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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 was steady to fully steady. Limited sales reported for prompt shipment. Trading light. Inquiry generally mixed with most interest for deferred shipments. Offerings adequate. Bulk parts and meats demand moderate. Most buyers finding resistance at current price levels, as sellers holding product with confidence or having limited availability.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading and demand uneven. Most activity centered on frozen thigh meat going to Mexico. Sales also noted to Asia and Russia.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **FEBRUARY 27, 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/	61-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	62	62.00	160	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	61	61.00	160	-	-	-	-	-

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 27 FEBRUARY 2001.

Market activity was very limited. Supplies of breast meat, destrapped tenderloins, and scapula were tight and the market tone was steady to fully steady. Thigh meat, where available, was offered at higher trending prices. Bulk parts were tight. Trade sentiment on hen and tom drums and wings was strong, necks steady. Overall demand was fair. Trading was limited by lack of product or, in instances, sellers' holding product with confidence. No export activity was noted.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	99.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	149.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	92.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	29.00		29.00	3
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	29.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	29.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	23.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	23.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	23.00		23.00	3
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	32.00	20
NECKS, TOM	25.00		25.00	21
NECKS, HEN		R	25.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	150.00		150.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	158.00	80
THIGH MEAT		F	56.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	58.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	115.00	10
SCAPULA MEAT		F	114.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	121.67	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	135.00	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	147.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	59.00	100
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.50	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	15.75	160

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	29.00	104
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	21.43	364
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	27.00	108
TAILS		F	22.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	14.24	2,020
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	55.85	1,332

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 28 FEBRUARY 2001.

Offerings of bulk meats and parts were very light. Sellers asked higher prices for white meat items, drums and mechanically separated turkey. Thigh meat was held in firm hands where product was available and some inquires went unfilled. Sellers were reluctant to commit drums and thighs for deferred shipments. One load of frozen tom breast meat without tenderloins traded at 160 for late March delivery. A load of basted plant grade 16-18 lb breasts traded at 100 delivered. Export trading was most active on thigh meat to the border.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	101.00-102.00		101.50	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	149.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	91.00		91.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	29.00	3
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		R	29.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	24.50		24.50	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00		24.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		F	23.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.00		26.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	32.00		32.00	40
NECKS, TOM		T	25.00	21
NECKS, HEN		R	25.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		T	150.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	156.00-161.00		158.25	160
THIGH MEAT		F	56.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	58.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	115.00	10
SCAPULA MEAT		F	114.00	40
TENDERLOINS		F	121.67	120
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	142.00		142.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	147.00-150.00		148.00	320
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	59.00-60.00		59.25	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	15.50	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-17.50		16.07	880

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WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	21.43	364
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	26.50-27.00		26.75	208
TAILS		F	22.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	58.00-59.00		58.53	652

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**BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 02/28/00**

**POULTRY HEALTH BOARD**

SEASON	HEAVY	ACCUMULATED HEAVY	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2000-2001	930	236,989	237,239
1999-2000	10,916	263,897	264,247