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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:

June, July and August 2022

MONTH	CASES HATCHING EGGS		TOTAL
	LOCAL	IMPORTED	
June 2022	0	13,638	13,638
July 2022	0	13,312	13,312
August 2022	0	14,142	14,142

Source: Poultry Surveillance Unit and Broiler Breeder Companies.

Table I indicates that a total **14,142** cases of imported broiler hatching eggs were set by hatcheries involved in producing broiler chicks. The main hatcheries include Arawak, Nutrimix, Farmers' Hatchery (WGM), Mastermix and Republic Grains. The total number of hatching eggs set was **6.23% more** than the total number of eggs set for the previous month, **July 2022**.

(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
14,142	5,091,120	2nd August 2022 - 30th August 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
4,025,938	3,703,863	23rd Jul 2022 - 23rd Aug 2022
3,929,702	3,615,326	23rd Aug 2022 - 23rd Sep 2022
4,174,718	3,840,741	24th Sep 2022 - 25th Oct 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
3,840,741	6,236,141 kgs. 13,719,511 (lbs)	24th Sep 2022 - 25th Oct 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
2,494,456 kgs	3,741,685 kgs
5,487,804 lbs	8,231,706 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 (\$)
Mar 2022	\$8.25	\$15.47	\$14.18
Apr 2022	\$8.21	\$16.02	\$14.47
May 2022	\$8.57	\$16.40	\$14.83
Jun 2022	\$8.74	\$16.66	\$14.47
Jul 2022	\$8.98	\$16.66	\$14.55
Aug 2022	\$8.84	\$16.61	\$14.44

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
Jun 2021	0	0	0	0	350	0	0	78,400	0
Jul 2021	0	0	0	1,500	90	2,800 (1000 dead on arrival)	0	110,680	625
Aug 2021	0	0	0	2,000	520	2,520	0	51,000	0
Jun 2022	0	0	0	0	210	21,140	0	111,000	140
Jul 2022	0	0	0	0	123	15,951	0	94,700	0
Aug 2022	0	0	0	0	440	22,236	0	89,500	0

**** OTHER includes any poultry types not named**

Source: Poultry Surveillance Unit.

For the month of August 2022, 612 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 August 2022.