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Report Highlights:

Lithuania is the largest poultry meat producer among Baltic States. In 2014 production of poultry meat amounted to 99,700 MT and was 4 percent higher than in 2013. It is expected that production will continue to grow in 2015 and 2016 because of favorable feed prices, continuing domestic demand and growing exports. In 2014 egg production in Lithuania amounted to 806 million pieces, 5 percent more than in the previous year.

General Information:

Production

Lithuania is the largest poultry meat producer among Baltic countries. In 2014 poultry meat production in Lithuania amounted to 99,700 MT and was 4 percent higher than in 2013. It is expected that due to growing domestic demand and low prices of feed production of poultry meat will continue to grow in 2015 by another 2 percent.

Poultry meat is the main meat produced in Lithuania. In 2014 the share of poultry meat in total meat production amounted to 41 percent and the self-sufficiency index in production of poultry meat was 119 percent. In 2014 Lithuania produced 806 million eggs, 5 percent more than in the previous year. Production of eggs from back-yard flocks accounts for 22 percent of total egg production in Lithuania. As of January 1, 2015 the number of poultry amounted to 10.2 million birds compared to 9.7 million a year earlier. In 2014 13 percent of poultry was raised in back-yard flocks and the rest in commercial farms. In 2014 50.2 million broiler chicks were hatched, a 4 percent increase compared to 2013. In 2014 the number of organic poultry in Lithuania in 2014 decreased by 1.2 percent to 6,170 birds.

Vilnius and Kaisiadorys is one of the largest poultry producer and processor in Lithuania. The Vilnius and Kaisiadorys poultry farms and their subsidiaries together have 175 chicken houses with an annual production of 32 million broilers. Vilnius and Kaisiadorys poultry farms sell monthly 6,000 MT of poultry meat and products, 47 percent of which is exported. The monthly turnover of the company is around US\$ 12 million. Companies belonging to Vilnius and Kaisiadorys employ 2,100 people. Another large scale producer and processor of poultry meat is company Nematekas. The company has been operating for 20 years on the Lithuanian market. It is a fully integrated business with production and broiler processing sited based in Lithuania, supplying many company branded products into the Baltic States, Scandinavia and Western Europe. The company is oriented to production of “healthy” food. The recipes of these products are developed together with the Food Institute of the Technological University in Kaunas. In February 2014 the distributor of U.S. Cobb in Scandinavia and the Baltic States, Blenta, signed an agreement with Lithuanian company Dovainonių Paukstynas (a subsidiary of the Nematekas food group) to receive 100 percent of their parent stock supply from Cobb.

Consumption

In 2014 average per capita poultry meat consumption in Lithuania amounted to 26 kilograms, 13 percent more than in 2013 and twice more than a decade ago. Average annual consumption of eggs in 2014 amounted to 275 pieces per capita compared to 261 pieces in 2013.

Trade

Lithuania is a net exporter of poultry meat. In 2014 exports of amounted to 48,235 MT and were 4 percent higher than in 2013. Although in the first 9 months of 2015 volume of exports increased by another 4 percent, due to the decline of prices within the EU, the value of exports decreased by 19 percent and amounted to U.S. \$83 million. The main export destinations within the EU are the Netherlands, Latvia and Estonia. Exports outside of the EU are directed mainly to Hong Kong and Vietnam. In September 2014 Hong Kong has approved imports of poultry meat and poultry products from Lithuania, which concluded two years of negotiations. In 2015 Lithuania started for the first time

to export poultry meat to Ukraine. In the first 9 months of 2015 exports to Ukraine amounted to 4,621 MT. In 2014 imports of poultry meat amounted to 31,137 MT. Poland supplied almost 70 percent of total imports in 2014 which were mainly poultry cuts and edible offal (HS code 020713).

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