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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment for 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms in a full range, mostly steady. Sales taking place for current shipments within current quoted prices. Supplies generally available for prompt or deferred arrivals. Parts and meats trading light to moderate. Offerings of parts and meats mixed and range from closely balanced to available.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export trading continues to be active. Demand good with most interest coming from Russia and Mexico. Trading centered on frozen thigh meat and frozen mechanically separated turkey at steady to lower trending prices.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 01, 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/	58-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-61	61	61.00	180	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	10000	JUN-OCT
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-61	59.5	59.50	160	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-61	58.5	58.50	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 FEBRUARY 02, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF JANUARY	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	60.60**	60.70**	63.00	EASTERN REGION	61.50	70.31	61.58
CENTRAL REGION	60.67	59.40**	59.90**	CENTRAL REGION	59.86	69.37	60.40
WESTERN REGION	60.60**	61.00**	62.25	WESTERN REGION	61.67	71.18	61.51
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	59.70**	59.70**	58.00**	EASTERN REGION	60.14	64.96	60.08
CENTRAL REGION	59.71	59.00**	54.50	CENTRAL REGION	59.55	64.03	58.73
WESTERN REGION	59.70**	60.00**	57.35**	WESTERN REGION	60.33	65.10	60.00

**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#	68-93

**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 05-FEB-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)	66.27	178	67.25	40
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	67.85	130	67.25	40
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)	62.00	48		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)****SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

DECEMBER	397,094 *
JANUARY 1-27, 2001	391,641 *
To date 2001	391,641 *
To date 2000	398,714 *

* PRELIMINARY

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS
BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 27-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>AVG</u>	<u>BANDED</u>
	<u>HEAD</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>LIVE WT-THOUSAND</u>	<u>HEAD-</u>	<u>LIVE WT</u>
N EAST	838	-2	22.39	(A)	840 22.39
S ATL	824	6	27.50	(A)	826 27.50
N CENT	2,130	2	30.01	(A)	2,140 30.01
S CENT	619	-2	20.53	(A)	621 20.53
WEST	291	4	24.80	(A)	293 24.80
U.S.TOTAL	4,702(B)	2	26.64	15	4,720 26.64

TO DATE

2001 17,928(B) 63 17,991

TO DATE

2000 18,374(B) 192 18,566

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 20,000 for the year 100,000; last year to date 20,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 27-Jan-2001

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>			
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,963	2,719	20	15	4,717
AVG WT	15.65	34.56	27.50	27.22	26.64
LAST WEEK	1,855	2,735	41	36	4,667
SAME WEEK YR AGO	4,892(A)		15	41	5,780
AVG WT	26.31(A)		26.33	27.98	24.42
TO-DATE/2001	17,828(A)		100	63	17,991
TO-DATE/2000	18,354(A)		20	192	18,566

(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 01 FEBRUARY 2001.

Seller sentiment steady to firm on fresh tom breast meat. The undertone was steady to fully steady, mostly steady on necks with less confidence noted as a result of offerings not being as tight as previous weeks. Domestic demand was the most active on tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins and 4-8 lb. breasts with the balance slow to fair at best. Trading for domestic shipments heavy on 4-8 lb. breasts, balance light. The export market was active. Frozen thigh meat export trading was heavy as the market attempted to find a floor. Trading fair on full-cut wings as exports started cleaning up excess product resulting in better balanced inventories. Frozen 15-20% mechanically separated turkey trading moderate at steady to barely steady prices, balance light. Hen 2-joint wings traded at 27 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	99.00-103.00		99.91	3,000
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		T	96.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.00-24.00		23.33	3
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	24.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	22.00		22.00	12
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00		22.00	5
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	23.00		23.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	27.00	5
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	27.00	15
NECKS, TOM	28.00-28.50		28.16	124
NECKS, HEN	25.00		25.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	149.83	480
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	156.50-157.00		156.80	200
THIGH MEAT	64.00		64.00	6
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	64.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	111.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	111.88	16
TENDERLOINS		R	120.00	60
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	130.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	137.00	280
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	54.50-58.00		56.83	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00		16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	15.90	840

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.00-24.00		23.50	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	20.00		20.00	480
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	27.00		27.00	208
TAILS	19.00		19.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00-16.00		15.44	468
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	56.00-62.00		59.16	988

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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED),CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 2 FEBRUARY 2001.

Trade sentiment steady to firm on fresh tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins, steady to fully steady on frozen destrapped tenderloins, mixed on breast trim and steady to barely steady on wing meat. Undertone fully steady on drums and 2-joint wings, necks steady to fully steady and steady on 4-8 lb. breasts, necks and full-cut wings. Demand fair to good on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins for mostly prompt shipments, 4-8 lb breasts also ranged fair to good with the balance of items slow to moderate. Domestic trading centered on 4-8 lb. breasts, balance light. Hen 2-joint wings traded at higher prices for current shipments. Exports continued active to mostly Russia and Mexico. Trading centered on frozen MST and thigh meat at steady to lower trending prices, balance light. Mixed defatted gizzards traded at 52 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/	102.00		102.00	320	100.11	3,327
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	96.00-100.00		99.33	420	99.29	425
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.00-23.50		23.44	45	23.23	92
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	24.00	40	24.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	21.00		21.00	40	21.72	99
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	20.50-21.00		20.67	120	20.93	146
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	23.00	12	23.00	12
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	15	26.25	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	29.00		29.00	240	29.00	240
NECKS, TOM	27.00		27.00	5	27.77	198
NECKS, HEN		R	25.00	14	25.00	28
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	148.50		148.50	200	148.50	200
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	155.00-160.00		157.64	220	153.92	1,020
THIGH MEAT		R	64.00	6	64.00	12
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	61.00-64.00		62.00	60	63.50	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT	111.00		111.00	40	111.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	111.88	16		
TENDERLOINS	122.00		122.00	40	122.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	130.00		130.00	40	130.00	60
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	140.00		140.00	40	137.38	320
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	56.50-57.00		56.67	120	56.62	260
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	16.00-18.00		16.29	140	16.22	180
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00		15.00	20	15.88	860
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.00-26.00		24.50	160	24.00	916
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	20.00	480	19.97	768
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	52	26.57	364
TAILS		R	19.00	52	19.00	92
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.00-16.00		15.07	1,162	15.16	1,830
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	56.00-62.00		57.88	600	58.49	2,204

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