



Philippines

The Philippines poultry sector was valued at about P131 billion (\$2.7 billion) in 2008, 11% higher than in 2007. Poultry production represented 14.11% of total agricultural production in the country. Chicken production was the primary source of growth in the subsector, and grew 5.76% to total P98 billion (\$2 billion) in value. According to the Philippine Department of Agriculture's (DA) Bureau of Agricultural Statistics (BAS) one factor contributing to the growth in 2008 was the rehabilitation of typhoon damaged farms in Ilocos Region in Luzon. In the fourth quarter there were reports of new commercial in broiler farms in Ilocos Norte and an increase in the number of contract farms in Northern Mindanao.

Value of Poultry Production by Type Current prices in billion pesos*

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Poultry	104.47	106.30	110.17	118.25	130.91
Chicken	78.97	79.69	81.74	87.41	97.65
Duck	2.58	2.78	2.63	2.50	2.64
Chicken eggs	19.83	20.82	22.95	25.41	27.81
Duck eggs	3.09	3.01	2.86	2.92	2.80

Source: Republic of the Philippines, Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Agricultural Statistics (BAS)

*US\$1=P48.47 as of March 18, 2009.

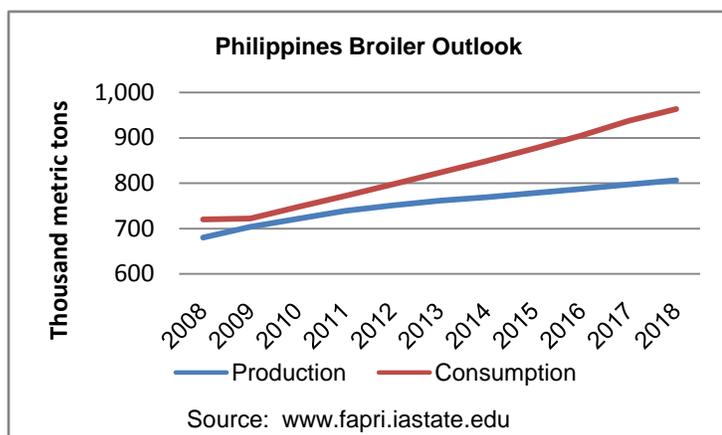
Chicken meat production grew from 1,211.6 thousand metric tons (TMT) live weight in 2007 to 1,281.4 TMT in 2008. Rising feed and production costs combined with possible weaker consumer demand will constrain growth in 2009. Duck production fell from 42.5 TMT in 2007 to 39.2 TMT in 2008.

Poultry Production by Type, Live weight, thousand metric tons

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Chicken	1,231.8	1,215.7	1,206.0	1,211.6	1,281.3
Duck	53.2	49.4	46.0	42.5	39.2
Chicken Eggs	296.6	320.3	330.3	335.1	350.8
Duck Eggs	56.6	53.2	50.0	47.0	42.5

Source: BAS

Broiler consumption is expected to continue to exceed domestic production. The Philippines imported 45,772 metric tons in 2008, mostly deboned chicken followed by chicken leg quarters. Canada was the top importer (17,122 MT), followed by the U.S. (13,743 MT), Brazil (8,216 MT), and Australia (5,477 MT).



Poultry Inventory By Year, in million heads

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Chicken	122.0	136.0	134.3	135.6	154.3	158.7
Duck	10.2	10.4	11.1	10.2	10.5	10.6

Source: BAS

The majority of all the country's chicken meat imports (except mechanically deboned or separated poultry) fall under MAV (Minimum Access Volumes). In June 2007 the Philippines lowered the tariff on mechanically deboned meat (MDM) of chicken and mechanically separated turkey (MST) to 5%. Exempt from MAV as a result of concessions granted. Prior to this exemption, about 40% of all poultry imported under MAV was made up of MDM or MST. The MAV utilization rate fell from 97% in 2006 to 85% in 2008.

Both in-quota and out-of-quota tariff rates for MAV commodities are 40%. Tariff rates for ASEAN countries have dropped to 20% and are expected to reach 5% in 2010.

Chicken Imports in kilograms

	2006	2007	2008	2008/07
Cuts	1,631,748	1,950,780	3,387,143	74%
CLQ*	20,052,959	24,537,053	16,069,476	-35%
Deboned	10,442,165	18,080,197	25,421,374	41%
Whole	509,825	469,023	410,386	-13%

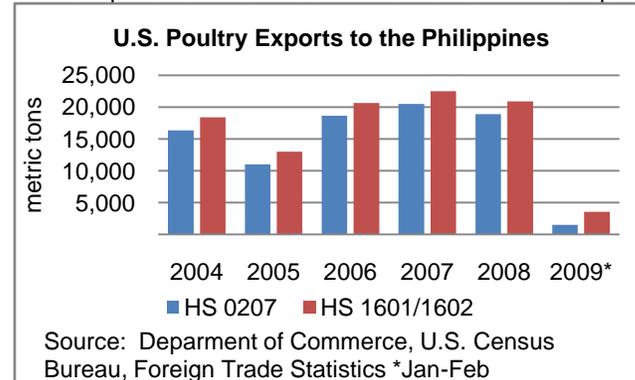
*chicken leg quarters

Source: Bureau of Animal Industry, National Veterinary Quarantine Service

The Philippines Department of Agriculture had announced a review of the MAV system in October 2007 but later announced the indefinite postponement of any changes to the system. The uncertainty caused by the MAV review and delays in the issuance of MAV licenses contributed in part to the decline in chicken leg quarter imports in 2008.

Chicken egg production went up 4.67% in 2008. The impressive improvement in egg-laying efficiency ratio of layers boosted the uptrend. About 75% of the total table egg production was produced from commercial layer farms, the balance from native chicken. Duck egg production totaled 42.5 TMT in 2008.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agriculture Service Attaché Reports; Republic of the Philippines Department of Agriculture; US Trade Representative 2009 National Trade Estimate Report



INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-

U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE

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

Week Ending Apr 04, 2009	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2009	2008 /1	2009 /2	2008
Liquid	280	47	1,347	96
Frozen	0	0	0	8
Dried	0	0	182	138
Total	280	47	1,529	242

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

Week Ending Apr 04, 2009	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2009	2008 /1	2009 /2	2008
Liquid	381	502	4,482	5,032
Frozen	7	0	124	217
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	388	502	4,606	5,249

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

Week Ending Apr 04, 2009	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2009	2008 /1	2009 /2	2008
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	1,320	600	9,473	3,410
Large	5,590	120	33,488	14,620
Medium	120	780	8,340	9,600
Ungraded	2,430	3,630	57,506	53,650
Misc	0	0	1,437	0
Total	9,460	5,130	110,244	81,280

/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 04-Apr-09 (Preliminary)

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,193	1,560	2,753
Last Week	1,197	1,471	2,668
Same week yr ago	1,561	1,482	3,043
To-date/2009*	16,012	19,613	35,625
To-date/2008*	18,321	19,670	37,991

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	294	0	294
Last Week	368	0	368
Same week yr ago	479	0	479
To-date/2009*	3,650	11	3,661
To-date/2008*	4,135	12	4,147

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	1,487	1,560	3,047
Last Week	1,565	1,471	3,036
Same week yr ago	2,040	1,482	3,522
To-date/2009*	19,662	19,624	39,286
To-date/2008*	22,456	19,682	42,138

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

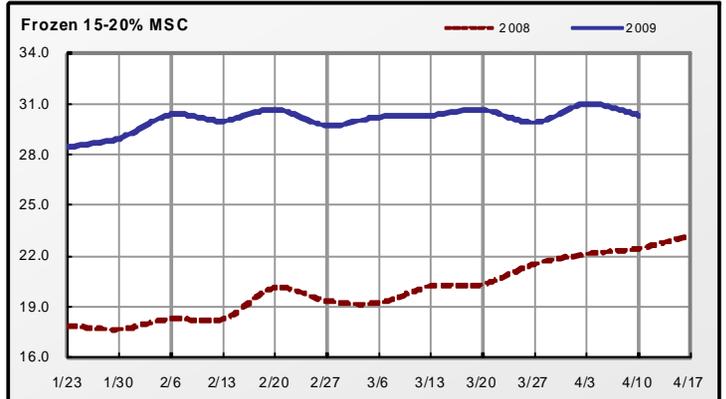
NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

(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 fresh 15-20% MSC was about steady; steady to fully steady on the balance. Supplies of fresh 15-20% were balanced to more available. The remainder of fat contents were noted as barely adequate to tight. Some reductions were noted with cutbacks and anticipated plant closings in coming weeks. Supplies of raw materials were balanced to more available. Demand was mixed, ranging light to instances good. Most export activity was noted into Caribbean and Central American countries with Mexico quiet for the Easter holiday. Schedules were seasonally irregular. Frames values were steady trading mostly between 11-14 cents FOB.

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

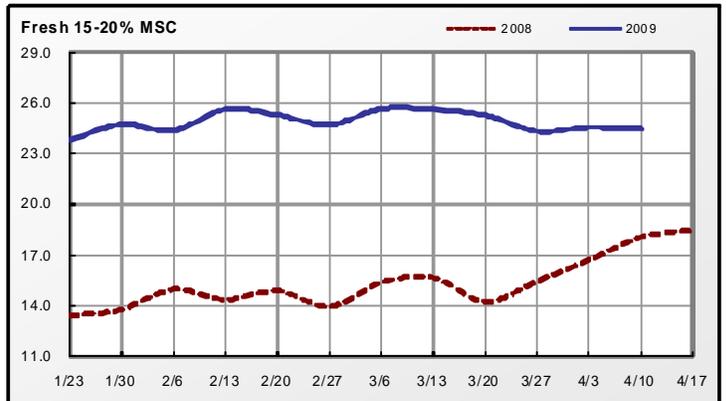
Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	10-Apr-09	Last Week	Last Year	10-Apr-09	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			22.00	28.00 - 30.00	28.00 - 29.00	21.00-22.00
Wtd Avg Price			22.00	29.04	28.19	21.56
Volume Traded	-	-	54	337	212	181
Volume Exported	-	-	54	55	52	-
15-20%						
Price Range	27.00 - 35.00	27.00 - 36.00	17.00-26.00	20.00 - 28.00	20.00 - 32.00	14.00-24.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.33	31.00	22.44	24.48	24.58	18.06
Volume Traded	2,359	5,083	1,745	2,850	3,488	3,311
Volume Exported	2,039	5,001	1,465	163	163	1,062
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	16.50-23.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	19.10
Volume Traded	-	-	-	122	82	204
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008	Mar 2009	Feb 2009	Mar 2008
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	18.77	28.56	28.22	19.04
Volume Traded	-	-	215	1,208	1,101	1,010
Volume Exported	-	-	215	217	214	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	30.27	30.12	20.43	25.26	25.03	15.08
Volume Traded	6,474	6,505	7,601	11,295	14,414	7,548
Volume Exported	5,620	5,044	6,640	2,815	4,447	899
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	23.00	17.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	326	325	408
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 10 APRIL 2009.

The market tone on tom bulk parts and mechanically separated turkey was steady to fully steady, instances firm. Demand and offerings were light to moderate with good inquiry on hen and tom V-type wings, tom necks and MST. The trade sentiment on white meat items was mixed, steady instances weak. Demand was mostly light with offerings adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to barely steady. Demand was light to moderate while offerings were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Domestic: fresh wing meat with skin 108.5 cents delivered. Export: hand cut machine defatted tom gizzards 81 FOB, machine cut and machine defatted tom gizzards 85 FOB, hand cut hand defatted tom gizzards 100.5 delivered, scapula meat 119 cents delivered.

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2009	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)	PRICE	VOLUME
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	61.00-65.00		64.38	256	64.14	310
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	49.00		49.00	120	49.00	174
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	66.00	120	66.00	120
TAILS	30.00-37.00		33.50	108	31.37	296
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	90.00		90.00	108	93.50	360
EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME		
THURSDAY, APRIL 09, 2009	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	63.00	54		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	49.00		49.00	54		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	66.00	120		
TAILS	29.00		29.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	95.00		95.00	216		
EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME		
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 08, 2009	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	63.00		63.00	54		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	46.59	269		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	66.00	120		
TAILS	29.00		29.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	95.00		95.00	36		
EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME		
TUESDAY, APRIL 07, 2009	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	64.67	324		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	46.59	269		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	66.00	120		
TAILS		M	31.00	108		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	96.00	162		
EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME		
MONDAY, APRIL 06, 2009	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)		
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	64.67	324		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	46.59	269		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	66.00		66.00	120		
TAILS	31.00		31.00	108		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	96.00	162		

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.