

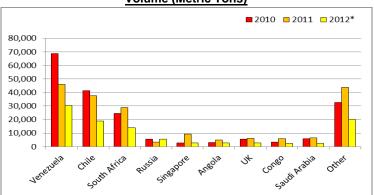
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Top Export Destinations of Argentine Broiler Meat in 2012 by

Volume (Metric Tons)



Note: All data is January-December except 2012*, which is January-June. UK = United Kingdom. Source: Senasa

Mercosur

The 43rd Mercosur summit was recently held in Mendoza, Argentina in late June 2012. Another meeting is scheduled for the week of July 30, 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

At the June meeting, Paraguay was suspended from Mercosur until the country's next presidential election in 2013, however economic sanctions were not imposed on Paraguay. The suspension comes after Paraguay's quick impeachment of President Fernando Lugo following the death of 17 people in a land eviction between police and landless peasants. Mercosur justified Paraguay's suspension and the barring of the country's replacement, Vice President Federico Franco, as retribution for Paraguay violating the Democratic Clause of the Ushuaia Protocol of July 24, 1998. The Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) also voted to suspend Paraguay's membership until its presidential election in 2013.

In light of Paraguay's suspension, Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay opted to take advantage of the situation and announced its decision to make Venezuela a full member of Mercosur July 31, 2012. Venezuela applied to become a full member back in 2006 and had been approved by every country but Paraguay. Paraguay's President Fernando Lugo was in favor of Venezuela's inclusion; however Paraguay's Congress has been against Venezuela's inclusion into Mercosur the past 6 years. Many are questioning the legality of Mercosur's decision to induct Venezuela as a full member without the official consent of suspended Paraguay.

As it stands, Venezuela is expected to sign the Accession Protocol to Mercosur at the July 31, 2012 meeting in Brazil. Venezuela would then have 4 years to adopt "in a gradual manner the rules and Common Foreign Customs (ACE)" of the regional block.

Argentina and Brazil stand to gain the most with Venezuela joining Mercosur. Venezuela holds the largest oil reserves in the world and is highly dependent on imports. Venezuela's inclusion would remove

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trade barriers and create demand for Argentine and Brazilian
products, especially agricultural products, as well as create regional
integration, which is a big theme for Venezuela President Hugo
Chavez.

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao held a video conference the week of the summit to discuss China and Mercosur conducting a feasibility study of a free trade agreement (FTA) between the two. At the meeting, China and Mercosur pledged to further promote economic cooperation and trade to lift bilateral trade to USD \$200 billion in 2016. China is Mercosur's second largest trade partner and has recently visited Brazil, Uruguay, and Argentina. Mercosur has also been exploring FTA's with the EU since 1995, South Korea (2004), and Canada (2011). Negotiations with the EU and Canada have struggled over agricultural subsidies.

Another topic at the Mercosur summit was a proposed increase on regional trade tariffs, which was rejected by the trade block. Argentina and Brazil proposed raising the Common External Tariff (CET) from 22% to 35%, which is the maximum allowed by the WTO (World Trade Organization) to curb an influx of cheap imports from China and Brazil. Instead countries will be allowed to decide individually on whether to change its CET.

Mercosur is a trade block that was formed in 1991 with the signing of the Treaty of Asuncion. The trade block is comprised of 4 full members (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay) and 6 associate members (Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela).

Argentina

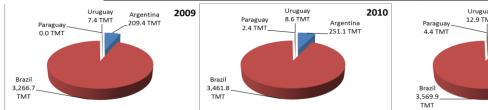
In 2011, USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) ranked Argentina sixth in world chicken meat exports behind Brazil, US, EU, Thailand, and China. In chicken meat production, Argentina ranked eighth behind US, China, Brazil, EU, India, Mexico, and Russia. Due to heavy investments, favorable government policies, and increased domestic consumption and consumer preference Argentine poultry production and exports have grown significantly in the past decade. Another big contributor is its proximity to feed as Argentina is second in world exports of corn; Brazil is third. However Argentina, along with much of South America, suffered a drought this past growing season negatively affecting yields. Argentina's last drought was in 2008-2009. This in combination with the current drought in much of the US is expected to create a shortage of grain and increase international prices. Source: Various News Wires/USDA FAS

Argentina's Broiler Situation (1,000 Metric Tons and Kilograms

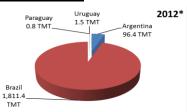
<u>(KG))</u>							
	2008	2009	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>		
Production	1,435	1,500	1,680	1,770	1,850		
Imports	4	5	9	10	10		
Exports	164	178	214	210	250		
Domestic Cons.	1,275	1,327	1,475	1,570	1,610		
Per Capita Cons.	31.5	32.43	35.7	37.6	38.2		
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Total Mercosur Broiler Meat Exports by Member Country and Volume in thousand Metric Tons (TMT)







Note: All data is January-December except 2012*, which is January-February.

Source: AliceWeb Mercosul

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE **U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION** U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary) Week Ending Jul 21, 2012 (Preliminary) Week Ending Jul 21, 2012 Year-To-Date* **U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically** 2012 2011 /1 2012 /2 2011 Type **Light Hens Heavy Hens Total Hens** Liquid 0 0 726 771 -----Thousands-----Frozen 0 0 0 0 3.051 Head 1.295 1.756 Dried 1 0 51 139 Last Week 1,396 1,853 3,249 0 777 Total 1 910 Same week yr ago 1,290 1.988 3.278 U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary) 46,425 To-date/2012* 45,101 91,526 Week Ending Jul 21, 2012 Year-To-Date* To-date/2011* 44.240 84,599 40,359 Type 2012 2011 /1 2012 /2 2011 Liquid 211 635 8.411 9.330 U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada Frozen 40 14 677 562 **Light Hens Heavy Hens Total Hens** Λ Λ -----Thousands-----Dried n n Total 251 649 9.088 9.892 Head 118 0 118 INSPECTED SHELL EGGS Last Week 119 0 119 U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) Same week yr ago 259 0 259 Week Ending Jul 21, 2012 Year-To-Date* To-date/2012* 8,286 36 8.322 2012 2011/1 2012 /2 2011 To-date/2011* 10.982 285 11,267 Jumbo n n 0 Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section Extra Large 1,740 930 50,580 43,909 Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada Large 1,640 2,330 105,632 76,013 **Light Hens Heavy Hens Total Hens** 897 Medium 990 19,440 23,955 ----Thousands-----Ungraded 1,440 120 69,018 80,954 Head 1.413 1.756 3.169 Misc 0 600 1,620 600 Last Week 1,853 3,368 1,515 Total 5,717 4,970 246,290 225,431 Same week yr ago 1,549 1,988 3,537 /1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding. To-date/2012* 54.711 45.137 99.848 /2 Includes revisions to previous week(s) *Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods. To-date/2011* 51,341 44,525 95,866

NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

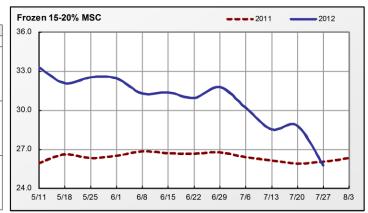
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(FOB Shipper Dock or equiv., negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand lb. quantities, cents/lb.; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices are trending steady to weak on fresh and frozen 15-20% with the balance of fat contents steady. Demand into domestic and export channels is light to moderate at best. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Schedules are normal. Summer has been disappointing for many, falling short of seasonal expectations in regard to interest and movement of both MSC and finished goods. Industry continues to stay out front on spot MSC sales and move more spot frames to avoid the production and sale of additional MSC. Many maintain a watchful eye on the marketplace with some already beginning to contemplate the possible dynamics of the approaching contract season. Market activity is light. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Spot frames traded between 10-15 cents FOB, mostly 12 FOB.

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

		Frozen		Fresh		
Fat Content	27-Jul-12	Last Week	Last Year	27-Jul-12	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	-	-	25.00 - 26.00	25.00 - 26.00	23.00-25.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	25.71	25.75	24.33
Volume Traded	-	-	-	143	163	122
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	18.00 - 32.00	21.00 - 33.00	24.00-28.00	18.00 - 26.00	19.00 - 26.00	19.00-26.00
Wtd Avg Price	25.75	28.80	26.04	22.70	22.99	24.14
Volume Traded	3,124	1,405	2,097	3,641	4,865	4,661
Volume Exported	2,124	1,229	1,837	41	449	653
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.50	20.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	22.00	22.50	20.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

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

	Frozen			Fresh			
Fat Content	Jun 2012	May 2012	Jun 2011	Jun 2012	May 2012	Jun 2011	
15% or Less							
Wtd Avg Price	32.00	28.60	-	25.24	26.00	25.65	
Volume Traded	160	200	-	653	612	755	
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-	
15-20%							
Wtd Avg Price	31.55	32.87	26.66	23.93	25.17	24.09	
Volume Traded	7,367	6,879	6,656	22,914	14,723	17,625	
Volume Exported	6,987	5,879	5,816	1,591	1,795	898	
20% or More							
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.33	22.30	20.00	
Volume Traded	-	-	-	367	204	408	
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 27 JULY 2012.

The market on bulk parts is mixed, mostly steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. The market on white meat was steady, instance firm on fresh. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. Thigh meat was steady to firm. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings light. Mechanically separated turkey market was steady to barely steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. Trading was slow. For domestic: fresh scapula 95 cents, fresh breast trim 73 cents, fresh full cut wings 42 cents, fresh tom neck 34 cents, frozen tails 48 cents, frozen livers 25 cents, frozen hearts 40 cents, frozen A grade 10-14 lbs. breasts 165 cents, 14-18 lbs. breasts 165-166 cents delivered. For export: frozen tom necks 34 cents, fresh thigh meat 92 cents and fresh tom drums 52 cents delivered to border or port.

EXPORT TRADING

					WEEKLY
	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME	WTD AVG
FRIDAY, JULY 27, 2012	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)	PRICE
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	55.00	270	55.00
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	42.00	378	43.45
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	95.00		95.00	162	95.00
TAILS		Т	51.00	40	51.00
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	32.00	20	32.00
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	94.00	54	94.00
	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME	
THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2012	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)	
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	55.00		55.00	270	
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	39.00-43.00		42.00	378	
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	00.00 .0.00	R	93.00	486	
TAILS		Ť	51.00	40	
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		W	32.00	20	
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	94.00	54	
	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME	
WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, 2012	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)	
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	65.00	324	
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	46.00		46.00	216	
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	.0.00	R	93.00	486	
TAILS		T	51.00	40	
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	32.00	-	32.00	20	
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	94.00		94.00	54	
	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME	
TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2012	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)	
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	KANOL	R	65.00	324	
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	44.00	108	
WINGS FULL-GOT - TOMS WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	93.00	486	
TAILS	51.00	IX	51.00	40	
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	01.00		31.00	40	
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	88.00	270	
	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME	
MONDAY, JULY 23, 2012	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)	
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	65.00	324	
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	44.00	108	
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	93.00	486	
TAILS		R	50.00	54	
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				-	
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	88.00	270	

^{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.

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