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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone for whole body hens and toms generally steady. Limited trading reported for prompt deliveries and deferred shipments. Supplies adequate. Demand mixed with most interest noted for out front sales. Trading for bulk parts and meats seasonally slow as the Easter holiday approaches. Offerings light to adequate and held with confidence. Demand generally moderate.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading slow to moderate. Demand moderate and centered on frozen thigh meat and tom drums. Export market areas continue to show interest to own product.

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	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60.5-64	62	62.00	160	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-63	61	61.00	280	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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EASTERN REGION 3/	60.5-64	63-64	63.25	160	68.00	80	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-63	61	61.00	80	64.00	200	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degree 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 MARCH 2001.

Bulk parts trade sentiment ranged steady to fully steady with necks and wings held with the most confidence. Demand light to fair with the best interest noted into export channels. Some industry members continued to watch recent developments pertaining to Europe's animal disease problems and it's affect on various export markets. Trading was light on all items for both domestic and export shipments. Grade A non-basted 14-18 lb. breasts traded at 95 cents delivered. Trading on scapula, meanwhile, was noted at higher price levels for domestic shipments and spot premiums were noted on tom drums into select export channels. Fresh tom drums traded at 31 cents delivered export. Offerings of most items were held with confidence with some showing signs of increased availability.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	101.00	1,000
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	140.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	92.00	600
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	31.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	29.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	27.00	26
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	37.00		37.00	2
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	35.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	30.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	36.00	20
NECKS, TOM	27.00		27.00	11
NECKS, HEN	25.00		25.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	162.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	177.00		177.00	90
THIGH MEAT		T	65.00	2
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	63.60	100
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	115.25	80
SCAPULA MEAT	121.00-122.00		121.50	80
TENDERLOINS		R	130.00	5
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	152.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	152.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	17.14	720

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	31.00-33.00		32.60	260
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	36.50	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	29.00	208
TAILS		M	27.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.00	208
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.50		66.50	40

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	93-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	88-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	89-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	89-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	88-101

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED),
CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS
AS OF 28 MARCH 2001.

Trade sentiment on fresh tom breast meat mixed. Buyer sentiment ranged steady to barely steady for the generally adequate offerings. Seller sentiment, however, ranged steady to fully steady, mostly steady. Inquiry light to fair with some noting a seasonal slowing as a result of the upcoming Easter holidays. Offerings were light to adequate. Trade sentiment continued steady to firm on wing meat with skin, breast trim and scapula with active inquiry noted. Thigh meat and tom drum trade sentiment ranged steady to fully steady with increased confidence being noted into export channels. Demand fair. Offerings light and generally held with confidence. Undertone steady on 4-8 lb. breasts for the slow demand. Domestic and export trading centered on light volumes of tom drums and frozen thigh meat for export. Mixed hen and tom defatted gizzards traded at 45-50.25 cents delivered port for export.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	135.00		135.00	260
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	92.00	600
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		R	31.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	29.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	27.00	26
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	38.00-39.00		38.86	21
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	35.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	30.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	36.00	20
NECKS, TOM	28.00-29.00		28.46	39
NECKS, HEN		T	25.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	162.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	177.00-178.00		177.67	60
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	63.00-65.00		64.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	115.25	80
SCAPULA MEAT		T	121.50	80
TENDERLOINS		R	130.00	5
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	152.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	152.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-17.00		15.67	120

EXPORT TRADING

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WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	36.50	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	29.00	208
TAILS		M	27.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00		17.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00-66.50		65.23	264

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 03/28/00

SEASON	ACCUMULATED		
	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2000-2001	2,971	318,916	319,166
1999-2000	14,582	296,612	296,962