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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:

July, August and September 2022

MONTH	CASES HATCHING EGGS		TOTAL
	LOCAL	IMPORTED	
July 2022	0	13,312	13,312
August 2022	0	14,142	14,142
September 2022	0	16,412	16,412

Source: Poultry Surveillance Unit and Broiler Breeder Companies.

Table I indicates that a total **16,412** 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 **16.05% more** than the total number of eggs set for the previous month, **August 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
16,412	5,908,320	2nd September 2022 - 30th September 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
3,929,702	3,615,326	23rd Aug 2022 - 23rd Sep 2022
4,174,718	3,840,741	24th Sep 2022 - 25th Oct 2022
4,844,822	4,457,237	25th Oct 2022 - 25th Nov 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
4,457,237	7,237,134 kgs. 15,921,695 (lbs)	25th Oct 2022 - 25th Nov 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
2,894,854 kgs	4,342,280 kgs
6,368,678 lbs	9,553,017 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 (\$)
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
Sep 2022	\$8.94	\$16.93	\$15.12

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
Jul 2021	Jul 2021	0	0	0	1,500	90	2,800 (1000 dead on arrival)	0	110,680
Aug 2021	Aug 2021	0	0	0	2,000	520	2,520	0	51,000
Sep 2021	Sep 2021	0	90	0	0	490	0	10,000	59,340
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
Sep 2022	0	0	0	0	345	22,170	10,000	67,000	0

** OTHER includes any poultry types not named

Source: Poultry Surveillance Unit.

For the month of September 2022, 1718 (30doz/case) and 60 (24doz/case) cases of table eggs were imported from the USA.

(H) DISEASES

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

