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# Taiwan Allocated First Quarter 2001 Meat Quotas 2001

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#### Report Highlights:

**Taiwan has recently completed the quota allocation for imports of chicken meat, pork bellies, pork offal and beef offal for the first quarter of the year 2001. Reportedly, many importers had already placed orders prior to the announcement of the allocation so that they can bring in these meat products for the Lunar New Year celebration which begins January 24, 2001. While still relatively late, the quota allocation process was completed 45 days earlier than in the year 2000.**

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On December 26, 2000, the Board of Foreign Trade (BOFT) publicly announced Taiwan's import quotas for chicken meat, pork bellies, pork offal, and beef offal for the first quarter of the year 2001. The annual quota was broken into quarterly quotas in the following quantities: chicken meat, 4,791 mt; pork bellies, 1,540 mt; pork offal, 2,500 mt and beef offal, 2,500 mt. Taiwan, which applied for GATT/WTO membership in 1990, is at the last stage of its WTO accession. With the WTO accession seeming imminent, the Taiwan authorities decided to announce the quotas by quarter so that they can better adapt to the WTO norms and fulfill their WTO commitments once Taiwan accedes to WTO.

The quota is open to all WTO members which meet Taiwan's animal health and food safety requirements. Currently, only Australia, Canada and the U.S. meet Taiwan's requirements for chicken meat. Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Sweden and the U.S. meet Taiwan's requirements for pork bellies, pork offal and beef offal. Beginning September 25, 2000, Denmark qualified to supply pork and pork offal to Taiwan.

On January 12, 2001, the quotas were successfully allocated to bidders as follows:

#### Chicken Meat:

The quota, totaling 4,791 mt, was divided into Group A (1,581 mt or 33%) for traders or processors; and Group B (3,210 mt or 67%) for members of the chicken growers associations.

Group A (quota size: 1,581 mt) -- One hundred and thirty (130) qualified applicants applied for 33,140 mt of imports. A total of 1,550 mt was allocated, through drawing, to 31 applicants, each receiving 50 mt. The unallocated 31 mt will be reallocated whenever BOFT deems necessary.

Group B (quota size 3,210 mt) -- Sixty-four (64) qualified applicants applied for 12,800 mt of imports. A total of 3,209.6 mt was evenly allocated to the 64 bidders, each receiving 50.15 mt. The unallocated 0.4 mt will be reallocated whenever deemed necessary by BOFT.

#### Pork Bellies:

The quota, totaling 1,540 mt, was divided into Group A1 (550 mt or 36%) for the traders; Group A2 (220 mt or 14%) for members of the Taiwan Frozen Meat Packers Association; and Group B (770 mt or 50%) for the growers group.

Group A1-- Two hundred and forty-four (244) qualified applicants applied for 21,251 mt of imports. The full quota amount (550 mt) was allocated, via drawing, to 22 bidders, each receiving 25 mt.

Group A2 -- One qualified bidder applied for 220 mt of imports. The full quota, 220 mt, was granted to this bidder.

Group B-- Five thousand, seven hundred and seventy-six bidders (5,776) applied for 288,152 mt of imports. A total of 750 mt was allocated, via drawing, to 30 applicants, each receiving 25 mt. The unallocated 20 mt will be reallocated whenever deemed necessary by BOFT.

#### Pork Offal:

The quota, totaling 2,500 mt, was divided into Group A1 (925 mt or 37%) for the traders; Group A2 (325 mt or 13%) for members of the Taiwan Frozen Meat Packers Association; and Group B (1,250 mt or 50%) for the growers group.

Group A1 -- Two hundred and fifty-two (252) qualified applicants applied for 33,076 mt of imports. The full quota amount (925 mt) was allocated, via drawing, to 37 bidders, each receiving 25 mt.

Group A2 -- One qualified bidder applied for 325 mt of imports. The full quota, 325 mt, was granted to this bidder.

Group B -- Six thousand, seven hundred and twenty-nine (6,729) bidders applied for 328,703 mt of imports. The full quota amount (1,250 mt) was allocated, via drawing, to 50 applicants, each receiving 25 mt.

Beef Offal:

The quota, totaling 2,500 mt, was divided into Group A (2,250 mt or 90%) for traders and Group B (250 mt or 10%) for the farmers group.

Group A -- Seventy-four (74) qualified applicants applied for 41,180 mt of imports. The full quota amount (2,250 mt) was allocated, via drawing, to 45 applicants, each receiving 50 mt.

Group B -- No one came to apply and the unallocated quota, 250 mt, will be reallocated by BOFT.

The outcome of the quota allocation was announced on January 15, 2001. The announcement was 45 days earlier than that for the year 2000 quota. The Chinese language list of successful bidders has been faxed to the local offices of U.S. industry representatives U.S. Meat Export Federation and USA Poultry & Egg Export Council. Reportedly, many importers had already placed orders prior to the announcement so that they can bring in these meat products favored by Taiwan consumers for the Lunar New Year celebration which begins January 24, 2001.