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U.S. Exports of Shell Eggs and Egg Products

For the January-March 2014 period, total U.S. exports of fresh chicken eggs (not hatching) rose 19% compared to January-March shipments in 2013. Exports were up 55% to Mexico and 145% to Canada. Exports to Hong Kong fell 11%.

Fresh Chicken Egg Exports (HS 040721) in '000 dozens

			January-March		% Chg
	2012	2013	2013	2014	
World Total	107,600	162,427	25,161	29,916	+19
Mexico	15,696	56,370	4,897	7,595	+55
Hong Kong	44,464	48,787	11,839	10,517	-11
Canada	26,087	39,201	3,274	8,007	+145
United Arab Emirates	9,369	9,555	3,391	831	-76
Trinidad and Tobago	252	2,776	-	952	

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau Trade Data.

Fresh bird shell egg exports fell 36% for the first three months of 2014 compared to the same period a year ago. Exports rose 18% to Mexico and 15% to the United Kingdom. Exports declined to Hong Kong (-33%), the United Arab Emirates (-99%) and Japan (72%).

Fresh Bird Egg Exports (HS 040729) in '000 dozens

			January-March		% Chg
	2012	2013	2013	2014	
World Total	18,207	24,076	7,231	4,636	-36
Mexico	843	5,812	607	719	+18
United Kingdom	3,281	5,088	1,335	1,529	+15
Hong Kong	2,006	2,583	726	489	-33
United Arab Emirates	3,421	1,729	721	4	-99
Japan	822	1,630	1,002	278	-72

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau Trade Data.

January-March 2014 exports of egg products increased 33% compared to the same period a year ago. Dried whole egg was the only egg product that declined, falling 13% compared to the same period a year ago.

U.S. Egg Product Exports in metric tons

Product			January-March		% Chg
	2012	2013	2013	2014	
Yolk, fr, fz, ck*	16,727	18,517	3,984	4,930	+24
Yolk, dried	5,195	3,596	648	1,324	+104
Whole egg, dried	9,748	10,475	2,640	2,308	-13
Whole egg, fresh	7,680	9,962	1,876	3,034	+62
Albumin, not dried	2,997	5,327	810	1,559	+93
Albumin, dried	3,554	4,079	656	990	+51
Total	45,901	51,957	10,613	14,145	+33

*Fresh, frozen, cooked

HS codes: 040819, 040811, 040891, 40899, 350219, 350211

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau Trade Data.

Exports of hatching eggs to Mexico continue to climb. Exports of chicken hatching eggs increased 130% (from 1,453,365 dozens in 2013 to 3,340,021 dozens); exports of bird hatching eggs rose 74% (from 2,412,760 to 4,197,697).

Egg Product Exports to Major Markets in metric tons

	January-March			
	2012	2013	2013	2014
World	45,901	51,957	10,613	14,145
Mexico	6,134	13,703	2,217	3,968
Japan	11,899	12,557	2,247	3,793
Canada	5,365	8,953	1,765	2,807

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau Trade Data.

Exports to Mexico Expected to Remain Strong

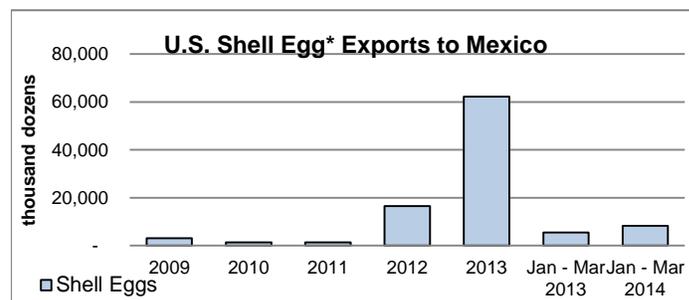
According to Mexico's Secretariat of Economy (SE) data, Mexico imported 46,186 MT of eggs in 2013. Mexican firms have been importing U.S. eggs to help meet Mexican demand for table eggs as well as eggs for breaking/processing use. FAS Post forecasts that imports of both table eggs and egg products should remain strong through 2014 as consumers and processors become more accustomed to high-quality U.S. eggs and companies gain experience in managing the necessary logistics.

The National Poultry Union's (UNA) final estimate for 2013 egg production is 2,522,428 MT. This was 5.7 percent greater than 2012 production which was estimated at 2,386,576 MT. This is due to Mexican industry efforts to repopulate farms at a rate of 4.5 to 5 million birds per month. UNA estimates that future egg product growth will be more stable at about 2 percent per year.

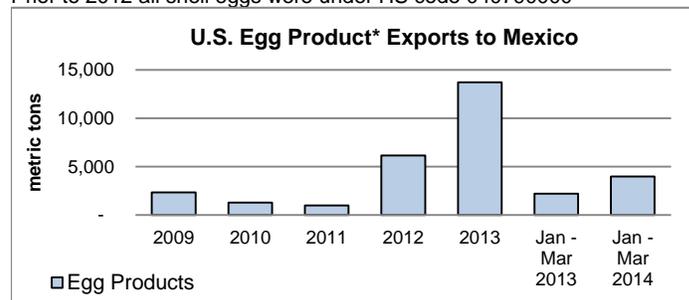
In 2011, per capita annual egg consumption was 22.4 kilograms (about 330 eggs) per person. Per capita consumption reportedly dropped in 2012 to about 20.8 kg as the HPAI outbreak led to higher egg prices and eve product scarcity. In 2013, however there was some recovery for prices and supplies as per capita annual egg consumption grew to 21.9 kilograms.

Post continues to work with USAPEEC to explain to Mexican authorities the differences in regulatory authority and certification ability of U.S. Government agencies with oversight for eggs, egg food products, and processed eggs: with hatching eggs under the authority of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), processed egg products like egg whites, yolks and albumin under the authority of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), table eggs under the authority of the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), and egg food products like hard boiled eggs or frozen egg omelets under the authority of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration but certified for Mexico by AMS.

Source: USDA FAS GAIN Report Number MX4012



*HS 0407210000 - chicken egg fresh; 0407290000 - bird eggs, fresh
0407000040 - bird egg fr,pr,ck; 0407900000 - bird eggs, pr/ck
Prior to 2012 all shell eggs were under HS code 0407900000



*HS 040819 - egg ylk,fr,fz,ck; 040811 - egg yolks, dried; 040891 - brd eggs n/shell; 040899 - brd egg n/sh,fr; 350211 - egg albm,n,dried; 350219 - ot egg albm,n x d

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau Trade Data.

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

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			2013
	2014	2013 /1	2014 /2	
Liquid	140	0	2,564	664
Frozen	0	40	39	40
Dried	38	0	196	56
Total				

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			2013
	2014	2013 /1	2014 /2	
Liquid	64	158	2,398	3,732
Frozen	54	63	537	552
Dried	0	0	46	0
Total	118	221	2,981	4,284

INSPECTED SHELL EGGS

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

	Year-To-Date*			2013
	2014	2013 /1	2014 /2	
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	3,720	2,580	56,827	36,365
Large	12,380	3,580	129,371	74,400
Medium	840	0	6,972	12,273
Ungraded	34,836	3,030	324,988	81,200
Misc	720	0	13,800	0
Total	52,496	9,190	531,958	204,238

/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 May 10, 2014 (Preliminary)

	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically		Total Hens
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,740	1,506	3,246
Last Week	1,857	1,568	3,425
Same week yr ago	1,838	1,594	3,432
To-date/2014*	29,039	27,825	56,864
To-date/2013*	31,520	26,999	58,519

	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total Hens
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	351	0	351
Last Week	593	0	593
Same week yr ago	428	0	428
To-date/2014*	7,215	0	7,215

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

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

	Thousands		Total Hens
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	2,091	1,506	3,597
Last Week	2,450	1,568	4,018
Same week yr ago	2,266	1,594	3,860
To-date/2014*	36,254	27,825	64,079
To-date/2013*	38,701	26,999	65,700

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

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 on all fat contents are trending steady to mostly firm with a narrow price range. Demand into domestic and export channels is mostly moderate; Mexico is light. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are mostly normal with a few disruptions noted. Spot MSC and frames continue to be in good shape and clearing satisfactorily, while producers test prices. Finished product movement is mostly average for this time of year with many in industry making last minute preparations ahead of the upcoming Memorial Day holiday. Industry continues to keep a close eye on the marketplace watching for any new market developments. Market activity is moderate to active with good interest on frozen 15-20%. Raw material supplies are light to moderate. Frame prices are firm with trading levels between 14-16 cents FOB, mostly 15 cents FOB.

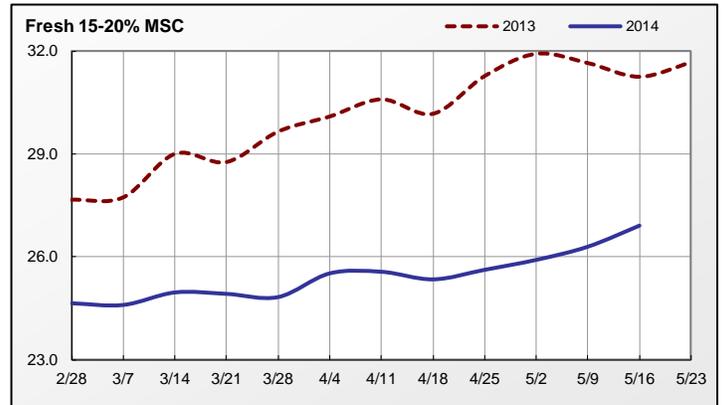
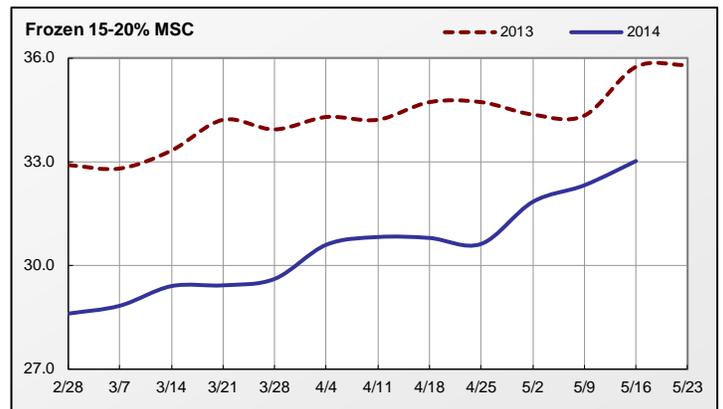
Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	16-May-14	Last Week	Last Year	16-May-14	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	-	-	27.00 - 28.00	27.00 - 28.00	32.00-33.00
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	27.80	27.75	32.67
Volume Traded	-	-	-	204	163	184
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	31.00 - 35.00	30.00 - 36.00	32.00-38.00	26.00 - 28.50	25.00 - 28.00	28.00-35.00
Wtd Avg Price	33.03	32.32	34.37	26.91	26.30	31.93
Volume Traded	1,310	1,406	3,666	3,994	2,530	5,712
Volume Exported	1,190	1,350	3,546	286	204	245
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	22.50	22.00 - 22.50	22.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.50	22.17	22.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	122	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2013	Apr 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2013
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	31.00	31.00	32.00	27.69	27.76	30.29
Volume Traded	80	80	40	530	673	775
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	30.71	29.37	34.54	25.51	24.81	30.55
Volume Traded	6,926	5,930	8,831	12,069	11,854	20,114
Volume Exported	5,605	5,690	8,191	1,754	1,703	1,428
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	22.39	22.36	22.14
Volume Traded	-	-	-	367	449	286
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 16 MAY 2014.

The market on bulk parts was steady with tom two joint wings firm. Demand and offerings was light to moderate. The market on white meat and white trims is steady to firm. Demand moderate to good. Offerings light. The thigh meat market is fully steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Trading for parts was slow. For domestic: fresh full cut wings 73 cents, fresh tom neck 68 cents, frozen tails 57 cents, fresh scapula 175-186 cents and fresh wing meat 139 cents delivered. For export: fresh tom drums 89 cents and frozen hen full cut wings 87 cents delivered to the Border.

EXPORT TRADING

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2014						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS						
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	78.00		78.00	174	78.00	174
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		T	57.00	40	57.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN						
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2014						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS						
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		T	57.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN						
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2014						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS						
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		T	57.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN						
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS						
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	75.00	108		
TAILS	57.00		57.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	170.00	80		
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS						
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	75.00	108		
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		T	170.00	80		

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.