imports were valued at EURO 670 million with Germany and Belgium as the main suppliers. The exchange rate on March 6, 2003 was US \$1.00 = .91249 Euro.

Source: USDA/FAS; OIE; European Commission; ProMED-mail Thursday, March 6 2003, Volume 2003 : Number 044 Avian influenza - Netherlands (07) EU press release IP/03/305

Fewer German units

The number of registered egg producers in Germany with more than 3000 layers fell by 1.4% last year between January and September 2002. By September, there were 1287 producers some 35 less than a year earlier. The cutback was more marked from the second quarter and is expected to accelerate as the industry moves towards 2006 when all forms of cage-production will be banned.

Source: International Egg Commission

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

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

Week Ending March 01, 2003	Year-To-Date			
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	104	358	1,670	2,799
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	84	50
Total	104	358	1,754	2,849

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

Week Ending March 01, 2003	Year-To-Date			
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	108	233	1,217	1,071
Frozen	116	42	532	557
Dried	0	130	40	526
Total	224	405	1,789	2,154

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

Week Ending March 01, 2003	Year-To-Date			
	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
Jumbo	0	50	0	83
Extra Large	0	60	150	699
Large	750	1,897	4,723	13,748
Medium	0	1,620	4,174	8,216
Ungraded	0	0	1,470	0
Misc	0	1,820	12	5,224
Total	750	5,447	10,529	27,970

/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.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 01-Mar-03
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TTL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,686	1,296	2,982
LAST WEEK	1,534	1,450	2,984
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,705	1,341	3,046
TO-DATE/2003	14,783	12,160	26,943
TO-DATE/2002	16,260	11,466	27,726

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TTL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	240	0	240
LAST WEEK	347	3	350
SAME WEEK YR AGO	298	0	298
TO-DATE/2003	3,102	50	3,152
TO-DATE/2002	3,253	20	3,273

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	1,926	1,296	3,222
LAST WEEK	1,881	1,453	3,334
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,003	1,341	3,344
TO-DATE/2003	17,885	12,210	30,095
TO-DATE/2002	19,513	11,486	30,999

SOURCE: USDA/AMS PLTRY PROGRAMS, MRKT NEWS BR.

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.

07-MAR-2003

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	-	14.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	10.50-18.00	12.00-17.00	1,822,000	242,400
WTD AVERAGE	12.67	14.10		
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

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.

07-MAR-2003

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	15.00-17.00	15.80-16.00	867,000	634,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.99	15.88		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.50	10.00-15.00	1,794,800	-
WTD AVERAGE	13.50	12.63		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	13.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.00		

* 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 7 MARCH 2003.

The undertone on tom necks and drums ranged from steady in the West to instances firm in the Midwest and East, fully steady on tom 2-joint wings. The tom full-cut wing undertone was mostly steady with instances of both strength and weakness noted in some parts of the country. The undertone on hen parts was at mostly steady on wings and drums, steady to barely steady on necks. Demand on bulk parts ranged from being active in the Midwest and East on tom necks and tom drums to being slow on hen necks. Offerings of tom drums and necks were tight in the Midwest and East with some buyers drawing supplies from the West. Offerings of tom full-cut wings were mostly light to adequate with some product trading at lower prices due to lack of freight. Offerings of hen parts ranged from instances burdensome on necks to light on hen 2-joint wings. Domestic trading centered on light volumes of tom bulk parts and fresh mechanically separated turkey (MST). Plant grade basted 20-22 lb. breasts 115, fresh wing meat with skin 50 and fresh scapula 63 cents delivered domestic. Export trading centered on a heavy volume of frozen thigh meat and on fair volumes of tom parts. For export: frozen MST +30 days age 12, young hen necks 13, fresh thigh meat 54, ground drum meat 45 cents delivered.

FRIDAY, MARCH 07, 2003

<u>EXPORT TRADING</u>	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	21.00-23.00		21.48	384	21.58	624
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	14.00-16.00		14.32	248	14.32	248
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	25.00	104	25.00	104
TAILS	19.00		19.00	80	19.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	14.00-15.00		14.50	416	14.81	456
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	44.00-61.00		49.04	932	48.85	1,352

THURSDAY, MARCH 06, 2003

<u>EXPORT TRADING</u>	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	23.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	23.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	25.00	104
TAILS		R	20.25	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	18.00		18.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	47.53	300

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 05, 2003

<u>EXPORT TRADING</u>	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	23.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	23.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	25.00	104
TAILS		R	20.25	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	19.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	47.00-51.00		47.53	300

TUESDAY, MARCH 04, 2003

<u>EXPORT TRADING</u>	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.00		23.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	23.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	25.00		25.00	104
TAILS		R	20.25	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	19.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	50.00-51.00		50.67	120

MONDAY, MARCH 03, 2003

<u>EXPORT TRADING</u>	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.50		20.50	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	23.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	23.86	364
TAILS		R	20.25	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	19.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	46.84	396

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.