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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment generally steady on hens and consumer sized toms, however, some cautiousness is noted on consumer sized toms. Demand light. Offerings were in a full range with hens held with the most confidence. Rib breast trading was light at mostly steady price levels. Offerings of fresh of tom breast meat continued mixed with some industry members more confident in the market than others. The undertone on the balance of white meat items ranged from steady to firm.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on a heavy volume of frozen 15-20% mechanically separated turkey at 17 cents delivered for May shipments and on a fair volume of tom drums for current deliveries. The trade sentiment on frozen thigh meat was steady to fully steady, mostly fully steady with some expressing increased confidence in the market place as a result of increased interest from Mexico.

SAN FRANCISCO TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) 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

LOS ANGELES PROCESSED TURKEYS (CENTS PER LB) DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	<u>RANGE</u>
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	67-83
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 28# & UP	83-86
BREASTS 10-12#	140
COOKED ROLLS 60/40% 9# & UP	
<u>DELIVERED TO RETAILERS</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

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

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

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

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-

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.

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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 02 APRIL 2001.

Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on fresh tom breast meat, frozen tom breast meat ranged steady to fully steady and destrapped tenderloins were fully steady. Tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloin demand light to fair. Offerings of destrapped tenderloins and frozen tom breast meat light, fresh tom breast light to fully adequate mostly adequate. Inquiry from Mexico has improved on thigh meat resulting in a more confident trade sentiment. Export interest continued active on drums at mostly steady price levels. Domestic trading was light on all items. Export trading for current shipments centered on a fair volume of tom drums, balance light. Frozen 15-20% mechanically separated turkey (30 loads) traded at 17 cents delivered export for May shipments.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	101.00		101.00	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	93.00		93.00	240
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	31.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH	30.00		30.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		F	38.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	35.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	30.50	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM		F	26.00	60
NECKS, HEN		R	28.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	162.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		F	173.50	240
THIGH MEAT		F	65.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	64.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	115.88	160
SCAPULA MEAT		F	119.67	120
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		M	152.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	155.00	24
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	66.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		F	18.00	40

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00-31.00		30.63	496
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		F	37.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	29.00	208
TAILS	23.00		23.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00-67.00		66.67	120

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.