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Argentina's Poultry Industry

Argentina's 2004 exports of poultry and poultry products increased 47 percent in volume and 58 percent in value when compared to 2003. January - June 2005 chicken meat exports rose 61 percent in volume and 68 percent in value, when compared to the same period in 2004.

Poultry Exports: Chicken and Turkey, Whole, Parts, and By-products

	Tons	US\$	US\$/Ton
2003	60,624	49,067,000	809
2004	89,202	77,676,000	871
Pct change	+47	+58	+8

Exports: Eggs and Egg Products

	2003		2004		2005*	
	Tons	US\$	Tons	US\$	Tons	US\$
Whole	392	1,415	817	2,748	1,394	3,517
Albumin	193	639	569	1,988	496	1,933
Yolk	249	853	843	2,237	433	1,062

*Jan-Jun

Exports: Chicken Meat (whole and cuts) January - June Comparisons

	Tons	US\$	US\$/Ton
2004	18,801	21,618,000	1,150
2005	30,300	36,419,000	1,202
Pct change	+61	+68	+5

In 2004, the presidents of China and Argentina signed agreements dealing with investment and agriculture, among other things. China indicated it would invest \$20 billion in Argentina over the next 10 years. China also signed meat quarantine protocols with Argentina. China's Animal Quarantine Inspection Service (AQSIQ) recently completed a round of plant inspections and approved 11 poultry plants to begin shipments to China. These plants can now export poultry meat for direct retail sales.

Chicken Exports in Metric Tons to Select Countries and Annual Total (Whole, Parts, By-Products)

	2003	2004	Change
China	10,935	18,734	+71%
Chile	16,622	29,941	+80%
Hong Kong	3,424	671	-80%
Germany	6,187	6,539	+6%
Others	23,453	33,315	+42%
Total	60,622	89,201	+47%

In 2004, after China banned poultry from Thailand, the U.S. and Canada due to outbreaks of AI, Argentine chicken exports (whole, parts, by-products) to China grew by 71 percent to 18,734 MT. Argentina's share of broiler exports to China went from 1 percent for the first 11 months of 2003, to 25.8 percent for the same period in 2004.

This year inflation could surge above 10 percent for the first time in two years. This March the government signed pacts with supermarkets and producers to control prices for 90 days. Poultry companies agreed to cap the price of eviscerated chicken at 2.70 pesos per kilogram at wholesale, which would result in a maximum consumer price of 3.80 pesos/kg. In July the poultry industry agreed to another 90 day wholesale price cap at 2.70 peso/kg and the government requested supermarket owners maintain price levels and resist raising prices.

Source: Argentina Secretario de Agricultura, Granaderia, Pesca y Alimentos; USDA/FAS; [www.sagpya.gov ar](http://www.sagpya.gov.ar), news wires

Avian Influenza in Russia

Russia's Ministry of Agriculture and Food reported outbreaks of avian influenza in private farms in the districts of Kupino, Dovolnoye and Chistoozernoye in the west Siberian province of Novosibirsk had been confirmed on July 23, 2005. The first signs of a poultry disease were when large numbers of geese, chickens, ducks and turkeys began dying. Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, H5N1, is suspected.

Russia tightened the sanitary and epidemiological control of poultry farms in the region and the regional governor imposed a quarantine in four western districts on July 29. On August 1, Valeriy Mikheyev, the region's chief public health official, said all poultry in the 13 populated areas in the west of the region will be slaughtered beginning August 2. A ban was imposed on the transportation of birds, bird products and feed for domestic birds out of the affected districts. Up to 50 percent of poultry supplies are exported from Eastern Siberia. The additional sanitary controls are expected to increase prices more than 10 percent.

Russia has monitored flu virus in migrating birds for the last four years. Isolated of avian influenza virus subtypes H1, H3, H4, H5 and H8 have been obtained from previous samples. This is the first outbreak of H5N1 in poultry.

Source: Office International des Epizooties (OIE) and news wires.

Japan: Frozen Egg Imports (in metric tons)

	Frozen Whole Eggs	Frozen Yolks	Frozen Albumen	Total
2004				
February	154.3	490.4	0.0	644.7
March	211.3	524.2	2.0	737.5
April	202.6	233.2	0.0	435.8
YTD	858.6	2,516.6	2.0	3,377.2
2005				
February	359.6	1,928.3	0.0	2,287.9
March	758.0	1,608.7	127.2	2,493.9
April	520.0	1,722.4	217.7	2,460.1
YTD	1,920.8	7,175.7	334.9	9,441.4

Source: Ministry of Finance "Japan Exports and Imports" ALIC

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

U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

W/E 23-Jul-05 (PRELIMINARY)

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

Week Ending July 23, 2005	Year-To-Date			
	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
TYPE				
Liquid	387	405	10,155	7,745
Frozen	21	0	113	11
Dried	70	0	394	427
Total	478	405	10,662	8,183

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

Week Ending July 23, 2005	Year-To-Date			
	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
TYPE				
Liquid	77	360	4,153	4,418
Frozen	40	30	610	1,078
Dried	0	40	346	1,687
Total	117	430	5,109	7,183

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

Week Ending July 23, 2005	Year-To-Date			
	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
TYPE				
Jumbo	0	0	116	254
Extra Large	1,100	6,600	130,369	88,826
Large	3,710	14,240	216,917	206,231
Medium	2,580	6,135	58,430	67,977
Ungraded	0	3,936	61,948	174,186
Misc	0	780	7,753	16,010
Total	7,390	31,691	475,533	553,484

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. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,442	1,558	3,000
Last Week	1,431	1,543	2,974
Same week yr ago	1,438	1,484	2,922
To-date/2005	44,579	40,270	84,849
To-date/2004	39,110	37,899	77,009

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	308	0	308
Last Week	191	0	191
Same week yr ago	336	0	336
To-date/2005	7,906	33	7,939
To-date/2004	7,147	90	7,237

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	1,750	1,558	3,308
Last Week	1,622	1,543	3,165
Same week yr ago	1,774	1,484	3,258
To-date/2005	52,485	40,303	92,788
To-date/2004	46,257	37,989	84,246

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.

Jul 29, 2005

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED

FAT CONTENT	--- PRICES ---		---- VOLUME ----	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	26.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		26.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	21.00-21.25	15.00-26.00	1,530,000	244,800
WTD AVERAGE	21.21	19.13		
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.

Jul 29, 2005

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED

FAT CONTENT	--- PRICES ---		---- VOLUME ----	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.50	21.00-26.00	581,000	260,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.50	23.13		
15-20%				
RANGE	18.75-27.00	17.00-23.00	1,760,000	1,040,000
WTD AVERAGE	20.76	20.17		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00-19.00	60,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.67		

* 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 29 JULY 2005.

The market tone on tom drums was barely steady to instances fully steady with some able to get premiums while others struggle to maintain a steady market. The market tone on tom wings and necks steady to instances firm with tom full-cut wing offerings not as tight as previous weeks, balance short to light. Demand light to mostly moderate. The market tone on tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins and breast trim steady to instances firm; breast trim fully steady to firm and frozen wing meat with skin steady to barely steady. Demand light on frozen wing meat with skin, balance of white meat moderate to good. Offerings of frozen wing meat with skin adequate to fully adequate, balance of white meat short to light and generally held with confidence. Inquiry was noted for WOGs. Domestic trading was active on fresh tom breast meat, balance slow to moderate. Open priced export trading was active on frozen mechanically separated turkey -20% with 19 cent floors and 29 cent ceilings and also on frozen thigh meat 84 cent floors and 96 cent ceilings for current through early October shipments, moderate on open priced fresh tom drums and thigh meat with no floors or ceilings for August shipments. Firm priced export trading was active on fresh tom drums and on frozen thigh meat, balance slow. For domestic: livers 23 delivered pet foods, fresh tom wings 35, fresh wing meat with skin 79-82, Grade a basted 8-10 lb. breasts 115, Grade A non-basted 12-14 lb breasts 144 and basted 145, plant grade basted 20-24 lb. breasts 142, fresh breast trim 160-165 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums 48, fries -1 year age 183 cents delivered.

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2005	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)	PRICE	(000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00-53.00		51.50	80	49.50	400
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	31.00	312	31.00	312
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	84.00-86.50	W	26.00 85.35	104 520	26.00 85.60	104 840
EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME		
THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2005	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	49.00		49.00	200		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	31.00		31.00	312		
TAILS		R	25.00	80		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	86.00	W	26.00 86.00	104 280		
EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME		
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2005	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	49.00	120		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	30.50	624		
TAILS		R	25.00	80		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	26.00	T	26.00 86.00	104 40		
EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME		
TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2005	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	49.00		49.00	120		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	30.50	624		
TAILS		R	25.00	80		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	86.00	W	26.00 86.00	160 40		
EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME		
MONDAY, JULY 25, 2005	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	50.00	120		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	31.12	185		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	30.50	624		
TAILS		R	25.00	80		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	26.00 84.65	160 308		

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.