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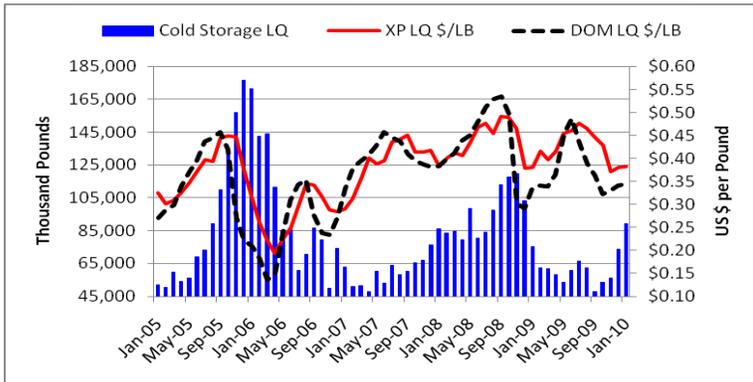


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US Leg Quarter (LQ) Cold Storage Holdings ('000 Pounds) Compared with USDA Leg Quarter Prices (US \$/Pound)



Note: All data from 2005-2009 is January-December; 2010 data only includes January. XP LQ \$/LB = USDA FAS Export Leg Quarter Prices per Pound. DOM LQ \$/LB = USDA PMNA Domestic Leg Quarter Prices per Pound. Source: USDA NASS/Department of Commerce, US Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics/USDA FAS/USDA AMS Poultry Market News & Analysis (PYMNA)

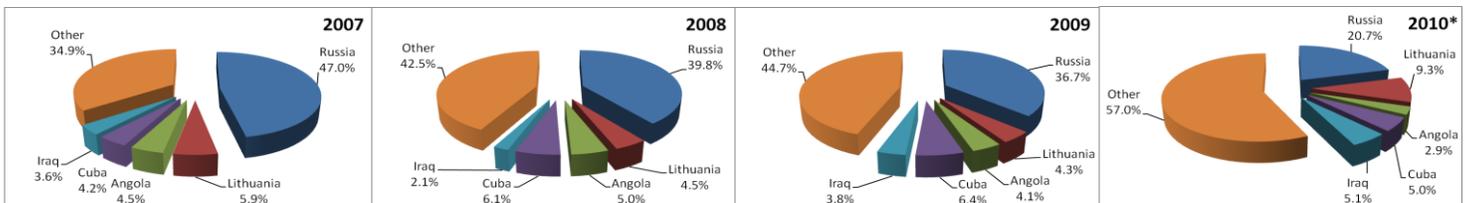
The US exported a total of 112,898 MT of chicken leg quarters in January 2010, 29% lower than a year ago (159,640 MT) and 20% lower than December 2009 (141,051 MT). Despite recent trade barriers between the US and Russia and China, Russia continues to be the largest destination of US leg quarters with exports down 60% from 2009. Other decreases from last year include Lithuania (-23%), Iraq (-31%), Cuba (-47%), Georgia (-40%), Vietnam (-3%), Angola (-75%), and China (-76%). But some saw increases from 2009: Mexico (+33%), Taiwan (+346%), and UAE (+439%). In 2008 and 2009, US leg quarter prices saw record highs. Fresh domestic bulk leg quarter prices peaked in August and September 2008 (52.87 and 53.44 cents FOB) and in June 2009 (48.65 cents FOB) according to USDA PMNA. Presently, fresh domestic prices in January and February 2010 (34.54 and 34.04 cents FOB) are averaging levels similar to a year ago (33.50 and 34.16 cents FOB). Domestic and export prices typically trade at similar levels.

Top US Leg Quarter Exports by Volume in 2010 in Thousand

	Metric Tons (MT)						
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009*	2010*	%
Russia	677	821	755	670	59	23	-60%
Mexico	39	49	92	110	8	11	33%
Lithuania	77	103	85	79	14	11	-23%
Iraq	23	62	40	70	8	6	-31%
Taiwan	26	15	12	22	1	6	346%
Cuba	65	73	115	117	11	6	-47%
Georgia	22	22	35	53	7	4	-40%
Vietnam	4	9	34	36	4	4	-3%
UAE	10	18	31	35	1	3	439%
Angola	75	78	95	74	13	3	-75%
Other	502	496	604	560	34	36	6%
Total	1,519	1,745	1,897	1,827	160	113	-29%

Note: All data is from January-December except 2009* and 2010*, which is for January. % = Percentage Change. UAE = United Arab Emirates.

Percentage of US Leg Quarter Exports by Volume to Top Destinations in 2009



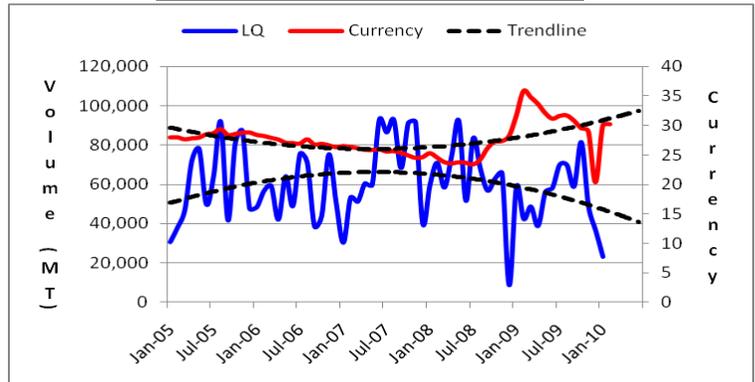
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Source: USDA FAS

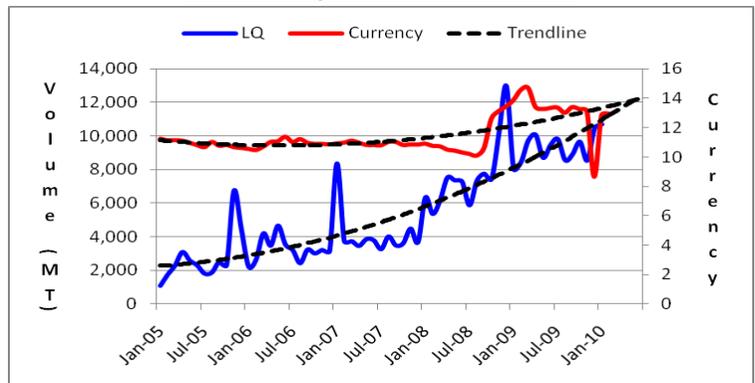
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Russian Ruble (RUB) Value against US Dollar (USD) with US Chicken Leg Quarter Exports (MT)



Mexican Peso (MXN) Value against US Dollar (USD) with US Chicken Leg Quarter Exports (MT)



Note: All data is January-December with the exception of 2010, which is for January 2010. The average February 2010 currency exchange or 1 USD = 30.21604 RUB and 1 USD = 12.9584429 MXN. Source: Department of Commerce, US Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics/USDA FAS/Oanda FX Trade.

Top US Leg Quarter Exports by Value in 2010 in Million Dollar Quantities

	2007	2008	2009	2009*	2010*	%
Russia	701	717	687	60	20	-67%
Lithuania	86	81	78	9	9	8%
Mexico	44	78	90	6	8	36%
Taiwan	15	12	20	1	6	426%
Iraq	56	42	57	5	4	-18%
Cuba	61	110	116	8	4	-55%
Georgia	20	35	53	6	4	-45%
Vietnam	9	34	31	3	3	-2%
Angola	68	98	56	7	3	-59%
Ukraine	79	173	86	5	3	-40%
Other	388	463	441	23	31	37%
Total	1526	1844	1714	134	95	-29%

Note: All data is from January-December except 2009* and 2010* which is for January only. Source: Department of Commerce, US Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics/USDA FAS

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-

U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE

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

Type	Year-To-Date			
	2010	2009 /1	2010 /2	2009
Liquid	50	96	1,310	815
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	116	182
Total	50	96	1,426	997

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

Type	Year-To-Date			
	2010	2009 /1	2010 /2	2009
Liquid	325	367	4,199	3,463
Frozen	3	10	95	108
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	328	377	4,294	3,571

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

	Year-To-Date			
	2010	2009 /1	2010 /2	2009
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	720	930	4,920	6,143
Large	6,330	2,950	13,870	17,558
Medium	1,650	1,500	6,090	5,910
Ungraded	5,544	5,238	37,002	34,518
Misc	0	936	0	1,437
Total	14,244	11,554	61,882	65,566

/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 13-Mar-10 (Preliminary)

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,482	1,519	3,001
Last Week	1,179	1,286	2,465
Same week yr ago	1,244	1,457	2,701
To-date/2010*	14,418	13,337	27,755
To-date/2009*	12,470	15,085	27,555

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	465	12	477
Last Week	239	23	262
Same week yr ago	301	0	301
To-date/2010*	3,444	56	3,500
To-date/2009*	2,708	11	2,719

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	1,947	1,531	3,478
Last Week	1,418	1,309	2,727
Same week yr ago	1,545	1,457	3,002
To-date/2010*	17,862	13,393	31,255
To-date/2009*	15,178	15,096	30,274

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

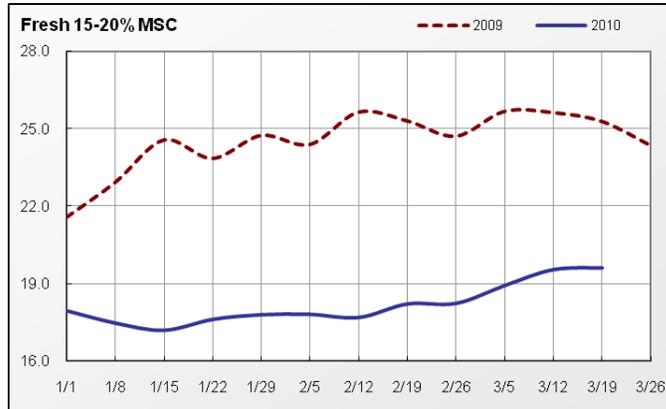
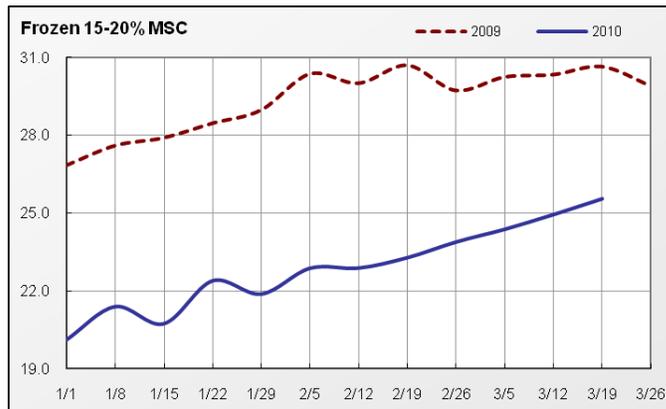
NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

(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 on frozen 15-20% was fully steady to firm and mostly steady on the balance of fat contents. Supplies of frozen 15-20% were tight, fresh 15-20% adequate, and about adequate on the remainder. Supplies of raw materials were closely balanced to tight. Export and domestic demand was fair to instances good on fresh 15-20% and moderate to good on frozen 15-20%. Buyer interest and trading out front on frozen 15-20% remains very good with firm trading levels and asking prices. MSC was receiving best call and movement into the Caribbean and Central American countries; Mexico continues to be seasonally quiet. Schedules were mostly normal with some variability noted due to issues with equipment and the availability of raw material. Frame values were fully steady with trading levels ranging 8-12 cents FOB, mostly 9-10 cents FOB.

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	19-Mar-10	Last Week	Last Year	19-Mar-10	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	25.00	23.00	28.00-29.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	25.00	23.00	28.56
Volume Traded	-	-	-	143	102	242
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	54
15-20%						
Price Range	23.00 - 28.00	21.00 - 28.00	27.00-35.00	16.00 - 22.00	17.50 - 25.00	20.00-29.00
Wtd Avg Price	25.56	24.95	30.63	19.60	19.54	25.28
Volume Traded	1,223	1,133	1,878	2,968	2,938	3,139
Volume Exported	1,163	1,053	1,398	306	306	694
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	19.00	19.00	22.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	19.00	19.00	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	41	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News & Analysis

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Feb 2010	Jan 2010	Feb 2009	Feb 2010	Jan 2010	Feb 2009
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	24.50	24.00	-	19.93	18.78	28.22
Volume Traded	40	80	-	1,182	1,689	1,101
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	214
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	23.18	21.31	30.12	17.96	17.57	25.03
Volume Traded	7,348	6,700	6,505	18,692	15,974	14,414
Volume Exported	5,815	5,940	5,044	4,039	2,162	4,447
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	16.63	16.08	23.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	326	530	325
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 19 MARCH, 2010.

The market tone on bulk parts was steady to firm with the exception of tom full-cut wings steady to weak. Demand ranged slow to good. Offerings of tom full-cut wings were adequate with the balance of bulk parts short to barely adequate, tom drums in the tightest position. The trade sentiment on white meat items continued steady to firm. Demand was light to good. Offerings were tight to adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was steady to firm. Demand was varied for the limited offerings. Domestic and export trading was in a full range light to instances heavy. For domestic: frozen 20-24lb. breasts (basted only) 100, fresh breast trim 136, fresh wing meat 120, fresh tom necks 63 cents delivered. For export: fresh thigh meat 121-125, fresh tom drums 65-66 cents delivered border.

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME	WEEKLY	WEEKLY
FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME
					PRICE	(000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS						
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	36.00-43.00		38.77	376	38.77	764
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	120.00	R	35.50 120.00	54 108	35.50 121.76	54 256

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS				
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	70.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	36.00-43.00		39.09	348
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	35.50 120.00-125.00		35.50 123.04	54 148

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS				
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	70.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		M	36.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W R	29.00 117.00	40 40

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS				
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	70.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		M	36.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W R	29.00 117.00	40 40

EXPORT TRADING	PRICE	L.S.T.	WTD AVG	VOLUME
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2010	RANGE	CODE 1/	PRICE	(000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	65.00	162
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	70.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	36.00		36.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W R	29.00 117.00	40 40

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.