

# INTERNATIONAL EGG AND POULTRY REVIEW



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## Taiwan

On December 16, 2014 Taiwan confirmed low pathogenic avian influenza H7N9 from a wild bird fecal sample. Following intensified active surveillance, Taiwan detected an RNA product of H5 avian influenza virus (AIV) at a duck breeding farm shortly thereafter. Taiwan's Council of Agriculture (COA) first confirmed AIV infection at a chicken farm on January 9, 2015. On January 14, 2015 an emergency operations center was established under the Executive Yuan in an attempt to contain the AIV. Since then 3 highly pathogenic AIV have been found circulating in the country. The viruses involve H5N3, H5N2, and H5N8.

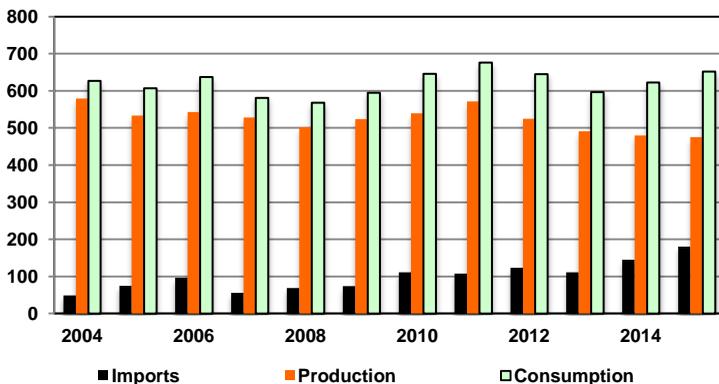
Since the start of the outbreak about 4.17 million chicken, geese and ducks have been culled on 853 farms. Taiwan processes about 300 million chickens, 5.5 million geese and 30 million ducks a year. Poultry purchases have dropped dramatically since the first AIV outbreak with chicken sales dropping as much as 80%. Consumer demand for geese during the Lunar New Year is 300,000 to 400,000 birds, 3 times the monthly average.

Other attempts to control the AIV outbreaks included banning the slaughter of chicken, ducks and geese by the nation's 100 slaughter houses so they could go undergo across-the-board disinfection. Since the outbreak began the COA has imposed restrictions of birds on infected farms and has mandated that the farms be disinfected after culling is completed. Farms within 3 kilometers of outbreak sites will also be under surveillance for 3 months.

The COA has said that starting September 2015 it will be mandatory for poultry to be raised in enclosed spaces as part of the effort to stop the spread of AIV in Taiwan. The regulation is being imposed to prevent contact with migratory birds that begin arriving in September. Poultry farmers will be given a 6 month grace period to comply with the new regulation, after which they will be subject to a fine between NT\$30,000-NT\$150,000 (US\$853-\$4,266). The COA will offer loans at a concessionary rate 1.5% to build the enclosures.

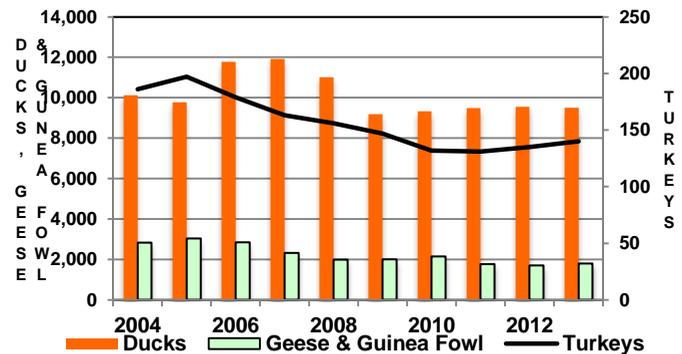
Taiwan's 2015 broiler meat production for 2015 is estimated to be 475,000 metric tons (MT), an 18% drop since 2004's 579,000 MT. Total estimated Taiwan broiler meat imports for 2015 are estimated to be 180,000 MT, up 267% since 2004's 49,000 MT. Taiwan's combined broiler/turkey production is forecast to increase 1% and imports 17% from 2015 to 2023.

**Taiwan 2004-2015 Total Estimated Broiler Meat  
Estimated Import, Production & Consumption Comparisons  
(1,000 Metric Tons)**



Source: USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service Official USDA PSD Online Estimates

**Taiwan Ducks, Turkeys, Geese  
& Guinea Fowl 2004-2013 Comparisons  
(1,000 Head)**



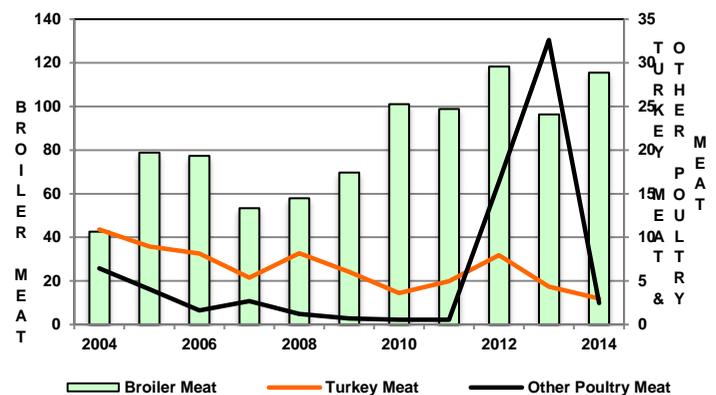
Source: FAOSTAT, FAO Statistics Division 2015, 07 March 2015

From 2004-2013 Taiwan's duck population declined 6%, geese and guinea fowl dropped 36%, and turkeys are down 25%.

United States broiler meat exports to Taiwan increased 171%, turkey meat decreased 73%, other poultry meat declined 62% while egg products rose 869% from 2004-2014.

Sources: The Poultry Site; USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service Official USDA PSD Online Estimates; USDA ERS 2014 International Long-Term Projections to 2024; FAOSTAT, FAO Statistics Division 2015, 07 March 2015

**U.S. Broiler Meat, Turkey Meat  
& Other Poultry Meat Exports to Taiwan Comparisons  
(1,000 Metric Tons)**



Source: Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics/USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service

**U.S. Broiler Meat, Turkey Meat  
Other Poultry Meat & Egg Product Taiwan Export Comparisons  
(Metric Tons)**

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	%*
Broiler Meat	101,037	98,772	118,193	96,312	115,407	+20
Turkey Meat	3,605	4,977	7,946	4,369	2,980	-32
Other Poultry Meat	582	565	16,347	32,591	2,488	-92
Egg and Egg Products	544	282	1,186	969	750	-23
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>105,769</b>	<b>104,597</b>	<b>143,672</b>	<b>134,241</b>	<b>121,624</b>	<b>-09</b>

Source: Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics/USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service

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

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			2014
	2015	2014 /1	2015 /2	
Liquid	48	46	96	710
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	77	0	196	122
Total	125	46	292	832

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			2014
	2015	2014 /1	2015 /2	
Liquid	106	24	654	768
Frozen	22	49	354	345
Dried	0	0	7	46
Total	128	73	1,015	1,159

**INSPECTED SHELL EGGS**

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

	Year-To-Date*			2014
	2015	2014 /1	2015 /2	
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	1,800	3,488	13,380	19,428
Large	7,430	18,730	49,357	50,720
Medium	0	810	30	1,752
Ungraded	14,520	22,020	100,200	75,404
Misc	0	1,560	300	4,440
Total	23,750	46,608	163,267	151,744

/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 Feb 28, 2015 (Preliminary)

	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically		Total Hens
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,443	1,640	3,083
Last Week	1,554	1,395	2,949
Same week yr ago	1,511	1,494	3,005
To-date/2015*	12,615	12,949	25,564
To-date/2014*	12,377	11,707	24,084

	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total Hens
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	105	0	105
Last Week	129	0	129
Same week yr ago	95	0	95
To-date/2015*	3,116	10	3,126
To-date/2014*	2,509	0	2,509

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

	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada		Total Hens
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,548	1,640	3,188
Last Week	1,683	1,395	3,078
Same week yr ago	1,606	1,494	3,100
To-date/2015*	15,731	12,959	28,690
To-date/2014*	14,886	11,707	26,593

\*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.)

Prices of MSC are trending steady to instances firm on all fat contents. Demand into domestic and export channels is mostly moderate to instances good on both fresh and frozen. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are normal to reduced with many disruptions related to extreme winter weather moving throughout the country. Market activity is slow to moderate. Supplies of raw materials are light to moderate. Frame prices are steady with trading levels between 11.0-13.5 cents FOB.

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

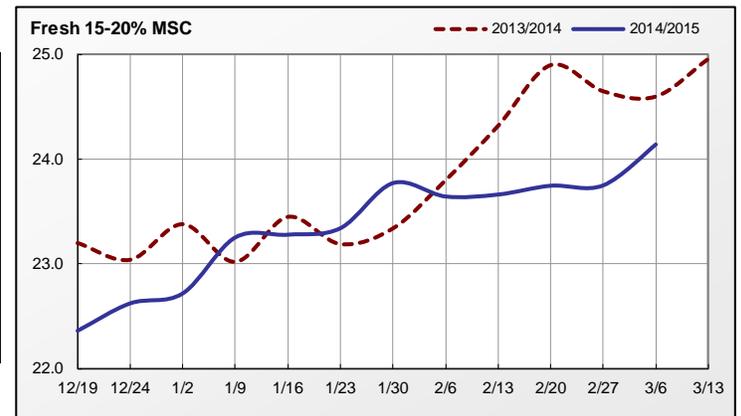
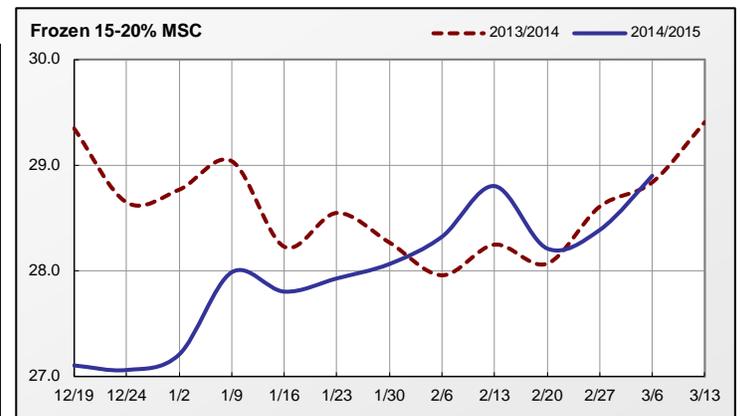
Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	6-Mar-15	Last Week	Last Year	6-Mar-15	Last Week	Last Year
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Price Range	-	-	31.00	27.00	27.00	27.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price			31.00	27.00	27.00	27.67
Volume Traded	-	-	40	143	102	184
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Price Range	27.00 - 31.00	27.00 - 31.00	27.00-31.00	23.00 - 27.00	22.00 - 26.00	21.50-27.00
Wtd Avg Price	28.90	28.39	28.84	24.14	23.75	24.60
Volume Traded	1,245	1,255	1,080	2,734	3,238	3,774
Volume Exported	1,205	1,055	1,080	286	490	1,061
<b>20% or More</b>						
Price Range	-	-	-	24.00	24.00	22.00-22.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	24.00	24.00	22.25
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	41	163
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

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

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	Feb 2015	Jan 2015	Feb 2014	Feb 2015	Jan 2015	Feb 2014
<b>15% or Less</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	27.00	26.63	27.79
Volume Traded	-	-	-	388	653	796
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>15-20%</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	28.45	27.78	28.27	23.70	23.27	24.45
Volume Traded	5,717	6,276	5,540	11,622	13,957	13,345
Volume Exported	4,737	5,556	5,320	1,510	3,060	816
<b>20% or More</b>						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	24.00	24.00	22.32
Volume Traded	-	-	-	245	326	449
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](http://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 06 MARCH 2015.

The market for bulk parts is steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. White meat and white trims market is steady to weak. Demand light. Offerings light to moderate. Thigh meat market steady to barely steady. Demand light. Offerings light to moderate. Mechanically separated turkey market was steady, instances firm. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Trading slow. For domestic: grade A breast non basted 12-14 lbs. 220-221 cents, 14-16 lbs. 220-221 cents, plant grade non basted breast 16-18 lbs. 215 cents, machine defatted tom gizzards 86 cents, fresh full cut wings 54 cents, fresh tom necks 44 cents, fresh scapula 213-219 cents, fresh wing meat 131 cents and frozen tails 57 cents delivered.

**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 06, 2015</b>						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	50.00-60.00		51.38	192	51.38	192
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	55.00		55.00	120	55.00	360
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	56.00-62.00		61.22	138	57.86	258
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	34.00		34.00	360	33.50	400
<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 05, 2015</b>						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS						
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	55.00	240		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		M	54.00	120		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	29.00	40		
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 04, 2015</b>						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS						
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	55.00	240		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		M	54.00	120		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	29.00	40		
<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 03, 2015</b>						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS						
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	55.00	240		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		M	54.00	120		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	29.00	40		
<b>MONDAY, MARCH 02, 2015</b>						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS						
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	55.00		55.00	240		
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS	54.00		54.00	120		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	29.00		29.00	40		

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.