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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 with respect to the supply and demand for chicken.*

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(A) HATCHING EGG UTILIZATION:

TABLE 1

IMPORTED AND LOCAL BROILER HATCHING EGGS:

December 2021, January and February 2022

MONTH	CASES HATCHING EGGS		TOTAL
	LOCAL	IMPORTED	
December 2021	0	14,258	14,258
January 2022	0	12,173	12,173
February 2022	0	11,783	11,783

Source: Poultry Surveillance Unit and Broiler Breeder Companies.

Table I indicates that a total **11,783** cases of imported broiler hatching eggs were set by hatcheries involved in producing broiler chicks. The main hatcheries include Arawak, Nutrimix, Farmers' Hatchery (WGM) and Mastermix. The total number of hatching eggs set was **3.20% less** than the total number of eggs set for the previous month, **January 2021**.

**(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
11,783	4,241,880	1st Feb 2022 - 25th Feb 2022

**\* 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
4,208,961	3,872,244	25th Jan 2022 - 25th Feb 2022
3,593,470	3,305,992	25th Feb 2022 - 28th Mar 2022
3,478,342	3,200,074	22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 2022 - 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr 2022

**(D) PROCESSED CHICKEN FORECAST:**

*Estimates are based on the following:*

- (1) *Total no. of mature birds on the market.*
- (2) *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
3,200,074	5,195,902 kgs. 11,430,985 (lbs)	22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar 2022 - 22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr 2022

**(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
2,078,361 kgs	3,117,541 kgs
4,572,394 lbs	6,858,591 lbs

**TABLE VI**

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

MONTH	Poultry Depot/ Pluckshop Prices (\$ per lb.) Live weight	Poultry Depot/ Pluckshop Prices (\$ per lb.) Dressed Weight	Pluckshop Pluck & Gut Fee (\$)
Sep 2021	\$7.54	\$14.50	\$13.77
Oct 2021	\$7.72	\$14.78	\$13.95
Nov 2021	\$7.71	\$14.64	\$13.77
Dec 2021	\$8.10	\$15.13	\$14.62
Jan 2022	\$8.09	\$15.25	\$14.10
Feb 2022	\$8.09	\$15.09	\$14.57

**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
Sep 2021	0	90	0	0	490	0	10,000	59,340	0
Oct 2021	0	0	0	0	260	0	0	86,700	0
Nov 2021	0	0	0	0	270	0	0	24,300	0
Dec 2021	0	0	0	0	280	1,512	0	56,500	0
Jan 2022	0	0	0	0	280	1,600	0	32,000	0
Feb 2022	0	0	0	0	100	10,400	0	55,500	0

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

For the month of February 2022, 1,822 cases of table eggs were imported from the USA.

**\*1 case = 30 dozens eggs**

**(H) DISEASES**

There were no major cases of Roundworms, Tapeworms and Body Mites reported for the month of February 2022