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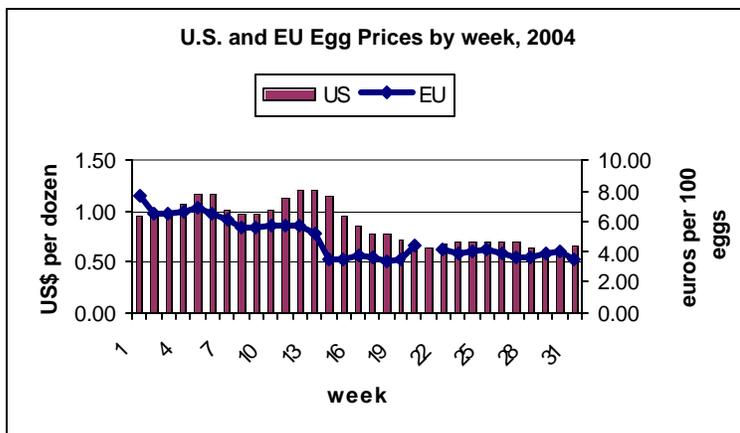
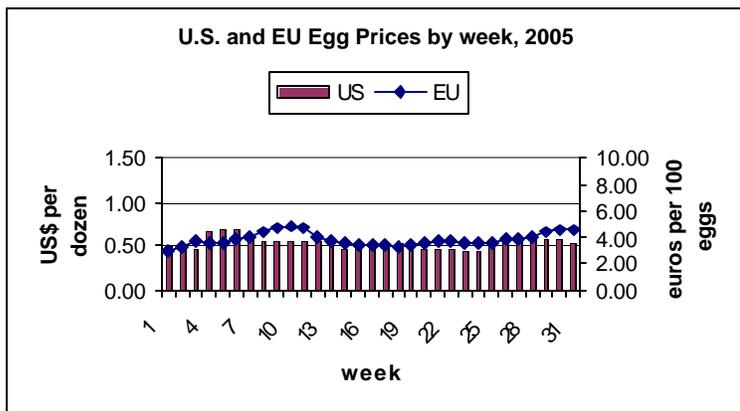
Market News Branch

U.S. Egg and Egg Products

U.S. shell egg prices in 2005 are sharply lower compared to 2004. Cartoned large eggs in the Northeast were 96 cents per dozen in early January 2004 and rose to 122 cents by late March, before declining to 64 cents in late May. By comparison, in 2005 cartoned large eggs in the Northeast were 51 cents in early January, 50 cents in late March and down to 47 cents in May.

The lower prices in 2005 led to increased exports. January – May 2005 U.S. shell egg exports were 122 percent higher (12,337,778 compared to 27,382,445) compared to the same period in 2004. Exports of egg products also higher than a year earlier.

High U.S. egg prices in early 2004 led to increased table egg imports during the first five months of 2004, however the sharply lower prices in 2005 discouraged import. From January through May 2004, table egg imports totaled 132,300 dozen from Israel, 464,400 dozen from Mexico, and 160,680 dozen from the UK compared to no shell egg imports for the same period in 2005. Total shell egg imports for January through May 2005 fell to 254,688 dozen eggs, down 71 percent from a year earlier.



Source: Weser-Ems, USDA/AMS

Update on Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Asia

Russia reported an outbreak of avian influenza in poultry on July 24, 2005, after poultry began dying in the Novosibirsk Region of Western Siberia. The virus subtype H5N1 was confirmed and further testing found the viral sequence analagous to the sequence of the highly virulent virus found in three species of migratory water birds during the epidemic in May/June on Qinghai Lake, China. Wild waterfowl at open water reservoirs are considered the primary source of the outbreaks in Novosibirsk Region.

In August the virus spread westward to Omsk, Tyumen and Kurgan Regions and to Altai area. Combined, these four areas account for less than nine percent of Russia's national poultry output. Chelyabinsk Region, near the Ural mountains, recently reported poultry losses due to avian influenza, however the subtype had not yet been identified. The Ural Mountains separate Asia from Europe.

In August, avian influenza outbreaks were also reported in Kazakhstan, Mongolia and Tibet. On August 2, Kazakhstan reported an outbreak of avian influenza, later confirmed as H5N1, in a flock of geese and ducks in a village farm. One week later Mongolia reported 80 wild ducks, geese and swan dead in Huvsgel province. Preliminary tests identified avian influenza type A. The H5N1 virus has also been confirmed in breeding chickens in China's Autonomous Tibet region.

Source: OIE, news wires

U.S. Exports: Shell Eggs in dozens and Egg Products in MT

	2003	Jan-Dec 2004	Jan-May 2004	2005
Table Eggs	40,842,680	56,835,155	12,337,778	27,382,445
Albumin, Other	7,538	5,224	621	1,566
Whole, Other	2,332	3,238	800	806
Yolk, Other	9,376	12,208	3,492	5,908
Dried Albumin	681	913	295	927
Dried Whole	3,698	3,080	1,120	2,688
Dried Yolk	1,080	1,061	341	689

U.S. Imports: Shell Eggs in dozens and Egg Products in MT

	2003	Jan-Dec 2004	Jan-May 2004	2005
Table Eggs	1,166,202	1,243,819	867,874	254,688
Albumin, Other	1,697	3,828	920	1,000
Whole, Other	1,612	1,153	428	544
Yolk, Other	1,652	738	319	645
Dried Albumin	141	716	374	70
Dried Whole	458	594	256	98
Dried Yolk	348	131	131	41
Other = Liquid, Frozen				

Source: Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics

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

U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection

W/E 06-Aug-05 (PRELIMINARY)

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

Week Ending August 06, 2005	Year-To-Date			
	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
TYPE				
Liquid	260	514	10,626	8,674
Frozen	0	0	113	11
Dried	55	0	449	427
Total	315	514	11,188	9,112

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

Week Ending August 06, 2005	Year-To-Date			
	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
TYPE				
Liquid	125	381	4,426	5,122
Frozen	44	8	654	1,132
Dried	0	0	346	1,765
Total	169	389	5,426	8,019

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

Week Ending August 06, 2005	Year-To-Date			
	2005	2004 1/	2005 2/	2004
TYPE				
Jumbo	0	17	130	288
Extra Large	3,090	4,270	135,703	103,956
Large	3,210	4,690	223,427	221,919
Medium	3,630	3,350	64,832	75,089
Ungraded	0	1,440	61,948	178,002
Misc	0	0	7,753	16,010
Total	9,930	13,767	493,793	595,264

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	1,274	1,703	2,977
Last Week	1,258	1,671	2,929
Same week yr ago	1,324	1,407	2,731
To-date/2005	47,111	43,644	90,755
To-date/2004	41,829	40,756	82,585

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	51	4	55
Last Week	78	0	78
Same week yr ago	192	0	192
To-date/2005	8,035	37	8,072
To-date/2004	7,612	90	7,702

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	1,325	1,707	3,032
Last Week	1,336	1,671	3,007
Same week yr ago	1,516	1,407	2,923
To-date/2005	55,146	43,681	98,827
To-date/2004	49,441	40,846	90,287

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.

Aug 12, 2005

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED

FAT CONTENT	--- PRICES ---		---- VOLUME ----	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-26.00	18.00-26.00	223,200	-
WTD AVERAGE	22.67	24.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	18.00-22.00	15.00-24.00	1,912,000	530,400
WTD AVERAGE	18.79	18.04		
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.

Aug 12, 2005

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED

FAT CONTENT	--- PRICES ---		---- VOLUME ----	
	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	21.50-24.75	21.00-23.00	724,000	364,000
WTD AVERAGE	22.43	22.33		
15-20%				
RANGE	20.50-27.50	15.00-23.00	1,516,000	676,000
WTD AVERAGE	22.92	18.81		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00-19.00	100,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.00		

* 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 12 AUGUST 2005.

The market tone on tom breast meat was fully steady to firm for prompt shipments and steady to firm for further out, destrapped tenderloins and breast trim fully steady to firm, scapula and fresh wing meat with skin steady to fully steady, frozen wing meat with skin steady at best. Demand moderate to good on tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins, breast trim and fresh wing meat with skin for prompt shipments, frozen wing meat with skin light. Offerings of frozen wing meat with skin adequate to fully adequate, fresh wing meat with skin light with some processors only producing to orders, balance of white meat light at best and held with confidence. Trading active on fresh tom breast meat, balance slow to moderate. For domestic: Grade A non-basted 14-16 lb. breasts 157, Grade A basted 8-10 lb. breasts 115 and 12-14 lb. 145, fresh scapula 107-109, fresh breast trim 170-174, For export: mature hen drums 46, fresh thigh meat 89 cents delivered.

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2005	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)	PRICE	(000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	47.78	368	48.16	632
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	34.00		34.00	52	34.67	94
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	29.00	540	29.00	540
TAILS	28.50		28.50	80	25.86	228
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	26.57	184	26.72	424
		W	87.00	364	86.76	692

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME
THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2005	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	45.50-48.50		47.78	368
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	35.50	42
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	29.00	540
TAILS		W	31.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	26.57	184
		W	87.00	364

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2005	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	49.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	35.50	42
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	29.00	540
TAILS	31.00		31.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	26.00-27.00		26.57	184
	87.00		87.00	364

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME
TUESDAY, AUGUST 09, 2005	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	49.00		49.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	35.50		35.50	42
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	29.00	540
TAILS		M	22.00	108
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	26.00-27.00		26.83	240
	85.00-89.00		86.49	328

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME
MONDAY, AUGUST 08, 2005	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	48.00-49.00		48.50	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	29.00		29.00	540
TAILS	22.00		22.00	108
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	26.00	80
		F	88.00	40

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.