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## Hungary

### Poultry and Products

### Voluntary Production Reductions for Waterfowl

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**Report Highlights:**

The Association of Hungarian Goose Producers (AHG) is planning a voluntary reduction of goose production in 2004. Overproduction and economic conditions resulted in billions of losses in this portion of the poultry sector last year.

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### **Hungary's poultry export**

Hungary has an export oriented poultry industry. More than half of the poultry meat sales amounting to USD 287 million in 2002 were goose and duck sales. Chicken and turkey sales accounted for the remaining half.

The entire poultry sector suffered from overproduction, depressed market prices, and rising feed prices in 2003. Market conditions were particularly bad for goose production where weak demand, increased competition with Poland for the decisive German market, and financial troubles for two main processors resulted in HUF 8 (USD 38 million) losses for farmers and processors.

### **Planned Measures**

The Association of Hungarian Goose Producers (AHG) is hoping to set quotas for producers and processors that would limit output to 60 percent of the 2003 level. Goose production, at 5.5 million in 2003, would be reduced to 3.3 million this year. The Ministry of Agriculture and Regional Development authorities have issued an order regulating the distribution of the 450 MT goose liver export quotas for the January 1- April 31, 2004 period.