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EU-28 Poultry

The European Commission's "Winter 2014 Short Term Outlook for arable crops, meat and dairy markets in the European Union" was recently released. The report includes forecasts for 2014 and 2015.

Poultry meat production continued expanding in 2013 with Germany and Poland as the main contributors (+2% and +8% respectively compared to 2012). Poultry meat production grew by 1.7% in 2013 compared to 2012 (from 12.64 million tons to 12.85 million tons). Production growth is projected to be less than 1% in 2014 and 2015. Poultry meat consumption should continue increasing due to its price competitiveness with other meats in a fragile economic context.

EU-28 poultry meat market balance
'000 tons carcass weight equivalent*

	2011	2012	2013e	2014f	2015f
Net Production	12,384	12,638	12,850	12,950	13,034
EU-15	9,690	9,771	9,865	9,928	9,971
EU-N13	2,694	2,867	2,985	3,022	3,064
Meat Imports	831	841	788	785	785
Meat Exports	1,290	1,313	1,300	1,293	1,305
Consumption	11,925	12,166	12,338	12,442	12,514
Per Capita Consumption (kg)	20.8	21.1	21.4	21.5	21.6
Share total meat cons	28.4%	29.4%	30.0%	30.0%	29.9%

e=estimated; f=forecast
*In retail weight. Coefficient to transform carcass weight into retail weight is 0.88 for poultry meat.

The EU is a net exporter and EU exports are always likely to exceed imports. Exports and imports both declined in 2013. The EU exports less popular cuts (like wings) and imports more popular cuts (like breasts). In 2013 an increasing share of exports went to Saudi Arabia and South Africa (24% of the total poultry meat exports compared to 21% in 2012). Exports to Russia, Ukraine and Belarus were all lower (-18%, -28% and -38% respectively). Exports to Russia slowed due to the Russian government policy to improve self-sufficiency. Increased competition from Brazil on the world market combined with lower Russian demand might result in lower exports in 2014 (-0.5%) before recovering in 2015.

Imports were down 6% in 2013, driven by lower shipments from South America, especially Brazil (-12%). Thai imports increased by 15% as the ban over fresh Thai chicken was removed. Imports are limited by preferential tariff quotas (TRQs).

Source: Winter 2014 Short Term Outlook for arable crops, meat and dairy markets in the European Union

EU Meat Country of Origin Labeling Rules Approved

On December 13, 2013 the EU approved Regulation 1337/2013 regarding the rules on the indication of the country of origin or place of provenance on the label of fresh, chilled and frozen meat of swine, sheep, goats and poultry. The label must include the country of rearing and the country of slaughter. It does not require the country of birth.

For poultry, the place of rearing is the Member State or third country in which the last rearing period of at least one month took place or, in case the animal is slaughtered younger than one month, the Member State or third country in which the whole rearing period after the animal was placed for fattening took place.

For more information see:
http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/labellingnutrition/foodlabelling/docs/com_2013-755_en.pdf

Exports of Poultry Products to Main Partners in Tons (Product weight)

	Total Chicken Meat*		Total Turkey Meat	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Russia	66,028	79,139	4,810	10,277
Ukraine	47,631	69,018	9,194	10,174
Hong Kong	92,333	99,210	9,322	10,448
China	13,755	9,451	443	670
Vietnam	11,476	16,391	103	1,061
Saudi Arabia	153,959	148,904	501	250
U. A. Emirates	17,203	21,341	420	116
Yemen	36,270	34,440	20	41
Benin	96,362	95,343	41,140	41,717
Ghana	69,275	64,129	3,905	3,023
South Africa	142,318	123,677	9,137	6,087
Other	381,016	369,381	63,307	67,577
EXTRA EU-28	1,127,626	1,130,425	142,302	151,440

*Chicken, fowl and rooster HS Codes 0207, 0210, and 1602
Turkey HS codes 0207, 1602

Source: https://circabc.europa.eu/

EU Exports of Eggs (tons egg equivalent) not including hatching eggs

	2010	2011	2012	2013	Jan-Jan 14 2014
Japan	52,923	66,357	66,938	64,527	5,996
Switzerland	45,072	42,168	41,893	42,086	3,467
Iraq	20	1,552	1,139	7,741	2,652
Angola	10,414	17,524	17,109	12,906	1,143
Thailand	6,180	7,254	6,409	5,919	741
Russia	5,293	4,947	5,982	10,539	590
Ukraine	5,621	4,422	4,298	3,655	341
South Korea	2,495	4,379	3,422	3,649	264
Saudi Arabia	732	2,138	762	672	204
Libya	201	226	403	673	131
Turkey	2,208	2,059	1,794	2,832	108
Others	50,559	64,080	35,645	59,417	5,079
EXTRA EU 28	181,719	217,105	185,793	214,617	20,715
% Change		+19%	-14%	+16%	+28.4%

Source: EU Market Situation for Eggs, Committee for the Common Organisation of the Agricultural Markets, 20 March 2014

German Poultry Farmers and GMO-Free Feed

On February 18, 2014, the German poultry association (known under the German acronym ZDG) issued a press release backing away from its 14 year old commitment to use only non-GMO soybeans in poultry production. ZDG asserts that non-GMO soybean supplies cannot be guaranteed since Brazil, the main supplier, is likely to cut production by 50% in 2014. ZDG also said that the danger of cross-contamination between GMO and conventional crops has risen.

Germany is one of the EU's largest poultry meat producers. In 2013, Germany produced about 1.4 million tons of poultry meat (out of total EU production of about 12.5 million tons). Germany is also one of the EU's largest users of soybeans and soybean meal, importing about 6.8 million tons of soybeans and products in 2013 for all uses (feed, biofuels, etc.). It is estimated that German poultry farmers use over 800,000 tons of soybeans meal annually as a protein feed ingredient.

Source: USDA GAIN Report Number GM14008

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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 22, 2014 Year-To-Date*

Type	2014	2013 /1	2014 /2	2013
Liquid	0	135	1,236	472
Frozen	39	0	39	0
Dried	0	0	158	16
Total	39	135	1,433	488

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

Week Ending Mar 22, 2014 Year-To-Date*

Type	2014	2013 /1	2014 /2	2013
Liquid	10	99	1,317	2,506
Frozen	5	13	404	339
Dried	0	0	46	0
Total	15	112	1,767	2,845

INSPECTED SHELL EGGS

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

Week Ending Mar 22, 2014 Year-To-Date*

	2014	2013 /1	2014 /2	2013
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	2,940	4,200	27,618	19,220
Large	4,770	11,100	68,540	35,190
Medium	0	870	2,502	7,473
Ungraded	9,690	6,030	123,122	19,259
Misc	2,160	0	7,320	0
Total	19,560	22,200	229,102	81,142

/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 22, 2014 (Preliminary)

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----------Thousands----------		
Head	1,352	1,413	2,765
Last Week	1,669	1,579	3,248
Same week yr ago	1,678	1,317	2,995
To-date/2014*	18,040	17,340	35,380
To-date/2013*	18,575	16,743	35,318

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----------Thousands----------		
Head	404	0	404
Last Week	326	0	326
Same week yr ago	606	0	606
To-date/2014*	3,944	0	3,944
To-date/2013*	4,032	0	4,032

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	1,756	1,413	3,169
Last Week	1,995	1,579	3,574
Same week yr ago	2,284	1,317	3,601
To-date/2014*	21,984	17,340	39,324
To-date/2013*	22,607	16,743	39,350

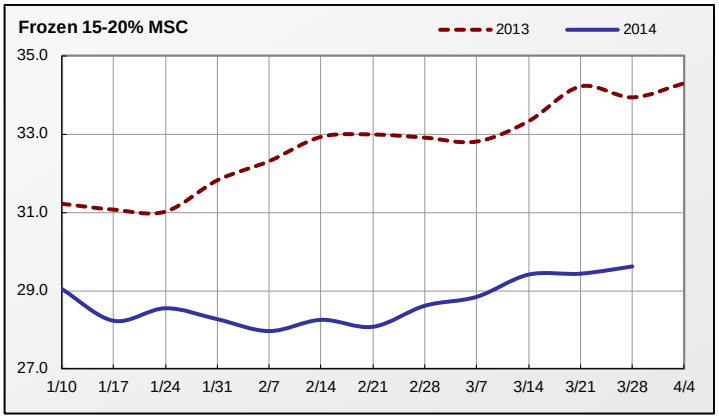
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

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.)

Prices of MSC are trending steady to firm on all fat contents. Demand into domestic and export channels is mostly moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are normal. The MSC complex is in good shape in regard to supply with product clearing at trading levels continuing to be in the same range. MSC maintains a favorable position in comparison to other competing proteins. Industry continues to watch the spot marketplace closely while it manages current challenges and makes future preparations. Market activity is slow to moderate. Raw material supplies are light to moderate. Frame prices are steady to firm with trading levels between 11-14.5 cents FOB, mostly 13-14 FOB.

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

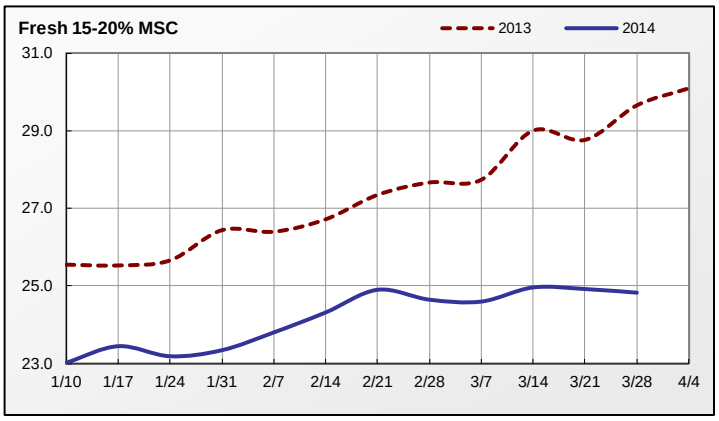
	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	28-Mar-14	Last Week	Last Year	28-Mar-14	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	31.00	-	-	27.00 - 28.00	28.00	28.00-30.00
Wtd Avg Price	31.00		-	27.57	28.00	29.07
Volume Traded	40	-	-	143	184	153
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	27.50 - 33.00	27.50 - 32.00	32.00-35.00	23.00 - 27.00	22.00 - 28.00	27.00-33.00
Wtd Avg Price	29.62	29.43	33.33	24.83	24.92	29.01
Volume Traded	1,605	1,175	1,125	2,644	2,836	3,475
Volume Exported	1,605	1,095	1,045	204	204	367
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.00 - 22.50	22.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.33	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	122	41
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Feb 2014	Jan 2014	Feb 2013	Feb 2014	Jan 2014	Feb 2013
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	31.50	30.00	27.79	27.58	26.43
Volume Traded	-	80	40	796	775	714
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	28.27	28.53	32.59	24.45	23.27	26.70
Volume Traded	5,540	7,528	5,957	13,345	19,565	17,289
Volume Exported	5,320	6,178	5,357	816	3,060	2,815
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.32	22.18	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	449	449	245
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 28 MARCH 2014.

The market on bulk parts was steady, with full cut wings firm. Demand and offerings light to moderate. White meat and white trims market steady to mostly firm. Demand moderate to good. Offerings light and held with confidence. The market on thigh meat is steady to firm. Demand light to moderate. Offerings light. For domestic: fresh tom full-cut wings 69 cents, fresh tom necks 66 cents, fresh tails 56 cents, fresh breast trim 157 cents, breeder tom breast meat 245 cents, fresh scapula 156.75-158 cents, fresh punched drums 143 cents, #1 thigh trim 95 cents and fresh wing meat 96 cents delivered. For export: frozen tom breast meat 295 cents and fresh tom drums 86 cents delivered to Border or port.

EXPORT TRADING

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2014	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	100.00	80	100.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	72.00	40	72.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	62.00	120	62.00	120
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/						
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	163.50	80		

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2014	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	100.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	72.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	62.00		62.00	120
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	163.50	80

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2014	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	100.00		100.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	72.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	66.00	108
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	163.50	80

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	91.00	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	72.00		72.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	66.00	108
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	163.50	80

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2014	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	91.00	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	66.00	108
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	163.50	80

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.