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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 uneven, mostly steady. Light sales taking place at current offering prices for prompt shipment. Offerings generally available. Some buyers taking a wait and see attitude and resisting current offered price levels. Parts and meats trading light except a fair volume of fresh tom breast meat. Supplies range from closely balanced to available.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Export trading slow. Demand mixed, most activity came from Russia and Eastern Europe and centered on tom drums, frozen thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey. Other export areas mostly slow instances moderate for Mexico and Asia.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 06, 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/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 07, 2001**

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/		60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/		58-60	59.75	59.75	400	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/		60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/		59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/		57-60	58.25	58.25	800	-	-	-	-
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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 6 FEBRUARY 2001.

Trade sentiment steady to weak on thigh meat. Some sellers have started to hold frozen thigh meat inventories with increased confidence, however, some buyers are taking a wait and see position as they watch for further signs of market weakness. Thigh meat inquiry ranged light to fair for the mixed availability. Domestic trading slow and centered on tom necks. Offerings of frozen thigh meat adequate to ample and tom necks ranged light to adequate. Export trading was light and centered on open priced thigh meat for February - March, 2001 shipments. Hen 2-joint wings traded at 29 cents delivered port.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	102.00	320
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	99.33	420
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	24.00		24.00	26
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	24.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	22.00		22.00	3
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00		22.00	22
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	22.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	24.00		24.00	11
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	29.00-31.00		30.93	83
NECKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	131
NECKS, HEN		R	25.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	149.25	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	156.50	80
THIGH MEAT		R	64.00	6
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	64.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	111.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		M	111.71	34
TENDERLOINS		F	122.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	130.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	139.00	18
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	57.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.50		15.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	15.42	144

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	23.00		23.00	20
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	21.13	304
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	26.00	52
TAILS		R	19.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00		60.00	100

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.

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

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	67-81
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	66-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-83

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	82-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	79-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	79-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	86-102

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 7 FEBRUARY 2001.

Trade sentiment steady to firm, mostly steady to fully steady on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins. However, some spot unsettledness noted on fresh tom breast meat. The undertone on drums and 2-joint wings was steady to fully steady, full-cut wings were steady. Demand light to fair, mostly fair on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins. Domestic trading centered on a moderate volume of fresh tom breast meat, balance light. Export inquiry continued to be active for Russia and Eastern Europe with interest centered on drums, thigh meat, and mechanically separated turkey. Demand slow to sometimes moderate from Asia and Mexico. Export trading light.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	99.33	420
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	24.00	26
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	25.00		25.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	22.00		22.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	22.00	22
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	22.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	24.00	11
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	30.93	83
NECKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	40
NECKS, HEN		R	25.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	149.25	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	155.00-160.00		156.19	420
THIGH MEAT		R	64.00	6
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		M	64.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	116.00		116.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT		M	111.71	34
TENDERLOINS		F	122.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	130.00		130.00	40
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WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	57.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	15.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00		16.00	20

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DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	23.00	20
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	21.13	304
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	208
TAILS		R	19.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	15.00	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	58.00		58.00	52

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 02/07/00

SEASON	ACCUMULATED		
	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2000-2001	962	224,043	224,293
1999-2000	1,338	230,488	230,838