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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment was mostly steady for 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms. Trading was fair for prompt shipments. Inquiry was limited for the at least adequate offerings. Trading was light on bulk parts and bulk meats. Supplies of parts were mostly tight, fresh breast meat was available in several locations. March 2001 weighted average price for Eastern region hens was 62.38 cents compared to 65.35 March 2000. Eastern region toms were 60.89 compared to 61.87 for the same period last year.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was fair to good on parts and thigh meat. Most trading was on tom drums and thigh meat to a variety of countries.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 29, 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/	60.5-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-64	-	-	-	65.00	40	MAY	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-63	-	-	-	63.00	40	MAY	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63	62.5	62.50	1200	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	61	61.00	600	-	-	-	-	-

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 MARCH 30, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF MARCH	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	62.95	62.25**	67.57	EASTERN REGION	62.38	61.18	65.35
CENTRAL REGION	62.00**	63.94	64.00	CENTRAL REGION	61.85	59.92	64.51
WESTERN REGION	62.50	61.70**	66.50**	WESTERN REGION	61.68	60.71	65.00
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	61.00	61.00**	64.25	EASTERN REGION	60.89	60.32	61.87
CENTRAL REGION	60.50**	63.00	60.80	CENTRAL REGION	60.28	59.43	61.02
WESTERN REGION	61.00	60.20**	61.70**	WESTERN REGION	60.39	60.32	61.70

**BASED ON OFFERS

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

	<u>RANGE</u>
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**

	<u>RANGE</u>
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

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 02-APR-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)	70.03	2,578	69.76	755
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	70.03	2,578	69.76	755
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

FEBRUARY	456,272*
MARCH 1-24, 2001	348,292*
To date 2001	1,196,205*
To date 2000	1,172,769*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 24-Mar-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<u>-----YOUNG TURKEYS-----</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
	<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
N EAST	852	4	22.99	(A) 854	22.99
S ATL	871	0	28.35	(A) 873	28.35
N CENT	2,152	3	30.71	(A) 2,154	30.71
S CENT	641	1	22.05	(A) 643	22.05
WEST	293	-16	23.73	(A) 295	23.73
U.S.TOTAL	4,809(B)	1	27.34	10 4,819	27.34
TO DATE					
2001	55,334(B)			195 55,529	
TO DATE					
2000	54,588(B)			416 55,004	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included:
this week 37,000; for the year 453,000; last year to date 170,000.**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

WEEK ENDING 24-Mar-2001

	<u>YOUNG</u>		<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>		
	<u>-----THOUSANDS-----</u>				
HEAD	1,967	2,805	37	10	4,819
AVG WT	16.60	34.88	26.20	27.20	27.34
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,110	2,611	51	26	4,798
SAME WK YR AGO	5,251(B)		97	17	5,365
AVG WT	27.41(B)		28.44	31.24	27.40
TO-DATE/2001	54,881(B)		453	195	55,529
TO-DATE/2000	54,418(B)		170	416	55,004

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is
comprised of hens and toms.**USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS,
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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 29 MARCH 2001.

Trade sentiment steady to instances weak on fresh tom breast meat for prompt shipments. Demand light to fair. Some have noted a slowing in the further processed demand on fresh tom breast meat resulting in an increased availability in parts of the country. Others, however, note balanced fresh tom breast meat supplies. Buyer inquiries on hen parts, tom full-cut wings and necks are active and generally go unsatisfied. Offerings of tom drums light and generally held with confidence. Trading light on all items for current shipments. Fresh tom necks traded at 27 and fresh ground breast trim traded at 115 cents delivered. A heavy volume of fresh wing meat with skin traded at 70 cents shipping point for April, 2001 - April, 2002 shipments.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	92.00	600
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	31.00		31.00	185
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	29.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	39.00		39.00	19
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	35.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	30.50		30.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	36.00	20
NECKS, TOM	28.00		28.00	6
NECKS, HEN	28.00		28.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	162.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	175.00		175.00	28
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	64.00-66.00		64.34	145
BREAST TRIM MEAT	115.00		115.00	27
SCAPULA MEAT	119.00		119.00	40
TENDERLOINS		R	130.00	5
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	152.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	155.00		155.00	24
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	66.00		66.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	160
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		W	29.94	264
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	36.50	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	29.00	208
TAILS		M	27.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	20
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00-66.00		65.53	196

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.

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Bulk parts trade sentiment steady to firm. Some price resistance is noted in the West from domestic buyers on tom drums and full-cut wings resulting in inventories not being as tight as the balance of the country. Demand in a full range, mostly fair to good. Thigh meat trade sentiment ranged steady to fully steady for the light to fair, mostly fair demand with the best interest noted into export channels. Offerings light and held with confidence. Mechanically separated inquiry slow to moderate with the best interest noted for Russia. Offerings uneven with product the least available from plants approved to export to selected destinations, adequate to fully adequate from others. Domestic trading light and centered on fresh tom breast meat at lower trending price levels. Export trading was active and centered on moderately heavy volumes of tom drums and frozen thigh meat. Hen 2-joint wings (2 containers) traded at 45 cents delivered April for export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	80	139.47	340
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	91.00		91.00	40	91.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	31.00		31.00	20	31.00	205
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	28.00		28.00	80	28.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	38.00		38.00	20	38.56	62
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	35.00	20	35.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	30.50	40	30.17	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	36.00	20		
NECKS, TOM	25.00-28.00		26.00	60	26.88	136
NECKS, HEN		R	28.00	15	26.67	27
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	162.00		162.00	20	162.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	172.00-175.00		173.50	240	174.90	618
THIGH MEAT	65.00		65.00	40	65.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	64.00		64.00	40	64.19	265
BREAST TRIM MEAT	115.50-116.00		115.88	160	115.75	187
SCAPULA MEAT	119.00-120.00		119.67	120	120.17	240
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	152.00	40	152.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	155.00	24	153.13	64
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	66.00		66.00	120	66.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	18.00	40	18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	40	17.13	1,040
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.50-31.00		30.56	624	30.75	1,356
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	37.00		37.00	40	36.72	92
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	29.00	208	29.00	208
TAILS		M	27.00	80	27.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	18.00	20	17.33	60
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00-69.00		67.10	584	66.08	1,336

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