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MAFF Forecasts Livestock Self-Sufficiency for 2010 2000

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Report Highlights:

MAFF forecasts that by JFY2010 consumption of all meat (e.g., beef, pork, and poultry) will rise about 13 percent from JFY1998 while production of meat will drop 1 percent. Overall meat self-sufficiency is forecast to fall from 56 percent in JFY1998 to 49 percent in JFY2010. Post believes even these estimates are ambitious based on the gradual production declines witnessed over the last 10 years.

Executive Summary

MAFF's Agriculture & Livestock Industries Corporation (ALIC) recently announced JFY2010 self-sufficiency projections for livestock (see attached table). The projections show that consumption of dairy and meat products will rise about 15 percent by 2010 while production of meat will drop 1 percent and dairy product output will rise 9 percent. Overall, Japan's self-sufficiency levels will gradually fall because production will not keep pace with consumption levels, according to MAFF.

FAS/Japan believes MAFF's projected output increases for beef, milk, and eggs are ambitious given the gradual declines of the livestock sector witnessed over the last 10 years. On consumption projections, beef (up 30%), poultry (up 11%) and dairy projections (up 15%) also appear ambitious considering recent consumption trends.

In the future, improvements in biotechnology, breeding technology, and increased scale of production could enhance Japan's livestock production. However, Japan's farming sector must overcome the challenges of finding replacements for its aging farming population, dealing with environmental constraints and lowering production costs.

	Total Volume Basis					
				Unit: 1,000 MT,	%	
		JFY 1997	JFY 1998	JFY 2010	% Chg. 10/98	
			(PRELIM)			
Milk & Dairy	Consumption	12,100	12,020	13,870	15%	
	Production	8,630	8,550	9,350	9%	
	Self Sufficiency Rate	71%	71%	67%		
All Meat	Consumption	5,470	5,520	6,230	13%	
	Production	3,060	3,050	3,030	-1%	
	Self Sufficiency Rate	56%	55%	49%		
Beef	Consumption	1,470	1,500	1,950	30%	
	Production	530	530	570	8%	
	Self Sufficiency Rate	36%	35%	29%		
Pork	Consumption	2,080	2,130	2,220	4%	
	Production	1,290	1,290	1,280	-1%	
	Self Sufficiency Rate	62%	61%	58%		
Poultry	Consumption	1,820	1,800	2,000	11%	
	Production	1,230	1,210	1,180	-2%	
	Self Sufficiency Rate	68%	67%	59%		
Egg	Consumption	2,680	2,640	2,840	8%	
	Production	2,570	2,530	2,730	8%	
	Self Sufficiency Rate	96%	96%	96%		
	Per Capita Net Food Supply					
				Unit: Kg., %		
		JFY 1997	JFY 1998	JFY 2010	% Chg. 10/98	
			(PRELIM)			
Milk & Dairy	_	93.2			15%	
	Fluid	40.2		44.0	12%	
	Processed	52.8	52.8	62.0	17%	
All Meat		27.8	28.0	32.0	14%	
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Pork	10.2	10.4	11.0	6%	
Poultry	10.1	9.9	11.0	11%	
Egg	17.6	17.3	18.0	4%	