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## *No shipping to Qatar*

Five Middle Eastern countries have severed diplomatic and consular ties with Qatar, likely disrupting poultry shipments in and out of there for the time being.

The U.A.E., Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and Bahrain cut ties on June 5, and Yemen followed suit, accusing Qatar of supporting terrorist groups.

Affected shipments include those on all Qatari-flagged or owned vessels; all vessels going to or coming from Qatar as the last or next port of call regardless of flag; and vessels loading or discharging cargo destined to or from Qatar. Steamship lines that call on Qatari ports are developing contingency plans.

It now appears that unless the sanctions are removed, no U.S. poultry can be shipped to Qatar.

USAPEEC members with shipments destined for Qatar or scheduled to transit Qatar are asked to advise Jean Murphy at [jmurphy@usapec.org](mailto:jmurphy@usapec.org) of the approximate volumes and value of the loads that are affected. This information will be kept confidential and will only be used in the aggregate to advise the U.S. government of the impact of the sanctions.

## *Early start for golf*

Reminder for golfers: the motor coaches to the Riviera Cancún Golf Club for the USAPEEC golf tournament will depart from the resort at 6:30 a.m., for a shotgun start at 7:59 a.m. Also, Cancún is on Central Daylight Time, which is not good news for those coming from the East Coast, but should be no problem for the Arkansas, Minnesota, and Mississippi crowd. Breakfast will be waiting on arrival at the club.

## Annual Meeting 2017 to kick off on Monday; record turnout ready to descend on Cancún

**I**t's almost here. The 2017 USAPEEC Annual Meeting is just days away.

This year's event at the Grand Fiesta American Coral Beach Hotel in Cancún promises to be among the best, with an all-star roster of speakers, a packed agenda of informational programs, and just enough down time to experience Mexico's Gulf Coast.

It all starts Monday afternoon with the Board of Directors Meeting. Tuesday morning offers the chance to play in the USAPEEC golf tournament or in the USAPEEC tennis tournament. Tuesday afternoon is set aside for the Trade Policy Task Force meeting, with the USAPEEC Welcome Reception that night.

Wednesday is an open day on the calendar, with no regularly scheduled activities, allowing ample time for members to do some networking or to spend some quality time with the family. A special tequila-tasting event that evening with light fare is scheduled.

Thursday is a full day. It begins with the general session and is followed by the Speakers Forum, the luncheon and the International Marketing Forum. Evening brings the annual Chairman's Reception and Chairman's Banquet.

Each part of the program offers something of special interest.

Thursday morning's speakers, for example, include animal protein trends analyst Will Sawyer of Rabobank, anti-

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## U.S. poultry exports rise 6% for Jan.-April, while shipments of eggs, products up by 27.6%

**U**.S. poultry exports for the first four months of 2017 increased by 6 percent over the same period of last year, reaching 1,202,411 metric tons, while export value rose by 7.4 percent to \$1.277 billion, according to trade data released by the Foreign Agricultural Service last week.

Meanwhile, total exports of U.S. eggs (table eggs plus egg products in shell egg equivalent) for January through April were 80.4 million dozen valued at \$72.7 million, up 27.6 and 15.7 percent year over year, respectively (Figure 3).

Monthly broiler exports for April (not counting paws) dipped by 4.5 percent to 234,348 tons, as export value inched up by 1.5 percent to \$240.7 million. The decrease is largely tied to lower shipments to Mexico, Iraq, and Taiwan.

Shipments to the U.A.E., Haiti, the Dominican Republic, the Philippines,

Hong Kong, and Chile also decreased significantly. Exports increased to other markets, however, including Angola, Cuba, Kazakhstan, South Africa, and Qatar.

Cumulative January-April broiler exports (no paws) increased by 5.4 percent to 1,010,387 tons, while value climbed by 6.5 percent to \$949.3 million.

January-April shipments to the top market of Mexico fell by 11.2 percent year over year to 193,022 tons, while exports to Cuba increased by 66.6 percent to 63,629 tons. Exports to Angola hit 63,192 tons, up 110.5 percent year over year, while shipments to Taiwan were 50,874 tons, down 7.5 percent.

Exports to other important markets were Canada, 50,464 tons, down 2.3 percent; Hong Kong, 49,943 tons, up 4.6 percent; South Africa, 42,542 tons, up

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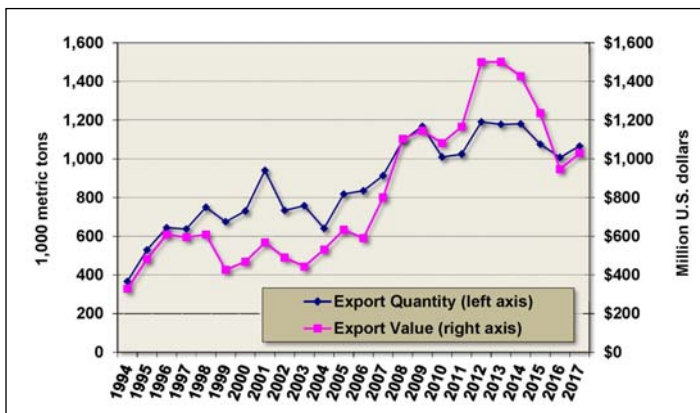


Fig. 1 – Jan.-April U.S. broiler (including paws) exports since 1994. Source: USDA/FAS GATS database.

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190.5 percent; Guatemala, 39,740 tons, up 8.3 percent; Iraq (including transshipments via Turkey) 37,290 tons, down 32.1 percent; Kazakhstan, 32,485 tons, up 113.2 percent.

For chicken paws, April exports were 14,852 tons valued at \$22.8 million, up 9.2 and 38.3 percent from the same month of last year, respectively. Shipments to Hong Kong increased by 7.6 percent to 14,441 tons.

Cumulative exports of chicken paws for the first four months were 53,622 tons valued at \$79.6 million, up 13.0 and 43.3 percent from the same period in 2016, respectively. Of the total paw shipments, 98.0 percent or 52,543 tons were shipped to Hong Kong.

January-April broiler exports (with paws) rose by 5.7 percent to 1,064,009 tons, while value climbed 8.6 percent to \$1.209 billion. (Figure 1).

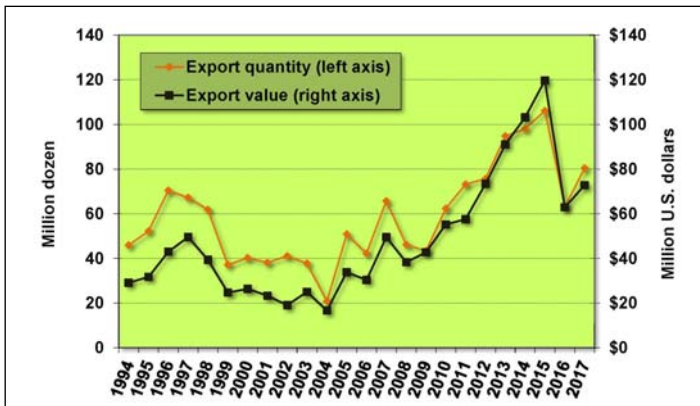


Fig. 3 – Jan.-April U.S. exports of table eggs, egg products (in shell egg equivalent) since 1994. Source: USDA/FAS.

The top five markets of Mexico, Hong Kong, Cuba, Angola, and Taiwan accounted for 44.5 percent of total exports for the period.

April turkey exports dropped by 6 percent 19,741 tons, as value declined by 3.2 percent to \$44.5 million, mainly because of lower shipments to Hong Kong. Monthly turkey exports to Mexico increased by 11.4 percent to 12,773 tons, while shipments to Hong Kong decreased by 74.1 percent to 2,515 tons. Declines were seen in exports to the Dominican Republic, Benin, Congo (Brazzaville), and Singapore, while shipments to

Panama, Canada, Jamaica, Chile, South Africa, and Guatemala increased significantly.

January-April turkey exports rose by 9.6 percent to 80,100 tons, and value rose by 2.7 percent to \$173.9 million. (Figure 2).

Of the total quantity exported, 79.1 percent went to the top five markets of Mexico, Hong Kong, Japan, Haiti, and Canada, with Mexico alone accounting for 64.0 percent. Specifically, exports to Mexico were 51,291 tons, up 19.8 percent year over year; Hong Kong, 5,666 tons, down 29.0 percent; Japan, 2,586 tons, down 26.4 percent; Haiti, 1,924 tons, up 102.5 percent; Canada, 1,922 tons, up 13.1 percent.

For table eggs, exports for April 2017 were 9.3 million dozen valued at \$9.3 million, down 13.1 and 12.7 percent, respectively, due largely to decreased shipments to Mexico

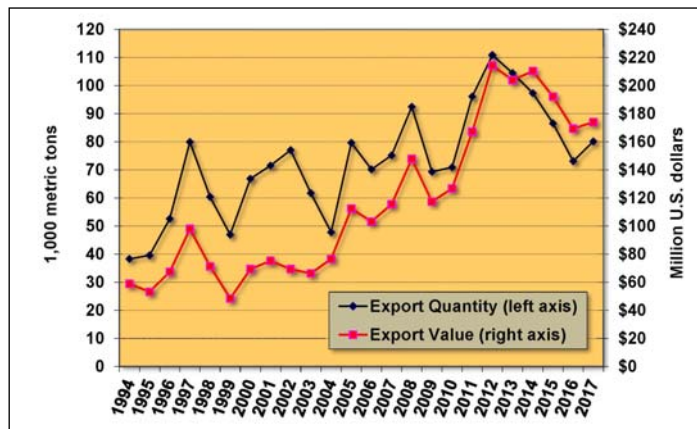


Fig. 2 – Jan.-April U.S. turkey exports since 1994. Source: USDA/FAS GATS database.

and Jamaica. April exports to Mexico were 1.3 million dozen, down 45.4 percent from the same month of last year, while shipments to Jamaica were 1.0 million dozen, down 49.7 percent. While exports to Hong Kong decreased significantly, exports to the U.A.E. and Trinidad and Tobago increased notably.

Cumulative exports of table eggs for the first four months of 2017 were 36.3 million dozen valued at \$35.4 million, down 12.8 and 15.4 percent, respectively, from the same period a year earlier. Of the total shipments, 75.6 percent or 27.5 million dozen were shipped to the top five export markets of Hong Kong, the U.A.E., Canada, Mexico, and Jamaica.

For egg products, April exports were 3,802 tons valued at \$9.3 million, up 93.5 and 58.3 percent from the same month of last year, respectively. Export value to Japan increased by 18.0 percent to \$3.2 million, while export sales to South Korea hit \$2.0 million, as compared to less than \$0.1 million a year ago.

Export value of egg products in the first four months of this year were 14,318 tons valued at \$37.3 million, up 106.3 and 77.6 percent year on year. Export value to the top five markets of Japan, South Korea, EU-28, Mexico, and Canada accounted for 84.0 percent or \$31.3 million, with Japan alone accounting for 35.5 percent to \$13.2 million. – **Dr. Renan Zhuang, Director of Economic Analysis**