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Rebuilding Iraq

U.S. Export-Import Bank President Bush has cleared the way for the Export-Import Bank of the United States to support U.S. exports to Iraq. The Ex-Im Bank provides credit guarantees to help finance U.S. exports to markets considered too risky by commercial lenders.

On August 28, the Ex-Im Bank voted to notify Congress of a proposed \$500 million facility that would provide short-term export insurance to cover transactions with the new Trade Bank of Iraq (Trade Bank). The Trade Bank was created in July by the Coalition Provisional Authority, which is in charge of running Iraq.

There is a statutory waiting period of up to 35 days before Ex-Im Bank's board can take final action. Under the program, the Trade Bank of Iraq could begin making loans as early as October. The Ex-Im Bank will treat transactions as sovereign so coverage will be available for 100 percent of the principal and interest. Repayment terms for bulk agricultural commodities will be the normal period of up to 360 days.

International Aid for Iraq On September 3, leading world aid donors met to attempt to coordinate reconstruction efforts in Iraq. Potential donor countries agreed on the need for an international trust fund to funnel billions of dollars in reconstruction aid to Iraq.

Experts from the World Bank, the United States, the European Commission, the UAE, Japan, the International Monetary Fund, and the United Nations discussed details of the fund and assessed Iraq's most pressing needs. They have identified 14 sectors for reconstruction, including agriculture.

Final details will be worked on at a conference in Madrid in October. More than 50 donor countries and international organizations expected to attend.

Sources: White House press, U.S. Embassy in Tokyo, Export-Import Bank of the U.S., various news wires

Japan: Powdered Egg Imports, in metric tons

	Powdered			
	Whole Eggs	Powdered Yolks	Powdered Albumen	Total
2002				
March	251.1	244.7	665.7	1,161.5
April	170.2	207.2	883.5	1,260.9
May	274.1	116.4	910.8	1,301.3
Year to date	1,210	947.4	3782.7	5940.5
2003				
March	229.3	238.5	661.0	1128.8
April	172.4	121.1	816.9	1110.4
May	188.2	162.5	646	996.7
Year to date	959.7	968.5	3578.4	5506.6

Source: ALIC

Thailand

Thai poultry exports were strong this year due to many reasons. Japan banned poultry from China after an outbreak of avian influenza. The outbreak of SARS in China discouraged travel to China. The outbreak of avian influenza in the Netherlands and Belgium, combined with a strong Euro, led to higher prices on exports of chicken meat to the EU. The EU lifted strict testing measures imposed in March, 2002, after nitrofurans were found in Thai food products. In June the EU found nitrofurans in Brazilian chicken, decreasing the competitiveness of Brazilian exports. The war in Iraq disrupted shipping in the area and transit times from Brazil to Japan increased to more than two and a half months, compared to the normal of one month. Shipments from Thailand take seven days to reach Japan.

Japan switched their forward buying from China to Thailand and Brazil. Most Thai packers reportedly have shipments to Japan fully booked through the end of the year. Export prices to Japan, Thailand's largest chicken market, rose 140 percent to \$3,000 per metric ton while prices to the EU were up 41 percent to \$2,400.

Sources: EU press release, USDA/FAS, various news services

Chicken Meat Exports of Thailand, in metric tons

	Jan-Jul	Jan-Jul*	Jan-Dec	Jan-Dec*
	2002	2003	2002	2003
Raw	193,130	218,007	336,837	350,000
Further	71,342	84,993	127,406	150,000
Total	264,472	303,000	464,243	500,000

*estimated

Source: Thai Broiler Processing Exporters Association

Thai Poultry Exports, fresh, chilled or frozen

HS Code 0207 FOB Value in USD

	Jul-02	Jul-03	Jan-Jul-02	Jan-Jul-03
Germany	6,601,991	9,014,604	41,043,975	91,240,860
Japan	25,853,500	37,211,252	282,011,668	170,538,688
Korea	2,681,282	3,260,876	23,641,571	25,559,899
Netherlands	4,449,382	1,953,626	26,218,332	19,295,401
Belgium	0	0	137,002	756,839
Switzerland	0	337,025	76,682	1,547,407
Total	46,423,536	59,067,760	422,157,718	351,805,743

Thai Poultry Exports, other prepared, preserved meat, offal

HS Code 1602.320 FOB Value in USD

	Jul-02	Jul-03	Jan-Jul-02	Jan-Jul-03
UK	9,143,892	9,758,902	57,165,071	73,545,461
Japan	10,800,861	14,841,624	62,924,209	78,899,339
Netherlands	3,394,140	6,602,128	29,388,453	31,800,850
Grand Total	28,185,038	35,677,495	177,006,161	229,167,432

Exchange rate on September 3 was about 1 USD = 40.6365 THB

Source: Thai Customs, Export Statistics

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

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

	Week Ending August 23, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	255	458	10,767	12,536
Frozen	0	0	96	21
Dried	28	18	370	542
Total	283	476	11,233	13,099

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

	Week Ending August 23, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	94	131	3,901	4,366
Frozen	53	39	2,037	2,356
Dried	0	120	904	3,480
Total	147	290	6,842	10,202

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

	Week Ending August 23, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
Jumbo	17	33	290	1,224
Extra Large	1,840	750	17,757	22,355
Large	4,070	1,858	70,125	90,614
Medium	1,140	1,163	41,723	34,224
Ungraded	8,630	2,310	76,776	189,965
Misc	800	90	6,282	12,792
Total	16,497	6,204	212,953	351,174

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 23-Aug-03

(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,256	1,538	2,794
LAST WEEK	1,225	1,483	2,708
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,779	1,650	3,429
TO-DATE/2003	51,944	47,098	99,042
TO-DATE/2002	60,042	46,838	106,880

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	151	7	158
LAST WEEK	127	0	127
SAME WEEK YR AGO	203	4	207
TO-DATE/2003	8,389	122	8,511
TO-DATE/2002	10,615	229	10,844

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	1,407	1,545	2,952
LAST WEEK	1,352	1,483	2,835
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,982	1,654	3,636
TO-DATE/2003	60,333	47,220	107,553
TO-DATE/2002	70,657	47,067	117,724

SOURCE: USDA/AMS PLTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET 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.

05-SEP-2003

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	18.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		18.00		

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00	-	40,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.00			
15-20%				
RANGE	16.50-21.50	10.75-17.00	2,326,400	924,800
WTD AVERAGE	19.13	13.83		
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.

05-SEP-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	14.50-21.00	15.75	1,176,000	824,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.29	15.75		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-17.00	11.00-16.00	2,442,000	312,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.32	12.56		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	42,000	-
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 5 SEPTEMBER 2003.

The trade sentiment was steady to firm on fresh white meat, steady to fully steady on frozen. Fresh white meat demand was fair to good, frozen light to fair. Offerings of fresh white meat ranged from short of buyers' needs to light. Frozen white meat offerings with -90 days age were generally light and held with confidence. Some buyers noted frozen scapula and breast trim supplies very spotty. The undertones on thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey was strong. However, some spot unsettledness was noted on frozen thigh meat. Trading continued to be active on fresh white meat and bulk parts for domestic shipments, exports were also active. For domestic (fresh): tom drums 30 (October -December shipments) wing meat 47, scapula 59, breast trim 83 cents delivered. For export: tom necks 17, frozen tom breast meat 133 cents delivered.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 05, 2003

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	32.25		32.25	156	32.35	396
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	31.50	208	30.50	260
TAILS		T	21.00	28	21.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	26.00		26.00	104	24.55	304
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	77.00-80.00		78.71	280	78.22	360

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 04, 2003

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	31.00-35.50		32.50	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	31.00-32.00		31.50	208
TAILS		T	21.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	23.00-24.50		23.80	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	78.00		78.00	40

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 03, 2003

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	32.00-33.00		32.33	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	25.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	26.50	52
TAILS		T	21.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	19.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	75.00		75.00	40

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 02, 2003

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	32.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	25.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.50		26.50	52
TAILS	21.00		21.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	19.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	73.00	80

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 01, 2003
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
NO EXPORT TRADING REPORTED

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.

WEEKLY INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS - U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE

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

Type	Week Ending August 30, 2003 (000)		Year-To-Date (000)	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	411	379	11,178	12,915
Frozen	0	0	96	21
Dried	0	1	370	543
Total	411	380	11,644	13,479

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

Type	Week Ending August 30, 2003 (000)		Year-To-Date (000)	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	118	202	4,019	4,568
Frozen	130	67	2,167	2,423
Dried	0	64	904	3,544
Total	248	333	7,090	10,535

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

	Week Ending August 30, 2003 (000)		Year-To-Date (000)	
	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
Jumbo	0	0	290	1,224
Extra Large	1,020	475	18,777	22,830
Large	3,100	4,629	73,225	95,243
Medium	2,250	1,201	43,973	35,425
Ungraded	8,600	6,660	85,376	196,625
Misc	6,000	120	12,282	12,912
Total	20,970	13,085	233,923	364,259

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.

WEEKLY U. S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION

Week ending 08/30/03

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,229	1,556	2,785
LAST WEEK	1,256	1,538	2,794
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,848	1,640	3,488
TO-DATE/2003	53,173	48,654	101,827
TO-DATE/2002	61,890	48,478	110,368

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	78	0	78
LAST WEEK	151	7	158
SAME WEEK YR AGO	271	0	271
TO-DATE/2003	8,467	122	8,589
TO-DATE/2002	10,886	229	11,115

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,307	1,556	2,863
LAST WEEK	1,407	1,545	2,952
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,119	1,640	3,759
TO-DATE/2003	61,640	48,776	110,416
TO-DATE/2002	72,776	48,707	121,483

SOURCE: USDA/AMS PLTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH