



SINGAPORE'S SUPPLIES OF EGGS AND CHICKEN ARE MORE THAN ADEQUATE

1 Since the lifting of suspension on imports of eggs and poultry from the bird flu-free states of Johor and Malacca on 30 Sep 2004, the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) has approved import consignments totaling an average of 2.35 million eggs and 163,000 chickens per day from the two Malaysian states.

2 This restores the import levels of eggs and chickens to what they were before the suspension was imposed on Malaysian farms last August due to the outbreak of bird flu in the northern state of Kelantan. The four local poultry farms have all along continued to supply about 1 million eggs per day. The public is advised that there are more than adequate supplies of eggs and chilled chicken in the markets.

3 However, ducks will temporarily remain in short supply, as most of the AVA-accredited duck farms are outside of Johor and Malacca. Some of the shortfall is being met by the importation of frozen duck from countries such as Australia, Denmark, France and the United States. The current average supply of ducks from Malaysia is approximately 14% of the pre-ban level of 18,000 ducks per day. In the meantime, AVA has inspected 5 additional duck farms in Johor for accreditation for export to Singapore. If approved, these farms can increase the supply by 6%.

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