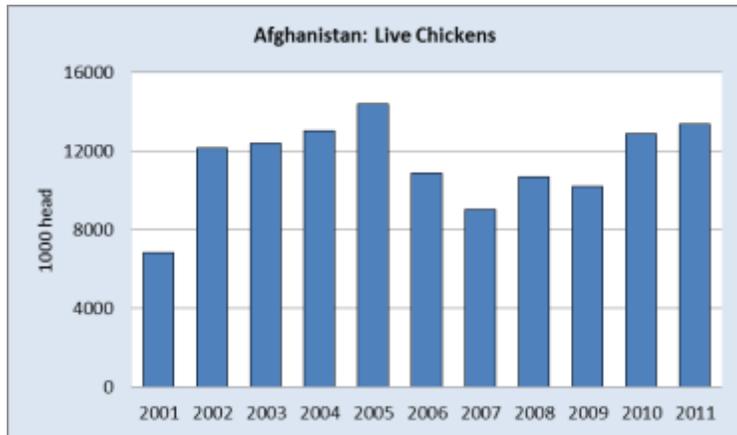




Afghanistan

Although comprehensive data are not available, all anecdotal information suggests that domestic production of poultry in Afghanistan will continue to grow in 2013. Afghan producers will increase production by investing in land to expand large, integrated facilities.

Despite increases in domestic production, poultry imports are expected to continue on the upward trend in 2013 and 2014 since domestic poultry production does not meet rising demand. According to exporter data, poultry imports are estimated at a total of 37,499 mt in 2012. The United States remains the largest supplier.



Data source: data copied: July 12, 2013, <http://faostat.fao.org/site/573/DesktopDefault.aspx?PageID=573>, FAOSTAT, Statistics Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN

The Afghan poultry industry is limited by the country's poor infrastructure and expensive operating costs due to a lack of competitive feed and poultry breeder stock industries/markets. Domestic poultry production on a commercial scale is not competitive with imported frozen poultry.

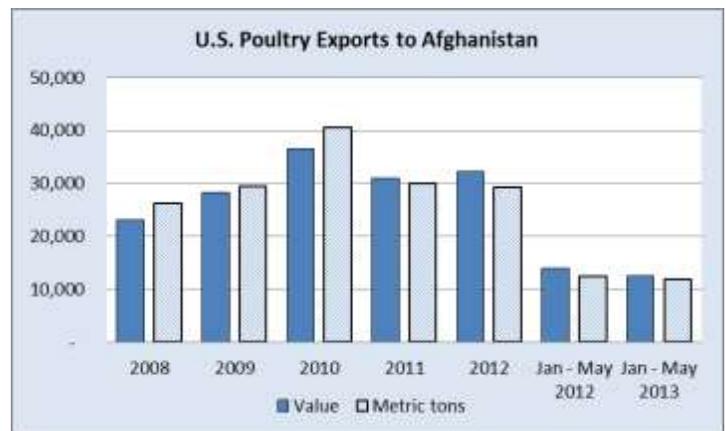
Export Statistics to Afghanistan Commodity: All Poultry Meat

Calendar Year: 2010 – 2012, Quantity in metric tons

	2010	2011	2012	%Change 2012/2011
United States	40,514	29,981	29,317	-2.2
Brazil	4,878	5,883	4,290	-27.1
China	2,433	1,018	1,983	94.7
India	26	38	722	>100
EU-27	216	209	101	-51.7
Argentina	255	722	667	-7.6
Iran	0	20	177	>100
Ukraine	0	0	108	>100
Turkey	56	107	98	-8.3
Total	48,850	38,700	37,499	-3.1

Source: The data are not available from official Afghan statistics; however, the information mentioned above was taken from GATS, exporter data. Exporters within the EU-27 include the United Kingdom, Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, Belgium, Denmark and France.

The United States is the dominant supplier to Afghanistan accounting for approximately 75-80 percent of the imports (volume basis). Imported frozen chicken dominates the urban marketplace in Afghanistan because of its low prices. It is cheaper than other meats in the marketplace. The usual mix of imported frozen chicken meat is 80 percent leg quarters and 20 percent whole birds. The majority of Afghans prefer chicken leg quarters at home, while whole birds are largely reserved for restaurants, weddings, and government functions. Consumers prefer live chickens to frozen chicken because of taste preferences and are most concerned about quality and slaughtering procedures. The product has to be Halal (the prescribed method of slaughtering all animals excluding fish and most sea-life per Islamic law). Total U.S. poultry exports to Afghanistan were valued at \$32.3 million in 2012, a four percent increase in value from the previous year. The total quantity, however, declined by 2.2 percent to 29,317 mt.



Data source: Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics

Transportation Challenges

The majority of U.S. poultry exports enter Afghanistan through Pakistan. Pakistani ports are known for frequent delays and unpredictable demurrage fees. Additionally, exports to Afghanistan via Pakistan have been blocked at irregular intervals for various reasons. U.S. poultry exports to Afghanistan fluctuate depending on ease of access via Pakistan. A Transit Trade Agreement between Afghanistan and Pakistan was signed in 2012 to help facilitate trade between the two countries but some obstacles remain to full implementation e.g., disagreement over approved shipping routes. Containers of frozen poultry have experienced delays in the past for unpredictable reasons.

Import Requirements

U.S. suppliers should confirm that their customers have met the import requirements e.g., importers must obtain a business license, certificate of permission from the Government of Afghanistan, and submit samples for testing to Afghan customs authorities.

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Source: USDA GAIN Report dated July 7, 2013

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			2012
	2013	2012 /1	2013 /2	
Liquid	0	0	1,965	726
Frozen	0	0	40	0
Dried	40	0	156	50
Total	40	0	2,161	776

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			2012
	2013	2012 /1	2013 /2	
Liquid	34	165	6,180	8,200
Frozen	9	12	800	637
Dried	0	0	4	0
Total	43	177	6,984	8,837

INSPECTED SHELL EGGS

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

	Year-To-Date*			2012
	2013	2012 /1	2013 /2	
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	1,620	1,950	60,831	48,840
Large	8,410	2,650	131,609	103,992
Medium	780	810	18,254	18,543
Ungraded	13,480	1,440	156,239	67,578
Misc	0	0	0	1,620
Total	24,290	6,850	366,933	240,573

/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 Jul 13, 2013 (Preliminary)

	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically		Total Hens
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	
-----Thousands-----			
Head	1,479	1,483	2,962
Last Week	715	970	1,685
Same week yr ago	1,396	1,853	3,249
To-date/2013*	43,700	40,097	83,797
To-date/2012*	45,130	43,345	88,475

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada

	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total Hens
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	
-----Thousands-----			
Head	269	0	269
Last Week	168	0	168
Same week yr ago	119	0	119
To-date/2013*	9,990	0	9,990
To-date/2012*	8,168	36	8,204

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

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada

	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada		Total Hens
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	
-----Thousands-----			
Head	1,748	1,483	3,231
Last Week	883	970	1,853
Same week yr ago	1,515	1,853	3,368
To-date/2013*	53,690	40,097	93,787
To-date/2012*	53,298	43,381	96,679

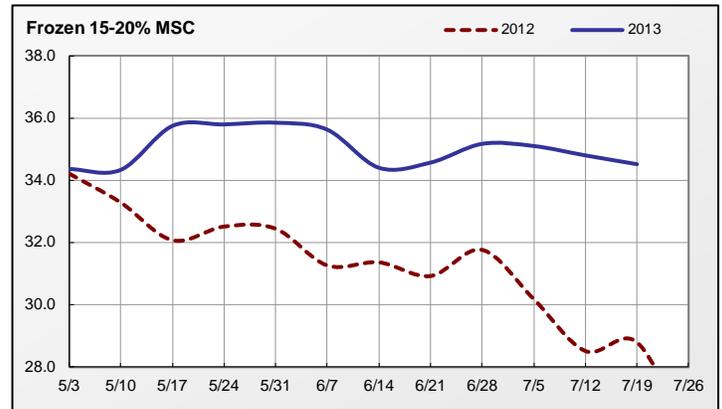
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NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN (F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

MSC prices are trending steady to weak on all fat contents. Demand into domestic and export channels is reported as light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy and slow to clear. Processing schedules are mostly normal. Transportation availability remains an issue. Industry members continue to keep a watchful eye on the spot marketplace with some already starting to mentally prepare and strategize positions for the impending contract season. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are moderate to heavy. Frame prices are steady to weak trading between 11-15 cents FOB, mostly 12-14 FOB.

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

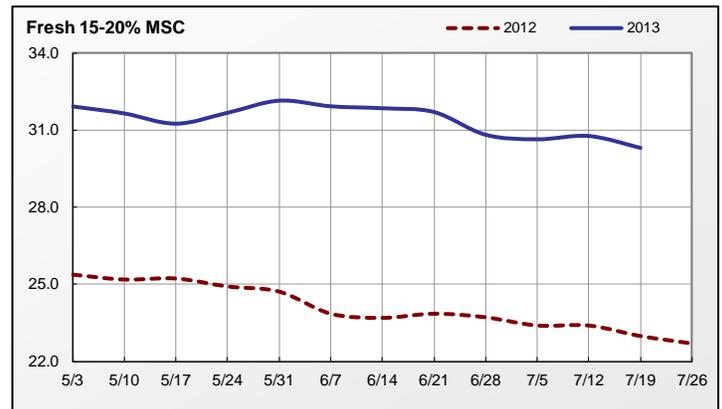
Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	19-Jul-13	Last Week	Last Year	19-Jul-13	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	32.00 - 33.00	32.00 - 33.00	25.00-26.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	32.67	32.62	25.75
Volume Traded	-	-	-	61	265	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	32.00 - 37.00	31.00 - 38.00	21.00-33.00	27.00 - 34.00	27.00 - 34.00	19.00-26.00
Wtd Avg Price	34.52	34.81	28.80	30.31	30.78	22.99
Volume Traded	1,315	1,270	1,405	3,438	3,641	4,865
Volume Exported	1,315	1,230	1,229	163	286	449
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.00	22.00	22.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-



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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Jun 2013	May 2013	Jun 2012	Jun 2013	May 2013	Jun 2012
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	34.00	33.00	32.00	32.66	32.65	25.24
Volume Traded	40	80	160	775	816	653
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	34.82	34.81	31.55	31.54	31.73	23.93
Volume Traded	7,151	11,552	7,367	12,775	19,620	22,914
Volume Exported	6,588	11,112	6,987	1,265	2,570	1,591
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.30	22.50	22.33
Volume Traded	-	-	-	204	367	367
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 19 JULY 2013.

The market on bulk parts was steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. White meat and trims are steady. Demand was light to moderate. High meat and mechanically separated turkey both are steady. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. Trading was slow to moderate. For domestic: fresh full cut wings 44 cents, frozen livers 34 cents, fresh scapula 133 cents, frozen tails 56 cents, grade A non basted breast 8-10 lbs. 129 cents, 12-14 lbs 135-140 cents, 14-16 lbs. 135-140 cents, 16-18 lbs. 140-145 cents, and plant grade 16-18 lbs. 135-140 cents delivered. For export: frozen machine defatted tom gizzards 89 cents delivered port.

EXPORT TRADING

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2013						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	74.00		74.00	270	74.62	726
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	44.00	54		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	68.00		68.00	108	67.17	1,134
TAILS	55.50		55.50	40	55.75	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	107.00-108.0	R	37.00 107.40	240 134	37.00 108.58	240 512
THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2013						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	69.00-76.00		73.20	200		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	44.00	54		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	68.00		68.00	108		
TAILS	56.00		56.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	37.00	T	37.00 109.00	240 378		
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2013						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	77.00	216		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	44.00	54		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	67.39	486		
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F T	37.00 109.00	80 378		
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2013						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	77.00		77.00	216		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	44.00	54		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	67.00-68.50		67.39	486		
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	109.00	F	37.00 109.00	80 378		
MONDAY, JULY 15, 2013						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	73.00		73.00	40		
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	44.00	54		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	66.00-68.00		66.50	432		
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F F	37.00 107.14	80 280		

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.