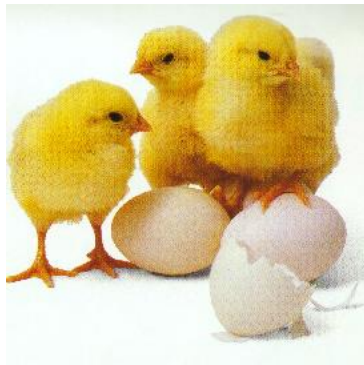


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*This bulletin is designed mainly to provide individuals in the Breeder, Hatchery and Processing Sub-Sectors with data that would assist in making informed decisions in respect to the supply and demand for chicken.*

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**(A) HATCHING EGG UTILIZATION:**

**TABLE 1**

**IMPORTED AND LOCAL BROILER HATCHING EGGS:**

**March, April and May 2014**

| MONTH      | CASES HATCHING EGGS |          | TOTAL  |
|------------|---------------------|----------|--------|
|            | LOCAL               | IMPORTED |        |
| March 2014 | 347                 | 11,850   | 12,197 |
| April 2014 | 640                 | 14,157   | 14,797 |
| May 2014   | 459                 | 11,519   | 11,978 |

Source: Poultry Surveillance Unit and Broiler Breeder Companies.

Table I indicates that a total **11,978** cases of broiler hatching eggs were set by hatcheries involved in producing broiler chicks. Of the **11,978** cases set, **11,519** cases were imported and **459** cases supplied by local producers. The total number of hatching eggs set was **19.05% less** than the total number of eggs set for the previous month, **April 2014**. The overall **decrease** in the total number of eggs set was due to a **18.63% decrease** in the use of imported eggs. In addition, the number of hatching eggs from local sources **decreased** by **28.28%**.

**(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            |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 11,978                        | 4,312,080                       | 17th May 2014 - 14 <sup>th</sup> June 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:**

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|  |  |  |
|--|--|--|

| ESTIMATED NO. OF DAY-OLD CHICKS HATCHED | ESTIMATED NO. OF MATURE BIRDS | PERIOD BIRDS AVAILABLE                                  |
|---|-------------------------------|---|
| 3,600,554                               | 3,312,510                     | 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2014 – 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2014   |
| 4,368,074                               | 4,018,628                     | 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2014 – 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2014  |
| 3,535,906                               | 3,253,033                     | 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2014 – 6 <sup>th</sup> August 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  |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 3,535,906                     | 5,281,891 kgs.<br>11,620,160 (lbs) | 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2014 – 6 <sup>th</sup> August 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 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2,112,756 kg                | 3,169,134 kg          |
| 4,648,064 lb                | 6,972,096 lb          |

**TABLE VI**

**(F) AVERAGE WEEKLY PRICES OF CHICKEN:**

| MONTH      | Pluckshop Prices<br>(\$ per lb.)<br>Live weight | Prices (\$ per kg)<br>Groceries and<br>Supermarkets |
|------------|---|---|
| March 2013 | \$ 5.46   | \$ 14.50  |
| April 2013 | \$ 5.50   | \$ 13.14  |
| May 2013   | \$ 5.36   | \$ 13.17  |
| March 2014 | \$ 6.00   | \$ 14.00  |
| April 2014 | \$ 6.37   | \$ 13.18  |
| May 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<br>BREEDER<br>CHICKS | CASES<br>LAYER<br>H/EGGS | CASES<br>TURKEY<br>H/EGGS | DAY OLD<br>TURKEYS | CASES<br>DUCK<br>H/EGGS | DUCKLINGS | DAY OLD<br>BROILER<br>CHICKS | LAYER<br>CHICKS | **OTHER<br>LIVE<br>POULTRY |
|-------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|
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|            |   |    |    |     |     |        |   |        |       |
|------------|---|----|----|-----|-----|--------|---|--------|-------|
| 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 |
| May 2013   | 0 | 5  | 5  | 0   | 129 | 36,578 | 0 | 59,600 | 1,347 |
| 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 |
| May 2014   | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 261 | 22,334 | 0 | 77,500 | 1,500 |

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

For the month of May 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 May 2014.