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European Community Program for Control of Salmonella

The EC has programs for the eradication and monitoring of certain animal diseases. These programs are financed under the Guarantee Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund.

On November 28, 2003 the Commission of the European Communities issued a Commission Decision which included the costs to control salmonella in breeding poultry. The programs presented for control of salmonella in breeding poultry were approved for calendar year 2004 for Austria, Denmark, France, Ireland, the Netherlands, Lithuania and Slovak.

Countries will be reimbursed 50 percent of the costs incurred by each country up to a maximum amount. The costs covered include destruction of incubated hatching eggs, breeding poultry and non-incubated hatching eggs. Breeding poultry and non-incubated hatching eggs may be sold if heat-treated and the difference in the value will be covered. The purchase of vaccines, with some limits and the cost of bacteriological tests performed as part of the official sampling, up to EUR 5 per test are covered.

Country	Maximum Contribution for Reimbursement
Austria	EUR 150,000
Denmark	EUR 260,000
France	EUR 700,000
Ireland	EUR 90,000
the Netherlands	EUR 400,000
*Lithuania	EUR 400,000
*Slovak Republic	EUR 400,000

Financial commitments under the 2004 budget can't be made before the accession of acceding countries.

*Lithuania and Slovak are acceding countries

Source: Official Journal of the European Union

Avian Influenza Update:

The virus has spread at an incredible rate over the course of the past month hitting about ten countries in East Asia and killing 8 humans and tens of millions of fowl. As of January 27, it has claimed South Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Taiwan, Cambodia, Pakistan, Indonesia, Thailand, China, and Laos. Numerous other countries in the area are at risk and are taking aggressive precautions such as Australia and Singapore.

The WHO, United Nation's FAO, and the OIE have been called in to help contain the spread. The virus, which has already surpassed its' 1997 vaccine, has officials worried it could mutate and spread from human to human before a new vaccine can be produced, which is expected in the next 4 to 6 months. A conference has been scheduled for Wednesday January 28 in Bangkok, Thailand to address the avian flu from a global approach. The following ASEAN countries: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, China, South Korea, and Hong Kong will be in attendance.

The U.S., the world's largest chicken exporter, has begun filling Asia's supply gap as it's exports have begun to rise. A year ago the U.S. is estimated to have exported \$2 billion worth of poultry and eggs, and stands to gain significantly this year in light of everything.

Source: Various News Wires

U.S. suppliers and products eligible under Iraq Oil-for-Food program

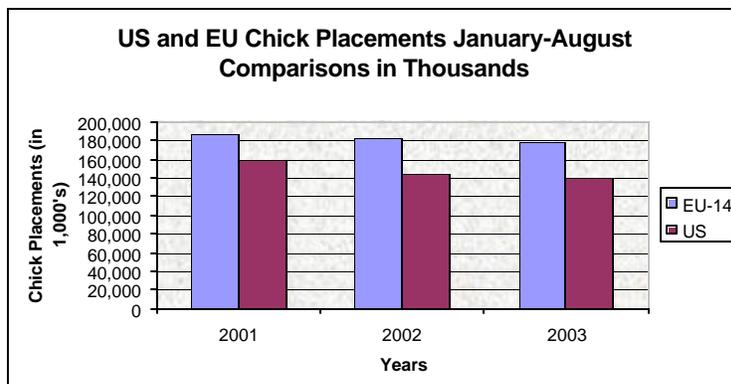
U.S. suppliers will be eligible to compete for new commodity contracts to feed Iraqi citizens under the Oil-for-Food Program.

In November, the Oil-for-Food Program was formally transferred from the United Nations to the Coalition Provisional Authority, which administers Iraq. The Coalition Provisional Authority requested that the World Food Program (WFP), the U.N.'s food aid agency, continue to manage the Oil-for-Food Program, under which food and humanitarian supplies are purchased, imported and distributed to Iraqi citizens.

Existing contracts developed before the war extend through June 2004, but WFP will soon issue new tenders to create a 60-day buffer stock of food. According to WFP, as much as \$600 million may be allocated for new purchases, which are expected to include wheat, pulses, rice, vegetable oil and other commodities.

U.S. suppliers who are registered with WFP as official suppliers for international tenders will be eligible to compete for these contracts. Suppliers who are not registered with WFP can get registration instructions by contacting the WFP Food Procurement Service by e-mail at procurement@wfp.org, or by telephone to Rome, Italy at +39-06-6513-2993 or +39-06-6513-2547.

Source: <http://www.fas.usda.gov/excredits/OilforFood121703.html>



Source: International Egg Commission

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

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

	Week Ending January 17, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
LIQUID	50	363	99	779
FROZEN	0	0	0	0
DRIED	0	44	*0*	*44*
TOTAL	50	407	99	823

Previous report year to date dried exports to Canada 2003 and 2004 were incorrect

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

	Week Ending January 17, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
LIQUID	36	143	119	221
FROZEN	3	41	3	89
DRIED	0	0	0	40
TOTAL	39	184	122	350

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

	Week Ending January 17, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
JUMBO	0	0	50	0
EXTRA LARGE	0	0	0	0
LARGE	0	0	2,093	905
MEDIUM	0	0	30	20
UNGRADED	0	0	0	1,470
MISC	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	2,173	2,395

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 17-Jan-04

(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,526	1,278	2,804
LAST WEEK	1,258	1,312	2,570
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,841	1,505	3,346
TO-DATE/2004	2,784	1,590	4,374
TO-DATE/2003	3,577	2,918	6,495

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	346	0	346
LAST WEEK	343	0	343
SAME WEEK YR AGO	350	8	358
TO-DATE/2004	689	0	689
TO-DATE/2003	775	15	790

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	1,872	1,278	3,150
LAST WEEK	1,601	1,312	2,913
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,191	1,513	3,704
TO-DATE/2004	3,473	1,590	5,063
TO-DATE/2003	4,352	2,933	7,285

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

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.

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.

23-JAN-2004

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	-	12.00-15.00	163,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		13.75		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-17.00	10.00-13.75	3,605,200	2,524,800
WTD AVERAGE	12.98	11.50		
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

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(Cents per Pound)

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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	15.50-16.00	15.00	1,346,000	884,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.70	15.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.00-19.00	12.50-15.50	1,870,000	494,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.95	13.29		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.00	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.00		

* 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 23 JANUARY 2004.

The undertone on tom breast meat was steady to barely steady on fresh and steady on frozen, balance of white meat was steady to fully steady. White meat demand was light to instances fair on tom breast meat, balance was mostly fair to good. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat were adequate to fully adequate, balance tight to adequate. The undertone on thigh meat was steady on fresh and barely steady at best on frozen. Demand on thigh meat was light to fair on fresh, frozen slow. Offerings mixed, but mostly adequate. the undertone on mechanically separated turkey was firm with offerings short of buyers' needs. Increased interest was noted on small tom full-cut wings due to some buyers looking for substitutes for hen wings. Trading light on all items.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2004

EXPORT TRADING

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00-40.00		39.61	132	39.16	420
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	35.00	40	35.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		W	25.00	28	25.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	22.00	40		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	76.00		76.00	160	76.80	200

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2004

EXPORT TRADING

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	38.00-39.00		38.67	156
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	35.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	25.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	22.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	80.00	40

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2004

EXPORT TRADING

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	39.30	132
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	35.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	25.00		25.00	28
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	22.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	80.00	40

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2004

EXPORT TRADING

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00-40.00		39.30	132
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	35.00		35.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	25.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	22.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	80.00		80.00	40

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2004

NO EXPORT TRADING REPORTED DUE TO OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR HOLIDAY

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.