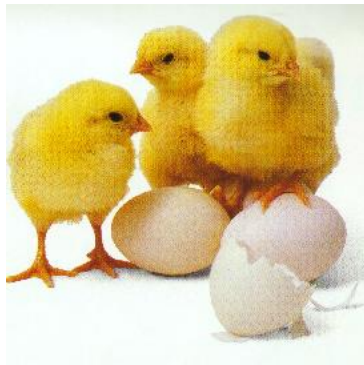


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This bulletin is designed mainly to provide individuals in the Breeder, Hatchery and Processing Sub-Sectors with data that would assist in making informed decisions in respect to the supply and demand for chicken.

The Bulletin is free of charge and would be made available to anyone on request by contacting the Agricultural Planning Division (A.P.D.) of the Ministry of Food Production, St. Clair Circle, St. Clair.

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(A) HATCHING EGG UTILIZATION:

TABLE 1

IMPORTED AND LOCAL BROILER HATCHING EGGS:

February, March and April 2014

MONTH	CASES HATCHING EGGS		TOTAL
	LOCAL	IMPORTED	
February 2014	444	11,536	11,980
March 2014	347	11,850	12,197
April 2014	640	14,157	14,797

Source: Poultry Surveillance Unit and Broiler Breeder Companies.

Table I indicates that a total **14,797** cases of broiler hatching eggs were set by hatcheries involved in producing broiler chicks. Of the **14,797** cases set, **14,157** cases were imported and **640** cases supplied by local producers. The total number of hatching eggs set was **21.32% more** than the total number of eggs set for the previous month, **March 2014**. The overall **increase** in the total number of eggs set was due to a **19.47% increase** in the use of imported eggs. In addition the number of hatching eggs from local sources **increased** by **84.44%**.

(B) DAY-OLD CHICK PRODUCTION FORECAST:

Estimates are based on two main assumptions:

(i) That all Hatching Eggs supplied to hatcheries were utilized or set for the production of baby chicks.

(ii) That an average hatchability of 82% was obtained for the month for both local and imported eggs.

TABLE II

DAY-OLD CHICK PRODUCTION FORECAST:

NO. HATCHING EGGS SET (cases)	ESTIMATED NO. OF EGGS AVAILABLE	Period day old chicks available
14,797	5,326,920	18th April 2014 - 16 th May 2014

*** 1 case = 360 eggs (Hatching eggs set x 360)**

(C) MATURE BIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST:

Estimates are based on the following assumptions:

(i) All chicks placed on farms.

(ii) An average mortality of 8 %.

TABLE III

ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF MATURE BROILERS:

ESTIMATED NO. OF DAY-OLD CHICKS HATCHED	ESTIMATED NO. OF MATURE BIRDS	PERIOD BIRDS AVAILABLE
3,536,496	3,253,576	13 th April 2014 - 11 th May 2014
3,600,554	3,312,510	12 th May 2014 - 9 th June 2014
4,368,074	4,018,628	10 th June 2014 - 8 th July 2014

(D) PROCESSED CHICKEN FORECAST:

Estimates are based on the following:

- (1) Total no. of mature birds on the market.
- (3) An average live weight of 2 kg. (4.41 lbs.) per bird.
- (3) A dressed weight of 81%.

TABLE IV

FORECAST OF TOTAL PRODUCTION OF PROCESSED CHICKEN:

ESTIMATED NO. OF MATURE BIRDS	TOTAL ESTIMATED DRESSED WEIGHT	PERIOD AVAILABLE
4,018,628	6,524,974 kgs. 14,354,943 (lbs)	10 th June 2014 - 8 th July 2014

(E) ESTIMATE OF CHICKEN PROCESSED BY PROCESSING PLANTS AND PLUCK SHOPS:

Estimates are based on the following:

- (i) A market share of approximately 40% and 60% respectively for Processing Plants and Pluck Shops.

TABLE V

ESTIMATE OF CHICKEN PROCESSED BY PROCESSING PLANTS AND PLUCK SHOPS:

PROCESSING PLANT PRODUCTION	PLUCK SHOP PRODUCTION
2,609,990 kg	3,914,984 kg
5,741,977 lb	8,612,966 lb

TABLE VI

(F) AVERAGE WEEKLY PRICES OF CHICKEN:

MONTH	Pluckshop Prices (\$ per lb.) Live weight	Prices (\$ per kg) Groceries and Supermarkets
February 2013	\$ 5.21	\$ 13.54
March 2013	\$ 5.46	\$ 14.50
April 2013	\$ 5.50	\$ 13.14
February 2014	\$ 6.37	\$ 14.49
March 2014	\$ 6.00	\$ 14.00
April 2014	\$ 6.37	\$ 13.18

Source: Pluck Shops and Groceries along the East-West Corridor, Central and South.

TABLE VII

(G) IMPORTS OF LIVE POULTRY AND EGGS:

MONTH	FEMALE BREEDER CHICKS	CASES LAYER H/EGGS	CASES TURKEY H/EGGS	DAY OLD TURKEYS	CASES DUCK H/EGGS	DUCKLINGS	DAY OLD BROILER CHICKS	LAYER CHICKS	**OTHER LIVE POULTRY
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February 2013	12,400	0	0	0	77	25,760	0	54,200	1,900
March 2013	0	17	0	0	119	31,860	0	45,600	1,800
April 2013	0	17	8	520	93	25,954	0	28,414	3,200
February 2014	0	0	0	0	136	22,350	12,400	38,900	0
March 2014	0	0	0	0	128	24,610	0	32,900	2,000
April 2014	0	0	11	0	212	19,178	0	56,200	2,900

**** OTHER includes any poultry types not named
Source: Poultry Surveillance Unit.**

For the month of April 2014, **NO** cases of table eggs were imported.

(H) DISEASES

There were no major cases of Roundworms, Tapeworms and Body Mites reported for the month of April 2014.