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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was generally steady. Heavy trading with price ceilings in the Midwest centered on hens at 63 cents for March, 65 cents April, 67 cents May and 69 cents June. Toms at 62 cents for March, 64 cents for April, 66 cents for May and 68 cents for June. Some buyers are resisting current price levels and taking a wait and see attitude. Meats trading fairly heavy for open priced tom breast meat. Bulk parts were in close balance and at least steady.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Demand mixed and ranged from light to moderate. Trading centered on frozen thigh meat going to Russia, balance of items light.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 13, 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
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	400	FEB
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	440	MAR
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	160	FEB
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	120	MAR

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EASTERN REGION 3/		60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/		59-60	-	-	-	-	-	6000	MAR-JUN
WESTERN REGION 5/		60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/		60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/		59-60	-	-	-	-	-	4000	MAR-JUN
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.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 13 FEBRUARY 2001.

Undertone steady to instances weak on thigh meat. Demand light to fair. Frozen thigh meat trading was light at steady to lower trending price levels. However, offerings were increasingly being held with more confidence with less discounting being noted. Some sellers hope export buyers may start considering substituting thigh meat for drums for further processed needs as they watch the continued strength of drums into export channels. Detrapped tenderloin undertone steady to firm. Inquiry fair with no sales reported. Offerings light. Trading light on all items. Frozen yearling hen breast meat traded at 142 cents shipping point.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	99.00		99.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	97.00	7
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	27.00		27.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	25.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	22.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00		22.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	27.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	29.00	36
NECKS, TOM		M	27.00	40
NECKS, HEN		R	24.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	149.33	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	155.50	640
THIGH MEAT		M	59.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	62.00	90
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	116.00	20
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	130.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	140.67	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	58.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	15.75	560

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	28.00	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	19.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	25.71	225
TAILS		F	21.42	144
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00-16.00		15.67	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	54.50-57.00		54.90	248

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

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Trade sentiment in a full range, mostly steady on tom breast meat. Demand fair. Trading moderately heavy on open priced fresh tom breast meat for February - April shipments, priced trading light. Offerings uneven and ranged from light to fully adequate, mostly adequate with some sellers more confident than others. Trading light on fresh destrapped tenderloins and lean scapula at higher prices. The balance of domestic trading was slow. Offerings of tom necks adequate to instances burdensome with some sellers indicating a willingness to negotiate, tom full-cut wings adequate, and drums light. Export trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of frozen thigh meat, balance light. Hen drums traded at 23 cents delivered port. Demand slow to fair with interest noted from Asia.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	99.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	97.00	7
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	27.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	25.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	22.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	22.00		22.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	27.00	9
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	30.00		30.00	40
NECKS, TOM	26.50-28.00		27.25	80
NECKS, HEN		R	24.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		M	149.33	120
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	157.00-159.00		157.90	200
THIGH MEAT		M	59.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	62.00	90
BREAST TRIM MEAT	115.00		115.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	118.00		118.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	130.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	147.00		147.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	58.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-19.00		17.73	220

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TAILS		F	21.42	144
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	15.00		15.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	55.50-57.00		55.85	676

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**BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 02/14/00**

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	ACCUMULATED	HEAVY	ALL BREEDS
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2000-2001	12,016	236,059	236,309
1999-2000	-	230,488	230,838

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