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Poultry production in Argentina is focused in Entre Rios (46.6%), Buenos Aires (41.5%), Cordoba (4.4%), and Rio Negro (4.3%) provinces. Due to heavy investments in additional grow out houses, grain and cold storage facilities, and cut-up/processing rooms; genetic improvements; good quality feed; sanitary controls; and improved management conditions industry has expanded. Presently, Argentina has 52 federally inspected plants, accounting for 80% of the industry with the remaining plants belonging to smaller, provincially inspected companies. Continued investment is expected in the future. Broiler meat production in 2012 is expected to reach a record 1.85 million metric tons (MMT), up 75,000 MT.

### Argentina's Broiler Situation (1,000 Metric Tons (MT) and Kilograms (KG))

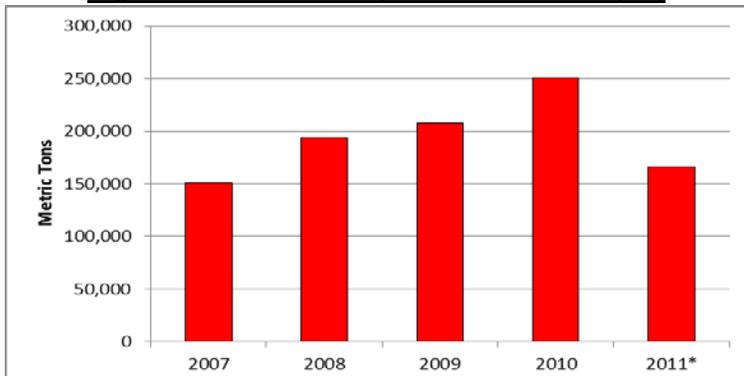
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Production	1,320	1,435	1,500	1,625	1,700	1,775
Imports	5	4	5	9	10	10
Exports	125	164	178	214	200	225
Total Cons.	1,200	1,275	1,327	1,420	1,510	1,560
Per Capita Cons.	29.96	31.50	32.43	34.30	36.20	37.00

Note: Cons.=Consumption. Per Capita Consumption is reported in kilograms (kg), whereas all other data is in thousands of metric tons. Source: USDA FAS, PSD Online, Official USDA Estimates

Consumers prefer beef; however poultry meat consumption is on the rise. In 2010, Argentines consumed 56 kg of beef, 36 kg poultry, and 12 kg pork. Per capita poultry consumption in 2012 is projected to be 38 kg with total poultry consumption reaching a record 1.565 MMT. About 35% of the poultry meat consumed is in the form of parts versus whole birds and this trend is on the rise. Poultry consumption is increasing due to the limited supplies of beef; the price advantage of poultry to higher priced beef; the increasing consumer preference for nutritious, low fat meat; poultry's shift from being viewed as a substitute protein to an alternative; and government policies guaranteeing meat at lower prices through a rebate system subsidizing it processors input costs.

In 2012, exports are predicted to hit a record 250,000 MT (+20%). This is supported by Argentina's excellent sanitary status; low cost, highly integrated, consolidated, modern infrastructure; good climate and soil; competitive and skilled labor; access to competitively priced feed; favorable government policies promoting domestic grain usage and the export of poultry meat; and the advantage gained from the devaluation of its Peso in 2001. It is viewed to be a key player in meeting future global demand. Argentina exports to about 70 countries. Its major markets are China and Hong Kong (paws), Chile (breasts), leg

### Argentina Broiler Meat Exports in Metric Tons (MT)



Note: Note 2011\* data is from January-August, whereas all other data is from January-December. Source: Alice Mercosul

quarters), South Africa (leg quarters, mechanically deboned meat (MDM)), and Venezuela. Exports are projected to keep growing, especially into the EU, Middle East, and Asia. Note: Production volumes in PSD exclude chicken paws shipped to China and Hong Kong. Source: USDA FAS/News Wires

### Argentine Broiler Meat Exports (MT)

	Whole			Breast			
	2009	2010	2011*	2009	2010	2011*	
Ven.	11,831	68,529	26,433	Chile	4,558	5,182	5,134
Chile	23,962	26,877	18,630	Neth.	2,367	2,420	1,755
Sing.	1,466	2,709	8,032	UK	1,848	1,014	863
S.Ara.	5,778	5,721	6,255	Ger.	1,738	1,031	776
Congo	3,153	2,963	4,517	Russia	491	518	522
Others	46,808	34,192	36,774	Others	3,462	3,658	2,752
Total	92,998	140,991	100,641	Total	14,464	13,823	11,802

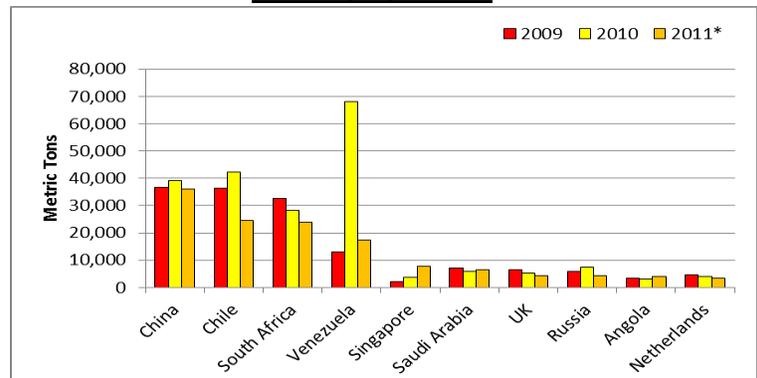
	HQ			MDM			
	2009	2010	2011*	2009	2010	2011*	
S.Afr.	6,704	4,758	5,421	S.Afr.	4,068	3,532	2,976
China	-	-	2,700	UAE	-	-	757
Chile	957	1,941	2,456	Chile	1,707	706	232
Namibia	824	894	782	UK	-	-	50
Russia	302	1,366	763	Ger.	-	-	21
Others	2,272	833	726	Others	473	693	79
Total	11,059	9,792	12,848	Total	6,248	4,931	4,115

	Leg			Paws			
	2009	2010	2011*	2009	2010	2011*	
Chile	5,657	6,388	4,295	China	28,321	30,141	29,190
China	-	-	1,128	HK	6,763	9,692	6,225
S.Afr.	1,230	364	801	S.Afr.	100	-	127
Namibia	504	97	223	Cyprus	-	-	50
Sing.	34	-	134	Vietnam	165	52	49
Others	1,488	1,547	594	Others	118	83	192
Total	8,913	8,396	7,175	Total	35,467	39,968	35,833

	Wings			Trim			
	2009	2010	2011*	2009	2010	2011*	
China	6,786	9,373	10,921	S.Afr.	2,543	499	212
Sing.	298	988	860	Namibia	-	-	45
HK	1,026	493	663	Others	322	99	-
Russia	1,279	440	281	Total	2,865	598	256
S.Afr.	1,304	541	237				
Others	3,634	1,842	654				
Total	14,327	13,677	13,616				

Note: All data is January-December except 2011\*, which is January-October. Whole=Whole Broiler. HQ=Hind Quarter. MDM=Mechanically Deboned Meat. Trim=Poultry Trimming. Congo=Democratic Republic of Congo. Ger.=Germany. Neth.=Netherlands. S.Ara.=Saudi Arabia. Sing.=Singapore. S.Afr.=South Africa. UAE=United Arab Emirates. UK=United Kingdom. Ven.=Venezuela. Source: Senasa.

### Leading Export Markets for Argentine Poultry Meat by Volume (MT) in 2011\*



Note: All data is January-December with the exception of 2011\*, which is January-August. Source: AliceWeb Mercosul

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Import/Export Trade**

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2011	2010 /1	2011 /2	2010
Liquid	99	144	2,232	4,506
Frozen	0	0	0	88
Dried	0	0	219	447
Total	99	144	2,451	5,041

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2011	2010 /1	2011 /2	2010
Liquid	365	318	13,908	17,408
Frozen	6	15	991	625
Dried	0	0	54	200
Total	371	333	14,953	18,233

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2011	2010 /1	2011 /2	2010
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	4,560	2,040	94,459	80,541
Large	4,650	10,249	186,331	144,196
Medium	0	920	38,011	40,682
Ungraded	844	936	219,660	295,070
Misc	0	0	1,440	900
Total	10,054	14,145	539,901	561,389

/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 Dec 03, 2011 (Preliminary)

**U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	1,155	1,477	2,632
Last Week	649	820	1,469
Same week yr ago	1,043	1,503	2,546
To-date/2011*	64,022	73,501	137,523
To-date/2010*	65,193	67,802	132,995

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

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	0	0	0
Last Week	126	0	126
Same week yr ago	466	0	466
To-date/2011*	16,076	462	16,538
To-date/2010*	16,360	530	16,890

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	1,155	1,477	2,632
Last Week	775	820	1,595
Same week yr ago	1,509	1,503	3,012
To-date/2011*	80,098	73,963	154,061
To-date/2010*	81,553	68,332	149,885

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

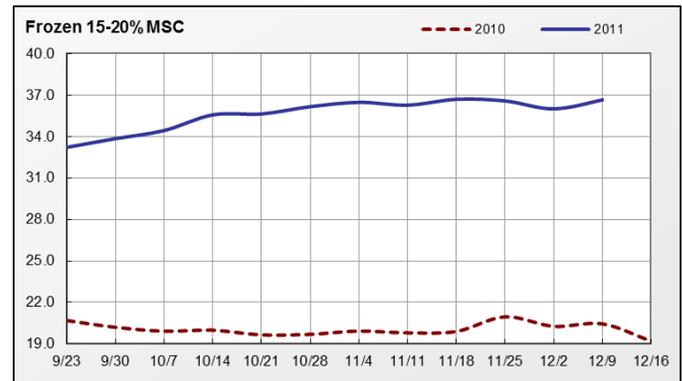
**National Mechanically Separated Chicken**

(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.)

Prices of MSC trended steady to fully steady on all fat contents. MSC supplies were light to moderate. Schedules were normal. Domestic demand was light to instances good. Export demand was moderate to good with frozen 15-20% receiving best call. The spot marketplace was a bit stronger this week as buyers work to build inventories for the upcoming holidays and take advantage of cheaper contract pricing before the start of 2012. A few contract negotiations continue to wrap up, but most pricing for 2012 has been finalized on either a formula basis or at higher levels than those seen in 2011 and most preceding years. Market activity was light to active. Supplies of raw materials were light. Frames traded between 14-19 cents FOB.

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	9-Dec-11	Last Week	Last Year	9-Dec-11	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range			-	31.00 - 32.00	31.00 - 32.00	18.00-19.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	31.80	31.78	18.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	204	184	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	33.00 - 41.00	34.00 - 40.00	15.00-26.00	25.00 - 33.00	22.00 - 32.00	13.00-20.50
Wtd Avg Price	36.65	36.00	20.44	28.87	26.54	16.22
Volume Traded	1,474	1,174	1,728	3,683	3,274	3,468
Volume Exported	1,314	934	1,448	1,225	571	530
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.50 - 23.00	18.00-20.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.75	19.33
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	163	122
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010	Nov 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2010
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	31.74	30.86	18.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	469	592	530
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	36.48	35.47	20.04	27.39	28.01	15.85
Volume Traded	6,588	8,651	5,595	13,433	14,870	12,556
Volume Exported	5,465	7,811	4,755	2,285	3,182	2,856
<b>20% or More</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.55	-	19.38
Volume Traded	-	-	-	408	-	530
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News & Analysis

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**National Young Turkey Parts**

Including bulk meat and frozen (unless specified), cents per lb., delivered first receivers, part and full trucklots as of 09 Dec 2011.

The market on bulk parts was steady with tom drums, full cut wings steady to weak. Demand was light. Offerings light to moderate. The market on white meat items is steady to weak. Demand was light. Offerings light to moderate. The thigh meat market is steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Trading was slow to moderate. For domestic: fresh scapula 164 cents, fresh breast trim 168 cents, fresh wing meat 162-163 cents, full cut wings 85-88.5 cents, A grade breast 8-10 lb. 168 cents, 10-14 lb. 175 cents, 14-16 lb. 180 cents, 18-20 lb. 190 cents, 20-24 lb. 177 cents, frozen tail 51 cents, and frozen livers 21 cents, frozen hearts 36 cents. For export: fresh mechanically separated turkey 33 cents and tom defatted gizzards machine cut 100-102 cents delivered to border or port.

**Export Trading**

	Price Range	L.S.T. Code 1/	Wtd Avg Price	Volume (000)	Weekly Wtd Avg Price	Weekly Volume (000)
<b>Friday, December 09, 2011</b>						
Drumsticks, Toms		R	82.00	54	82.00	54
Wings Full-Cut - Toms						
Wings, V-Type, Tom						
Tails	51.00		51.00	40	51.00	40
Mechanically Separated 2/	30.00		30.00	160	32.04	284
Thigh Meat - Frozen	150.00		150.00	54	147.00	148
<b>Thursday, December 08, 2011</b>						
Drumsticks, Toms	82.00		82.00	54		
Wings Full-Cut - Toms						
Wings, V-Type, Tom						
Tails		F	50.79	188		
Mechanically Separated 2/		M	34.68	124		
Thigh Meat - Frozen	144.00		144.00	54		
<b>Wednesday, December 07, 2011</b>						
Drumsticks, Toms		F	83.50	162		
Wings Full-Cut - Toms						
Wings, V-Type, Tom						
Tails		F	50.79	188		
Mechanically Separated 2/		M	34.68	124		
Thigh Meat - Frozen		M	147.00	40		
<b>Tuesday, December 06, 2011</b>						
Drumsticks, Toms		F	83.50	162		
Wings Full-Cut - Toms						
Wings, V-Type, Tom						
Tails		F	50.79	188		
Mechanically Separated 2/		M	34.68	124		
Thigh Meat - Frozen		M	147.00	40		
<b>Monday, December 05, 2011</b>						
Drumsticks, Toms		F	83.50	162		
Wings Full-Cut - Toms						
Wings, V-Type, Tom						
Tails		F	50.79	188		
Mechanically Separated 2/	34.00-35.00		34.68	124		
Thigh Meat - Frozen	147.00		147.00	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.