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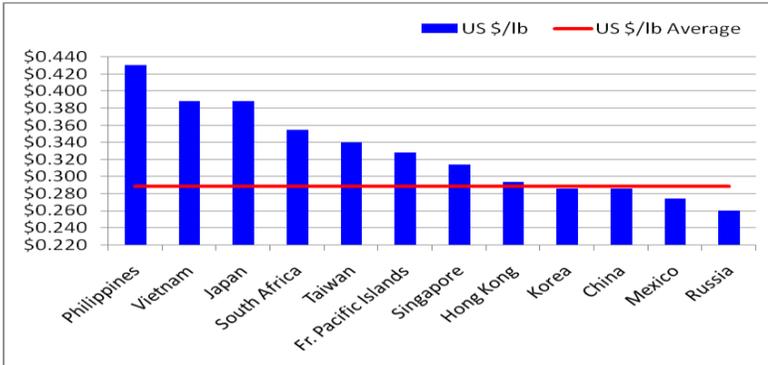
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## Average US Paw Prices (\$/pound) to Top US Export Destinations in 2007



Based on data, China and Hong Kong accounted for 96.7% of US paw exports in 2007 with 374,705 metric tons (MT) and 37,592 MT respectively. Close behind were Philippines 4,511 MT, Taiwan 2,537 MT, Vietnam 1,776 MT, Singapore 1,252 MT, South Africa 865 MT, Republic of Korea 812 MT, French Pacific Islands 772 MT, Mexico 331 MT, Japan 317 MT, and Russia 206 MT. However based on average prices paid by unit for US paws in 2007, China (\$.285/pound) paid less than the US average (\$.289/pound) and leaders Philippines (\$.431/pound), Vietnam (\$.388/pound), Japan (\$.388/pound), South Africa \$.355/pound, and Taiwan (\$.340/pound).

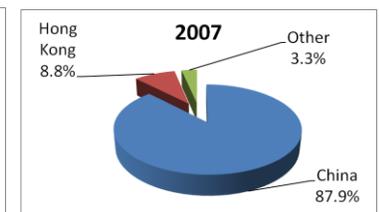
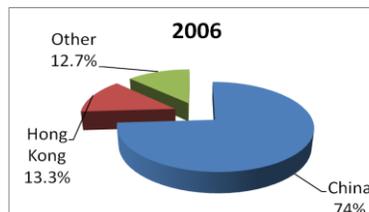
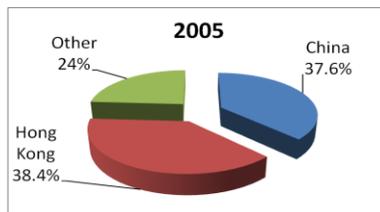
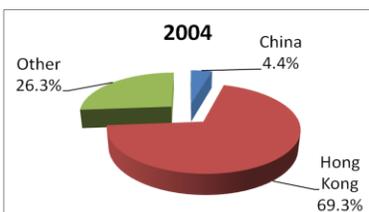
US paw exports to China fluctuated over the past decade. China imported 17,762 MT of US paws in 1998 and increased imports steadily to 2003 (46,281 MT); paw imports then fell dramatically in 2004 more than likely due to worldwide outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza. US paw exports to China began building in 2005 (64,006 MT) and rose 240% in 2006 (153,593 MT) and 244% in 2007 (374,705 MT). China imported 23,935 MT of US paws in January 2008, up 17% from January 2007 (20,443 MT). China is expected to import 33% more paws from direct shipments and Hong Kong re-exports in 2008 from the previous years' levels. Based on the charts, US exports of chicken paws to China have steadily increased with the weakening of the US dollar since 2005; however no correlation existed between the weakening of the US dollar and US paw exports to Hong Kong even though exports have steadily decreased since late 2004. Source: USDA FAS

### Top 5 US Paw Export Destinations in 2007 by Volume (MT)

	China	Hong Kong	Philippines	Taiwan	Vietnam	Other
2002	13,381	144,320	251	114	0	3,689
2003	46,281	155,410	966	2,359	0	30,568
2004	6,460	101,964	1,107	6,055	7,204	21,004
2005	64,006	65,450	123	2,973	617	32,364
2006	153,593	27,617	267	1,457	426	20,324
2007	374,705	37,592	4,511	2,537	1,776	3,924
Jan-07	20,443	2,044	95	327	0	277
Jan-08	23,935	4,739	239	75	202	357
% Change	17%	132%	152%	-77%	202%	29%

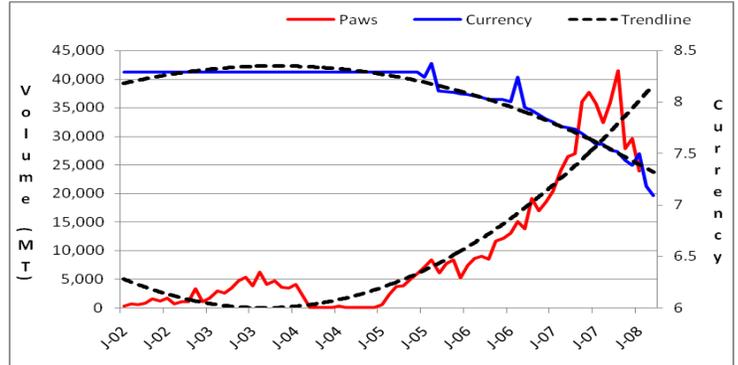
Source: USDA FAS

### Percentage of US Paw Exports to China, Hong Kong, and All Other Destinations

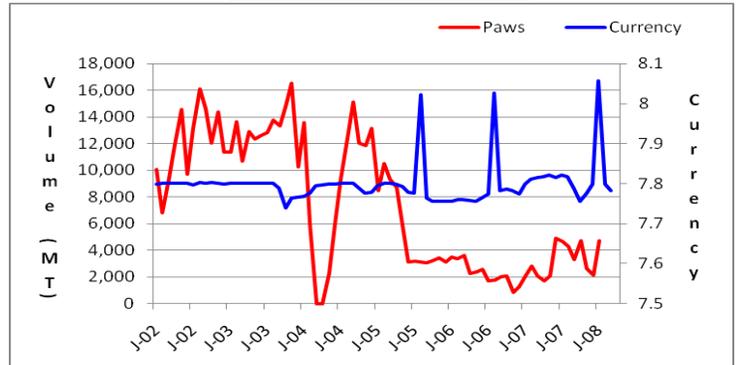


Source: USDA FAS

## US Dollar Value against Chinese Yuan (CNY) with US Chicken Paw Exports (MT)

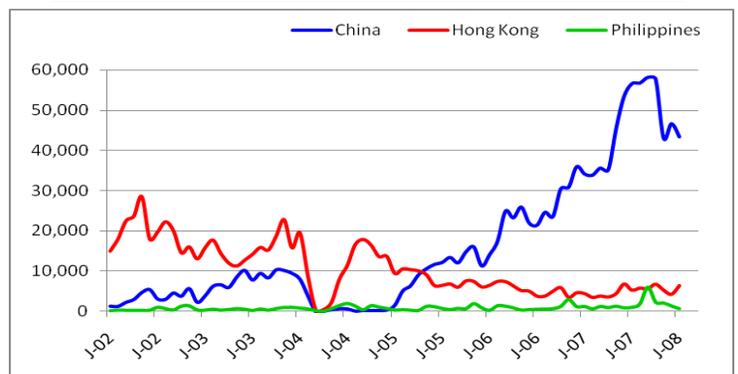


## US Dollar Value against Hong Kong Dollar (HKD) with US Chicken Paw Exports (MT)



Note: The average January 2008 currency exchange of 1 USD = 7.4948 Chinese Yuan. The average January 2008 currency of 1 USD = 8.0573 Hong Kong Dollar. Source: USDA FAS/Oanda FX Trade

### Top 3 Destinations of US Chicken Paws by Volume (MT)



Source: USDA FAS

**INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-**

**U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE**

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

Type	Year-To-Date			
	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	0	98	49	1,772
Frozen	0	0	8	5
Dried	40	0	138	169
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>1,946</b>

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

Type	Year-To-Date			
	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	408	188	4,674	4,111
Frozen	4	0	217	113
Dried	0	0	0	191
<b>Total</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>4,891</b>	<b>4,415</b>

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

	Year-To-Date			
	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Ex Large	0	1,440	2,810	6,629
Large	0	3,730	14,500	20,391
Medium	1,680	1,680	9,720	11,255
Ungraded	5,910	390	50,020	13,070
Misc	0	0	0	85
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,590</b>	<b>7,240</b>	<b>77,050</b>	<b>51,430</b>

/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 & Analysis Branch

**U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY-  
SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION**

Week Ending 29 Mar-08 (Preliminary)

**U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,647	1,568	3,215
Last Week	1,389	1,392	2,781
Same week yr ago	1,214	1,412	2,626
To-date/2008	17,865	19,311	37,176
To-date/2007	14,554	17,493	32,047

**U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	278	0	278
Last Week	333	0	333
Same week yr ago	204	0	204
To-date/2008	3,842	12	3,854
To-date/2007	2,762	14	2,776

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	1,925	1,568	3,493
Last Week	1,722	1,392	3,114
Same week yr ago	1,418	1,412	2,830
To-date/2008	21,707	19,323	41,030
To-date/2007	17,316	17,507	34,823

Source: USDA AMS Poultry Programs, Market News & Analysis Branch

**NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

(FOB Shipper Dock or equiv., negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand lb. quantities, cents/lb.; delivery within 2 weeks.)

The MSC trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Supplies were in good balance to well cleared on fresh 15-20%; closely cleared on the balance. Frozen demand was moderate to good. Supplies of raw materials continues tight and where available held with confidence; demand very good. Domestic movement was moderate to fairly good. Export demand was fair to good with good inquiry from Mexico and Central American countries. Schedules were mixed, ranging light to normal mostly due to tight supplies of raw materials.

**Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

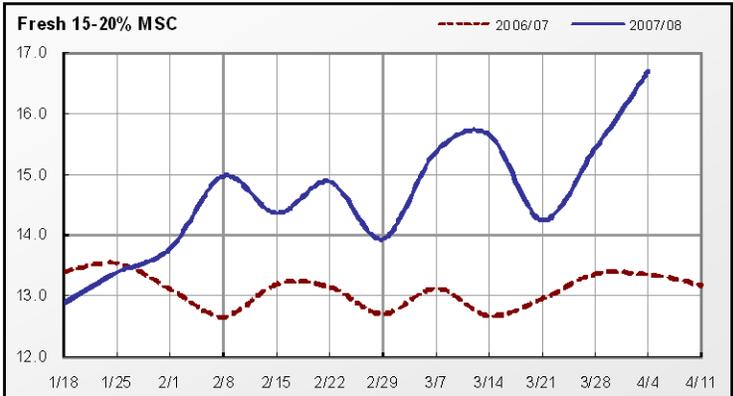
Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	4-Apr-08	Last Week	Last Year	4-Apr-08	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range	22.00	20.00	16.50	20.00 - 22.00	18.00 - 23.00	16.00-17.00
Wtd Avg Price	22.00	20.00	16.50	20.40	19.84	16.44
Volume Traded	55	55	260	303	326	321
Vdume Exported	55	55	260	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	16.00 - 25.50	16.25 - 24.00	15.00-21.00	14.00 - 22.00	11.50 - 22.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	22.11	21.52	16.62	16.70	15.43	13.18
Volume Traded	3,031	2,417	1,245	3,354	1,700	3,005
Vdume Exported	1,998	2,216	1,125	979	368	-
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	16.75	16.00 - 18.00	14.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	16.75	17.00	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	245	80
Vdume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



**Monthly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)**

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Mar 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2007	Mar 2008	Feb 2008	Mar 2007
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	18.77	20.40	17.02	19.04	17.58	16.36
Volume Traded	215	584	1,583	1,010	1,566	1,932
Vdume Exported	215	264	1,302	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	20.43	18.82	17.13	15.08	14.37	13.12
Volume Traded	7,601	8,143	7,161	7,548	11,547	11,788
Vdume Exported	6,640	7,223	5,993	899	2,321	3,346
<b>20% or More</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	17.00	18.03	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	408	775	440
Vdume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.



**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS**, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 04 APRIL 2008.

The market tone on white meat was mostly steady. Demand light to moderate with strongest demand noted on breast trim, wing meat and scapula. However, even though demand may be disappointing on tom breast meat and tenderloins some processors are indicating improved internal further processed demand. Offerings light to fully adequate, mostly adequate. The market tone on tom bulk parts and thigh meat was steady to fully steady with drums, wings and thigh meat strongest. Demand was light to instances good with improved interest noted mostly into export channels. Export inquiry was noted from Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Mexico and Russia. Offerings of fresh tom drums were becoming less available in partial response to the increased export interest and were mostly adequate, frozen tom drums and wings light to adequate with some being held with increased confidence, tom necks adequate, thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey light at best with offers noted at higher trending prices. For domestic: tails 27, plant grade breasts - basted 10-14 lb. 165, non-basted 14-18 lb. 165, cents delivered.

<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>L.S.T.</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>	<b>WEEKLY</b>	<b>WEEKLY</b>
<b>FRIDAY, APRIL 04, 2008</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00-53.00		51.61	810	50.69	1,542
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	51.00		51.00	80	50.07	550
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	62.00		62.00	112	62.33	328
TAILS		W	28.00	54	27.79	94
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		R	24.00	40	24.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	97.00-98.00		97.60	272	97.60	272

<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>L.S.T.</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>
<b>THURSDAY, APRIL 03, 2008</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00-51.00		50.13	310
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	50.31	390
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	61.00-64.00		62.50	216
TAILS		W	28.00	54
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	24.00		24.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	97.33	242

<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>L.S.T.</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 02, 2008</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00-51.00		50.33	162
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	50.00-51.00		50.31	390
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	28.00		28.00	54
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	97.33	242

<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>L.S.T.</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>
<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 01, 2008</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	47.00-51.00		48.27	220
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	47.00-49.00		48.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	27.50		27.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		T	23.00	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	97.33	242

<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>L.S.T.</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>
<b>MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2008</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	51.00		51.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	50.69	348
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	27.75	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		T	23.00	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	97.33	242

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.