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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 generally steady. No trading reported. Supplies were adequate. Demand varied from light to moderate with most inquiry noted for the Thanksgiving period for frozen, and for fresh whole turkeys for the upcoming Easter holiday. Bulk parts were generally short of trade needs. Meats remained mixed with tom breast meat in the weakest position.



### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading slow as availability of product limited. Demand generally moderate. Product finding a variety of different destinations with current sales centered on light volumes.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 03, 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/	62-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	2000	APR-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	1000	APR-SEP
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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 3 APRIL 2001.

Trade sentiment on bulk parts steady to firm with wings and necks the strongest. Demand in a full range, mostly fair to good for domestic and export shipments. Some industry members have noted price resistance, while others have continued to note active buyer inquiry. Offerings of bulk parts short to instances adequate with tom drums the most available. Trade sentiment on 4-8 lb. breasts steady for the adequate offerings. Trading light on all items and centered on tom drums for export at steady price levels. Frozen breeder hen breast meat traded at 147 and livers at 19.50 cents delivered domestic. A load of line run fresh 20 lb. and heavier canner pack toms traded at 61 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	101.00	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	80
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	93.00	240
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	32.00		32.00	26
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		M	30.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	40.00		40.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
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/	173.00-177.00		174.09	55
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				
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		30.36	288
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	39.00		39.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	35.50		35.50	104
TAILS		M	23.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	18.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	64.00		64.00	156

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 4 APRIL 2001.

Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on fresh tom breast meat, steady to fully steady on tenderloins, and steady to firm on wing meat, scapula and breast trim. Fresh tom breast meat demand ranged from light for prompt shipments to fair for deferred with interest noted for 6 month to year long contracts. Tenderloin demand ranged slow to moderate and inquiry was active on the balance of white meat items. Domestic trading was slow with lean scapula noted at higher prices. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat ranged light to fully adequate mostly adequate, fresh destrapped tenderloins light to instances adequate with the balance of white meat offerings held with confidence. Export trading light. Frozen 15-20% mechanically separated turkey 20 cents delivered late April for export.

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WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	34.00		34.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	30.00		30.00	40
NECKS, HEN		R	28.00	15
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	162.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	173.00-180.00		175.33	120
THIGH MEAT		F	65.00	40
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	62.50		62.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	119.00		119.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	122.00-130.00		126.00	80
TENDERLOINS	135.00		135.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	152.00		152.00	240
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	155.00	24
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	66.00		66.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00		15.00	120

**EXPORT TRADING**

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	31.00-32.00		31.50	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		T	39.00	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	35.50	104
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**BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 04/04/01****POULTRY HEALTH BOARD**

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2000-2001	9,600	328,516	328,766
1999-2000	564	297,176	297,526