U.S. Egg Exports Grew in Volume in 2019

U.S. Egg Export Update
Total 2019 egg export tallies (table eggs plus egg products in shell egg equivalent) show a year over year increase of 2.4% to 268.1M dozen from the USDA Foreign Agricultural Service report. At the same time, the total export value decreased 10.2% to $218.2M.

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TABLE EGG FIGURES

2019 table egg exports saw volume rise 19.4% to 145.8M dozen, while export value declined 10.8% to $118M. More than 93% (136.4M dozen) of the total shipments went to the top six export markets – Hong Kong, Canada, Mexico, U.A.E., Bahamas, and Taiwan.

Looking only at December 2019, table egg exports rose 3.9% to 11.6M dozen compared to the same month in 2018. During the same period, export value also showed a gain, rising 0.3% to $12.5M. Marked YOY increases in December exports were seen in both Hong Kong (6.7% to 3.4M dozen) and Mexico with an increase from 0.2M dozen to 1.8M dozen. Other markets with significant export gains, include the U.A.E., Japan, Israel, Taiwan, Trinidad and Tobago, and Guatemala. Notable market declines were seen in exports to Canada, Haiti, Bahamas, Netherlands Antilles, and Barbados.

EGG PRODUCT VOLUME UP by 3.5%

Total 2019 egg product exports equaled 32,937 metric tons, an increase of 3.5% from a year earlier. Yet during the same period, export value dipped 9.4% to $100.2M. Notable export declines were seen in Japan where export value dropped 20.8% to $34.5 million, mainly due to competitive forces in the market. And in South Korea where exports declined 32.3% to $5.1 million, in response to the market resuming egg production following 2018 HPAI outbreaks. The top six markets for egg product exports with nearly $81M in sales or 80.6% of the total, include Japan, Mexico, Canada, EU-28, South Korea, and Philippines.

For December alone, egg product exports totaled 3,356 metric tons, a YOY increase of 15.1 percent. During the same period, export value rose 7.2% with sales of $9.6 million. Markets with significant export sales increases – Japan, EU-28, Australia, Chile, Malaysia, Vietnam, Jamaica, and Colombia. While notable egg product export decreases were recorded in Mexico Canada, Taiwan, South Korea, Costa Rica, and Ecuador.