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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment for whole body hens and toms steady to barely steady. No trading reported. Demand light for current shipments. Offerings of frozen whole birds available. Parts and meats trading mixed, heavy on 4-8 lb. breasts, moderate on frozen tom breast meat, balance of items mostly light. Demand uneven generally light to moderate, however breast meat and destrapped tenderloins continued active. Offerings available.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand in a full range from slow to good. Trading good centering on tom drums and frozen mechanically separated turkey, balance slow. Supplies adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JANUARY 25, 2001**

| | 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/ | 60-61 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 58-60 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10 | JAN |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 60-61 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 59-60 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 57-60 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 10 | JAN |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 59-60 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 58-60 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 60-61 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION 3/ | 59-60 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 57-60 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 59-60 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

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 26, 2001 | CURRENT WEEK | LAST WEEK | SAME WEEK YEAR AGO |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 8-16 LB HENS | | | |
| EASTERN REGION | 60.70** | 61.13** | 60.50** |
| CENTRAL REGION | 59.40** | 59.63** | 59.70** |
| WESTERN REGION | 61.00** | 61.63** | 60.50** |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | |
| EASTERN REGION | 59.70** | 60.00** | 58.70** |
| CENTRAL REGION | 59.00** | 59.50** | 57.70** |
| WESTERN REGION | 60.00** | 60.50** | 58.70** |

**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 29-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) | 68.80 | 100 | 65.00 | 10 |
| SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED) | 68.80 | 100 | 65.00 | 10 |
| SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY) | | | | |
| SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED) | | | | |

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

| | |
|--------------------|----------|
| DECEMBER | 397,094* |
| JANUARY 1-20, 2001 | 291,098* |
| To date 2001 | 291,098* |
| To date 2000 | 285,790* |

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 20-Jan-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

| | <u>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</u> | | <u>OLD</u> | <u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u> | |
|-----------|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| | <u>THOUSAND</u> | <u>% CHG</u> | <u>BANDED</u> | <u>AVG</u> | <u>AVG</u> |
| | <u>HEAD</u> | <u>PW</u> | <u>LIVE WT-THOUSAND</u> | <u>HEAD-LIVE</u> | <u>WT</u> |
| N EAST | 859 | 5 | 22.57 | (A) | 866 22.57 |
| S ATL | 780 | -2 | 30.79 | (A) | 787 30.79 |
| N CENT | 2,081 | 5 | 30.84 | (A) | 2,089 30.84 |
| S CENT | 630 | -9 | 20.97 | (A) | 637 20.97 |
| WEST | 281 | -14 | 25.32 | (A) | 288 25.32 |
| U.S.TOTAL | 4,631(B) | 0 | 27.62 | 36 | 4,667 27.62 |

TO DATE

2001 13,226(B) 48 13,274

TO DATE

2000 12,659(B) 151 12,810

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 41,000 for the year 80,000; last year to date 5,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 20-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 | 1,855 | 2,735 | 41 | 36 | 4,667 |
| AVG WT | 15.74 | 35.74 | 24.31 | 25.74 | 27.62 |
| LAST WEEK | 1,918 | 2,674 | 18 | 11 | 4,621 |
| YR AGO | 4,051(A) | | 3 | 60 | 4,114 |
| AVG WT | 29.01(A) | | 36.00 | 27.73 | 29.00 |
| TO-DATE/2001 | 13,146(A) | | 80 | 48 | 13,274 |
| TO-DATE/2000 | 12,654(A) | | 5 | 151 | 12,810 |

(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 25 JANUARY 2001.

Domestic market activity centered on frozen destrapped tenderloins at steady to fully steady price levels, fresh tom breast meat at steady to barely steady prices and hen 2-joint wings. White meat demand fair to good on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins, balance light. Spot premiums were noted on frozen tom breast meat and a light volume of frozen young hen breast meat traded at 142 cents delivered. Domestic bulk parts activity centered on hen 2-joint wings at mostly lower prices. However, some hen 2-joint buyers are noting offerings not as plentiful as previous weeks. Offerings of necks light, however, higher asking prices are being met with buyer resistance. Export demand and trading were active on tom drums resulting in better balanced inventories and increased confidence. Trading on frozen mechanically separated turkey for export improved at the lower trending price levels. Export trading light on the balance of items.

| DOMESTIC TRADING | PRICE RANGE | L.S.T. CODE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE | VOLUME (000) |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/ | | F | 99.00 | 40 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/ | | | | |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/ | | F | 96.00 | 40 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM | | W | 21.29 | 42 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH | | F | 22.27 | 55 |
| DRUMSTICKS, HEN | 22.00 | | 22.00 | 90 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM | | T | 21.19 | 108 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN | 23.00 | | 23.00 | 10 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | 27.00 | | 27.00 | 43 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN | 26.50-29.00 | | 26.77 | 470 |
| NECKS, TOM | 27.00-28.50 | | 28.07 | 103 |
| NECKS, HEN | | W | 24.00 | 12 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ | 153.00 | | 153.00 | 40 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/ | 151.50-153.00 | | 152.07 | 535 |
| THIGH MEAT | 65.00-67.00 | | 65.46 | 52 |
| THIGH MEAT—FRESH | | F | 71.63 | 160 |
| BREAST TRIM MEAT | 110.00 | | 110.00 | 80 |
| SCAPULA MEAT | | T | 117.00 | 12 |
| TENDERLOINS | 118.00-124.00 | | 120.00 | 60 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS | 125.00-130.00 | | 126.54 | 560 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH | 136.00 | | 136.00 | 120 |
| WING MEAT WITH SKIN | | | | |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | | W | 16.00 | 40 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/ | 18.00 | | 18.00 | 40 |

EXPORT TRADING

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|---|-------|-----|
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | 21.00-23.00 | | 22.04 | 804 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | 18.00-21.50 | | 19.78 | 340 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | 25.00 | | 25.00 | 312 |
| TAILS | | T | 19.50 | 104 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | 15.00-16.00 | | 15.26 | 620 |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | | M | 68.50 | 80 |

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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AS OF 26 JANUARY 2001.

Undertone steady to barely steady on 4-8 lb. breasts, fresh destrapped tenderloins and full-cut wings; steady to firm on frozen destrapped tenderloins; thigh meat barely steady to weak; frozen mechanically separated turkey (MST) and tails steady; drums steady to fully steady; necks fully steady. Demand in full range on 4-8 lb. breasts, mostly light to fair. Bulk parts demand was slow to fair, breast meat and destrapped tenderloins continued active. Domestic trading was heavy on 4-8 lb. breasts, fair on frozen tom breast meat, balance light. Frozen yearling hen breast meat traded at 145 and a part load of plant grade basted 18-20 lb. breasts traded at 110 cents delivered. The export market was active on tom drums and frozen MST for January-February shipments, balance light. Livers traded at 16, hen drums 22 and frozen tom breast meat 150 cents delivered port for export. Line run fresh 20 lb. and heavier canner pack trading fair at 55 cents delivered.

| DOMESTIC TRADING | PRICE RANGE | LST CDE 1/ | WTD AVG PRICE | VOLUME (000) | WEEKLY | WEEKLY |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | | | | | WTD AVG PRICE | VOLUME (000) |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/ | 99.00-102.00 | | 99.44 | 2,720 | 99.44 | 2,720 |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/ | | | | | | |
| BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/ | 93.00 | | 93.00 | 400 | 93.00 | 400 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM | | W | 21.29 | 42 | 21.77 | 177 |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH | 23.00 | | 23.00 | 120 | 23.00 | 120 |
| DRUMSTICKS, HEN | | R | 22.00 | 90 | 22.00 | 90 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM | 21.00 | | 21.00 | 100 | 21.10 | 208 |
| WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN | | R | 23.00 | 10 | 23.00 | 22 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | 27.00 | | 27.00 | 14 | 27.00 | 57 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN | 27.00 | | 27.00 | 15 | 26.80 | 495 |
| NECKS, TOM | 27.00-28.00 | | 27.57 | 47 | 27.94 | 549 |
| NECKS, HEN | | W | 24.00 | 12 | 24.00 | 12 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/ | 149.00-151.00 | | 149.83 | 480 | 150.08 | 520 |
| BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/ | 151.00 | | 151.00 | 200 | 151.39 | 1,655 |
| THIGH MEAT | | R | 65.46 | 52 | 65.38 | 64 |
| THIGH MEAT—FRESH | 66.00 | | 66.00 | 40 | 66.00 | 40 |
| BREAST TRIM MEAT | 111.00 | | 111.00 | 40 | 110.33 | 120 |
| SCAPULA MEAT | 110.00-113.00 | | 111.88 | 16 | 114.07 | 28 |
| TENDERLOINS | | R | 120.00 | 60 | 120.00 | 60 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS | 125.00-130.00 | | 126.67 | 240 | 126.76 | 920 |
| DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH | 136.00 | | 136.00 | 80 | 136.50 | 240 |
| WING MEAT WITH SKIN | 57.00 | | 57.00 | 80 | 57.00 | 80 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | 17.00 | | 17.00 | 40 | 16.50 | 80 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/ | 16.00-18.00 | | 16.63 | 224 | 16.95 | 844 |
| EXPORT TRADING | | | | | | |
| DRUMSTICKS, TOMS | 21.00-23.00 | | 21.27 | 956 | 21.51 | 2,160 |
| WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS | 20.50 | | 20.50 | 80 | 20.00 | 534 |
| WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM | | R | 25.00 | 312 | 25.13 | 416 |
| TAILS | | T | 19.50 | 104 | 19.50 | 104 |
| MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ | 15.00 | | 15.00 | 1,660 | 15.10 | 2,360 |
| THIGH MEAT - FROZEN | | M | 68.50 | 80 | 68.50 | 80 |

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