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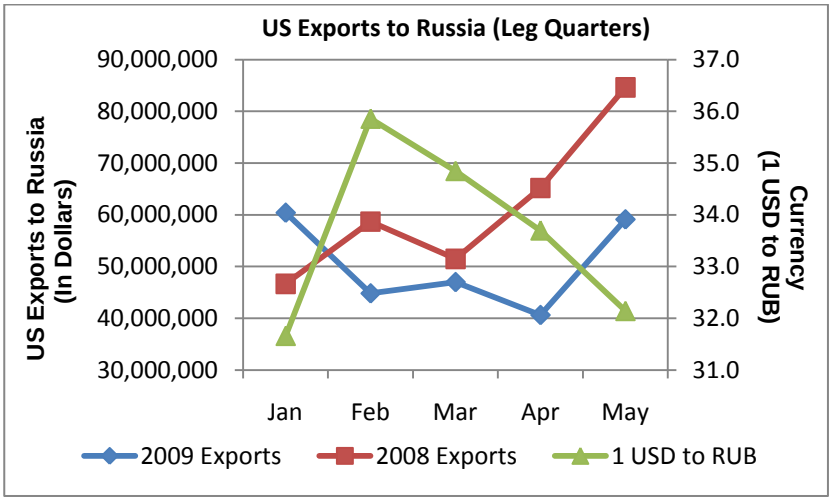

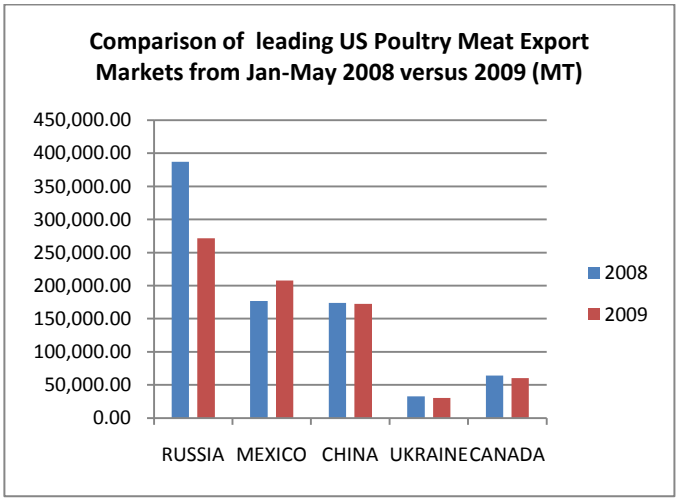

From Jan.-May 2009 vs. 2008 US Leg Quarter Exports to Russia, ($), Average Currency Rates (1 USD to RUB), Interbank Rate.

	2009	2008	Currency
Jan	60,425,293	46,655,775	31.7
Feb	44,807,641	58,694,925	33.65
Mar	46,991,763	51,478,876	34.06
Apr	40,613,747	65,153,899	33.97
May	59,132,197	84,628,154	33.6
Total	251,970,641	306,611,629	33.4

Source: Department of Commerce U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics FX History, OANDA Corporation

From Jan.-May 2009 vs. 2008 US Poultry Meat Exports, (MT)

	2008	2009	Change
RUSSIA	386,936.60	271,710.60	-29.78%
MEXICO	176,928.80	207,841.80	17.47%
CHINA	173,877.50	172,429.10	-0.83%
UKRAINE	32,632.10	30,080.70	-7.82%
CANADA	64,071.10	60,329.50	-5.84%
World Total	**1,397,637.10**	**1,425,994.50**	**+2.03%**

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

Leg Quarters

There is a negative correlation between exports and the currency rate. US leg quarter exports to Russia have been relatively lower in value when the exchange rate is high and vise versa. In 2009, US leg quarter exports to Russia decreased a substantial amount from 2008, based off of the first five months of the year.

Lithuania imported 42 million dollars of frozen leg quarters in the first five months of 2009 from the US, up 148% from 2008. Iraq is right behind them, purchasing 31 million dollars in frozen leg quarters, up 216% from 2008, as well as 13 million dollars of frozen young chickens in the first five months of 2009, up 26% from 2008. From January through May 2009, Mexico has imported 31 million dollars of frozen leg quarters up 29%, compared to10 million dollars in 2008.

South American Trade Bloc

Presidents from Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay gathered for summit last week to discuss international trade. The Presidents agreed on a proposal to replace the US dollar with their own currencies in inter-regional trade transactions. This currency trade transaction would apply to all members of the initiative that Argentina and Brazil began in 2008 to replace their currencies from the US dollar in bilateral trade transactions. They also created an advisory group to strengthen ties with South Korea.

Source: News Wires; Department of Commerce U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics; FX History, OANDA Corporation; Bridges Weekly Vol. 13 No. 28.

Poultry Meat

Exports to the top five leading US poultry meat exporting markets dropped an average of 11% in 2009, based off of the first 5 months of the year. From Jan. through May, US poultry meat exports into Russia declined 29.8% in 2009. However, Mexico imported 17.5% more US poultry meat in 2009 compared to last year. US poultry meat exports into China, Ukraine, and Canada are also declining.

Overall, the quantities of poultry meat exports from the US increased 2% in the first five months of 2009 even though Russia, the leading US export market, decreased their imports by 29.8%. Russia decreased US imports by 72 million dollars in poultry meat products in 2009. Russia seems to be cutting back to try and support their domestic product and changing their quotas, but some of the smaller exporting countries are drastically increasing their US imports from 2008. For example, in the first five months Lithuania is up 154%, and Iraq is up 238% from 2008 quantities of poultry meat exports from the US along with many other smaller markets sharply increasing their US imported poultry meat products.

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

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INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS – U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE

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

Week Ending Jul 25, 2009 Year-To-Date

Type	2009	2008 /1	2009 /2	2008
Liquid	302	0	6,254	396
Frozen	0	0	0	39
Dried	0	40	418	406
Total	302	40	6,672	841

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

Week Ending Jul 25, 2009 Year-To-Date

Type	2009	2008 /1	2009 /2	2008
Liquid	364	632	9,721	11,039
Frozen	1	0	204	327
Dried	0	25	0	393
Total	365	657	9,925	11,759

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

Week Ending Jul 25, 2009 Year-To-Date

	2009	2008 /1	2009 /2	2008
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	2,730	1,500	38,543	31,900
Large	2,500	2,600	79,532	38,063
Medium	900	420	31,587	24,731
Ungraded	2,778	1,410	147,619	215,324
Misc	0	0	6,218	1,562
Total	8,908	5,930	303,499	311,580

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.
/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s).
Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.
Data Source:Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

WEEKLY U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION

Week ending 25-Jul-09

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----------Thousands----------		
Head	991	1,655	2,646
Last Week	1,451	1,610	3,061
Same week yr ago	1,465	1,812	3,277
To-date/2009*	37,519	43,112	80,631
To-date/2008*	40,945	46,426	87,371

U.S.fowl slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----------Thousands----------		
Head	303	0	303
Last Week	322	0	322
Same week yr ago	**470	0	0
To-date/2009*	8,484	19	8,503
To-date/2008*	9,624	38	9,662

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	1,294	1,655	2,949
Last Week	1,773	1,610	3,383
Same week yr ago	1,465	1,812	3,277
To-date/2009*	46,003	43,131	89,134
To-date/2008*	50,569	46,464	97,033

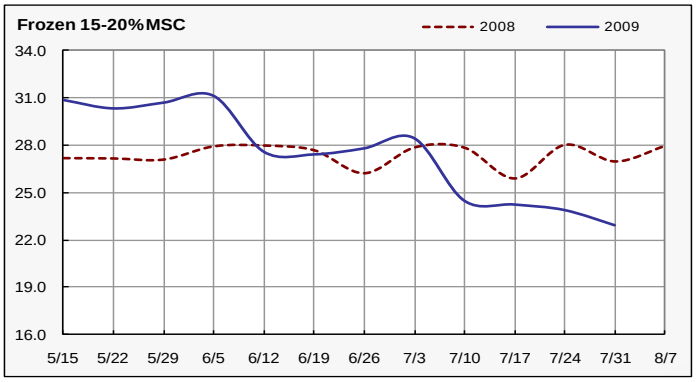
Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.
****Same week year ago for 7/24/09 should have been 412.***

NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

(F.O.B. 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 market tone was steady to weak on all fat contents; undertone remains cautious and unsettled. Supplies of fresh and frozen 15-20% ranged adequate to mostly available and on the balance of fat contents sufficient for needs. Cancellations persist on regular contracts forcing more product onto the spot marketplace and creating continuing challenges for many. Raw material supplies were adequate to available with increased movement into pet food channels. Export and domestic demand was light to fair at lower trending prices. In light of recent market changes, some have begun thinking about the fast approaching contract season, which looks to pose a real challenge to the industry for 2010. Schedules were normal. Frame values were barely steady to weak ranging mostly 7-9 cents FOB.

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

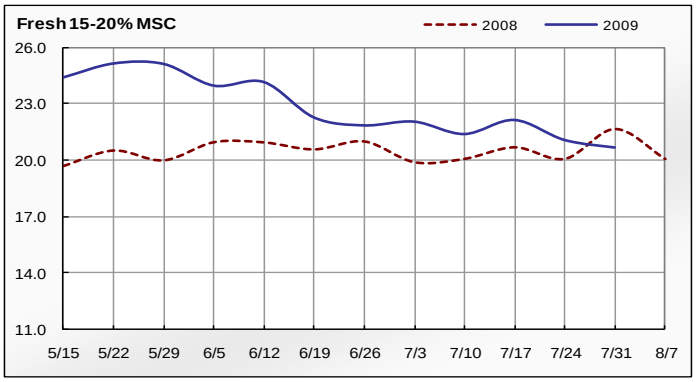
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	31-Jul-09	Last Week	Last Year	31-Jul-09	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	24.00 - 26.00	24.00	24.00-25.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	24.61	24.67	24.38
Volume Traded	-	-	-	232	241	424
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	19.00 - 29.50	19.00 - 29.50	19.00-34.00	17.00 - 24.00	15.00 - 26.00	18.00-29.00
Wtd Avg Price	22.90	23.87	26.94	20.67	21.07	21.65
Volume Traded	997	1,336	2,191	2,114	2,824	3,455
Volume Exported	877	1,096	1,547	449	734	612
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	21.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	22.00	22.00	21.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	41	122	156
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Jun 2009	May 2009	Jun 2008	Jun 2009	May 2009	Jun 2008
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	26.00	28.55	29.12	24.78
Volume Traded	-	-	164	1,233	1,947	684
Volume Exported	-	-	164	216	272	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	28.18	30.53	27.60	23.08	24.83	20.83
Volume Traded	6,088	7,835	5,261	12,262	16,136	10,252
Volume Exported	5,371	6,515	4,620	4,692	5,916	1,345
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	-
Volume Traded	-	-	-	286	326	-
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 31 JULY 2009.

The market tone on white meat items was steady. Demand was mostly light with offerings adequate. The trade sentiment on thigh meat was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were adequate. The market tone on tails and mechanically separated turkey was steady to barely steady, with the balance of tom bulk parts steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were adequate to instances fully adequate. Domestic: Grade A WOG's 86, frozen Grade A non-basted 8-10 lb. breasts 115, 12-16 lb. breasts 125, fresh tails 27-28, defatted tom gizzards 91, fryes 120 cents delivered. Export: fresh thigh meat 80, mature thigh meat 77, mature hen drums 47.5, wing meat with skin 95, tom defatted gizzards 99.5 cents delivered port and border.

EXPORT TRADING FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2009	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00-54.00		53.17	646	51.93	1,264
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	49.50-50.00		49.60	270	49.60	270
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	26.00-31.25		28.12	134	28.23	154
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	78.00-82.00		80.00	324	79.87	604

EXPORT TRADING THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2009	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00-51.00		50.35	308
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	44.00	240
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		M	29.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	80.00		80.00	200

EXPORT TRADING WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2009	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00-53.00		51.10	256
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	44.00	240
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		M	29.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	79.00	80

EXPORT TRADING TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2009	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	50.00	54
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	44.00	240
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		M	29.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	79.00		79.00	80

EXPORT TRADING MONDAY, JULY 27, 2009	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00		50.00	54
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	44.00	240
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	29.00		29.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	78.57	140

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.