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CHICKEN INDUSTRY

SPENT FOWL

What is it?

While broiler chickens are raised for meat consumption, spent fowl are old laying hens that are processed for their meat when their productivity declines.

Why is this important to the chicken industry?

Chicken coming into Canada is subject to import controls, however spent fowl is not. Chicken meat is being imported into Canada and fraudulently declared as spent fowl in order to bypass import controls.



ECONOMIC LOSSES AS A RESULT

Farm Cash Receipts:
\$86.7 million
Jobs: 2771 job losses
GDP: \$208.5 million
Taxes: \$69.6 million

DUTIES RELIEF PROGRAM

What is it?

This program relieves the payment of duties on imported goods that will eventually be exported either in the same condition or after being used in the processing of other goods.

Why is this important to the chicken industry?

This program was not designed for agriculture goods and does not provide adequate safeguards when chicken is imported into Canada for further processing and subsequent export.

ECONOMIC LOSSES AS A RESULT

Farm Cash Receipts:
\$44.5 million
Jobs: 1423 job losses
GDP: \$107.1 million
Taxes: \$35.7 million

SPECIALLY DEFINED MIXTURES

What is it?

Chicken combined with 13% of other ingredients is labelled a "specially defined mixture" and is not considered chicken for import control purposes.

Why is this important to the chicken industry?

Many companies are deliberately creating products whose sole purpose is to evade import controls.

ECONOMIC LOSSES AS A RESULT

Farm Cash Receipts:
\$8.2 million
Jobs: 262 job losses
GDP: \$19.7 million
Taxes: \$6.6 million



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