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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment on whole birds steady to barely steady on hens and toms. Trading and demand generally inactive. No sales reported. Supplies more than sufficient for trade needs. Parts and meats trading light. Buyers and sellers negotiating to find common ground on price levels. Offerings adequate.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand and trading slow. Most buyers taking a wait and see attitude toward the market as some items showing signs of weakness.

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	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JANUARY 19, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	61.13**	62.00**	60.50**
CENTRAL REGION	59.63**	58.00	59.00**
WESTERN REGION	61.63**	62.00**	60.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	60.00**	60.40**	59.50**
CENTRAL REGION	59.50**	59.70**	58.00**
WESTERN REGION	60.50**	60.50**	59.50**

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	70-81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-83

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	98-109
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	88-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	88-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	87-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	92-99

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 22-JAN-2001**

	<u>(8-16#)</u>		<u>(16-24#)</u>	
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	73.00	2		
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	73.00	2		
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

DECEMBER	397,094*
JANUARY 1-13, 2001	188,017*
To date 2001	275,102*
To date 2000	190,353*

* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS
BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS** WEEK ENDING 13-Jan-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>-----YOUNG TURKEYS-----</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>		
	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>	
	<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	
	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>		
N EAST	816	22	22.31	(A)	818	22.31
S ATL	793	4	29.82	(A)	795	29.82
N CENT	1,980	16	31.34	(A)	1,983	31.34
S CENT	693	26	21.11	(A)	695	21.11
WEST	328	12	22.42	(A)	330	22.42
U.S.TOTAL	4,610(B)	16	27.31	11	4,621	27.31
TO DATE						
2001	8,595(B)			12	8,607	
TO DATE						
2000	8,605(B)			91	8,696	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 18,000 for the year 39,000,000; last year to 2,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 13-Jan-2001

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	1,918	2,674	18	11	4,621
AVG WT	15.43	35.83	26.91	25.90	27.30
LAST WEEK	1,693	2,271	21	1	3,986
YR AGO	5,058(A)		0	71	5,129
AVG WT	27.51(A)		0.00	25.07	27.06
TO-DATE/2001	8,556(A)		39	12	8,607
TO-DATE/2000	8,603(A)		2	91	8,696

(A) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 18 JANUARY 2001.

Market activity generally light with most industry members attending the International Poultry Exposition in Atlanta, GA. Domestic trading centered on light volumes of frozen destrapped tenderloin for current shipments, balance slow. Offerings of most items available, with necks and tom 2-joint wings the only exceptions. Export activity centered on light volumes of tom wings and tails. Frozen thigh meat inquiry showed signs of activity, when before there was none, with buyers bidding below current market levels.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	97.00	600
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	93.57	280
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	21.50		21.50	12
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	25.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	22.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.50		20.50	24
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	23.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00-27.00		26.67	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	30.00	20
NECKS, TOM	25.00-28.00		26.50	48
NECKS, HEN		R	20.42	33
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	148.83	480
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	153.75	320
THIGH MEAT	71.00		71.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	70.00		70.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT	113.00		113.00	40
TENDERLOINS	123.00		123.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	127.00-127.50		127.22	360
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		T	137.63	320
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	57.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	17.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	17.00	30
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	22.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	21.50		21.50	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	25.83	312
TAILS	19.25		19.25	208
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN				

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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Market activity generally light with trading centered on light volumes of frozen destrapped tenderloins, fresh thigh meat and fresh mechanically separated turkey for current shipments. Offerings of most items available. Frozen thigh meat continued to be offered at lower trending price levels, however, the price spread between buyer bids and seller offering prices generally remained too wide to generate many sales. Export inquiry and trading slow.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	99.00		99.00	40	97.13	640
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	96.00		96.00	40	93.88	320
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	21.50	12	21.05	132
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	22.00-23.00		22.27	55	22.27	55
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	22.00	20	22.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	20.50	24	20.91	33
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	23.00	20	23.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	26.67	60	26.67	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	30.00	20	30.00	20
NECKS, TOM	26.00		26.00	40	26.42	146
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	148.83	480	148.83	480
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	155.00		155.00	40	153.68	760
THIGH MEAT		R	71.00	20	71.00	20
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	70.00-73.00		71.63	160	71.33	300
BREAST TRIM MEAT						
SCAPULA MEAT		R	113.00	40	113.00	40
TENDERLOINS		R	123.00	80	123.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	125.00		125.00	200	126.43	560
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		T	137.63	320	137.63	320
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	57.00	40	57.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	17.00	120	17.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.50-18.00		17.29	140	17.29	140

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	22.00	80	22.39	132
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	21.50	104	21.50	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	25.83	312	25.83	312
TAILS	20.00		20.00	56	19.41	264
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.00	104		
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