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## Avian Influenza in Japan

Japan reeled from several new outbreaks of avian influenza. In late February a large number of chickens began dying at a farm owned by Asada Nosan Co, a poultry-processing firm. Even with the death of about 67,000 chickens, the outbreak was not reported to the local veterinary authorities for a week. The farm, located in the western prefecture of Kyoto, sold about 15,000 live chickens and shipped around 900,000 eggs even though more than 1,000 chickens were dying daily. By the time authorities were notified by an anonymous caller, it was too late to contain the disease in its early stages. Poultry and eggs from the flock had reached possibly 15 prefectures, sparking confusion among processing companies, wholesalers and consumers.

Fears grew that the outbreak was spreading after two dead crows found near Asada's farm tested positive for the H5 strain of the avian influenza. Another case of avian influenza was confirmed in a small broiler flock at a farm five kilometers from the Asada Nosan farm and a possible outbreak was suspected on a farm in Shimane prefecture after 74 young chickens out of a flock 420 died during February 29 - March 3.

In reaction to the spreading outbreak, poultry farms within a 30-kilometer radius were banned from moving any poultry products. An army taskforce went to help disinfect chicken farms, people and vehicles entering and leaving the cordoned-off area. The area encompasses parts of Kyoto, Hyogo and Osaka prefectures and contains 82 poultry farms. According to officials, during the period of February 27 to March 6, the stockpile of eggs totaled about 9 million and was growing at the rate of 1 million per day.

Japan's first case of avian influenza H5N1 occurred in early January in one layer flock in the southwestern prefecture of Yamaguchi. The second case occurred in February, when a hobby flock in Oita Prefecture tested positive for H5N1. The second flock was on an island across a narrow body of water from the first outbreak. Authorities were successful in controlling both outbreaks.

Source: FAO Update on Avian Influenza situation, multiple news wires

## FSIS Library of Export Requirements – Japan

Poultry and poultry products in hermetically sealed containers processed to 100 degrees C are eligible for export to Japan.

Japan will accept poultry and poultry products slaughtered on or before January 25, 2004, and shipped before February 7, 2004 (Bill of Lading date), if the product meets certain conditions.

Japan will accept egg products produced on or before January 25, 2004 and shipped before February 7, 2004 (Bill of Lading date), with certain restrictions.

Go to [www.fsis.usda.gov/OFO/export/exlib.htm](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OFO/export/exlib.htm) for full details.

## Mexico Partially Lifts Ban

Mexico said it would partially lift its ban on imports of U.S. poultry. The ban was imposed two weeks earlier after highly pathogenic avian influenza was discovered in a small flock in Texas. Mexico will allow imports of mechanically deboned chicken and turkey parts and deboned turkey thigh meat. A ban continues on all poultry products from states where avian influenza has been detected.

Source: multiple news wires

## Thailand Resumes Some Exports to Japan

On Monday, March 8, Japan announced it will resume imports of processed chicken items from 22 factories in Thailand. The plants had passed inspections by Japanese health officials. Products made in Thailand represent about 30 percent of Japan's imported processed chicken. Stocks of Charon Pokphand Foods and GFPT were higher on March 8 following Japan's resumption of cooked chicken imports from Thailand.

Thailand declared the country free of avian influenza on Monday, March 8 and announced that farmers will resume breeding chickens in April. Thailand said no areas of the country have had an active case of avian influenza since February 25. OIE, the World Organization of Animal Health, allows the breeding of new chicken stocks three weeks after no new cases have been found.

Source: OIE, news wires

## Poultry Export Statistics for Thailand

HS Code	Item	January 2003		January 2004	
		MT	000\$	MT	000\$
<b>Chicken</b>					
0207120	Whole, frozen	2	5	-	-
*0207130	Cuts, offal fr/ch	1.7	0.8	5	12
0207140	Cuts, offal frozen	31,274	44,607	19,405	32,026
1602320	Prepared/ preserved	11,511	36,523	8,386	25,766
<b>Turkey</b>					
0207270	Cuts, offal frozen	1.8	12	-	-
<b>Ducks, geese, guinea fowl</b>					
0207330	Whole, frozen	37	107	7,798	26
*0207340	Fatty livers, fr/ch	11	34	57	39
0207360	Other, frozen	2,115	3,662	57	1,739
1602390	Prepared/preserved	2,343	8,708	1,995	7,644

\*fresh/chilled

March 3, 2004 1THB = \$0.0253769

Source: Thai Customs

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

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

	Week Ending February 28, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
LIQUID	241	104	1,071	1,670
FROZEN	0	0	0	0
DRIED	48	0	97	84
TOTAL	289	104	1,168	1,754

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

	Week Ending February 28, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
LIQUID	118	108	851	1,217
FROZEN	8	116	158	532
DRIED	0	0	515	160
TOTAL	126	224	1,524	1,909

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

	Week Ending February 28, 2004		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
JUMBO	0	0	50	0
EXTRA LARGE	180	0	960	150
LARGE	800	750	7,593	4,723
MEDIUM	2,250	0	5,280	4,174
UNGRADED	1,632	0	11,280	1,470
MISC	0	0	0	12
TOTAL	4,862	750	25,163	10,529

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.

**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.

<b>CHICKEN</b>	Mar 05, 2004			
	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			
<b>FAT CONTENT</b>	<b>FROZEN</b>	<b>FRESH</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>EXPORT</b>
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

<b>CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED</b>	PRICES				VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)					
<b>FAT CONTENT</b>	<b>FROZEN</b>	<b>FRESH</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>EXPORT</b>		
15% OR LESS						
RANGE	-	13.00-15.00	213,800	-		
WTD AVERAGE		14.05				
15-20%						
RANGE	13.50-13.75	11.00-13.50	1,157,200	240,000		
WTD AVERAGE	13.71	12.01				
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 28-Feb-04 (PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,139	1,252	2,391
LAST WEEK	1,291	1,314	2,605
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,686	1,296	2,982
TO-DATE/2004	10,264	10,231	20,495
TO-DATE/2003	13,604	11,033	24,637

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	95	0	95
LAST WEEK	229	3	232
SAME WEEK YR AGO	240	0	240
TO-DATE/2004	1,916	29	1,945
TO-DATE/2003	2,933	46	2,979

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	1,234	1,252	2,486
LAST WEEK	1,520	1,317	2,837
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,926	1,296	3,222
TO-DATE/2004	12,180	10,260	22,440
TO-DATE/2003	16,537	11,079	27,616

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.

<b>CHICKEN</b>	Mar 05, 2004			
	PRICES		VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)			
<b>FAT CONTENT</b>	<b>FROZEN</b>	<b>FRESH</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>EXPORT</b>
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

<b>CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED</b>	PRICES				VOLUME	
	(Cents per Pound)					
<b>FAT CONTENT</b>	<b>FROZEN</b>	<b>FRESH</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>EXPORT</b>		
15% OR LESS						
RANGE	13.50-16.00	15.00	960,000	520,000		
WTD AVERAGE	14.91	15.00				
15-20%						
RANGE	15.50-20.00	12.50-13.00	1,740,000	780,000		
WTD AVERAGE	18.17	12.58				
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 5 MARCH 2004.**

The market on white meat continued steady to firm. Demand fair to good with offerings held with confidence. The undertone on hen bulk parts was mostly steady for the light to fair demand. Offerings were spotty. The trade sentiment on tom drums was steady to barely steady, however, some cautious optimism was noted by sellers while they continued to watch developments in Mexico. Some spot premiums were paid on tom drums due to size considerations. The trade sentiment on tom 2-joint wings was steady to barely steady, balance of tom bulk parts steady to instances firm. Tom bulk parts demand was fair to good with necks the most active. Offerings of bulk parts uneven. The thigh meat undertone was steady to barely steady for the light to fair demand. Offerings were held with varied degrees of confidence as processors continued to watch the export markets. Domestic trading active, exports slow. Tom defatted gizzards traded at 65 and plant grade basted 20-22 lb. breasts traded at 115 cents delivered.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 05, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS						
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	27.00	40		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	87.00	52		

**THURSDAY, MARCH 04, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS				
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	27.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	87.00	52

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 03, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS				
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	27.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	87.00	52

**TUESDAY, MARCH 02, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS				
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	27.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	87.00	52

**MONDAY, MARCH 01, 2004****EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS				
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	35.60	200
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		F	27.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	87.00	52

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.