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Report Highlights:

Lithuania is the largest poultry meat producer among the Baltic States. In 2015 production of poultry meat amounted to 110,700 MT and was 11 percent higher than in 2014. It is expected that production will continue to grow in 2016 and 2017 because of favorable feed prices, continuing domestic demand and growing exports. In 2015 egg production in Lithuania amounted to 786 million pieces, 2 percent less than in the previous year.

General Information:

Production

Lithuania is the largest poultry meat producer among the Baltic countries. In 2015 poultry meat production in Lithuania amounted to 110,700 MT and was 11 percent higher than in 2014. It is expected that due to growing domestic and export demand as well as the low level of feed prices, production of poultry meat will continue to grow in 2016 by another 7 percent.

Poultry meat is the main meat produced in Lithuania. In 2015 the share of poultry meat in total meat production amounted to 42 percent and the self-sufficiency index in production of poultry meat was estimated at 120 percent. In 2015 Lithuania produced 786 million eggs, 2 percent less than in the previous year. The decrease in production of eggs in 2015 stemmed from introduction of new cages for laying hens required by the EU legislation. Production of eggs from back-yard flocks accounts for 22 percent of total egg production in Lithuania. As of January 1, 2016 the number of poultry amounted to 9.4 million birds compared to 10.2 million a year earlier. In 2015 13 percent of poultry was raised in backyard flocks and the rest in commercial farms.

Vilnius and Kaisiadorys is 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 U.S. \$12 million. Vilnius and Kaisiadorys produces 75 percent of the total poultry meat output in Lithuania. The company belongs to the KG Group which also owns the Kaunas Grudai company, which produces animal feed. The KG Group employs 3,000 people. Another large scale producer and processor of poultry meat in Lithuania is the 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 sites 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. U.S. Cobb in Scandinavia supplies 100 percent of their parent stock.

Consumption

In 2015 average per capita poultry meat consumption in Lithuania amounted to 29 kilograms, 11 percent more than in 2014 and twice more than a decade ago. Average annual consumption of eggs in 2015 amounted to 275 pieces per capita and was the same as in 2014.

Trade

Lithuania is a net exporter of poultry meat. In 2015 exports of amounted to 52,214 MT and were 8 percent higher than in 2014. Lithuania exports almost 50 percent of its total poultry meat production. In the first 9 months of 2016 volume of exports increased by 2 percent and the value of exports

amounted to U.S. \$87 million. The main export destinations within the EU are the Netherlands and Latvia. Exports outside of the EU are directed mainly to Ukraine, Vietnam and Hong Kong. In 2015 imports of poultry meat amounted to 44,311 MT, 22 percent less than in 2014. The reduction of imports in 2015 stemmed from higher domestic production. In 2015 Poland supplied almost 70 percent of total Lithuanian imports of poultry meat consisting mainly of poultry cuts and edible offal (HS code 020713). Poultry meat imported by Lithuania is mainly used for further processing.

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