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Avian Influenza and Foot and Mouth Disease in China

China reported an outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N1) in migratory waterfowl in Qinghai province (in the central part of the country) on May 21, 2005. Foot and mouth disease (FMD) was reported in the eastern provinces of Jiangsu and Shandong on May 13, 2005 and on May 26 China reported additional cases of FMD in Beijing municipality, Hebei province and Xinjiang Autonomous Region (far western part of the country). Over 1,00 cattle and about 2,464 cows have been destroyed.

After the waterfowl tested positive for H5N1, China ordered emergency measures to prevent an outbreak of avian influenza in Qinghai province. Over 1,000 migratory birds were found dead, including the bar-headed goose, two types of gulls, ruddy shelduck and great cormorant.

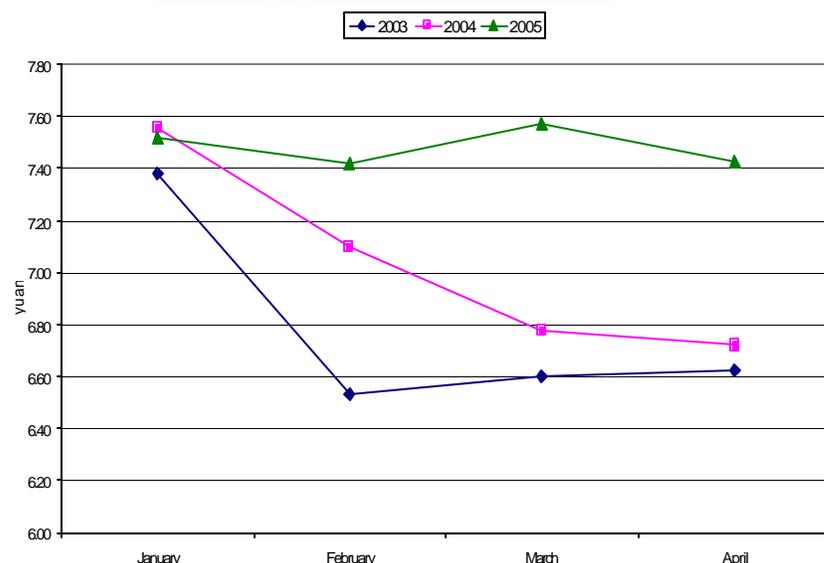
There are three major migrating routes for birds in China and the recent outbreak occurred in the western route. The western route runs from the northern part of the Indian Peninsula, then over Tibet and the Himalayas to Qinghai province.

China quickly closed nature reserves, prohibited people from entering the habitats of migratory birds, and told the public to avoid contact with poultry. Three million doses of vaccine were rushed to the area to inoculate the domestic poultry in the Qinghai province and quarantine measures were imposed in the area where the birds were found.

China's last reported outbreak of avian influenza in poultry was reported to the OIE in June 2004. Chinese authorities estimate the current outbreak occurred April 15, 2005 in the Qinghai Lake Nature Reserve. Located in the Tibetan highlands at 10,515 feet above sea level, Qinghai Lake is China's largest saltwater lake and the migratory birds are a major tourist attraction.

Source: OIE, CIA Factbook, news wires

China: Beijing Market Price, Live Chicken



Source: China Ministry of Agriculture

International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM)

Full enforcement of ISPM-15, Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade, is scheduled to go into effect on September 16, 2005 for Mexico, the United States, and Canada. These three countries are members of the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO), which is a regional organization of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC). The IPPC is an international treaty, signed by 134 countries, to protect plant health.

The purpose of the IPPC is to prevent the introduction and spread of pests (including diseases) of plants and plant products, and to promote appropriate measures for their control. ISPM-15 guidelines, approved March 15, 2002, standardize phytosanitary requirements for the importation of wooden packaging materials that is made from coniferous and non-coniferous raw wood. Processed wood packaging material does not need additional treatment. Regulated articles must be marked with an internationally recognized official stamp or brand. The two permissible treatments are heat treatment with a time-temperature schedule or methyl bromide fumigation.

A study by USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) stated the in the U.S. normal pallet prices vary by region from \$7.00 to \$8.00. Pallet treatment costs for firms using methyl bromide without gas recapture is estimated to cost between \$1.79 and \$2.70 per pallet. In California and parts of Texas where gas recapture is required, the cost of methyl bromide treatment could be 30 to 50 percent higher. The cost of kiln-drying can range from about \$2.50 to \$5.00 per pallet.

Eight countries have implemented ISPM No. 15 and seven countries are scheduled to implement the guidelines between June 1 and September 16, 2005.

Source: USDA/APHIS, UN Food and Agriculture Organization, North American Plant Protection Organization, USDA/FAS

U.S. Poultry Exports to China

HS codes 0207, 1601, 1602

	Jan-Dec			Jan - Mar	
	2002	2003	2004	2004	2005
Volume in MT	86,871	136,471	19,339	14,303	16,730
Value in \$1000	42,621	72,254	12,292	9,151	10,468

Source; Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics, BICO Export Commodity Aggregations

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending May 21, 2005	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	207	378	4,726	3,687
Frozen	0	0	21	0
Dried	0	0	107	271
Total	207	378	4,854	3,958

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

Week Ending May 21, 2005	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Liquid	47	354	2,461	1,906
Frozen	0	14	327	762
Dried	0	40	340	1,329
Total	47	408	3,128	3,997

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

Week Ending May 21, 2005	Year-To-Date			
TYPE	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
Jumbo	0	30	33	143
Extra Large	940	5,820	26,090	28,505
Large	3,346	10,020	65,164	62,303
Medium	4,560	2,136	29,460	28,746
Ungraded	2,330	12,537	43,960	109,372
Misc	0	2,430	4,723	12,920
Total	11,176	32,973	169,430	241,989

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

W/E 21-May-05 (PRELIMINARY)

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	1,709	1,540	3,249
Last Week	1,528	1,462	2,990
Same week yr ago	1,742	1,365	3,107
To-date/2005	30,936	27,213	58,149
To-date/2004	26,267	25,538	51,805

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	370	0	370
Last Week	300	0	300
Same week yr ago	334	0	334
To-date/2005	5,830	26	5,856
To-date/2004	5,001	60	5,061

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Total U.S. Fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	2,079	1,540	3,619
Last Week	1,828	1,462	3,290
Same week yr ago	2,076	1,365	3,441
To-date/2005	36,766	27,239	64,005
To-date/2004	31,268	25,598	56,866

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.

May 27, 2005

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED

FAT CONTENT	---- PRICES ----		---- VOLUME ----	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	26.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		26.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	25.00-29.00	18.00-25.00	1,371,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	26.07	21.21		
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.

May 27, 2005

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED

FAT CONTENT	---- PRICES ----		---- VOLUME ----	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.50	24.00-26.00	512,000	312,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.50	25.20		
15-20%				
RANGE	21.00-29.00	14.00-26.00	1,780,000	940,000
WTD AVERAGE	24.18	19.14		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	19.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		19.00		

* 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 27 MAY 2005.

The market tone on tom drums was steady to instances firm, balance of tom bulk parts mostly steady. Demand on tom drums moderate to good into domestic and export channels, balance light to moderate. Offerings of tom drums short to light, tom necks light but becoming more available and tom wings adequate to fully adequate. Trading was active on fresh tom drums at 43 cents delivered for June export shipments, open priced fresh thigh meat for June export deliveries and on frozen thigh meat for export at lower trending prices, balance slow. Domestic trading was active on tom full-cut wings, balance slow. For domestic: frozen 91% lean 40 lb. bulk ground turkey 53, fresh wing meat 95, fresh scapula 116, Grade A basted 12-14 lb. breasts 135, plant grade basted 20-22 lb breasts 142 cents delivered. For export: fresh -20% mechanically separated turkey (distress sale) 45, tom hand defatted gizzards 47, fresh thigh meat 80-83 mostly 80 cents delivered export.

<u>EXPORT TRADING</u>	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2005	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)	PRICE	(000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	44.00	80	44.48	412
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	24.00		24.00	104	24.36	412
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		R	25.00	40	26.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	73.50-79.00		77.65	300	78.57	1315

<u>EXPORT TRADING</u>	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME
THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2005	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	44.00		44.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.50-26.50		24.73	204
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	25.00		25.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	75.00-81.50		77.88	531

<u>EXPORT TRADING</u>	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2005	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	45.26	92
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	24.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	27.00		27.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	79.00		79.00	104

<u>EXPORT TRADING</u>	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2005	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	43.00-47.00		45.26	92
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	24.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	79.50-81.50		80.17	156

<u>EXPORT TRADING</u>	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2005	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	44.00-45.00		44.33	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	24.00		24.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	49.40	780
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	78.00-82.00		80.14	224

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.