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South Korea

Total broiler meat consumption in 2014 is forecast to increase 2% to 806,000 metric tons (MT) over 2013. The increase in consumption is due to an anticipated surge in demand due to the World Cup soccer tournament in August 2014 along with the price competiveness of chicken products compared to other livestock products. International sporting events have a big influence over South Korea's chicken consumption. During the last World Cup event in 2010 chicken consumption increased 10% resulting in an expectation for demand to increase during the 2014 World Cup.

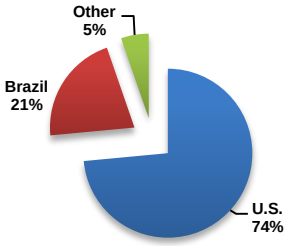
Also, because the number of single person households and working couples are increasing, the cut chicken market is expected to increase due to ready-to-cook products and small packaged chicken product sales.

However, since the first outbreak on January 16, 2014 of H5N8 consumer demand dropped by as much as 70% until the start of the Winter Olympics. After the start of the Winter Olympics some parts of the country found increased poultry sales ranging 11%-31% on various raw and cooked items with the biggest increase on duck meat. Average retail prices per kilogram (kg) on chicken on February 7, 2014 were 7% lower than the previous month. Meanwhile, the average price per kg of beef ribs on February 7, 2014 increased 2% over the same period of time in January 2014.

In response to the outbreak of H5N8 South Korea to date has culled 3.2 million chickens and ducks on 154 farms. A new suspected, but unconfirmed, case of H5N8 was recently discovered. South Korea's last major avian influenza outbreak was of the H5N1 type from 2010-2011 in which 6.5 million poultry were culled.

Broiler meat imports for 2014 are forecast to be 125,000 MT, 4% above 2013 helped by demand from the World Cup and a steady demand from young consumers. A reduced duty under KORUS FTA to 14% for the United States (U.S.) and an expected decrease in international grain prices in 2014 have resulted in U.S. chicken exports (mostly frozen bone-in leg products) to South Korea to increase slightly.

2011 Chicken Meat Imports



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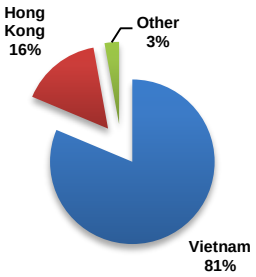


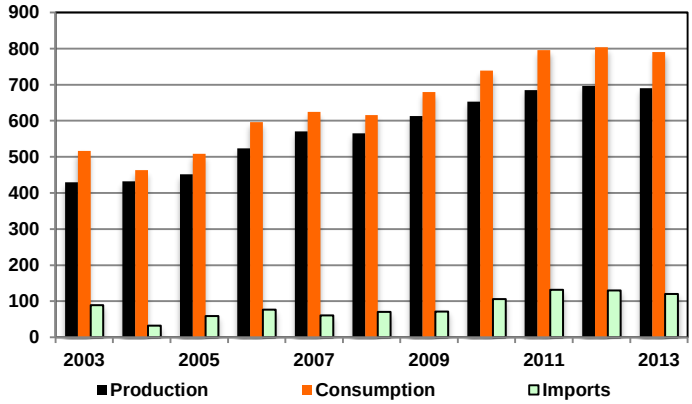
Source: FAOSTAT, FAO Statistics Division 2014, 25 January 2014

Chicken meat production for 2014 is forecast to increase slightly due to increased production capacity by new and existing producers and because of demand during the World Cup tournament.

Under the KORUS FTA South Korea's base tariff rate (originally 20%) with the U.S., on the dominant frozen chicken leg quarter category will disappear by 2021 and frozen breasts and wings by 2023. The 18% tariff on frozen turkey cuts will be eliminated by 2018.

Sources: USDA/FAS GAIN Report KS1342; USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service Official USDA PSD Online Estimates; The Poultry Site; 02-14-2014 International Egg & Poultry Review; various news sources

South Korea Total Estimated Broiler Meat Production, Consumption & Import Comparisons (1,000 Metric Tons)



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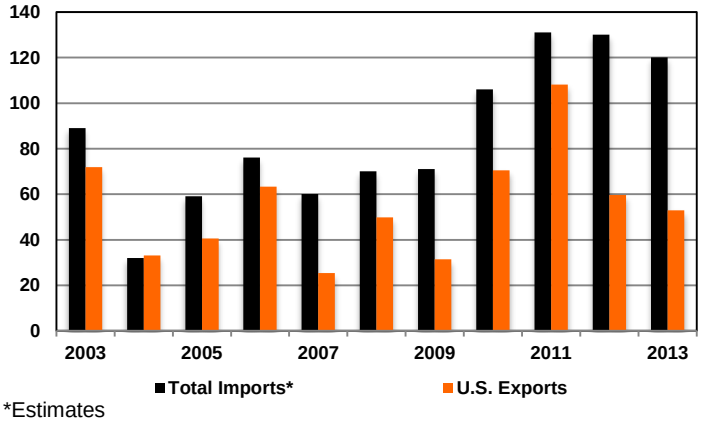

*Estimates

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U.S. Poultry Exports to South Korea Yearly Comparisons (Metric Tons)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Broiler Meat	31,348	70,476	108,045	59,552	52,900
Other Poultry Meat	782	500	867	2,340	3,918
Turkey Meat	2,898	2,494	2,218	3,242	2,430
Egg Products	1,050	1,385	1,794	1,578	1,095
Total	**36,077**	**74,855**	**112,924**	**66,710**	**60,344**

Source: Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics/USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service

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

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

Week Ending Feb 15, 2014 Year-To-Date*

Type	2014	2013 /1	2014 /2	2013
Liquid	89	0	232	96
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	122	0
Total	89	0	354	96

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

Week Ending Feb 15, 2014 Year-To-Date*

Type	2014	2013 /1	2014 /2	2013
Liquid	76	288	483	1,153
Frozen	44	19	296	228
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	120	307	779	1,381

INSPECTED SHELL EGGS

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

Week Ending Feb 15, 2014 Year-To-Date*

	2014	2013 /1	2014 /2	2013
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	1,290	3,290	12,270	6,050
Large	6,490	3,640	25,140	5,320
Medium	0	1,590	372	3,333
Ungraded	15,420	1,170	40,292	8,699
Misc	0	0	1,440	0
Total	23,200	9,690	79,514	23,402

/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 Feb 15, 2014 (Preliminary)

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----------Thousands----------		
Head	1,410	1,454	2,864
Last Week	1,636	1,524	3,160
Same week yr ago	1,310	1,433	2,743
To-date/2014*	10,858	10,077	20,935
To-date/2013*	11,164	10,309	21,473

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----------Thousands----------		
Head	315	0	315
Last Week	493	0	493
Same week yr ago	200	0	200
To-date/2014*	2,637	0	2,637
To-date/2013*	2,175	0	2,175

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	1,725	1,454	3,179
Last Week	2,129	1,524	3,653
Same week yr ago	1,510	1,433	2,943
To-date/2014*	13,495	10,077	23,572
To-date/2013*	13,339	10,309	23,648

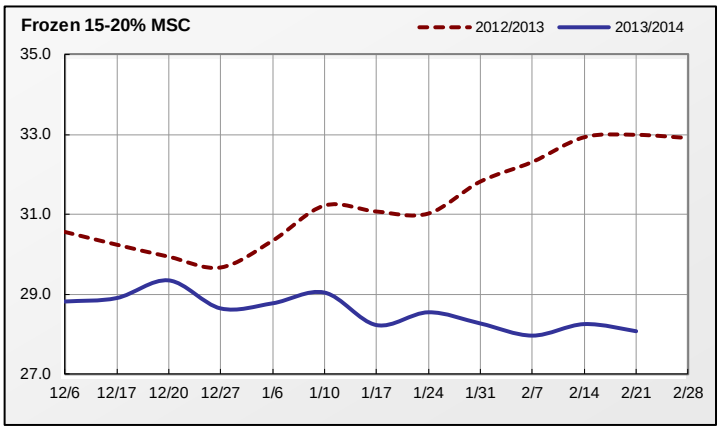
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN (F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices are steady to firm on all fat contents. Domestic and export demand is light to instances good. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are returning to normal. Many plants are still recovering from last week's weather related disruptions in production leaving limited spot MSC on the marketplace, which is clearing quickly as some buyers are working to cover contract shortages. Movement of finished goods is average to good for this time of year as consumption patterns have fluctuated with the weather. Industry continues to stay out from and maintain a close eye on any market developments as it continues to battle trucking and production challenges. Market activity is moderate to active. Raw material supplies are moderate. Frame prices are steady with trading levels between 10-13 cents FOB, mostly 11-12 cents FOB.

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

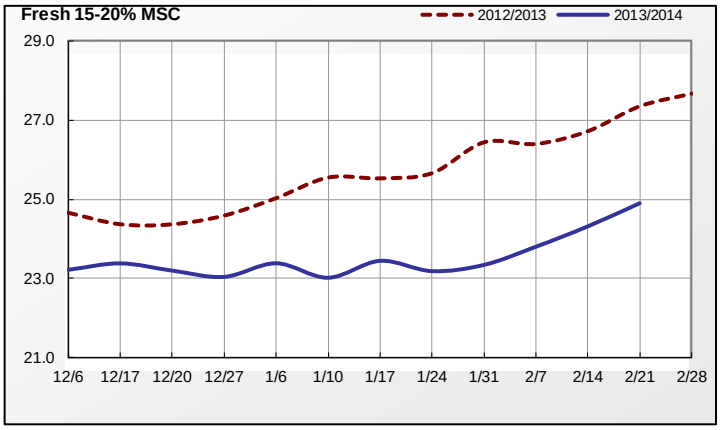
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	21-Feb-14	Last Week	Last Year	21-Feb-14	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	-	-	28.00	27.00 - 28.00	25.00-27.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	28.00	27.71	26.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	184	286	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	26.00 - 31.00	26.00 - 30.00	31.00-34.00	23.00 - 27.00	22.00 - 27.00	24.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.07	28.25	32.31	24.90	24.32	26.40
Volume Traded	1,275	810	1,245	3,529	3,611	4,743
Volume Exported	1,155	770	1,045	41	-	816
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00 - 22.50	22.50	22.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.33	22.50	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	122	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2013	Jan 2014	Dec 2013	Jan 2013
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	31.50	32.00	30.00	27.58	27.82	25.13
Volume Traded	80	80	80	775	449	653
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	28.53	28.93	30.97	23.27	23.21	25.48
Volume Traded	7,528	6,021	4,923	19,565	11,454	17,411
Volume Exported	6,178	5,541	4,563	3,060	2,856	5,834
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.18	22.00	20.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	449	245	204
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News (www.ams.usda.gov/lpsmarketnewspage)

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS

INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 21 FEBRUARY 2014.

The market on bulk parts was mostly steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. The market on white meat and white trims is steady, with a firm undertone noted on white meat. Demand and offerings light to moderate. The thigh meat market is steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. Mechanically separated turkey market is steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Trading slow to moderate. For domestic: frozen tails 57 cents, grade A breast non basted 8-10 lbs. 135 cents, 10-12 lbs. 145 cents, 14-16 lbs. 155 cents, machine defatted tom gizzards 93 cents, fresh scapula 138.75-141, fresh full cut wings 64 cents, fresh breast trim 146 cents, livers for pet food 28 cents delivered. For export: frozen tom breast meat 210 cents, fresh tom drums 92 cents, fresh thigh meat 154 cents.

EXPORT TRADING

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2014	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	91.00		91.00	54	90.57	94
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	66.00		66.00	108	65.67	162
TAILS	60.00-62.00		61.08	174	61.08	174
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		T	44.00	40	44.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	160.00		160.00	270	160.00	270

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2014	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	90.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	65.00	54
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		T	44.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN				

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2014	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	90.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	65.00		65.00	54
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		T	44.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN				

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	90.00		90.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	64.00	468
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	67.00	120
TAILS		T	55.55	220
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	44.00		44.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	153.00	180

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2014	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS				
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN				

No Trading Reported Due to Presidents Day Holiday

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.