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Mexico: Poultry producers could request a closing of the border

Poultry producers in Mexico warned that if the United States does not comply with opening the border to Mexican poultry exports, they will request that the Mexican government stop U.S. poultry imports. The President of the Poultry Producers Association (UNA), Cesar de Anda, protested against the U.S. government because it was agreed that they would allow Mexican imports of poultry cuts with aggregated value and processed eggs effective during the month of March. However, the opening of the border has not taken place. Therefore, UNA is considering hardening their position and could request the closing of the border to U.S. poultry imports. UNA indicated that the United States insisted on the opening of the Mexican border after the ban, and Mexico agreed to partially open the border, however, de Anda claimed that poultry producers have not been able to access the U.S. market in ten years. (Source: Reforma, 3/22/04)

Source: USDA/FAS Attache Report

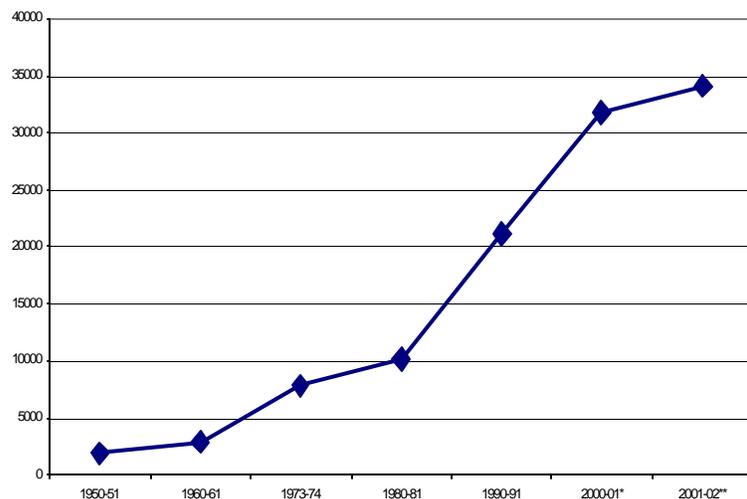
Egg Production and Consumption in India

India's population topped 1 billion in 2003 with a 1.47% projected growth rate. Estimated egg production for 2001-02 is 34.034 million pieces eggs and per capita availability has risen from 14 eggs in 1980 to 34 eggs in 2002. Since 1991, the annual growth rate for eggs in India has averaged over 4 percent after averaging 7.69 percent in the 1980's.

From 1995 to 2002, hen egg exports have increased from 2,635 MT in to 15,128 MT, liquid whole eggs and yolks grew from 44 MT to 12,426 MT, dried whole eggs and yolks climbed from 305 MT to 3,366 MT.

Source: Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, FAO, news sources

India: Hen Egg Production in million pieces



Source: Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture

Canada: Avian Influenza Update

On March 24 the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) announced it would depopulate all remaining flocks in the high risk area of Fraser Valley after avian influenza was detected in two more farms in the Fraser Valley area of British Columbia. About 275,000 birds will be destroyed. This area includes a turkey breeder and a chicken farm that supplies eggs to chicken producers.

Canada expanded its ring surveillance program to a 10 km radius. A Ministerial Order prohibiting movement of poultry and poultry products, except under permit, was put in place in a Control Area in British Columbia. A total of five outbreaks of avian influenza have occurred within a 5 kilometer radius around the first outbreak. This is the High Risk Area. Outside that is a 10 kilometer Surveillance Zone. The surrounding area, encompassing the Fraser Valley, is the Control Area.

Fraser Valley is a major poultry processing area and farmers are having to place product in cold storage. One company representative estimated 200 tons of chicken were going into freezers daily. In 2001 British Columbia had 18,820,347 hens and chickens; 13,972,170 broilers, roasters and Cornish hens; 1,436,793 pullets under 19 weeks, intended for laying; 3,411,384 laying hens, 19 weeks and over; 819,569 turkeys and 847,617 other poultry.

Canadian Exports in million U.S. dollars

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Poultry /1	40.9	49.7	61.1	65.8	68.3
Shell Eggs /4	17.2	13.9	13.7	17.9	17.0
Egg Products					
Dried White /2	8.6	6.6	6.3	7.2	9.7
Other Whites /3	0.9	1.3	0.8	1.3	1.3
Whole & Yolk /5	84.9	92.7	109.1	127.1	130.6

Japan and the EU have banned Canadian exports due to avian influenza. In 2003, Canada's dried albumin exports were valued at \$8,503,161 to Japan; whole egg and yolk products totaled \$7,245,794 to Japan, \$410,273 to Austria and \$84,737 to Germany; shell eggs were valued at \$8,042,983 to Germany and \$3,144,547 to Austria.

/1 HS 0207 meat & edible offal of domestic poultry

/2 HS 350211 - egg albumin - dried

/3 HS 350219 - egg albumin - other than dried

/4 HS 0407 - bird's eggs in shell - fresh, preserved or cooked

/5 HS 0408 birds eggs not in shell and egg yolks

Source: OIE, Statistics Canada, The Chicken Farmers of Canada, Canada Food Inspection Agency, various news wires

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

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

Type	Week Ending March 20, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
LIQUID	190	204	1,739	2,131
FROZEN	0	0	0	14
DRIED	53	0	154	135
TOTAL	243	204	1,893	2,280

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

Type	Week Ending March 20, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
LIQUID	0	72	1,072	1,381
FROZEN	0	44	200	967
DRIED	40	40	635	240
TOTAL	40	156	1,907	2,588

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

Type	Week Ending March 20, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
JUMBO	0	0	50	0
EXTRA LARGE	540	60	2,700	240
LARGE	1,160	360	11,053	5,593
MEDIUM	750	774	8,280	9,658
UNGRADED	1,500	0	14,988	1,470
MISC	0	390	0	1,782
TOTAL	3,950	1,584	37,071	18,743

/1Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.
Data Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 20-Mar-04
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,283	1,338	2,621
LAST WEEK	1,344	1,165	2,509
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,597	1,280	2,877
TO-DATE/2004	14,020	13,984	28,004
TO-DATE/2003	18,224	14,924	33,148

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	202	11	213
LAST WEEK	377	0	377
SAME WEEK YR AGO	139	0	139
TO-DATE/2004	2,573	40	2,613
TO-DATE/2003	3,483	49	3,532

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	1,485	1,349	2,834
LAST WEEK	1,721	1,165	2,886
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,736	1,280	3,016
TO-DATE/2004	16,593	14,024	30,617
TO-DATE/2003	21,707	14,973	36,680

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.

Mar 26, 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	18.00	13.00-15.00	162,400	20,400
WTD AVERAGE	18.00	13.50		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-17.00	12.00-15.00	1,923,600	1,212,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.97	14.20		
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.

Mar 26, 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	13.50-16.25	-	1,492,000	1,092,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.43			
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-19.00	12.50-16.00	2,136,800	936,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.22	13.64		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.00	120,000	-
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 26 MARCH 2004.

The market on fresh tom breast meat continued mostly steady, wing meat with skin steady to fully steady, balance of white meat steady to firm. Demand on tom breast meat light, balance of white meat light to fair. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat ranged light to adequate, wing meat with skin light with some noting offerings not as tight as previous weeks', balance of white meat spotty. Trade sentiment on tom drums was steady to weak, however, some sellers were noting increased activity at the lower trending price levels. The market tone on tom necks was barely steady at best, tom full-cut wings steady and tom 2-joint wings steady to instances weak. Domestic trading centered on a heavy volume of fresh mechanically separated turkey and on a fair volume of fresh tom breast meat. Export trading was heavy on tom drums, balance light. Export inquiry was noted from Mexico and the Middle East. For domestic: fresh scapula 101, livers 20.50 pet foods frozen -20% MST -60 days age 25 cents delivered. Fresh MST traded at 37.50 cents delivered export.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	36.50		36.50	600	36.50	600
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	30.00	40	30.00	40
TAILS		W	34.00	20	34.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	88.50-91.00		89.83	120	89.25	1,130

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	49.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.00		30.00	40
TAILS		W	34.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	81.00-91.00		84.73	170

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	49.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	34.00		34.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	87.00-90.00		88.90	328

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	49.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	33.00	446
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	89.00-92.00	T	32.50	40
			90.92	472

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2004**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	49.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		R	33.00	446
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	90.00	T	32.50	40
			90.00	

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.