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## Early Cage Ban in Austria

On May 28, 2004, Austrian lawmakers approved one of Europe's toughest laws on animal welfare. The law was enacted by a unanimous vote in parliament and only needed the president's signature. The pending law takes effect in January 2005 and will be phased in over several years. An ombudsman for animal welfare will be designated in each province and inspectors will make random checks to insure that the law is implemented properly.

One provision bans the widespread practice of confining chickens to conventional cages. Battery cages will not be permitted after the end of 2008, three years before the EU ban takes effect. As of January 2020, only free range chickens may be raised in Austria. Imports of caged chickens are not prohibited.

Supermarket demand is heavily biased towards non-cage eggs as currently 65% of retail egg sales are for free-range or barn eggs. This figure is expected to rise to as high as 80% in the next 2 years. The net result of this ban is that retailers who continue to require cage eggs are likely to turn to imported eggs.

The Austrian Farm Federation opposed the law, citing the increased costs. The action could lead to more to imported eggs, and some Austrian cage producers may be tempted to move production out of Austria to neighboring countries such as the Czech Republic. Five of Austria's nine provinces had already banned cages a few years ago, limiting the impact of the new law.

The move implements European Union Directive 1999/74/EC laying down minimum standards for the protection of laying hens, bringing forward the EU deadline from 2012. Current EU law requires that all caged laying hens have at least 111 square inches of space after the year 2012.

In October 2001, the German government passed a law which states that conventional cages will be prohibited from January 1, 2007 and enriched cages will be prohibited as of January 1, 2012. The new guideline was certified by the EU commission in March 2002 and became effective in Germany on March 13, 2002.

Source: EU Commission, news wires

### Canadian Chicken Imports in metric tons by Country

Jan 01/2004 - May 29/2004					
2004	USA	Brazil	Thailand	Others	Total
Jan-May	34,528	3,526	77	20	38,151
Jan 01/2003 - Dec 31/2003					
2003	USA	Brazil	Thailand	Others	Total
Jan-Dec	89,806	3,208	906	162	94,082

Source: Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

## Japan Partially Lifts Import Ban on U.S. Poultry

On June 9, 2004 Japan revised the ban on imports on all U.S. live poultry and poultry products and instead will limit the ban to product from the States of Connecticut, Rhode Island, Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland and Texas.

The original ban was imposed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF) on February 7, 2004, after low path avian influenza was detected in Delaware. MAFF included Connecticut and Rhode Island at that time. On February 24, 2004 high path avian influenza was confirmed in Texas and MAFF suspended the import of all U.S. poultry and products. Japanese authorities indicate they have not seen proof that avian influenza is under control in those states.

The U.S. is the fourth largest poultry exporter to Japan, after Thailand, Brazil and China. Japan only accepts heated poultry products from Thailand and China after outbreaks of high path avian influenza in those countries.

Source: MAFF, news wires

### Japan: Imports, Frozen Broilers in metric tons

2003	U.S.	China	Brazil	Thailand	Total
January	4,555	9,529	18,014	14,602	46,700
February	2,959	7,566	9,444	12,969	32,938
March	3,036	9,633	9,754	13,539	35,962
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,550</b>	<b>26,728</b>	<b>37,212</b>	<b>41,110</b>	<b>115,600</b>
2004	U.S.	China	Brazil	Thailand	Total
January	1,674	6,658	11,075	12,190	31,597
February	331	935	16,155	0	17,421
March	2,453	0	28,995	0	31,448
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,458</b>	<b>7,593</b>	<b>56,225</b>	<b>12,190</b>	<b>80,466</b>

Source: ALIC Monthly statistics

### Canadian Chicken Imports in metric tons

	May 2004	May 2003	Jan-May 2004	Jan-May 2003
Live (Evis. Wt.)	37	0	58	0
Whole Carcass	1,203	26	1,230	168
Parts	4,238	5,921	23,911	22,053
Cooked	858	1,142	4,661	5,237
Others	432	1,159	1,654	3,769
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,773</b>	<b>2,356</b>	<b>8,892</b>	<b>9,345</b>

Source: Canadian Food Inspection Agency

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

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

Week Ending June 05, 2004		Year-To-Date		
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
Liquid	360	407	4,048	6,246
Frozen	0	0	11	63
Dried	0	14	278	231
Total	360	421	4,337	6,540

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

Week Ending June 05, 2004		Year-To-Date		
Type	2004	2003 /1	2004	2003
Liquid	283	150	2,295	2,318
Frozen	0	43	639	1,443
Dried	0	0	1,259	640
Total	283	193	4,193	4,401

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

Week Ending June 05, 2004		Year-To-Date		
2004	2003 /1	2004	2003	
Jumbo	17	0	180	211
Extra Large	780	1,190	12,617	7,690
Large	6,988	5,513	39,511	35,779
Medium	450	1,500	28,140	25,222
Ungraded	8,532	3,720	128,914	25,206
Misc	0	0	12,044	3,432
Total	16,767	11,923	221,406	97,540

Data Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.  
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.

June 10, 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	-	15.00-17.00	163,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.75-18.00	11.50-16.00	3,574,400	2,024,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.88	13.93		
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

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 05-June-04  
(PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,112	1,261	2,373
LAST WEEK	1,403	1,382	2,785
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,569	1,465	3,034
TO-DATE/2004	28,782	28,181	56,963
TO-DATE/2003	37,078	29,391	66,469

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	256	0	256
LAST WEEK	169	8	177
SAME WEEK YR AGO	60	6	66
TO-DATE/2004	5,278	69	5,347
TO-DATE/2003	5,424	70	5,494
TO-DATE/2003	5,364	64	5,428

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	1,368	1,261	2,629
LAST WEEK	1,572	1,390	2,962
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,629	1,471	3,100
TO-DATE/2004	34,060	28,250	62,310
TO-DATE/2003	42,502	29,461	71,963

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

**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.

June 10, 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	15.50-16.00	16.00-20.00	1,680,000	572,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.79	18.41		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-19.00	12.75-17.50	2,298,800	1,258,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.28	15.99		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

\* 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 JUNE 10, 2004.**

The market tone on fresh and frozen tom breast meat was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate for the light to adequate offerings. The market on destrapped tenderloins was steady to barely steady. Wing meat with skin was mostly steady on fresh and steady to instances weak on frozen. The scapula market tone was steady to barely steady with fresh sales 100 cents to 105 cents. Also, fresh breasts sales of 12-14 lbs. and 14-16 lbs. 105 cents West and 16-18 lbs. 110 cents West and 115 East. The thigh meat market was steady to barely steady. Trading was slow with most interest for domestic usage. Export trading centered on a heavy volume of mechanically separated turkey, balance of export light. Fresh wing meat 107 cents.

FRIDAY JUNE 11, 2004

**NO EXPORT TRADING REPORTED DUE TO THE CLOSURE OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES BY EXECUTIVE ORDER AS A MARK OF RESPECT TO FORMER PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN.**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2004**

**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	32.00-33.00		32.20	100	33.00	300
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	40.00	40	40.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	35.50		35.50	40	35.17	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	31.00	200		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.50		66.50	216	66.94	712

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 09, 2004**

**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	32.00		32.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	40.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		M	35.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	31.00	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00-67.50		65.88	352

**TUESDAY, JUNE 08, 2004**

**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	32.00-34.00		33.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	40.00		40.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		M	35.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	31.00	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	70.22	144

**MONDAY, JUNE 07, 2004**

**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	36.00		36.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	35.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	35.00		35.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	31.00	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	68.00-76.00		70.22	144

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.