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Report Name: South Africa Lifts Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza
Restrictions imposed on 27 US States

Country: South Africa - Republic of

Post: Pretoria

Report Category: Poultry and Products

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Report Highlights:

On October 25, 2023, the South African Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) announced that the ban on poultry imports from 27 US States have been lifted. The Animal Health Directorate in the Department of Agriculture notified importers that trade restrictions on the import of live poultry, meat, and other products derived from poultry have been lifted and that trade may resume with immediate effect. USDA suspended exports of poultry from affected States in accordance with a bilateral HPAI-regionalization protocol when HPAI was discovered in February 2022. For a year and a half FAS Pretoria, industry, and APHIS have urged South Africa to honor the HPAI protocol that South Africa signed with the United States in 2015, which calls for the resumption following clearance by U.S. veterinary health authority. FAS estimates that following the lifting of these restrictions, U.S. export sales for poultry could grow by \$50 million

Background

On October 25, 2023, the South African Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) announced that the ban on poultry imports from 27 US States have been lifted. The Animal Health Directorate in the Department of Agriculture notified importers that trade restrictions on the import of live poultry, eggs, meat, and other products derived from poultry have been lifted and that trade may resume with immediate effect. Only poultry meat, eggs, and other products derived from poultry with a production date specified on the notification will be allowed to be exported into the country.

USDA suspended exports of poultry from affected States in accordance with a bilateral HPAI-regionalization protocol when HPAI was discovered in February 2022. For a year and a half FAS Pretoria, industry, and APHIS have urged South Africa to honor the bilateral HPAI protocol that South Africa signed with the United States in 2015. Some states have been eligible to resume trade since August 2022, and have spent more than one year unduly restricted from accessing the South African market. FAS estimates that following the lifting of these restrictions, U.S. export sales for poultry could grow by \$50 million. Post expects an increase in the demand in poultry meat and eggs in the country as a result of the shortage caused by the HPAI outbreak and the festive season. Some supermarket shelves have already started rationing eggs to customers because of the shortage.

As of October 25, the following states were declared eligible to export to South Africa as per the production dates and onwards.

State	Production date and onwards
California	2 August 2023
Oklahoma	9 August 2022
Delaware	25 August 2022
North Carolina	10 October 2022
Maine	19 November 2022
Kentucky	12 January 2023
Arkansas	3 March 2023
Maryland	20 March 2023
Texas	21 April 2023
Idaho	24 May 2023
Kansas	30 May 2023
New Hampshire	30 May 2023
Alaska	11 June 2023
Ohio	12 June 2023
Wisconsin	20 June 2023
Indiana	19 June 2023
Missouri	23 June 2023
Florida	27 June 2023
Illinois	5 July 2023
Virginia	9 July 2023

Mississippi	17 July 2023
Washington	28 July 2023
Iowa	23 July 2023
Tennessee	11 August 2023
North Dakota	17 August 2023
Michigan	6 September 2023
Nebraska	21 September 2023

With the lifting of 27-state level bans, ten states remain ineligible to export to South Africa:

1. Colorado
2. Minnesota
3. Montana
4. Nevada
5. New Jersey
6. New York
7. Oregon
8. Pennsylvania
9. South Dakota
10. Utah

Attachments:

No Attachments.