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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 sales reported for prompt shipment. Supplies fully adequate or available. Demand in a full range, mostly moderate. Bulk parts and meats trading slow as the domestic market is very slow.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light. Demand in a full range from light to good. Inquiry for export remains good. Trading centered on frozen thigh meat.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 17, 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/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-63	63	63.00	280	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	61	61.00	160	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED),
CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS
AS OF 17 APRIL 2001.

The trade sentiment was steady to barely steady on fresh tom breast meat. Demand light to instances fair. Some processors still note a slow further processed demand, while others indicate a slight increase in buyer activity. The undertone on hen bulk parts continued generally strong, however, some unsettledness was starting to be noted on some tom items. The trade sentiment on tom drums ranged from barely steady to fully steady with some noting drums not approved for Russia starting to be held with decreased confidence when compared to Russian approved drums. Increased offerings of tom full-cut wings were being noted resulting in less premiums being asked and a mostly steady undertone. Necks steady.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		F	98.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	92.00		92.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	31.75	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	31.00		31.00	8
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	40.00		40.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	39.00		39.00	4
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	36.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	47.00		47.00	36
NECKS, TOM	32.00		32.00	6
NECKS, HEN	30.00		30.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	166.75	320
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		M	171.33	240
THIGH MEAT		F	66.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	65.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	116.00		116.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	118.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	152.00	160
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	153.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	66.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		M	16.42	760

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.50-32.00		31.25	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	40.72	144
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	36.00	44
TAILS		F	26.00	26
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.25	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	70.00-71.00		70.50	80

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#	96-98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96-98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	66-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	68-76

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 18 APRIL 2001.

The undertone was steady on 4-8 lb. breasts. Demand slow to moderate for the light to adequate offerings. The trade sentiment was steady to barely steady on destrapped tenderloins and fresh tom breast meat for prompt shipments. Demand was light to instances fair. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat ranged adequate to instances ample, mostly adequate to fully adequate with some unsold fresh noted being frozen. Destrapped tenderloin offerings ranged from adequate to instances ample mostly adequate on fresh to light to instances fully adequate on frozen. The tom bulk parts undertone ranged from steady to barely steady on wings to steady on necks. Trading centered on a moderately heavy volume of plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts delivered domestic and on a fair volume of frozen thigh meat for export.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/				
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	93.00		93.00	564
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		F	31.75	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	31.00	8
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	40.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	39.00	4
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	36.50	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	47.00	36
NECKS, TOM	30.00		30.00	40
NECKS, HEN		T	30.00	9
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	166.75	320
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	172.00		172.00	20
THIGH MEAT		F	66.00	80
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	65.50	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	116.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		F	118.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	152.00		152.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		M	153.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	66.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	16.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	16.00-18.00		17.33	120

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.00-32.00		31.05	152
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	38.00		38.00	240
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	36.00	44
TAILS	26.50		26.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.00		18.00	380
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	69.00-71.00		70.22	464

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 04/11/01

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2000-2001	5,881	348,736	348,986
1999-2000	19,937	317,113	317,463