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Report Highlights:

U.S. bone-in chicken exports to South Africa for the 2019/2020 year reached 82,592 tons, filling and exceeding the tariff rate quota of 68,590 tons by 20 percent.

Background

U.S. bone-in chicken exports to South Africa for the financial year reached 82,592 tons, exceeding the 2019/2020 quota of 68,590 by 20 percent. The 2019/2020 year marks the third consecutive year that U.S. exports filled and exceeded the quota. This shows that U.S. exports of bone-in chicken to South Africa are doing well despite competition from other trading partners and various barriers. Although the U.S. exports compete in the South African poultry market with the European Union and Brazil, overall the annual volume of bone-in chicken exports have increased steadily since the inception of the quota agreement.

U.S. Bone-in Chicken Exports Increase

Table 1 below shows U.S. bone-in chicken exports to South Africa for the past four quota years, reflecting steady increases each year. After the 65,000-ton tariff rate quota (TRQ) was established for U.S. bone-in chicken imports in 2015, the United States exported 46,623 tons of bone-in chicken in 2016/2017, which filled 72 percent of the quota. Subsequently, the annual quota was filled above 100 percent from 2017/2018 to 2019/2020. During the 2017/2018 quota year, the total quota allocated was again 65,000 tons, and the total imports were 69,280 tons, which represented a 107 percent quota utilization rate. Meanwhile for 2018/2019 and 2019/2020, the quota allocations were increased, and percentage of the quota utilized was 112 percent and 120 percent, respectively.

Table 1: U.S. Bone-in Chicken Imports into South Africa: Annual TRQ Allocated, Volume Imported and Percentage Utilized

Quota Year	Quota Allocated	Total Imported	Quota Utilized
2016/2017	65,000	46,623	72%
2017/2018	65,000	69,280	107%
2018/2019	65,417	73,539	112%
2019/2020	68,590	82,592	120%

Table 2 below shows the monthly U.S. bone-in chicken imports into South Africa from 2016 to 2020. The imports are recorded from March of year one to April of the following year. During 2016/2017, the average monthly imports for the quota year were 3,885 tons while the average for the 2017/2018 year was 5,773 tons. The two consecutive years that followed had an average ranged between 6,128-6,883 tons. For each quota year, March served as the month with highest volume, likely due to the reallocation and utilization of previously unused tons.

Table 2: 2019/2020 U.S. Bone-in Chicken Imports into South Africa • April 2019 – March 2020 (tons)

Quota Year	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
2016/2017	807	1,238	2,398	1,467	212	645	453	1,042	4,295	3,329	6,226	24,511	46,623
2017/2018	4,095	5,364	6,715	920	1,979	6,517	2,073	7,563	8,684	7,681	5,845	11,844	69,280
2018/2019	4,307	5,376	6,324	5,43	10,327	8,865	4,889	6,017	4,206	2,922	4,06	10,816	73,539
2019/2020	5,570	6,504	8,807	4,585	7,042	4,039	3,933	7,011	8,658	5,775	9,188	11,480	82,592

Attachments:

No Attachments.