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## Argentina

### Poultry and Products

### Argentine Poultry Projection 2009

### 2009

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**Report Highlights:**

Argentine poultry exports for 2009 are expected at 106,000 tons, significantly smaller than earlier projected. Production will be similar to last year reflecting a strong contraction over what the local industry was prepared for. Domestic consumption is forecast to increase marginally at 1.33 million tons.

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## SECTION I. SITUATION AND OUTLOOK

Argentine poultry meat exports in 2009 are forecast at 106,000 tons, of which the majority is whole frozen broilers. Local exporters are confident they will be able to maintain a reasonable level of exports, especially once the traditional buyers lower their stocks. After a sudden halt in exports in the last part of 2008 and the first part of 2009, traders are already seeing signs of reactivation. They even report that FOB prices are slowly moving upwards. They also indicate that final export volumes will depend on world events and the evolution of the global financial crisis.

Venezuela, Chile, Middle East and Africa are the main markets for whole broilers. Cuts go primarily to Chile, Russia and the EU. Based on official data, Argentina exported 33,839 tons of chicken paws (not included in PSD exports), ten percent higher than in 2007.

Domestic consumption is expected to reach 1.33 million tons, slightly higher than the previous year. Most players foresee an economic slowdown which will hurt overall consumption. However, poultry producers expect higher domestic beef prices, making consumers shift to less expensive poultry products.

## SECTION II. STATISTICAL TABLES

Poultry, Meat, Broiler Argentina	2007		2008		2009	
	2007		2008		2009	
	Market Year Begin: Jan 2007		Market Year Begin: Jan 2008		Market Year Begin: Jan 2009	
	Annual Data Displayed	New Post	Annual Data Displayed	New Post	Annual Data Displayed	Jan
	Data		Data		Data	
Inventory (Reference)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slaughter (Reference)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production	1,280	1,320	1,425	1,420	1,550	1,430
Whole, Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parts, Imports	5	5	5	5	5	5
Intra-EU Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Imports	5	5	5	5	5	5
Total Supply	1,285	1,325	1,430	1,425	1,555	1,435
Whole, Exports	0	61	0	89	0	82
Parts, Exports	95	24	115	26	135	24
Intra EU Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Exports	95	85	115	115	135	106
Human Consumption	1,190	1,240	1,315	1,310	1,420	1,329
Other Use, Losses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Dom. Consumption	1,190	1,240	1,315	1,310	1,420	1,329
Total Use	1,285	1,325	1,430	1,425	1,555	1,435
Ending Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Distribution	1,285	1,325	1,430	1,425	1,555	1,435