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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment for whole body hens and toms was generally steady. Limited trading reported for prompt shipments and heavy trading for open priced hens and toms shipping from May to September. Offerings adequate for current needs. Demand mixed with negotiations taking place and favoring deferred arrivals. Fresh hens and toms finding fairly good movement for the upcoming Easter holiday. Bulk parts and meats trading slow for pre-Easter needs.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light. Demand moderate to good as the export market is in the spot light. Various regions looking for product to fill the pipelines as some shortages are occurring due to the recent impact of the foot and mouth disease in Europe. Export inquiry good for Russia and Eastern Europe also, interest noted from Asia, Caribbean, Central and South America. Limited trading centered on frozen thigh meat and tom drums.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 05, 2001**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

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

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS		
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS		
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 06, 2001**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-64	63	63.00	120
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-63	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	61	61.00	40
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION 3/	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-	-

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS		
EASTERN REGION 3/	1600	MAY-SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS		
EASTERN REGION 3/	2360	MAY-SEP
CENTRAL REGION 4/	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	-	-

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 ENDING	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	63.00	62.95	67.00
CENTRAL REGION	61.60**	62.00**	65.90**
WESTERN REGION	62.40**	62.50	66.50**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	61.00	61.00	63.00
CENTRAL REGION	60.10**	60.50**	62.00**
WESTERN REGION	60.90**	61.00	62.50**

**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 09-APR-2001**

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)		
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>LBS TOMS</u>	<u>LBS</u>	
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>(000)</u>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	70.06	823	68.67	180
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	70.06	823	68.67	180
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)				

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)****SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

FEBRUARY	456,272*
MARCH 1-31, 2001	450,000*
To date 2001	1,297,912*
To date 2000	1,274,511*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 31-Mar-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			TOTAL TURKEYS		
	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE		
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT		
N EAST	848	0	22.59	(A)	854	22.59
S ATL	790	-9	28.78	(A)	796	28.78
N CENT	2,118	-2	29.53	(A)	2,125	29.53
S CENT	634	-1	22.21	(A)	640	22.21
WEST	324	11	22.73	(A)	330	22.73
U.S.TOTAL	4,714(B)	-2	26.84	31	4,745	26.84
TO DATE						
2001	60,048(B)			226	60,274	
TO DATE						
2000	59,680(B)			467	60,147	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 31,000 for the year 484,000; last year to date 200,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 31-Mar-2001

	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	2,068	2,615	31	31	4,745
AVG WT	16.77	34.80	26.82	20.66	26.84
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,967	2,805	37	10	4,819
SAME WK YR AGO	5,062(B)		30	51	5,143
AVG WT	24.69(B)		26.97	26.90	24.73
TO-DATE/2001	59,564(B)		484	226	60,274
TO-DATE/2000	59,480(B)		200	467	60,147

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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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 5 APRIL 2001.

Trade sentiment steady to firm on frozen thigh meat and bulk parts with exports being the main driver. Mechanically separated turkey (MST) trade sentiment steady to fully steady, strongest into export channels. Export inquiry was good for Russia and Eastern Europe, with interest noted for Asia, the Caribbean and Central America. Demand for Mexico was light. Export trading centered on a fair volume of frozen thigh meat and on moderately light volumes of tom drums at steady to higher trending prices. Offerings were light and held with confidence. Some sellers hesitant to offer 3-joint wings for current shipments until previous commitments are filled. Mixed defatted gizzards traded at 44 cents delivered port. Domestic trading centered on fresh MST and fresh tom breast meat.

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/	92.00		92.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	31.00		31.00	5
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	31.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	31.00		31.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	40.00		40.00	55
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	35.00-36.00		35.25	8
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	29.00-31.00		29.36	44
NECKS, HEN	29.00		29.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	162.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	171.50-175.00		173.25	480
THIGH MEAT	67.00		67.00	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	64.00-65.50		64.50	120
BREAST TRIM MEAT	115.00		115.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	126.00	80
TENDERLOINS		W	135.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	147.00		147.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	153.00		153.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	66.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-17.50		16.67	1,080
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00-33.00		31.77	352
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	38.00-39.00		38.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	35.50	104
TAILS		M	23.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00-18.00		17.25	138
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00-70.00		68.56	502

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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED),
CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS
AS OF 6 APRIL 2001.

Undertone mixed on fresh tom breast meat and fresh destrapped tenderloins as next week's holiday processing schedules continued to play a factor in markets. Frozen tom breast meat and frozen destrapped tenderloins steady to fully steady, however, some unsettledness was noted on frozen destrapped tenderloins. Wing meat with skin, scapula and breast trim trade sentiment steady to firm. White meat demand ranged from slow to fair on tom breast meat to instances good on the trims. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat were in a full range for pre-Easter holiday needs, frozen tom breast meat light and held with confidence, destrapped tenderloins uneven, trims light with scapula the least available. Domestic and export trading light. Frozen yearling hen breast meat traded at 152 cents delivered domestic and tom defatted gizzards 53 cents delivered 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/		M	101.00	160	101.00	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	93.00		93.00	40	92.88	320
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	31.00-32.00		31.03	108	31.21	139
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	31.00	40	30.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	31.00	40	30.67	120
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		R	40.00	55	40.00	95
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	40.00		40.00	40	40.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	35.00		35.00	40	34.57	88
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	28.00-30.00		29.00	160	29.23	244
NECKS, HEN		R	29.00	6	29.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	162.00	20		
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	171.50-174.00		172.60	200	173.44	855
THIGH MEAT		R	67.00	4	67.00	4
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		R	64.50	120	64.00	160
BREAST TRIM MEAT	116.00		116.00	40	116.67	120
SCAPULA MEAT		W	126.00	80	126.00	80
TENDERLOINS		W	135.00	40	135.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	147.00	80	150.75	320
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		R	153.00	40	153.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	66.00	40	66.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-18.00		17.13	160	16.57	1,360
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00-32.00		31.50	260	31.09	1,604
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	38.50	80	38.78	184
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	35.50	104	35.50	104
TAILS	27.00		27.00	80	25.00	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	17.25	138	17.57	242
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.50-70.00		68.83	312	67.58	1,194

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3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

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