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<b>Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) Detected in Hong Kong's Wet Markets</b>		<b>Top US Broiler Meat Exports to China (MT)</b>	

During a surveillance check on June 7, 2008, the Hong Kong Government confirmed HPAI H5N1 in 5 of 20 samples taken from a wet market. The confirmation led to the immediate culling of all 2,700 chickens in the market. Then on June 11, 2008 the Hong Kong Government tested 3 other wet markets and all 3 markets tested positive for HPAI H5N1. More than 4,200 chickens were culled in total. In response, the Hong Kong Government suspended all retail sales of live poultry and all imports of live chicken from China for 21 days with immediate effect. The remaining chickens in the wet markets were also immediately culled. No other cases have been reported in the wholesale market, the remaining 60 wet markets, or at the more than 50 local farms.

Since then the Hong Kong Government has stepped up its surveillance efforts at retail, wholesale, and farm levels. It also continues to trace the source of the outbreak and has identified 3 local farms and 6 mainland registered farms, which supply chickens to these markets. The outbreaks suggest Hong Kong either has an inadequate bio-security and vaccination program or there are continued problems with the smuggling of live chickens from unregistered farms in China.

In light of the recent outbreaks, the Hong Kong Government is pushing for the implementation of a central slaughtering facility. It has already begun asking for proposals from the private sector to develop the Poultry Slaughtering and Processing Plant with the intention of having something operational by 2011.

Despite the fact that H5N1 was found for the first time in 5 years in commercial chickens and in various locations, Hong Kong consumers did not react strongly to the confirmation of H5N1 on June 7, 2008. In fact, retail sales of live chicken were not adversely affected during a typically peak season of chicken consumption during the recent outbreaks, which happened to fall on a Chinese festival.

Demand has increased for US poultry in Hong Kong though it is due mostly to another food safety concern. US poultry to Hong Kong reached \$32 million in the first 4 months of 2008, growing 46% from 2007. According to USDA FAS, imports of poultry to Hong Kong from the world totaled \$352 million in the first 4 months of 2008, of which the US maintained a 9% market share.

The last cases of HPAI H5N1 were detected in 5 wet markets and on 2 farms back in January 2003. Two other outbreaks occurred in May 2001 and February 2002. Altogether the 3 outbreaks resulted in the slaughter of more than 3 million chickens at a compensation cost of HK\$200 million, which was paid to the local industry by the Hong Kong Government.

Source: USDA FAS/OIE/Promed/various news wires

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*
Paws	46,281	6,460	64,006	153,593	374,705	117,669
Leg Quarters	39,571	7,714	13,595	52,058	66,925	39,906
Wings	41,905	4,520	43,696	73,302	79,061	27,157
Legs	22,440	1,858	11,170	48,048	42,822	17,467
Other Chicken	25,677	2,081	24,927	64,462	111,231	42,311

Note: All data is January through December, except for data from 2008, which is from January through April. Paws = HS0207140045. Wings = HS0207140030. Leg Quarters = HS0207140010. Legs = HS0207140025.

### Top US Turkey Meat Exports to China (MT)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*
Wings	841	0	4,670	6,444	9,750	5,068
Legs	585	0	584	2,593	1,407	786
Leg Meat	0	0	123	183	255	123
Offal	307	0	513	488	934	74
Other Turkey	504	517	2,183	6,068	8,975	6,445

Note: All data is January through December, except for data from 2008, which is from January through April. Wings = HS0207270030. Legs = HS0207270010. Leg Meat = HS0207270025. Offal = HS0207270050.

### Top US Broiler Meat Exports to Hong Kong (MT)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*
Paws	155,410	101,964	65,450	27,617	37,592	19,087
Wings	47,092	38,321	20,603	12,470	6,779	4,178
Legs	27,005	10,671	8,507	9,245	6,759	2,248
Leg Quarters	6,781	16,179	13,072	4,533	2,434	1,095
Other Chicken	46,325	31,420	14,833	17,822	12,544	6,596

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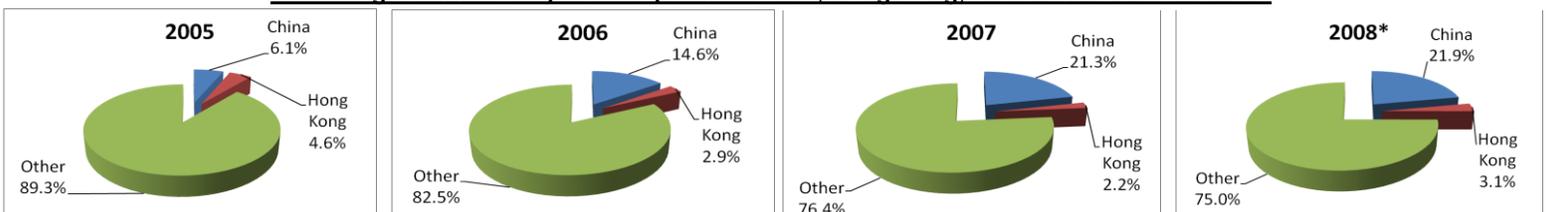
### Top US Turkey Meat Exports to Hong Kong (MT)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008*
Wings	6,182	657	991	2,039	1,145	871
Offal	2,265	185	1,071	2,451	2,476	703
Legs	4,022	693	0	149	49	229
Leg Meat	151	24	40	0	0	90
Other Turkey	6,089	2,147	2,291	3,569	2,855	1,162

Note: All data is January through December, except for data from 2008, which is from January through April. Wings = HS0207270030. Legs = HS0207270010. Leg Meat = HS0207270025. Offal = HS0207270050.

Source: US Department of Commerce/USDA FAS

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



Note: 2008\* data is January-April 2008; remaining data is January-December.

Source: US Department of Commerce/USDA FAS

**INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-**

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

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

Type	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	97	0	344	2,312
Frozen	0	0	39	12
Dried	10	48	286	306
Total	107	48	669	2,630

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

Type	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Liquid	436	323	9,005	7,193
Frozen	0	1	288	196
Dried	0	0	240	511
Total	436	324	9,533	7,900

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

	2008	2007 /1	2008 /2	2007
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	2,130	300	23,710	16,829
Large	840	210	27,867	34,007
Medium	60	1,740	22,437	24,815
Ungraded	18,570	0	166,078	22,520
Misc	0	0	1,562	3,205
Total	21,600	2,250	241,654	101,376

/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 14-Jun-08 (Preliminary)

**U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	1,453	1,717	3,170
Last Week	1,447	1,629	3,076
Same week yr ago	1,221	1,583	2,804
To-date/2008	33,601	37,293	70,894
To-date/2007	26,918	33,430	60,348

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	337	0	337
Last Week	321	0	321
Same week yr ago	308	0	308
To-date/2008	7,960	30	7,990
To-date/2007	5,793	14	5,807

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	1,790	1,717	3,507
Last Week	1,768	1,629	3,397
Same week yr ago	1,529	1,583	3,112
To-date/2008	41,561	37,323	78,884
To-date/2007	32,711	33,444	66,155

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

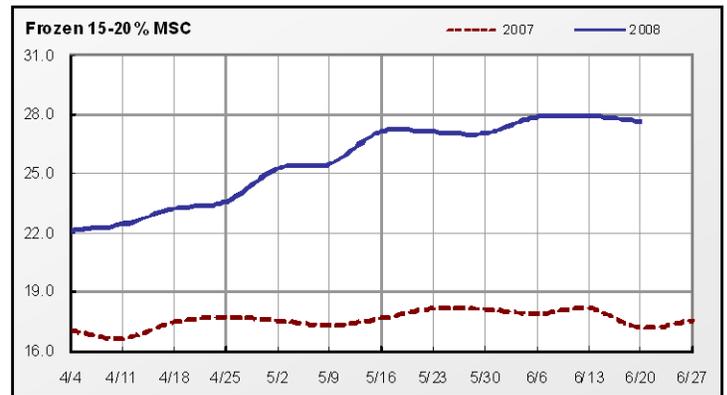
**NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

(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 market tone was steady to fully steady. Supplies of fresh 15-20% were well cleared with the remainder in good balance to tight. Demand for fresh and frozen was good. Supplies of raw materials were tight with continued good interest. Domestic movement was mostly moderate. Export demand was good with most inquiry from Mexico and Central American countries; minimal disruptions at the Mexican border. All schedules were normal.

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

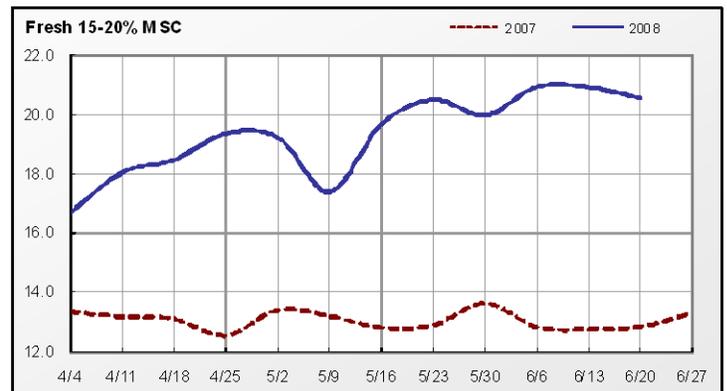
Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	20-Jun-08	Last Week	Last Year	20-Jun-08	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range	27.00	26.00	18.00-21.00	25.00 - 25.50	24.00 - 26.75	17.00-19.00
Wtd Avg Price	27.00	26.00	18.40	25.12	25.19	17.99
Volume Traded	55	54	302	161	162	402
Volume Exported	55	54	262	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	23.00 - 30.00	23.00 - 30.00	15.00-21.00	16.50 - 26.00	17.00 - 28.00	11.00-16.00
Wtd Avg Price	27.65	27.95	17.54	20.57	20.94	13.52
Volume Traded	857	1,407	1,684	3,356	2,783	2,021
Volume Exported	776	1,047	1,604	694	305	162
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	-	-	14.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	-	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	-	120
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	May 2008	Apr 2008	May 2007	May 2008	Apr 2008	May 2007
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	25.34	20.77	17.45	23.96	21.89	16.99
Volume Traded	386	216	1,288	878	912	1,503
Volume Exported	266	216	1,087	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	26.32	22.69	17.79	19.28	18.04	13.09
Volume Traded	7,125	7,926	4,596	12,816	12,004	10,407
Volume Exported	6,705	6,493	3,974	2,806	3,263	2,124
<b>20% or More</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	-	18.43	14.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	-	286	400
Volume 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 20 JUNE 2008.

The market tone on tom breast meat was cautiously steady to steady with instances of increased confidence noted, breast trim and scapula steady to fully steady, wing meat with skin steady to barely steady. Demand moderate to instances good on fresh tom breast meat with some improved activity noted as processors prepare for the upcoming holiday weekend. Demand light to moderate on the balance of white meat with scapula and breast trim the most active. The market tone on 4-8 lb. breasts was mostly steady and institutional breasts steady to barely steady with heavier sizes in the weakest position. Demand light. Offerings of 4-8 lb. breasts light to adequate and institutional sizes adequate to fully adequate. Domestic trading was active on fresh tom breast meat, balance slow. Export trading was active on tom wings and drums, balance slow to moderate. For domestic: hearts 24 shipping point, fresh wing meat with skin 86, fresh scapula 100-101, plant grade basted 20-24 lb. breasts 170 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums 50, fresh thigh meat 102 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, JUNE 20, 2008</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	51.00-55.00		53.22	658	53.08	1,100
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	46.50-47.00		46.58	648	46.32	1,512
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	64.50		64.50	324	61.50	540
TAILS	33.00		33.00	20	32.60	222
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	103.50		103.50	40	104.85	471
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>L.S.T.</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>		
<b>THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2008</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	53.00-53.50		53.07	282		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	47.00		47.00	162		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	57.00	216		
TAILS	33.50-34.00		33.79	94		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	103.00		103.00	120		
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>L.S.T.</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>		
<b>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2008</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	52.50	160		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	45.00-46.50		45.91	594		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	57.00		57.00	216		
TAILS	32.00		32.00	54		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	103.00-105.00		103.54	148		
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>L.S.T.</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>		
<b>TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2008</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	52.00-53.00		49.50	160		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	46.00		46.00	108		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	57.00	160		
TAILS	31.00		31.00	54		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	103.00-110.00		107.73	163		
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>L.S.T.</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>		
<b>MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2008</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	54.50	80		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	44.00	108		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	57.00	160		
TAILS		R	32.00	25		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	105.00	80		

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.