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Mexico Lifts Trade Restrictions Due to HPAI on Lincoln County

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Report Highlights:

On November 16, 2017, Mexico lifted restrictive trade measures which had been in place for Lincoln Country, Tennessee, due to an outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). Mexico has no further restrictions in place due to HPAI for U.S. poultry, products, and eggs.

General Information:

On November 16, 2017, the National Service of Health, Food Safety, and Food Quality (SENASICA) under the Secretary of Agriculture (SAGARPA) of Mexico lifted restrictive trade measures which had been in place for Lincoln Country, Tennessee, due to an outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). This follows continuous engagement and information provided by USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Mexico has no further restrictions in place due to the HPAI outbreak in Lincoln County in the spring of 2017. See GAIN Report MX7008 for background.

Both the USDA and SENASICA websites have been accordingly updated. They may be referenced below at the following links:

- USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/export/international-standard-setting-activities-oie/regionalization/sa by country/sa m/ct animal mexico
- USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service:
 https://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/international-affairs/exporting-products/export-library-requirements-by-country/Mexico
 According to the updated requirements, "Fresh/frozen poultry and poultry products derived from birds originating from, slaughtered or processed within Lincoln County, Tennessee on or after March 1, 2017 and before November 16, 2017 are ineligible for export."
- SENASICA's Consult System for Zoo-Sanitary Requirements for Imports: https://sistemasssl.senasica.gob.mx/mcrz/muestraComb2.jsf

Comments:

Mexico's response and follow-up to this HPAI outbreak was received favorably by the U.S. poultry industry. As the response was regionalized in accordance with the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), the impact from these restrictions on trade was limited, and negligible overall. In 2016, the United States exported \$1.1 billion in poultry meat, poultry products, eggs, and egg products to Mexico. Mexico is the number one export market for U.S. poultry, eggs, and related products. The majority of Mexico's poultry related imports are supplied by the United States.

Other Relevant Reports:

Report Number	Title
<u>MX7034</u>	Poultry and Eggs are Pillars of Production
<u>MX7008</u>	Mexico Reacts to an HPAI outbreak in the United States
<u>MX7002</u>	Vertical Integration Bolsters the Mexican Poultry Industry

For More Information:

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Useful Mexican Web Sites: Mexico's equivalent to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (SAGARPA) can be found at www.sagarpa.gob.mx, equivalent to the U.S. Department of Commerce (SE) can be found at www.economia.gob.mx and equivalent to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (SALUD) can be found at www.salud.gob.mx. These web sites are mentioned for the readers' convenience but USDA does NOT in any way endorse, guarantee the accuracy of, or necessarily concur with, the information contained on the mentioned sites.