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**Colombia's Government Alleviates Procedures for Importing Mechanically Deboned Chicken Meat**

The Institute for the Surveillance of Medicines and Food Products (INVIMA), which is responsible for the regulation of food safety standards for the Government of Colombia (GOC), negotiated and announced the implementation of an agreement with food processors to address the issue of Salmonella with imports of mechanically deboned chicken meat (MDM) and create a new procedure for importing MDM.

The agreement and new procedures were developed and implemented to help eliminate detentions and rejections of MDM shipments as a result of Salmonella findings. INVIMA had been operating under and enforcing the GOC's zero tolerance policy on Salmonella prior to the new agreement, which resulted in the rejection and destruction of numerous US exports of MDM.

The new procedure is presently in effect, though it is unclear for how long and it is still subject to revisions by traders, importers, and INVIMA port agents. Under the new procedures, MDM processors are able to process the meat even if it has Salmonella providing the product is subjected to a cooking or heat treatment process thus ensuring the product is fit for human consumption. In addition to the agreement, the food processor, importer, processing plant representative and an INVIMA agent will sign a document called the Act of Commitment for the Use of Imported Raw MDM stating it will comply with a set of pre-determined import requirements.

According to reports, Colombian MDM importers have willingly accepted the new procedure, which allows them to nationalize and store product at their own facilities while awaiting Salmonella test results thus lowering port storage fees and making raw material readily available since any MDM with or without traces of Salmonella can be processed given the product is cooked. The new agreement has eliminated problems at the port; however it fails to address the underlying issue regarding Colombia's Salmonella import standards. A permanent Salmonella policy consistent with international guidelines still needs to be developed by INVIMA and the Ministry of Social Protection. To see the requirements required of the meat processor under the Act of Commitment for the Use of Imported Raw MDM see USDA FAS GAIN Report CO9003 at:

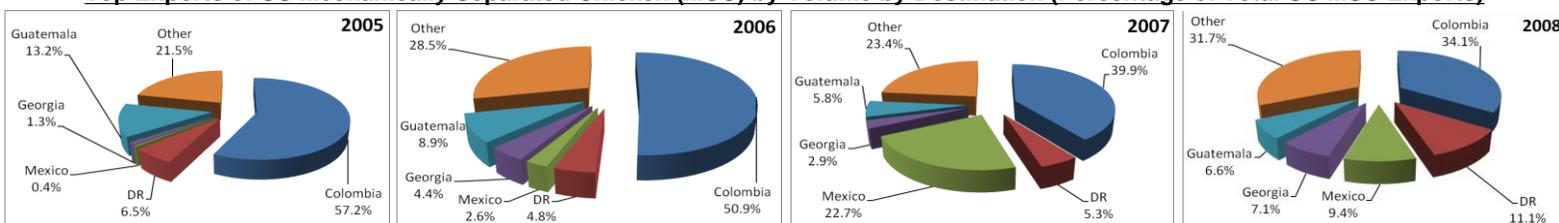
<http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200902/146327294.pdf>

**Top US Exports of MSC by Value in Thousand Dollar Quantities**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	% Change
Colombia	107	261	6,964	6,901	7,201	6582	-8.6%
DR	6	91	876	696	1,066	2,427	127.7%
Georgia	379	426	187	743	602	2,060	242.2%
Mexico	414	42	62	476	3,797	2,040	-46.3%
Panama	0	0	18	0	215	1,703	692.1%
Other	4,618	5,315	4,212	5,872	6,010	7,338	22.1%
Total	5,524	6,135	12,319	14,688	18,891	22,150	17.3%

Note: DR = Dominican Republic. Georgia = Republic of Georgia. % Change = Percentage Change from 2007-2008.

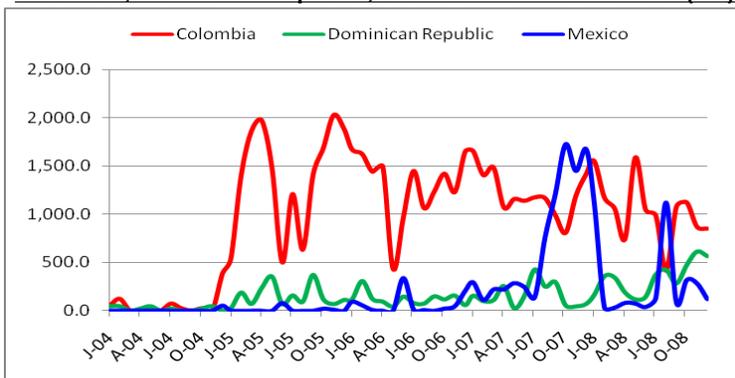
**Top Exports of US Mechanically Separated Chicken (MSC) by Volume by Destination (Percentage of Total US MSC Exports)**



Note: DR = Dominican Republic.

Source: USDA FAS

**Top US Exports of Mechanically Separated Chicken (MSC) to Colombia, Dominican Republic, and Mexico in Metric Tons (MT)**



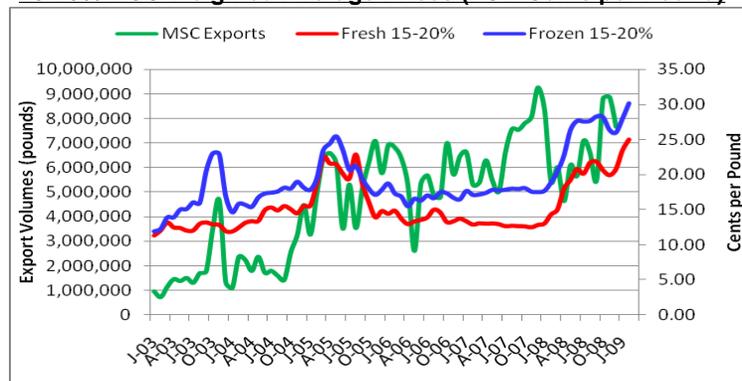
Source: Department of Commerce, US Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics/USDA FAS

**Top 10 Export Destinations of US MSC (MT)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	% Change
Colombia	291	680	16,610	15,676	14,662	12,484	-14.9%
DR	24	259	1,871	1,470	1,956	4,053	107.2%
Mexico	198	60	117	796	8,345	3,460	-58.5%
Georgia	624	799	364	1,363	1,064	2,600	144.3%
Guatemala	278	2,878	3,821	2,727	2,140	2,428	13.5%
Jamaica	0	0	25	600	279	2,246	705.8%
Panama	0	0	24	0	307	2,202	616.4%
Honduras	2,268	1,396	3,311	3,603	2,542	1,365	-46.3%
Trinidad	1,054	1,161	521	902	932	860	-7.7%
Korea	0	0	0	0	0	749	
Other	4,999	4,883	2,363	3,677	4,531	4,188	-7.6%
Total	9,734	12,117	29,024	30,814	36,758	36,633	-0.3%

Note: DR = Dominican Republic. Georgia = Republic of Georgia. Trinidad = Trinidad & Tobago. Korea = Republic of Korea. % Change = Percentage Change from 2007-2008. Source: Department of Commerce, US Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics/USDA FAS

**Total US Exports of Mechanically Separated Chicken (MSC) in Pounds Compared with National Fresh 15-20% and Frozen 15-20% MSC Weighted Average Prices (FOB Cents per Pound)**



Source: Department of Commerce, US Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics/USDA FAS/USDA AMS Poultry Market News and Analysis

**INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-**

**U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE**

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2009	2008 /1	2009 /2	2008
Liquid	49	0	672	0
Frozen	0	2	0	2
Dried	40	58	164	98
Total	89	60	836	100

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2009	2008 /1	2009 /2	2008
Liquid	359	430	2,717	3,339
Frozen	4	40	98	173
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	363	470	2,815	3,512

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

	Year-To-Date*			
	2009	2008 /1	2009 /2	2008
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	600	0	5,093	1,530
Large	1,610	2,300	11,388	2,750
Medium	1,590	750	4,410	4,020
Ungraded	4,032	8,990	21,762	30,110
Misc	300	0	501	0
Total	8,132	12,040	43,154	38,410

/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 28-Feb-09 (Preliminary)

**U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically**

	Thousands		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,079	1,449	2,528
Last Week	1,172	1,323	2,495
Same week yr ago	1,409	1,542	2,951
To-date/2009*	10,043	12,198	22,241
To-date/2008*	11,283	12,196	23,479

**U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada**

	Thousands		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	376	0	376
Last Week	140	0	140
Same week yr ago	378	8	386
To-date/2009*	2,022	11	2,033
To-date/2008*	2,302	12	2,314

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

**Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada**

	Thousands		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,455	1,449	2,904
Last Week	1,312	1,323	2,635
Same week yr ago	1,787	1,550	3,337
To-date/2009*	12,065	12,209	24,274
To-date/2008*	13,585	12,208	25,793

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

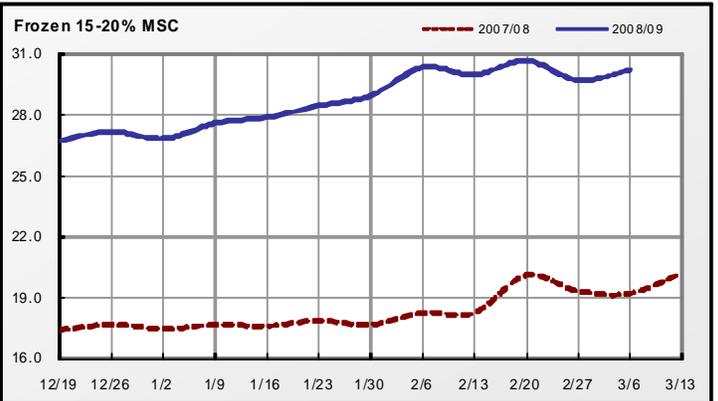
**NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

(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.)

The market tone for all fat contents of MSC was steady to fully steady. Supplies of fresh 15-20% were adequate to closely cleared with some anticipated reductions in the coming months; tight on the remainder of fat contents. Supplies of raw materials were in close balance. Demand was moderate to good with most export activity into Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central American countries. Schedules were mixed.

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

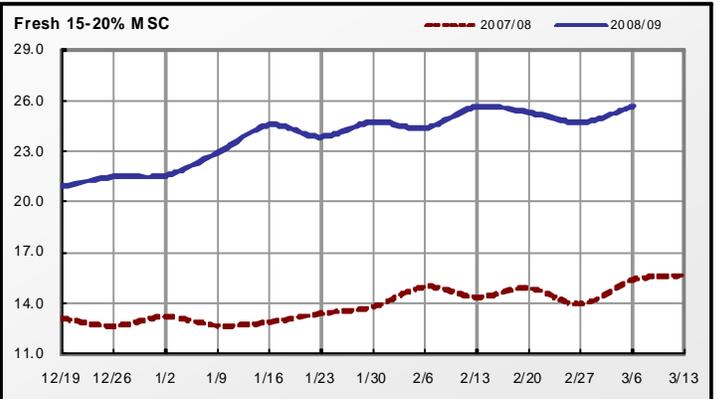
Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	6-Mar-09	Last Week	Last Year	6-Mar-09	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range			18.00	27.00 - 29.00	27.00 - 29.00	18.00-19.00
Wtd Avg Price			18.00	27.87	28.28	18.50
Volume Traded	-	-	53	297	415	241
Volume Exported	-	-	53	55	50	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	27.00 - 34.00	27.00 - 34.00	16.25-22.00	20.00 - 28.50	20.00 - 28.50	13.00-18.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.23	29.71	19.21	25.67	24.71	15.37
Volume Traded	782	2,324	1,714	2,518	4,192	1,495
Volume Exported	728	2,244	1,674	490	1,510	82
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	16.00-18.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	17.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Feb 2009	Jan 2009	Feb 2008	Feb 2009	Jan 2009	Feb 2008
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	20.40	28.22	27.67	17.58
Volume Traded	-	-	584	1,101	1,524	1,566
Volume Exported	-	-	264	214	274	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	30.12	27.92	18.82	25.03	23.48	14.37
Volume Traded	6,505	5,100	8,143	14,414	12,494	11,547
Volume Exported	5,044	4,268	7,223	4,447	2,613	2,321
<b>20% or More</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	23.00	22.99	18.03
Volume Traded	-	-	-	325	284	775
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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



**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS**, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 06 MARCH 2009.

The market tone on white meat remains steady to weak with frozen in the weakest position. White meat demand continues to be limited. Offerings are fully adequate. The market tone on bulk parts was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were mixed ranging from short to adequate. Trading was slow to moderate. For domestic: Fresh defatted tom gizzards 89 cents, fresh tom necks 50 cents, 8-10 lb. breast 130 and 12-16 lb. breast 140. Export : thigh meat 120 cents Russian approved.

<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>L.S.T.</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>	<b>WEEKLY</b>	<b>WEEKLY</b>
<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 06, 2009</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	63.00-68.00		67.01	202	66.80	256
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	51.00		51.00	40	50.20	202
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	35.00		35.00	120	35.43	280
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T F	38.00 100.58	40 228	38.00	40
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>L.S.T.</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>		
<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 05, 2009</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	66.00	54		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	50.00	162		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	60.00	216		
TAILS	35.00		35.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T F	38.00 100.58	40 228		
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>L.S.T.</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>		
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 04, 2009</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	66.00	54		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	50.00	162		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	60.00	216		
TAILS		T	36.00	120		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T F	38.00 100.58	40 228		
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>L.S.T.</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>		
<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 03, 2009</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	66.00		66.00	54		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	50.00		50.00	162		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	60.00	216		
TAILS	35.00-38.00		36.00	120		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	38.00	F	38.00 100.58	40 228		
<b>EXPORT TRADING</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>L.S.T.</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>	<b>VOLUME</b>		
<b>MONDAY, MARCH 02, 2009</b>	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>CODE 1/</b>	<b>PRICE</b>	<b>(000)</b>		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	67.00	108		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	50.00	54		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	60.00	216		
TAILS		F	39.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	100.58	228		

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.