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China

Recently, the Office of Agricultural Affairs in Beijing (OAA/Beijing) revised its unofficial forecast for Chinese broiler meat production 70,000 Metric Tons (MT) lower to 13.7 million Metric Tons (MMT) for 2012, due to lower average slaughter weights. Chinese producers concerned with cheaper pork prices and oversupply, weak demand, and declining broiler meat prices slaughtered birds prematurely resulting in lower average slaughter weights.

Estimated broiler consumption in China was also revised downward to 13.5 MMT, a reduction of about 1% or 87,000 MT. Due to lower pork prices demand is expected to shift from broiler meat to pork as broiler meat is a substitute for pork. An outbreak of H5N1 avian influenza in Hong Kong appears to have had no effect on Chinese consumption.

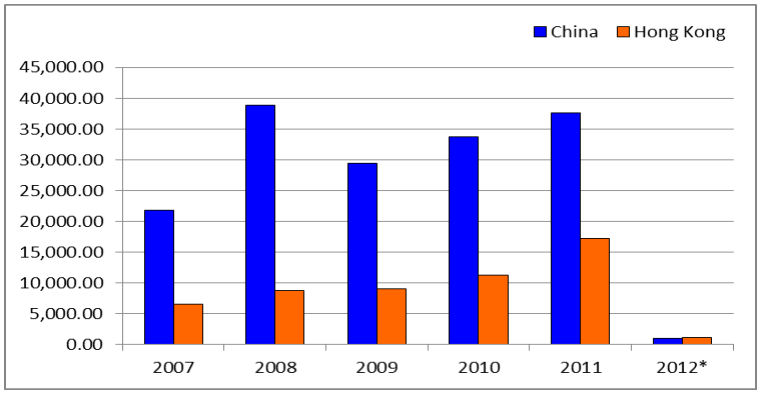
OAA/Beijing also reduced broiler meat import projections in 2012 by 17,000 MT to 233,000 MT, due to lower pork prices and expected reductions in consumer demand for broiler meat. Chinese broiler meat export forecasts remain unchanged. On side note, Canada approved market access for 10 Chinese cooked poultry processing plants in March 2012; however no shipments have been made to date just yet. *Source: USDA FAS Attaché*

China's Meat and Poultry Production, Supply, and Demand (1,000 Metric Tons (MT) and Kilograms (KG))

Production	**2008**	**2009**	**2010**	**2011**	**2012**
Chicken	11,840	12,100	12,550	13,200	13,800
Turkey	5	5	6	6	6
Pork	46,205	48,905	51,070	49,500	51,280
Beef	6,132	5,764	5,600	5,550	5,520
Imports	**2008**	**2009**	**2010**	**2011**	**2012**
Chicken	399	401	286	230	250
Turkey	45	27	26	35	45
Pork	709	270	415	550	560
Beef	6	23	40	42	45
Exports	**2008**	**2009**	**2010**	**2011**	**2012**
Chicken	285	291	379	410	445
Turkey	-	-	-	-	-
Pork	223	232	278	260	280
Beef	58	38	51	60	65
Domestic Consumption	**2008**	**2009**	**2010**	**2011**	**2012**
Chicken	11,954	12,210	12,457	13,020	13,605
Turkey	50	32	32	41	51
Pork	46,691	48,823	51,157	49,810	51,560
Beef	6,080	5,749	5,589	5,532	5,500
Per Capita Consumption	**2008**	**2009**	**2010**	**2011**	**2012**
Chicken	9.08	9.22	9.40	9.70	10.10
Turkey	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pork	35.45	36.89	38.50	37.30	38.40
Beef	4.62	4.34	4.20	4.10	4.10

Note: Per Capita Consumption is in kilograms, whereas all other data is in thousands of Metric Tons. Source: USDA FAS, PSD Online, Official USDA Estimates

Total US Turkey Meat Exports to China and Hong Kong (MT)



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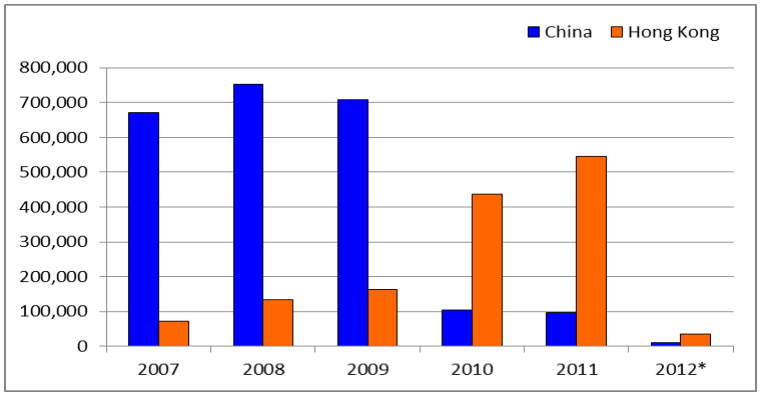

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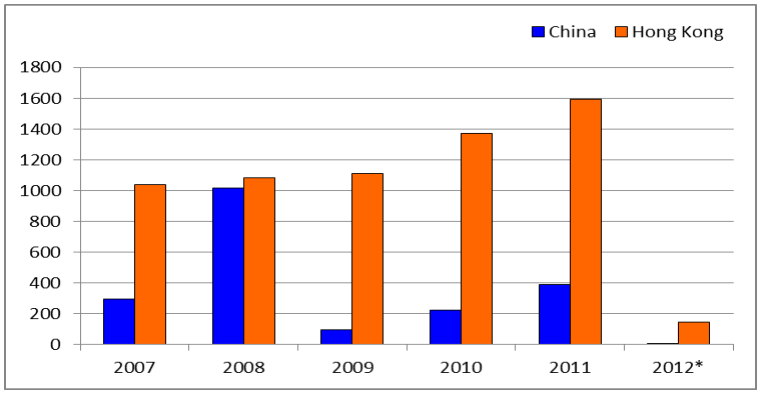
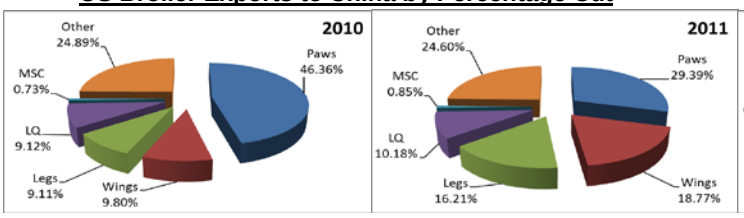
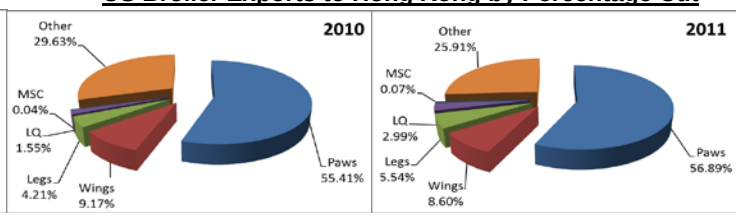


Note: 2012 data is for January only, whereas all other data is from January-December. Broiler includes HS Codes: 0207.110, 0207.120, 0207.130, 0207.140, 1602.320, and 1601.000. Turkey includes HS Codes: 0207.240, 0207.250, 0207.260, 0207.270, 1601.000, and 1602.230. Egg and Egg Product includes HS Codes: 0407.000, 0407.110, 0407.210, 0408.110, 0408.190, 0408.910, 0408.990, 3502.110, and 3502.900.*

US Broiler Exports to China by Percentage Cut



US Broiler Exports to Hong Kong by Percentage Cut



Note: All data is January-December. Paws HS0207.140.045. Wings HS0207.140.030. Legs HS0207.140.025. LQ (Leg Quarters) HS0207.140.010. MSC (Mechanically Separated Chicken) HS1602.320.035. Other includes: HS0207.110, HS0207.120, HS0207.130, HS0207.140, HS1602.320.090, HS1602.320.050, and HS1601.000.010. Source: Department of Commerce, US Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics/USDA FAS

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

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

Week Ending Mar 24, 2012 Year-To-Date*

Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	47	49	246	338
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	47	49	246	338

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

Week Ending Mar 24, 2012 Year-To-Date*

Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	549	393	4,807	4,259
Frozen	50	9	347	179
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	599	402	5,154	4,438

INSPECTED SHELL EGGS

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

Week Ending Mar 24, 2012 Year-To-Date*

	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	2,280	2,070	14,700	10,839
Large	5,500	3,595	34,686	18,300
Medium	0	60	8,321	4,015
Ungraded	864	504	15,378	18,640
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	8,644	6,229	73,085	51,794

/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

U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION

Week Ending Mar 24, 2012 (Preliminary)

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----------Thousands----------		
Head	1,809	1,383	3,192
Last Week	1,752	1,332	3,084
Same week yr ago	1,490	1,499	2,989
To-date/2012*	18,786	17,932	36,718
To-date/2011*	17,590	18,070	35,660

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----------Thousands----------		
Head	311	0	311
Last Week	386	0	386
Same week yr ago	426	0	426
To-date/2012*	3,511	36	3,547
To-date/2011*	4,679	96	4,775

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	2,120	1,383	3,503
Last Week	2,138	1,332	3,470
Same week yr ago	1,916	1,499	3,415
To-date/2012*	22,297	17,968	40,265
To-date/2011*	22,269	18,166	40,435

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

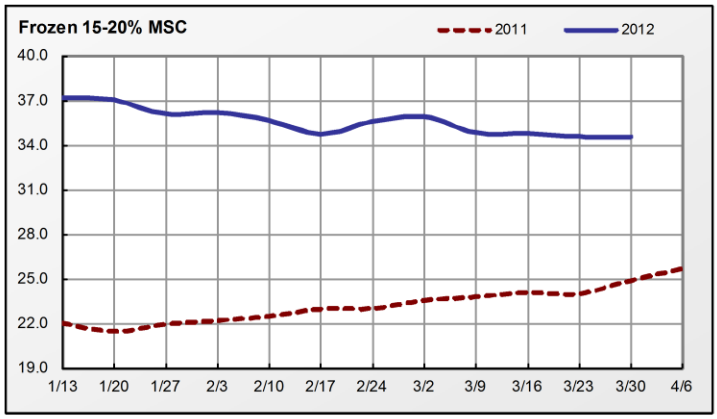
NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

(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.)

MSC prices trended about steady on all fat contents. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Schedules are normal. Domestic and export demand is light to moderate at best going into the holy week of Easter. The spot marketplace has slowed as industry expected going into the Easter holiday week. However industry anticipates interest and buying to pick up after Easter as buyers ramp up production of finished goods to prepare for the summer season. Many continue to keep a close eye on things and maintain a cautious and more conservative outlook of the future of the marketplace. Market activity is light to moderate. Raw material supplies are moderate to heavy. Spot frame trading is between 13-16 cents FOB, mostly 13-14 FOB.

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

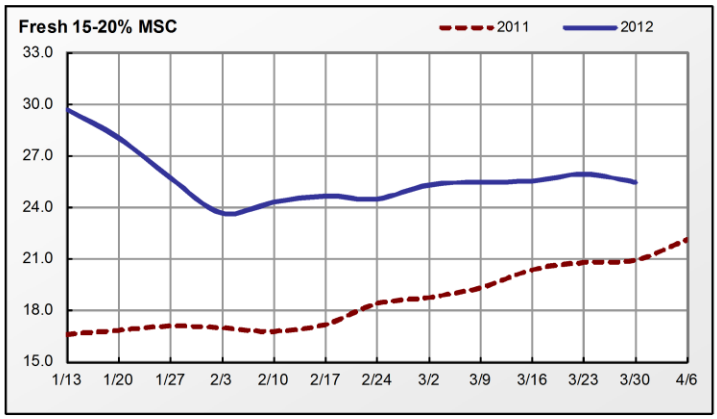
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	30-Mar-12	Last Week	Last Year	30-Mar-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	26.00 - 27.00	26.00 - 27.00	20.00-22.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	26.75	26.67	21.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	163	122	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	31.00 - 38.00	30.00 - 38.00	23.00-27.00	20.00 - 30.00	23.00 - 30.00	19.00-24.50
Wtd Avg Price	34.56	34.58	24.91	25.45	25.94	20.92
Volume Traded	1,685	2,020	1,734	3,703	4,624	3,270
Volume Exported	1,325	1,445	1,694	592	1,265	245
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.50	18.00-20.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	22.50	22.50	19.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Feb 2012	Jan 2012	Feb 2011	Feb 2012	Jan 2012	Feb 2011
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	27.56	31.81	19.29
Volume Traded	-	-	-	653	734	694
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	35.46	37.00	22.69	24.33	28.51	17.34
Volume Traded	7,800	6,795	6,087	15,773	14,390	15,732
Volume Exported	6,839	6,195	5,367	2,693	1,306	1,224
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.38	22.36	19.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	163	286	571
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News & Analysis (www.ams.usda.gov/pymarketnews.htm)

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS

INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 30 MAR 2012.

The market on bulk parts was steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light to moderate. The market on white meat is steady to weak. Demand was light. Offerings moderate. The market on thigh meat was steady to barely steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. Trading was slow to moderate. For domestic: frozen breast pieces 177 cents, fresh full cut wings 56-58 cents, frozen tails 53 cents, fresh tom necks 46-47 cents and fresh scapula 104 cents. Grade A breast non basted 8-10 lbs. 167 cents, 12-16 lbs. 177 cents delivered. For export: frozen fries 230 cents and frozen tom neck 49 cents.

EXPORT TRADING

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2012	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	72.00		72.00	80	72.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	56.00		56.00	402	58.15	1,158
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	100.00		100.00	108	100.00	108
TAILS	53.00		53.00	54	53.00	54
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	34.00	216	34.00	216
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	137.00		137.00	40	141.01	202

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2012	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	70.60	270
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	55.00-61.00		58.00	324
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	96.86	378
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	34.00	216
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	142.00	162

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2012	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	70.60	270
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	58.00-61.00		60.25	432
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	96.86	378
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	34.00		34.00	216
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	142.00	162

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	70.60	270
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	56.00	360
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	96.86	378
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	142.00	162

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2012	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	70.60	270
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	56.00	360
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	96.86	378
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		M	34.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	142.00		142.00	162

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):
M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R-THURSDAY F=FRIDAY
2/ 15-20% fat with skin added.