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## **Report Highlights:**

In February 2024, U.S. exporters regained market access to the Colombian poultry market, valued at over \$100 million annually.

## United States Reopens Poultry Market in Colombia to U.S. Exports after August 2023 Closure

In August 2023, the Colombian Institute of Agriculture (ICA) stopped issuing import permits for U.S. poultry, egg, and genetics products, citing concerns over the spread of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in the region. Colombia's market closure was a deviation from the 2012 regionalization agreement under the U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement between Colombia and the United States for avian influenza.

As a result of months of effort on the part of USDA and other key U.S. government agencies to advocate that Colombia resume the issuance of import permits and hold firm to its commitments under the trade agreement, Colombia reopened the market in February 2024 to U.S. poultry products. Before the closure, Colombia was the 10<sup>th</sup> largest market globally for U.S. poultry, with exports reaching \$105 million in 2022.

This reopening comes at an opportune time as Colombian demand for U.S. agricultural products continues to grow. In 2023, Colombia became the sixth largest global export market for U.S. agricultural products.

Requirements for poultry exports to Colombia can be found on the <u>FSIS Export Library page for</u> Colombia.

## **Attachments:**

No Attachments.